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Overview

Senior mining industry professional with over 35 years international experience including Managing Director, Executive Director, Non-Executive Director, Project Director, senior project and operational roles with major and junior listed resource companies.

Independent technical and management consultant to the mining industry since late-2018. Extensive knowledge of Australian Critical Minerals projects developed through preparation of the Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus in 2020, 2021 and 2022 for client, Austrade (Australian Government).

Executive Director of ASX-listed Stellar Resources since mid-2019 – Leading the Stellar Resources team with infill drilling, resource development and advancement of the flagship Heemskirk Tin Project in Western Tasmania and exploring for gold, tin, lithium and base metals in Northeast Tasmania. Highlights include; targeting and obtaining the Northeast Tasmania Exploration Licences via tenement applications, Heemskirk Tin Project infill drilling with results amongst the best intercepts on record, defining thick, high grade mineralisation zones and supporting material increases to the Mineral Resource Estimate and Stellar’s market capitalisation.

Managing Director of ASX-listed New Age Exploration for eight years - Highlights included acquisition of six projects (tin-tungsten, gold and coking coal), raising over A\$20M capital and re-positioning the company to focus on exploration and development of two advanced projects in the United Kingdom including the Redmoor tin-tungsten project.

Over twenty years experience with BHP in a range of senior roles including Project Director West Africa Iron Ore responsible for exploration and project development in the region and VP Iron Ore Business Development responsible for assessing global iron ore development opportunities. Led the Technology and Development group and Mine Technical Services group at BHP Steel’s Whyalla Steelworks after working as a mine geologist and project geologist for 7 years early in career.

Key Skills

- Critical Minerals
- Iron Ore, Base Metals, Tin, Gold
- Technical and Management Consulting
- Strategic Planning
- Project Assessment
- Business Development
- Due Diligence
- M&A (acquisitions, divestments, joint ventures, spin outs)
- Study Management (Scoping Studies, PFS, Pre-Feasibility Studies, Feasibility Studies)
- Independent Expert Valuation Reports
- Commodity Studies (Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus, acquisition targets)
- Mineral Exploration management (early stage through to resource definition)
- Tenement Applications and Management
- Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve reporting
- Experienced company director (ASX and TSX companies, JV and subsidiary companies)
- Corporate communications (reports, announcements, presentations, websites, social media, video interviews, conferences)
- Corporate strategy
- Capital raising
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic, and entrepreneurial strategic thinker
- Effectively managing multi-disciplinary project teams across multiple locations

Career History

Principal Consultant and Managing Director, WideRange Consulting, Melbourne (Oct 2018 – Present)

Technical, corporate and management consulting to the mining industry. Services include; Strategic Planning, Project Assessment, Due Diligence, M&A, Study Management (Scoping Studies and Pre-Feasibility Studies), Independent Expert Valuation Reports, managing Minerals Exploration, Project Management, Corporate Communications, Corporate Support and Capital Raising assistance. Extensive knowledge of Australian Critical Minerals projects developed through preparation of the Australian Critical Minerals Prospectus 2020, 2021 and 2022 for client, Austrade.

Executive Director, Stellar Resources (ASX: SRZ), Melbourne (May 2019- Present)

Leading the Stellar Resources team with infill drilling, resource development and advancement of its flagship Heemskirk Tin Project in Western Tasmania and exploring for gold, tin, lithium and base metals in Northeast Tasmania. Strategy Development, Corporate Communications (ASX announcements, reports, investor presentations and social media) and Director.

Managing Director, New Age Exploration (ASX: NAE), Melbourne (2010 – Oct 2018)

Leading the NAE team in acquiring and advancing the Redmoor Tin-Tungsten and Lochinvar Coking Coal Projects in the UK and the Otago Gold Exploration Project in New Zealand. Strategy Development, Corporate Communications, Capital Raising and Director.

Non-Executive Director, Baffinland Iron Mines (TSX: BIM) (2010 – 2011)

Non-Executive Director of TSX-listed Baffinland Iron Mines focused on development of the Baffin Island Iron Ore Project in Nunavut, Canada. Assisted management in optimising the Feasibility Study and defending a hostile take-over. Played an important role in helping to facilitate a successful higher offer from Arcelor Mittal resulting in the sale of the company for C\$550M.

Project Director – Iron Ore, West Africa, BHP Billiton, Melbourne (2007 – 2009)

Directed iron ore exploration and development programs in Liberia and Guinea. Directed Scoping Study for the Mt Nimba Iron Ore Project in Guinea.

Vice President Business Development - Iron Ore, BHP Billiton, Melbourne (2006)

Supported the Chief Development Officer in managing global iron ore business development portfolio including maintaining iron ore business development strategy, evaluation of iron ore projects and management of Indian iron ore BD team.

Business Development Manager - Iron Ore and Coking Coal, BHP Billiton, Melbourne (2001 – 2006)

Responsible for iron ore and coal business development projects in India, Australia and Peru. Extensive experience of Indian Iron Ore Projects with over 30 visits undertaken. Established in country BD team. Led a global study of iron ore, coal and manganese project acquisition targets (>250 projects).

Senior Business Analyst, Special Projects, BHP Billiton, Melbourne (2000 – 2001)

Supporting President Special Projects with exit and closure arrangements for Ok Tedi Copper Mine (PNG), Magma copper (US) and Beenup (Australia). Financial evaluation of closure and sale options and assisting legal teams with exit agreements.

Technology & Development Manager, Primary Operations, BHP Steel, S.A. (1996 – 2000)

Coordinated technology support and project development for Primary Operations at Whyalla Steelworks (Mines, Pellet Plant, Iron Making & Coke Making).

Mines Technology Superintendent, BHP Steel (1993 – 1996)

Led the Mines Technical Services group in undertaking resource evaluation, reserve reporting, mine planning, grade control and technical support to iron ore mining operations in the Middleback Ranges.

Project Geologist, South Middleback Ranges, BHP Steel, S.A. (1989 – 1993)

Resource definition drilling, geological interpretation, resource evaluation and ore reserve reporting. Key role in the development of the Iron Duchess and Iron Knight Mines.

Mine Geologist, Iron Duke, BHP Steel, S.A. (1987 – 1989)

Resource definition drilling, geological mapping, slope stability analysis, grade control and short-term scheduling at the Iron Duke Mine.

Mine Geologist, Sons of Gwalia N.L., W.A. (1986 – 1987)

Resource definition and exploration drilling, geological mapping, interpretation and grade control at the Gwalia and King of the Hills Gold Mines.