

20 MINUTE MENTORING - PDAC 2026

Participating Mentor List

<p>Alexandria Marcotte Vice President - Exploration Osisko Metals</p>	<p>Alexandria is the VP Exploration for Osisko Metals, previously she was the VP Project Coordination of Osisko Mining Inc. prior to its sale to Gold Fields Ltd. She is a professional geologist registered in Ontario with over 15 years of progressive senior-level leadership and experience working for junior, development, and senior companies, largely in Canada. Ms. Marcotte holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business. Alexandria is a director of Angel Wing Metals and a member of the PDAC sustainability committee.</p>
<p>Alex Christopher Independent Director Alamos Gold</p>	<p>Mr. Christopher has over 40 years of experience in the mineral exploration and mining industry, spending the majority of his career with TSX/NYSE-listed Teck Resources Limited where he held a number of management, commercial and technical positions in Teck's Exploration, Corporate Development and Project Groups. He was appointed Senior Vice President Exploration, Projects & Technical Services in 2016 and retired from Teck in 2024. Mr. Christopher currently sits on the Board of TSX/NYSE-listed Alamos Gold Inc., an intermediate Canadian gold producer, where he is a member of the Technical and Sustainability Committee, and Human Resources Committee, and on the Board of ASX-listed BMC Minerals Ltd., an exploration and development company, where he is the Chair of the Technical Committee and member of the Audit Committee. He is a former director of AIM/TSX-listed Horizonte Minerals Plc, the Association of Mineral Exploration BC, and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, where he served as President from 2021 to 2023. He is a member of the Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and possesses an Honours B.Sc. in Geology from McMaster University and a Biological Technology (Science) diploma from Canadore College.</p>
<p>Alicia Moning Senior Project Geologist Pirate Gold Corp</p>	<p>I have over 10 years experience working in predominantly gold exploration projects in Ontario, NWT and Newfoundland. Currently working for Pirate Gold Corp. in Central Newfoundland where we are an early stage exploration project. Currently managing 3-4 drills, planning a field program for the summer and ensuring all aspects of the project are running smoothly. I've worked in a later stage exploration project in NL, an active mine in Red Lake, ON and Hope Bay, NU. Other exploration projects I have worked on include Timmins, ON, Kirkland Lake, ON and a remote camp in NWT. I did my M.Sc. at Acadia University mapping plutonic rocks in Cape Breton Island.</p>
<p>Andrew Turner Director of Exploration & Development Snowline Gold Corp</p>	<p>I am an experienced economic geologist and exploration manager with over 13 years of hands-on experience leading mineral exploration projects across Canada and Australia. I have worked across a range of commodities, delivering practical, safe, and cost-effective solutions in diverse geological and geographic settings, in both exploration and production roles.</p> <p>I enjoy sharing my experiences with others through formal and informal mentoring, and am a strong advocate for encouraging and mentoring young industry professionals.</p> <p>In my current role as Director of Exploration at Snowline Gold Corp, I manage a large team, and oversee exploration and development programs at Snowline's projects in the Yukon Territory.</p>
<p>Anna Brace Superintendent, Community & Indigenous Relations Teck Highland Valley Copper</p>	<p>Anna Brace joined Teck Highland Valley Copper (HVC) in 2019 and was appointed Superintendent, Community & Indigenous Relations in February 2024. In this role, she leads teams responsible for Indigenous Relations, Cultural Heritage Management, and Social Performance, supporting respectful engagement and sustainable outcomes across the region.</p> <p>With a focus on trust, transparency, and long term collaboration, Anna works to ensure that community and Indigenous perspectives are meaningfully integrated into project planning, operational decision making, and organizational priorities.</p> <p>Prior to joining Teck, Anna worked with Golder Associates from 2012 to 2019 as both an archaeologist and a Traditional Studies specialist, contributing to mining, infrastructure, and oil and gas projects across western and northern Canada.</p> <p>Anna holds a Master of Arts (with distinction) in Cultural Heritage Management from the University of York (UK).</p>

<p>Ben Graham VP HR & Safety Major Drilling</p>	<p>Ben joined Major Drilling in 2007 after 10 years of experience in the construction industry. He has worked in a variety of positions and was most recently the Global Human Resource & Environmental Health and Safety Director. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the Goddard School of Business and Economics at Weber State University and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).</p>
<p>Bill McGuinty President OTD Exploration Services Inc.</p>	<p>Bill McGuinty graduated from the University of Ottawa, Canada with a B.Sc. (hons.) degree in Geology. He has worked in Canada and internationally for exploration companies since 1981, holding progressive positions as project geologist, exploration manager and country manager. He has served as Vice-President Exploration in South and Central America for Intrepid Mines Ltd., for Queenston Mining Inc. in the Kirkland Lake Gold camp and Eastmain Resources Inc. in the Eeyou Istchee region of Quebec, in Newfoundland and Labrador for Big Ridge Gold Corp. as well as consulting for several exploration programs in Peru. His work experience spans all aspects of exploration management through to completion of feasibility studies and completion of environmental impact statements. He is fluent in English, French and Spanish and is currently a registered Professional Geoscientist Ontario, and Quebec with previous registrations in Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador. He is a longtime volunteer with PGO, PDAC and other minerals industry organisations.</p>
