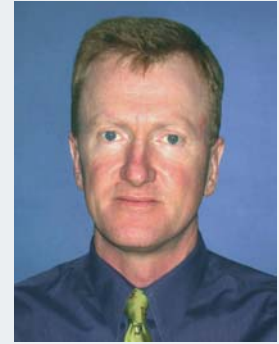


LEO DAWSON

PRINCIPAL MINING ENGINEER

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EXPERTISE

Leo is a mining engineer with more than twenty years of site-based experience in open pit and underground mine management, development, planning and operations. His expertise is in project management, technical and operational reviews, mining methods selection, and the planning and development of underground metalliferous mines

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Since graduating from the University of New South Wales with a BEng (Mining) in 1984, Leo's experience has included a wide range of operations and planning involvement with a number of metalliferous mining operations including block cave, sub level cave, open stoping, benching and open pit methods. He has worked on several new mine developments and a number of established mines in a variety of management, production and planning roles.

Prior to joining AMC, Leo worked on several major projects including roles covering the management of technical and mine development aspects at the Ridgeway Gold Mine and the Northparkes Copper Mine. His work at Ridgeway included provision of project management support to the new mine development and coordination of technical support to the feasibility studies. At Northparkes, Leo was active in the management of intensive underground mining and construction activities associated with the block cave commissioning, and as the senior mining engineer was responsible for planning for the introduction of the block cave mining method to Australia.

Leo holds a first class mine managers ticket and has managed mines in New South Wales and Western Australia. In 2002, he gained a Graduate Diploma in Project Management from the University of New England.

Leo joined AMC in November 2005 as a Principal Mining Engineer. Since this time Leo has consulted as a technical specialist and has been the project manager of several large mining studies including scoping, pre-feasibility and final feasibility studies. These studies have covered a variety of minerals including gold, uranium, copper, lead and zinc and a range of mining methods from drift and fill for remnant mining through to large-scale open stoping and caving systems for primary mining.

As a break from normal duties, Leo recently completed an extended site-based assignment in West Africa to assist with the planning and implementation of the development and trial mining phase for a new underground project.