

**Idiotic Statement of the Day**

“OPEC members will say, ‘if you (raise output), we are going to ramp up production and push oil back down to \$35’ ... I hope shale in America will be responsible and realize what's happened and allow the higher oil price to be sustained.”

Ivan Glasenberg, CEO of Glencore, as [quoted by Reuters](#).

**Our View:** Mr. Glasenberg clearly does not understand the workings of a competitive economy. His hopes will be dashed. There are many US producers. They compete for resources and compete to pump as much oil as possible. OPEC has handed them a gift from heaven. Their breakeven costs are now below \$35 per barrel. Look for them to flood the market. Sorry, Ivan. Trump had it right at least here: “Make America Great.”