<p>Brendan Howe Manager - Geophysics Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Brendan Howe is a Vancouver based geophysicist and senior exploration leader with over 18 years of experience across global mining jurisdictions. He currently serves as Manager, Geophysics at Teck Resources Limited, where he has held progressive technical and leadership roles for more than a decade, including Principal Geophysicist, Senior Geophysicist, and Technical Manager for Exploration and OBK. Prior to joining Teck, Brendan spent eight years with Barrick Gold in Australia and the United States, working as a Senior, Project, and Exploration Geophysicist across a diverse portfolio of gold and base metal projects. [ca.linkedin.com]</p> <p>He holds a Combined BSc (Hons) and BComm in Geology and Finance from the Australian National University and has contributed to the broader geoscience community as a past chair of the BC Geophysical Society and as a speaker on porphyry copper systems and geophysical exploration models. Brendan's expertise spans mineral exploration, geophysical interpretation, structural geology, and integrated targeting applied to major copper, gold, and base metal systems worldwide.</p>
<p>Cesar Garcia Strategic Mine Planning Engineer IAMGOLD Corporation</p>	<p>Professional mining engineer within OIQ and with 12 years of experience. I currently support Westwood Mine with strategic direction in projects that bring value to the company such as reserves estimation, cut-off grade assessments, PEA, PFS, FS, trade-offs and cost reduction projects for the open pit and Underground mines. Prior to that experience I worked for Rio Tinto in the areas of mine operations, construction, processing, mine planning and projects to optimise processes and minimise cost.</p> <p>Other experiences include Argonaut gold, where I earned hand-on experiences in developing a new mine. On the world of mining consulting, I worked for Mapek where I had the pleasure to travel around Canada and United States to implement cutting edge technologies and provide solutions to the mining industry. I also worked for RPM global. With them, I was able to implement, train and provide solutions around the world. I went for an assignment to Gabon, where I provided training to this Manganese operation and also provided support in LOM Planning. I also visited Cerro Vanguardia in Argentina to provide a training in LOM planning.</p> <p>My hobbies are listening to music, I play the guitar. Other hobbies are to play soccer, to play chess and read.</p> <p>Volunteering is very important for me and I try always to give as much as I can to my community. I was part of the board at Bourlingueurs School, part of board of minor hockey league in Sainte-Catherine, I was a math tutor in YMCA in Calgary.</p>

<p>Christine Petch VP & Project Director Kinross Gold Corp.</p>	<p>Christine is currently VP & Project Director for Kinross Gold's Great Bear Project. Previously, she was Deputy Project Manager for the \$1.5B, 3-year construction of Equinox Gold's Greenstone Mine, leading a team of 120 project personnel and, at times, over 1,000 contractors with a strong focus on health & safety. Earlier in her career, Christine spent 20 years with Falconbridge/Xstrata/Glencore where she worked on many exploration projects and is credited with the discovery of the Kikialik nickel deposit (Raglan Mine, Québec). She later held a variety of senior corporate roles within thier business development, sustainability and strategic leadership teams.</p>
<p>Clarence Pickett Superintendent - Chief Mine Geologist Vale Base Metals North Atlantic (Sudbury)</p>	<p>My name is Clarence Pickett and I have 25+ years geological experience in Northern Ontario including mapping with the Ontario Geological Survey, teaching at College Boreal, surface and underground exploration, production geology and supervision in various Sudbury mining camps. I studied my undergraduate degree at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS and completed a master's degree at UQAC in Saguenay, QC with a primary focus on Archean volcano-sedimentary terranes. I am originally from Newfoundland and Labrador. I have a wonderful family including my wife and two daughters. I love the outdoors, music of all genres, sci-fi movies and console gaming.</p>
<p>Claude Bisailon Senior Geotechnical Engineer - Open Pit DRA Global</p>	<p>Senior Geotechnical Engineer with DRA Global in Montreal office. I have worked on various mining and geotechnical projects for open pit mines in Canada, Mongolia, DRC, Papua New Guinea, North and South America while assuming multiple roles from geotechnical core logger to database manager to project manager to Project Engineer and more. Not afraid to try new things if it gets the job done. I have executed a wide variety of projects from drill site visit, designing exploration program, initial resource estimations, economic evaluations of deposits, and audits of resources and reserves internationally, due diligences, preparation of various technical reports in English and French on a wide range of commodities, and can be considered a Qualified Person as per NI 43-101 rules.</p>
