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*A clarion is a medieval trumpet that had clear, shrill tones. Trumpets were often used to get people's attention when making announcements. We are also using "clarion" in the context of making announcements, as well as being thought-provoking when sharing our information and opinions with those people who are interested in new investment ideas.*

## for your Information

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## Topic: Labour Day

Labour Day. Labor Day. Trusting everyone had a wonderful holiday.

The labour market in Canada is showing much greater resilience than is that of the United States. For August, Canada racked up 27,100 net new jobs, while the U.S. lost 216,000 workers. Canada's unemployment rate is now 8.7% compared to 9.7% in the U.S.A.

However, despite the relatively good news, not all is well. The reported figures show that the average jobless rate of workers aged 15-24 was 19.2%. Granted, many of those comprising this statistic will be returning to school or university, but another figure also was not sanguine. There were only 30,600 net part-time positions filled in August, not exactly something to cheer about.

Unless there is continued improvement in employment over the next few months, it may be a long Christmas selling season for many retailers. Even if there are many more jobs created before the end of 2009, we are not expecting a bumper year for Christmas sales. The consumer is just not in a spending mood, at least not yet.

Last week we stated that, historically, September and October have tended to be grim months for stock market returns. So far this year, the DJIA and the S&P500 are essentially flat. However, the S&P/TSX Composite is up an impressive 2.2%, led by resource stocks, notably gold.

For a brief, but interesting, dissertation on "Gold As An Investment", see the article by the same name, written by Ian Campbell of StockResearchPortal. The article can be found on our website: [www.ereseach.ca](http://www.ereseach.ca).

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## Quick Facts

### 12-Mo. Chart (QIS)



Source: [www.bigcharts.com](http://www.bigcharts.com)

**Price**  
**(September 8/09):**  
**\$0.13**

**Current Bid/Ask:**  
**\$0.13 - \$0.22**

**52-Week High-Low:**  
**\$0.36 - \$0.01**

**Average Daily Volume:**  
**50-day: 13,400**  
**200-day: 39,900**

**Shares Outstanding:**  
**39.3 million**

**Market Capitalization:**  
**\$5.11 million**

**Book Value Per Share:**  
**2006: \$0.38**  
**2007: \$0.38**  
**2008: \$0.38**  
**June/09: \$0.39**

**Year-End:**  
**December 31**

**Symbol:**  
**TSX-V: QIS**

## Stock-of-the-Week

### Quorum Information Technologies Inc. (QIS: TSX-V)

Quorum Information Technologies Inc. develops, markets, implements, and supports its software product XSELLERATOR™, a dealership management system for the automotive retail market. The Company's customers include General Motors, Chrysler, and Hyundai dealerships in North America.

The well-publicized difficulties encountered by the U.S. auto industry have steered investors away from auto and related companies. However, all is not doom and gloom, and interesting opportunities exist with over-looked companies. We believe Quorum Information Technologies is in that group.

Although the automotive dealership sector remains weak, since GM and Chrysler have reduced the number of dealerships significantly, the uncertainty surrounding the viability of these companies has also been reduced as both have gone through a restructuring process. We do not expect cuts in dealerships beyond the number that has already been announced.

General Motors notified 42% of its dealerships across the U.S. and Canada that their franchises would not be renewed; 23% of Quorum's GM dealership customers received such notification. The Company expects to have a customer base reduction by 10%, spreading over a period until the end of 2010.

Thus, we expect a further decline in recurring revenues over the next 18 months. However, the degree of the decline will depend on how fast the Company can generate new business.

We believe that the decline will be moderate since the Company can leverage XSELLERATOR™ to attract new customers. The Company is in a good position to expand its customer base in a 4,000-dealership (still a high number) market in North America.

Overall, despite the difficulty and uncertainty in the last quarter, we are satisfied that the Company's financial results have shown strong resilience. Profitability over the next 18 months, although lower, should remain at the breakeven level (assuming a 10% decline in revenues and a 10% reduction in operating costs).

