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EXPERTISE

Mike's primary expertise is in mine design, technical and operational assessment of mining operations and in economic and financial evaluation of mining projects. His broad experience in the mining industry includes managing operating mines, both in Australia and overseas, in leading feasibility studies and in carrying out technical reviews, audits and valuations.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Mike began his career in 1970 as a student apprentice and mining engineering trainee with the UK National Coal Board. In early 1974, he joined Roan Consolidated Copper Mines in Zambia for a three-year contract. This was followed by a short period in the Cornish tin mining industry before returning to Zambia.

After gaining significant management and technical experience at a number of mines on the Copperbelt, he moved to Australia in 1987 where he joined BHP Minerals in Perth. After a period reviewing various projects for BHP, Mike was appointed manager of the Cadjebut lead zinc operation in Western Australia, a position that he held for five years.

In early 1993, following BHP's discovery of the Cannington deposit in Western Queensland, Mike took over management of Cannington project evaluation and feasibility study.

In late 1995, Mike joined AMC, where he established AMC's Brisbane office. Since joining AMC, Mike has been responsible for a number of major technical studies of underground mining projects, mine valuations, audits and due diligence reports. He has particular interests in improving mine performance through optimising mine design, equipment performance and the organisation of work.