<p>David Holder Principal Geologist Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>David Holder is an exploration geologist with a career focused on advancing discovery through integrated mineral systems thinking. He currently works as an Principal Geologist with Barrick's Global Exploration team, where he contributes to regional- and camp-scale targeting strategies aimed at identifying fertile crustal domains capable of hosting world-class gold and copper systems.</p> <p>David combines industry leadership with a strong academic foundation. He is closely engaged in collaborative research, where his work focuses on crustal architecture, magmatic processes, and the geodynamic controls on mineralization.</p> <p>Prior to joining Barrick, David served as geologist at various junior companies across working across Africa and South America. His experience across both junior and major mining environments has provided him with a balanced perspective on technical excellence, capital efficiency, and discovery-focused strategy.</p> <p>David holds a Masters in Geology from Imperial College London and a PhD from Kingston University. He combines strong technical expertise, leadership capability, and global exploration experience to support Barrick's global growth portfolio.</p>

<p>David Leng President and CEO RGCI</p>	<p>David is a professional scientist with more than 25 years of mining industry experience. Prior to founding RGCI in 2014, David held technical roles involving geochemical exploration, project evaluation and corporate development with several reporting issuers. David's professional expertise includes geochemistry, QA-QC and project management gained from his work experience with gold, platinum group metal and uranium projects. Within the last few years, David's career had moved into the financial sector where he was an associate mining analyst at a boutique investment firm. His research focus was gold deposits throughout West Africa. David holds an honours degree in Geology from McMaster University, is a professional geoscientist with the Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, is a member of PGO Council and is also a member of the Association of Applied Geochemists.</p> <p>Since 2013, David has been involved with PGO's mentoring program and is active in geoscience advocacy, public education and mentoring students to become the next generation of geoscientists.</p>
<p>David Murray President & Principal Consultant Resourceful Geoscience Solutions</p>	<p>David is an accomplished Economic Geologist with more than a decade of experience gathered across the Americas and Europe.</p> <p>He specializes in project evaluations, 3D geomodelling, and mineral project management. He has overseen projects across the full spectrum of the exploration value chain from first exploration efforts to an established mine with a 30-year production history. David's commodity experience is diverse specializing in orogenic gold systems and including porphyry deposits, magmatic Ni + Cu + PGE, carbonate hosted Zn, Pb + Ag, HREE and LREE as well as LCT Li pegmatites.</p>
<p>Geneviève Krasowski Manager, Mine Geology Allied Gold Corporation</p>	<p>Geneviève is a seasoned geologist with over a decade of experience in production geology. She briefly stepped away from geology to broaden her expertise in operations, spending a year as a scheduler focused on development and production. She has since transitioned to a corporate role and now serves as a Resource Geologist for Allied Gold, a Canadian mining company operating in West Africa.</p>
<p>Glenn Mullan President & CEO Val-D'Or Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Life-long prospector (and geologist), mostly focused on self-generated grass-roots projects in Canada and some very limited experience in International domains (Africa, Australia, Central and South America). Formed and listed 6 mining companies, 3 of which have grown/evolved into larger mining companies including parts of 2 mining operations in Canada.</p>
<p>Guillaume Lesage Senior Geologist Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Guillaume Lesage is a Senior Geologist at Teck Resources Limited, where he has worked for the last 8 years. In his current role, Guillaume is responsible for the identification, evaluation and recommendation of high-quality projects for farm-in, acquisition, or investment within North America. His work focuses on the technical and strategic assessment of early-stage exploration and development properties, with an emphasis on Cu and Ni opportunities. His work integrates geological, geophysical, and geochemical datasets to support disciplined acquisition and investment decisions. Guillaume holds a B.Sc. from Université Laval, an M.Sc. from the University of Alberta, and a PhD from the University of British Columbia (MDRU). His M.Sc. research focused on the Buriticá intermediate sulfidation Au deposit in Colombia, whereas his PhD research topic was the district-scale alteration footprint of the cluster of porphyry Cu centers at Teck's Highland Valley Copper operation.</p> <p>Over the course of his career, Guillaume has worked as an exploration geologist on properties ranging from early-stage greenfields to advanced brownfields projects in Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Philippines, and Chile. This includes long-term expatriate assignments at the Far Southeast deposit and the Quebrada Blanca operation.</p>

<p>Herman Urrejola Head, Social Performance & Indigenous Relations Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Herman Urrejola Ebner is Head of Social Performance & Indigenous Relations at Teck Resources in Vancouver. Since November 2025, he has led the global strategy and governance framework for social performance, Indigenous relations, and community development. He supports regions and sites in implementing consistent, auditable, and impact-driven management systems aligned with international standards.</p> <p>Herman has been with Teck since 2012, building his career across progressively senior leadership roles in Latin America. Prior to relocating to Canada, Herman was based in Santiago, Chile, where he served as Director of Sustainability, Communities, and Environment for Teck's Latin American operations and projects. Earlier in his career, he worked as Social Manager for the Quebrada Blanca Phase 2 (QB2) project, contributing to one of Chile's most significant mining developments. With more than twenty years of experience in sustainability, community relations, environmental management, and permitting, he has led complex social and environmental programs across Chile and Peru.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Herman has brought together governance planning and hands-on work. He has led the creation of Social Management Systems and supported inclusive development projects, such as the Originarias program with UN Women, which helps Indigenous women in Chile take on leadership roles and grow their economic opportunities.</p>