For the above reasons, we continue to recommend Quorum shares as a Speculative Buy, albeit recognizing that share liquidity is thin.

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## New eResearch Material Since September 1, 2009:

### 1. Initiating Reports

[Consumers' Water-  
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Inc.](#)  
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[Pulse Seismic Inc.](#)  
9/03/2009

### 2. Update Reports and Bulletins

[Alexandria Minerals  
Corporation](#)  
9/02/2009

[Antioquia Gold Inc.](#)  
9/03/2009

[Quorum  
Information  
Technologies Inc.](#)  
9/04/2009

### 3. Analyst Articles

[StockResearchPortal](#)  
"Gold As An  
Investment"  
09/04/2009

In addition to these reports and articles, our full complement of research is available at [www.eresearch.ca](http://www.eresearch.ca)

## BriefCase

### *NewsBytes from August 28 – September 4, 2009*

Additional information on the companies featured in NewsBytes may be found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), and at [www.eresearch.ca](http://www.eresearch.ca). For the latest eResearch publications, see sidebar opposite.

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**Benton Resources Corp. (\$0.47 - August 28, 2009; BTC-TSX.V) ....** Benton has closed its non-brokered financing for \$2,800,000 in flow-through shares issued at \$0.50 per flow-through share. Proceeds are to be used for diamond drill programs on Benton's Copper Hill Block A and Saganaga gold properties in Ontario. The Company also announced (September 2, 2009) an agreement with Quetico Resources Limited (a wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary of the private Australian company Aspire Minerals Pty Ltd.) on Benton's 100%-owned Onion Lake project (Ontario). Quetico can earn a 30% interest by spending \$700,000 and paying Benton \$95,000 cash within 24 months.

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**Antioquia Gold Inc. (\$0.265 - August 31, 2009; AGD-TSX-V) ....** Antioquia has identified a new exploration target on the Bullet joint-venture lands at the Company's Cisneros project in Colombia. The new target, the Mina Sur America area, will be undergoing a full channel sampling, trenching and ground geophysical program in the near future.

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**Zaruma Resources Inc. (\$0.03 - August 31, 2009; ZMR-TSX) ....** Zaruma has been advised by the TSX that its shares will be delisted on September 30, 2009. The Company plans to apply for a listing on NEX. If Zaruma resolves its working capital problem through a new financing, the Company will qualify to move onto the TSX Venture Exchange from NEX.

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**Petaquilla Minerals Ltd. (\$0.435 - September 1, 2009; PTQ-TSX) ....** Petaquilla has been delayed in filing, by the required filing date, the Company's annual financial statements, annual Management Discussion & Analysis, and Annual Information Form in Form 20-F, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2009. The delay is attributable to additional time required for the completion of the May 31, 2009 audit. Petaquilla expects to file the annual financial statements and related annual filings in about a week.

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**Radisson Mining Resources Inc. (\$0.08 - September 2, 2009; RDS-TSX-V) ....** Radisson Mining Resources Inc. announced the termination of the option agreement whereby Arianne Resources Inc. was to earn a 50% interest in Radisson's 100%-owned Massicotte property in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt in northwestern Quebec. Arianne entered into the option agreement in 2006, and since that time has spent about \$770,000 in exploration on the Massicotte claims, as well as having made cash payments totalling \$50,000 and issuing to Radisson 30,000 Arianne shares (now trading on the TSX-V at \$0.175 per share).

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## Monthly Top Ten

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1. Weekly Clarion
2. Antioquia Gold Inc., Bulletin Sept. 3; Initiating Report, August 14
3. StockResearchPortal, Gold As An Investment, September 4
4. Oromin Explorations Inc., Initiating Report, September 2
5. Consumers' Waterheater, StockPotentials, Initiating, Sept. 2
6. Alexandria Minerals Corporation., Bulletin, September 2
7. Quorum Information Technologies Inc., Bulletin, September 4
8. C-Com Satellite Systems Inc., StockPotentials, July 20
9. Pulse Seismic Inc., StockPotentials, September 3
10. International Road Dynamics Inc., StockPotentials, August 6

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