

Resume'

Bob Watchorn

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Personal

Nationality: Australian
Marital Status Married with 4 children
Interests: Sailing, all racquet sports, family, reading, playing music (guitar, mandolin, harmonica) writing mining history, painting and sketching, mechanical work.

Qualifications

- 1972 Associateship in Mining Geology** - Western Australian School of Mines.
- 1978 Bachelor of Applied Science** - Western Australian Institute of Technology – WASM (now Curtin University)
- 1987 MSc - Melbourne University.** Structural Thesis "The Structure and Deformation History of the Stawell Gold Field, Victoria"

Membership of professional bodies

- Fellow Aus IMM
- Practising Chartered Geologist
- 'Competent person' for the calculation and reporting of resources and reserves

Career summary

22 years in senior management including 11 years in an operations Chief Geologist / Exploration Manager role.

34 years industry experience. Expertise in designing, budgeting and carrying out exploration programmes and a detailed experience in proving up, planning and developing mines in Western Australia, Victoria, Northern Territory, Queensland and Tasmania.

Special Skills in:

1. Managing and technical auditing of resource and ore reserve evaluations.
2. Creating, coaching and managing regional exploration and production geology teams.
3. Assisted in the formation of Multidisciplinary teams involved with systems development, operation commencement and major operation expansions.
4. Process water exploration, catchment and development.
5. Management and generation of geological research projects.
6. Camp scale evaluation and area selection. Negotiating joint ventures and options.
7. Financial assessment and acquisition of mineral prospects and projects.
8. Planning, managing and expediting exploration programmes in Gold, (with Tin and Nickel experience) from conceptual targeting, grass roots, mine reserves and mining stages.

Computing packages

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, (some practical experience and good supervisory skills in Datamine, ER mapper, Mapinfo, Arc View, MS Project, Surpac & Micromine)

Professional History

August 1999 - Present Bob Watchorn & Associates Pty Ltd Principal Consultant

Concurrent jobs;

Chief Geologist Gidgee operation (Abelle Ltd). Planning and supervising geology of projects at Maud Creek & Brocks Creek in NT and Grass Creek in Queensland. (Hill50 Ltd & Conquest Ltd)

December 1998 - July 1999 WMC Resources Ltd - Perth

Gold Business Unit (Manager Geology Projects).

Managed the geological component of a range of Australian and International projects.

1992 -1998 WMC Resources Ltd - St Ives Gold Operations (Chief Geologist).

Manager of the geological, drilling and drafting team of about 50 people during period of expansion from 200,000 – 430,000 oz/yr and an exploration budget from \$9 - \$19 million.

1988 - 1992 WMC Resources Ltd - Hill 50 Gold Mine (Chief Geologist).

Managed the mine and regional exploration geology during period of expansion from 50,000 – 200,000 oz/yr

1987 - 1988 WMC Resources Ltd - Hill 50 Gold Mine (Senior Mine Geologist).

Pioneered the use of low grade cutoffs in WMC pits

1980 - 1986 WMC Resources Ltd - Stawell Joint Venture (Senior Geologist).

Discovered the Magdala underground mine and Wonga pit which enabled the Stawell Joint Venture to commence production.

1976 - 1980 CNGC - (Mine and Exploration Geologist).

Mine geology of Regent and North Royal mines. Discovered the big North Royal Pit before leaving in 1980

1973 - 1976 Kalgoorlie Lake View - Golden Mile Western Australia (Mine Geologist)

1972 - 1973 Kambalda Nickel Operations - Silver Lake Mine WA (Mine Geologist)

1971 - 1972 Kambalda Nickel Operations - (Metallurgical Testing Officer)

Dec 71- Feb 72 Aberfoyle Tin NL- Assistant Geologist Exploration - Eastern Tasmania

Dec 70 - Feb 71 Paringa Exploration NL - Assistant Geologist – Rossarden, Tasmania

1968 Aberfoyle Tin NL - Geological Assistant - Storeys Creek and Rossarden Tin Mine