<p>James Siddorn Executive Chair SRK Consulting</p>	<p>James is a recognized expert in the structural geological analysis of mineral deposits with over 25 years experience.</p> <p>His strength is in defining the geological controls on precious and base metal mineralization and the application of this to greenfields and brownfields exploration. In addition, he conducts reviews and provides support to operating mines, to understand the geological influences on underground mine stability and mining induced seismicity. James is adept at working at multiple scales, integrating mine-scale with district- and regional-scale results, key for evaluating geological risk and potential. James has undertaken projects in Europe; North, South and Central America; Asia; and Africa. He has an extensive knowledge of orogenic gold, VMS, magmatic sulphide, epithermal, and porphyry deposits. He has taught more than 50 Applied Structural Geology courses to over 2000 geologists and engineers worldwide.</p>
<p>Javier Ortuzar VP Exploration North America Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Discovery-focused exploration executive with 20+ years of global leadership experience across North America, Latin America, Africa, and Asia-Pacific.</p> <p>I specialize in leading high-performance exploration organizations across diverse jurisdictions, building portfolios that deliver discovery, resource growth, and long-term value creation. My work spans programs from generative exploration through PFS programs, with primary focus on gold and copper systems. I bring deep mineral systems expertise across porphyry, epithermal, and sediment-hosted systems, integrating geological insight with disciplined capital allocation and portfolio management.</p> <p>I have led multi-country exploration organizations, managing large multidisciplinary teams and significant annual budgets, with responsibility for technical governance, investment prioritization, and risk management.</p> <p>Core strengths include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery strategy and mineral systems integration • Portfolio construction and capital allocation discipline • Technical and commercial project evaluation • Due diligence, negotiations, and partnership structuring • Building ownership culture and performance-driven teams <p>Recognized for combining technical depth with commercial judgment, I focus on delivering scalable opportunities aligned with corporate strategy, safety, and long-term shareholder value.</p>

<p>Jesse Clark Director, Geology Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Jesse is a senior technical leader at Barrick with global accountability for Mineral Resources and Reserves, exploration, mining geology, and technical studies from preliminary economic assessment through feasibility and project execution. He has led multidisciplinary teams across multicommodity operations, major expansions, and early-stage developments, with deep expertise in evaluating and delivering geologically and metallurgically complex orebodies.</p> <p>Jesse holds a First-Class Honours degree from the University of Adelaide and a Master of Science in Economic Geology from the University of Tasmania (CODES). He spent eight years with BHP in progressive mine, resource, and exploration roles, culminating as Principal Geoscientist for Minerals Australia Copper. During this time, he contributed to a new copper discovery and resource growth initiatives at Olympic Dam.</p> <p>In 2021, Jesse joined Barrick as Chief Geologist for Nevada, overseeing all geological and resource functions across Nevada Gold Mines. He led a comprehensive modernization of geological frameworks and resource models to reflect current understanding of Carlin-type mineral systems. This work strengthened technical rigor, enhanced transparency in risk reporting, and materially improved reconciliation performance while clearly articulating risks and opportunities to executive leadership.</p>
<p>Jim Stemler Principal Geologist, Evaluations Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Geologist with 30 years of experience working in the exploration industry. I received an MSc from the University of Alberta in 2000 and an MBA from the University of Cape Town in 2010. Prior to joining Teck Resources I was involved with exploration projects in Canada and internationally, including in North and South America, Eastern Europe, Southern Africa, and Southeast Asia. Almost all of this work was field based. I have been working with Teck Resources since 2011, first managing the exploration programs at the Red Dog Mine in Alaska and then the Highland Valley Copper Mine in BC. In 2017 I began working in the project evaluations group, completing technical reviews of third-party opportunities in North America. Currently I am responsible for evaluating new opportunities for Teck across Europe, Africa and Asia.</p>
