

A quiet response to two top reports from Navigator suggests punters are being led by blind hope rather than confirmed expectations.

Volatility will rule an increasingly nervous market this week, with last week's all-ords index down almost 120 points to 6607.4 from the previous week's close - and that's after the surge the market got last Friday in the wake of BHP Billiton's rejected \$151 billion paper bid for rival miner Rio Tinto.

NAVIGATOR DELIVERS TWO TOP REPORTS, BUT WHO WAS LISTENING?

Gold and rare Earth's prospector Navigator Resources (ASX code: NAV) delivered two most encouraging reports last week which the punters simply ignored. Navigator shares closed steady on the previous week at 97c, valuing the company at \$122.5 million, well down on its year's peak at \$1.35. (The Speculator bought early this year at 51c.)

Here's a case of blind hope being more highly valued than confirmed expectations.

On November 8, Navigator confirmed a high-grade rare earths-uranium discovery on its Cummins Range tenements 130 km south-west of Halls Creek in the WA Kimberley. The company completed a 9293m RC drilling program to a vertical depth of 85m on the central portion of the Cummins Range project, where significant rare earths oxide (REO) were discovered by CRA Exploration in limited drilling in the 1970s.

Following the latest drilling, an initial JORC resource estimate is planned for early 2008. Best intersections included: 24m at 4% REO from surface (including 10m of 10.7% REO); 16m of 5.12% 44m; 24m of 3.3% from 28m.

Significant uranium intersections included: 56m of 324ppm Uranium oxide from 44m (including 8m at 1078ppm) and 40m at 354ppm from 28m. The company reported 1% REO/tonne recovered was worth \$US115 and 1lb/tonne uranium oxide (453ppm) recovered was worth \$US93 at current spot prices.

The very next day, Navigator reported three promising gold hits in reconnaissance drilling on three separate locations extending over an 8km strike length north of its 100% owned Mertondale shear zone project near Leonora, WA. Best hits included: 11m of 7.01g/t from 32m, 600m north of the Mertondale pit; 4m of 6 g/t from 20m, 1.5km north of the pit; 3m of 3.3g/t from 40m plus 1m of 12.12g/t from 82m, 8km north of the pit. Follow-up drilling is planned.