<p>John Sullivan Mineral Exploration Geologist Independent Consultant</p>	<p>I am a graduate from Queen's and have spent the bulk of my 50-year exploration career exploring for base metals and gold. In addition, I spent two years as a mine geologist at a new base metal mine in Manitoba. I have spent significant time both living and exploring in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba and spent four years seeking new opportunities in Europe after the falling of the Berlin Wall and opening of Eastern Europe to acquisitions and exploration programs in the late 90s. I also spent a year in Chile managing the initial significant mineral resource drilling program and economic assessment of a newly discovered Cu Porphyry deposit. Throughout the better part of the above phase of my career I managed several field offices with up to 30 employees and several million dollar annual budgets. My final 10 years of fulltime work were as VP Exploration of a Toronto-based junior company with a small but very rich Ag, Zn, Pb mine and large exploration properties in central Mexico. Our team discovered several additional high-grade zones near the initial discovery, allowing for mining to continue for several years beyond the initial estimate. I am now a director of a very active junior company, which holds several important base and precious metals properties in Newfoundland. including one with a small but high-grade Cu Ni 43-101 compliant mineral resource and drilling results suggest a strong potential for additional resources in the known zone and elsewhere on the large property.</p>
<p>Jonathan Fowler President JA Fowler & Associates</p>	<p>B.Sc. (Special) Honours in Geology, University of London 1968, M.Phil. Geology, University of London, 1976, Ph.D. Geology, University of London 1982. Joined Anglo American September 1968, seconded to De Beers immediately. Retired from De Beers November 2014. Consultant from December 2014 to date (J.A. Fowler & Associates). Experience in exploration and management for diamonds, alluvial and marine placer mining for diamonds. Experience in Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Canada and Kallaalit Nunaat. Experienced in community engagement with Indigenous peoples, sustainability and social responsibility. Experience in social aspects of exploration and mining, mine closure and Global Industry Standard for Tailings Management. Experience as Board member for PDAC 2019-21, member PDAC Indigenous Affairs Committee since 2007, and member of PDAC sustainability committee since 2008.</p>

<p>Julia Csath Global Operations Manger GeologicAi</p>	<p>Julia Csath has a diverse work experience spanning various industries and roles. Starting her career in science communication and teaching, transitioning into geo-environmental consulting, before transitioning into Operations. She currently holds a BSc and a post Graduate certificate from Laurentian University, A BEd from Trent University, and is an MBA candidate with Carleton University.</p>
<p>Justine Knox Associate Principal Qortado Environmental</p>	<p>Justine is an environmental assessment and permitting practitioner with 20 years' experience working in Canadian jurisdictions, having been involved extensively in planning, leading, and reviewing overall aspects of regulatory applications, interpreting environmental legislation and regulations, and working with subject matter experts, engineers and legal teams on regulatory strategy and compliance matters. Her most recent role as an owner's representative for Galore Creek Mining Corporation involved leading long-term strategic regulatory planning for the Galore Creek Project. In this role, she led the EAC Amendment and permitting to support restart of the Project's access road and other early works, and developed modernization processes for historical permits and compliance-focused approaches to management and monitoring plans. She collaborated with engineers and environmental subject matter experts on pre-feasibility design and trade-off studies in preparation for entering assessment and permitting processes for the mine, and prepared reports and presentations for Owner's Team senior management.</p> <p>Justine has conducted permitting activities pursuant to the BC Water Sustainability Act, BC Mines Act and Environmental Management Act, the Fisheries Act and Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations, as well as developed water license applications, work within Rights of Way permits, land use permits, and permitting under the Yukon Environment Act.</p> <p>In the past, Justine has held various positions, including Lands and Permitting Manager with Victoria Gold Corp. owners' team, and Project Manager for the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency where she was responsible for providing advice on the applicability of the Regulations Designating Physical Activities.</p>
<p>Kelly Silva Sr. Manager, Global Talent Acquisition IAMGOLD Corporation</p>	<p>Kelly Silva is a Senior Manager, Global Talent Acquisition at IAMGOLD Corporation, based in Toronto, where she leads talent acquisition strategy for a multi asset, Canadian focused gold producer. She oversees recruitment across corporate functions, exploration projects, and remote mining sites, ensuring the organization attracts high caliber talent in complex operating environments. Kelly is known for building scalable, people first talent acquisition programs that strengthen organizational capability, capacity, and culture.</p> <p>Beyond IAMGOLD, Kelly is an active contributor to the HR and talent community through coaching, speaking engagements, and her work with the Women in Mining Toronto committee, where she advocates for equitable career pathways and the development of future industry leaders.</p>
<p>Kevin Neyedley Research Associate University of Manitoba</p>	<p>Kevin is currently a Research Associate at the University of Manitoba, where his work focuses on the primary magmatic controls governing the formation of critical mineral-bearing pegmatites. Prior to this position, he worked as a Mineral Deposits Geologist with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, conducting field work and researching various commodities, contributing to the development of the province's Critical Minerals Strategy, and playing a central role in fostering collaboration among academic, industry, and government geologists. Kevin was first introduced to PDAC in 2012 while attending the Student-Industry Mineral Exploration Workshop (S-IMEW). He later returned as a coordinator for S-IMEW during the 2017 to 2019 workshops and has served on PDAC's Membership Committee since 2019. He also sits on the Mentorship Committee of the Society of Economic Geologists.</p> <p>Kevin holds a B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Manitoba, and both an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Geology from Saint Mary's University.</p>
<p>Laura Clinton Executive Director Mining Matters</p>	<p>Laura Clinton has spent her career inspiring curiosity about the Earth sciences, developing award-winning resources, and empowering educators to bring geology to life in the classroom. As Executive Director of Mining Matters, she advances mineral resource education for youth across Canada through innovative programs and meaningful collaboration with industry, education, government, and Indigenous partners.</p>

<p>Lesley Hymers Manager, Education and Outreach Programs Mining Matters</p>	<p>Lesley Hymers is an Earth Sciences and mineral resources professional with experience in the Minerals Sector, and in Higher and Informal Education. She has worked as a practitioner in industrial minerals, in government relations and regulatory affairs, as a mining and environmental policy analyst and sector committee lead, in post secondary education in the scholarship of teaching and learning, instructional development, course design, and as an Earth science sessional lecturer, and in informal education, providing Earth science and mineral resources education to students and the public and professional learning programs to Educators.</p> <p>Lesley is an active member of the national Earth Science Education and Communication community. She is a Past President of the Canadian Geoscience Education Network and former Outreach Director for the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences. She is the outgoing Co-Chair of the EdGEO National Committee. Lesley is the founding Co-President of the Geoscience Education and Communication Division of the Geological Association of Canada.</p> <p>Lesley is a former member of the Canadian Land Reclamation Association National and Ontario Chapters, the National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative, and the Ontario Biodiversity Council.</p> <p>Lesley has Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees in Earth Sciences, from the University of Guelph, an Ontario Master Naturalist Certificate from Lakehead University, and in the process of completing a Certificate in Science Communication.</p>
<p>Linette MacInnis Senior Geologist Vale Base Metals</p>	<p>I am currently working as a senior exploration geologist with over 15 years of experience across the resource sector, from grassroots exploration projects to major mining operations. My career has progressed from field geologist roles through to senior mining geologist positions, giving me hands-on exposure to exploration, resource development, and production environments.</p> <p>I have worked in both fly-in fly-out (FIFO) rotations and traditional 9-5 operations, and understand the practical, technical, and lifestyle considerations that come with each. Having navigated multiple stages of the industry and career progression myself, I'm passionate about supporting geology students and early-career professionals with practical advice, career planning insights, and an honest perspective on working in mining.</p>
<p>Logan Foucault Generative Geologist Glencore</p>	<p>My career started as a student during a summer co-op and over the last eight years has ranged from Field-Project Geologist in a brownfield camp to engineering support. Now working as a Generative Geologist, assisting marketing and business development with due diligence on potential investment opportunities. Since graduating I've continued to be involved with undergraduate research projects as a supervisor and industry connection, with a focus on the gap between academic research and industry application of said research.</p>

<p>Lorne Burden Consulting Geologist Burden & Company</p>	<p>I am one of seven family members who are practicing professional geologists working with government surveys, academia, major and junior mining companies, developers, and junior exploration.</p> <p>I have been a member of the PDAC for over 40 years and served as a Director of the Association, have been a member of the Association's Governance, Aboriginal Affairs, and Health and Safety Committees. Although I have worked with major and junior mining companies, and developers, the bulk of my experience has been with junior exploration.</p> <p>My LinkedIn profile tells me that I am a practicing professional with extensive managerial, supervisory, and infield experience. A skilled facilitator, communicator and negotiator, with advanced knowledge and experience in geological and environmental studies, operational logistics, mineral processing, and with community, FN, and government engagement and relationship building. Skilled in the development, advancement and delivery of health, safety and environmental practices throughout operations. Has demonstrated effectiveness in financial management, leadership, cross-cultural consultation and negotiated agreements. A positive, patient, competent professional with broad communication skills and the exceptional ability to ensure big picture objectives are met without compromising detail. It all sounds true to me.</p> <p>I have enjoyed mentoring several young geoscientists who have gone on to having very successful careers. I look forward to continuing mentoring aspiring professionals.</p> <p>Engaging with a friendly, knowledgeable and helpful PDAC veteran will surely make your experience at this year's convention memorable.</p>
<p>Lucas Marshall Director Exploration - Commercial & Evaluations Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>I grew up in Calgary and initially moved to Vancouver to attend UBC, where I started out in the business program, eventually being lured into geology. Graduating not long after the Bre-X scandal (and a terrible job market), I elected to continue my studies in geology in Australia, before moving back to Canada in 2003 and starting work with Teck in 2004.</p> <p>With Teck I have always worked in the exploration group, progressing through a range of technical roles, and more recent commercial focus, with work spanning Cu, Zn, Au and Ni on a global basis. I have always enjoyed the diversity of work across a range of commodities, deposit types and jurisdictions. A shift to overseeing our commercial team within exploration feels like a natural progression, and while I am not longer often out on field projects, deep experience exploration geology remains beneficial to my current role.</p> <p>I am married with 3 kids. We are all active with skiing in the winter and mountain biking the rest of the year.</p>
<p>Lucia Olivares Manager, Environment & Social Performance Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>I'm a Social Anthropologist. I began my career working for an NGO and teaching at the university, but I soon transitioned to the mining industry. I have worked in mineral exploration for 19 years, first in Social Responsibility and then in Environment and Cultural Heritage. My experience demonstrates that mining is not only technical, but also involves diverse disciplines, without which projects could not be carried out.</p> <p>I began my work in Santiago, Chile, and then moved to Vancouver, Canada. My current role has allowed me to experience contexts as different as Australia, Türkiye and Peru, where social issues take on diverse forms, but the interests and concerns of the communities are similar.</p> <p>I am passionate about my work. The opportunity to learn about different social contexts, to understand how the environment sustains cultural practices, and the importance of cultural heritage. I chose to work in mining because I have a greater opportunity to influence the processes to be carried out appropriately, with less impact on people and the environment.</p>

<p>Maggie Layman Manager, Exploration - Canada and USA Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Ms. Maggie Layman is a professional geologist with 20 years mineral exploration experience across diverse ore deposits in North America. She is currently Manager of Exploration for Canada and the USA at Teck Resources Limited. Before joining Teck, Maggie was the Vice President of Exploration for Osisko Development Corp. where she led the Cariboo Gold Project team from exploration to feasibility, earning the AME Spud Huestis Award for her contributions to the project. She holds a B.Sc. from Memorial University of Newfoundland and is registered as a Professional Geologist with the Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.</p>
<p>Marc Wen Director Qortado Environmental Consulting Inc.</p>	<p>Marc has 30+ years of experience as an environmental consultant to the natural resource sector. He was previously Vice President of Rescan Environmental, Senior Partner and Managing Partner of ERM Canada, and now runs Qortado Environmental Consulting. The focus of Qortado's work is on supporting mining clients through the regulatory process to advance major capital projects. Marc and his colleagues have worked on approximately 1/3 of all mining-related environmental assessments in British Columbia. Marc has lead major Environmental Assessments for Skeena Resources' Eskay Creek Revitalization Project (BC) and BHP's Jansen Potash Project (SK). Come and learn about the many different paths to a rewarding environmental consulting career in mining.</p>
<p>Matt Kernick CEO/President Hanon Mining Division Inc.</p>	<p>Matt Kernick is the CEO and President of Hancon Mining Inc., bringing over 18 years of experience in the mining industry and a strong track record of leadership in contract mining operations. As a passionate and results-driven professional, he plays a pivotal role in overseeing company operations, guiding strategic initiatives, and driving the continued growth and success of the organization. Throughout his career, Matt has developed extensive expertise in both underground and open-pit mining projects across North America. His background in mine development, construction, and project supervision has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of complex mining environments and operational challenges. Known for his hands-on leadership style, he works closely with project teams to ensure safe, efficient, and high-quality execution while maintaining strong operational performance. Matt has built a reputation for delivering innovative solutions and fostering a culture of accountability, safety, and continuous improvement. His leadership emphasizes operational excellence, workforce development, and the implementation of best practices that enhance productivity and support sustainable growth. He is committed to building strong client relationships and maintaining Hancon Mining's reputation as a trusted partner in the mining sector.</p>

<p>Murray Allan Chief Geoscientist Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Murray Allan is a multi-disciplinary geoscientist committed to helping students and emerging professionals build confidence, broaden their technical skill sets, and cultivate curiosity in mineral exploration. His career has been shaped by bringing people, data, and science together, and he enjoys mentoring those navigating the complexities of working across commodities, cultures, and technical disciplines. Murray is particularly enthusiastic about supporting individuals who want to understand how geology interacts with economics, risk, and uncertainty—key considerations in modern exploration decision-making.</p> <p>As Teck’s Chief Geoscientist, Murray focuses on ensuring the company’s exploration portfolio is positioned for discovery success, that projects are advanced with rigorous geoscience and disciplined choices, and that geological insight is used to unlock value across Teck’s assets. His leadership style combines strategic thinking with hands-on mentorship, fostering a culture centered on technical excellence, accountability, and open communication.</p> <p>Prior to joining Teck, Murray spent eight years at UBC’s Mineral Deposit Research Unit (MDRU), where he led industry-focused research programs on the metallogeny of Yukon, Alaska, and British Columbia. During this time, he supervised fifteen students from Honours to PhD levels—experience that underpins his collaborative and supportive mentoring approach.</p> <p>Murray began his scientific journey in chemistry before pivoting to geology after formative field seasons on Baffin Island. He holds dual B.Sc. Honours degrees in Applied Chemistry and Geology, followed by a PhD from the University of Leeds, where he helped pioneer laser-based methods for fluid inclusion micro-analysis before jumping headlong into mineral exploration.</p>
<p>Myles Jamieson Corporate Development - Analyst Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Myles Jamieson is a mining professional working in Corporate Development at Teck Resources. His background combines M&A, strategy, open pit and underground operations, and project management. His experience across both operations and corporate roles allows him to connect engineering fundamentals with commercial outcomes.</p> <p>Myles holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Mining from Queen’s University.</p>
<p>Nathan Komarnisky VP Exploration Africa and Middle East Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Nathan Komarnisky is a seasoned exploration leader and geophysicist with more than 15 years of experience advancing mineral discoveries, mainly across Africa. As Vice President of Exploration for Barrick’s Africa Middle-East Region, he oversees regional exploration strategy, project prioritization, and the delivery of disciplined, high quality programs that support long term value creation.</p> <p>Beginning his career as a geophysicist, Nathan built a strong technical foundation in geophysical interpretation, targeting, and data integration. He has applied these skills across a broad range of deposit types and geological terrains, contributing to major exploration campaigns from greenfield discovery through advanced evaluation. His extensive field experience throughout Africa has shaped his practical, and partnership driven approach to exploration.</p> <p>Nathan is a strong advocate for embedding safety, operational excellence, and continuous improvement into every stage of exploration.</p> <p>Recognized for his collaborative leadership style, Nathan has successfully built and mentored multidisciplinary teams, nurtured emerging technical talent, and fostered environments where people feel supported to grow and innovate.</p> <p>Nathan brings a blend of technical expertise, strategic insight, and a people first mindset to his work, and he looks forward to supporting the next generation of industry professionals.</p>

<p>Nicole Januszczak Head of Portfolio and Performance BHP</p>	<p>Nicole joined BHP in 2020 as Global Practice Lead for Mineral Systems in the Resource Centre of Excellence, based in Toronto, Canada. She moved into BHP Exploration in 2021, where she served as Head of Geoscience and then Practice Lead Predictive Capability. She is currently Head of Portfolio and Performance for BHP Exploration.</p> <p>Across these roles, Nicole has focused on using data and technology in new and inventive ways and applying mineral systems thinking to accelerate the discovery of world class resources.</p> <p>Before joining BHP, Nicole held senior roles at De Beers Group, including Senior Global Targeting Manager and Senior Exploration Manager for the Americas, and she holds a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Toronto.</p> <p>Outside of work, Nicole enjoys jamming with her son on the ukulele, hopping on her bike, and chasing fresh powder whenever she can.</p>
<p>Nicole Nicholas Sr Lead, Social Responsibility Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Nicole is a social performance professional, with a decade of experience in both the regulatory and mining context. In her current role at Teck, she leads engagement for US and Canada based exploration projects, including social due diligence assessments on commercial evaluations. She's passionate about bringing people together to create collaborative solutions.</p> <p>In her previous roles at Teck, She helped to create a closure engagement strategy at its Cardinal River Mine as it moved into closure, and worked on the initial phases of early stage implementation of GISTM requirements.</p> <p>Prior to Teck, Nicole supported the Alberta Energy Regulator with engagement on its participant involvement requirements. She coordinated and supported implementation of the multi-stage engagement process with industry, community, and Rights holders. The process included outreach to every First Nation in Alberta, an online engagement platform, community open houses across the province, and led to a multi stakeholder and rights holder panel that co-developed updated participant involvement requirements that would be necessary for moving towards integrated applications for its integrated decision approach.</p>
<p>Patrick Collins District Geologist Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Patrick Collins is a District Geologist at Barrick Gold, where he has been part of the exploration team since 2019. He started as a Senior Geologist running exploration at Hemlo and has since taken on responsibilities focused on project generation and supporting Barrick's Canadian exploration activities Patrick holds an MSc from Memorial University and a BSc Honours from Dalhousie University. Over the years, he has gained broad experience in various mineral systems, including nickel-copper-PGE, IOCG, VMS, and rare earth elements. Before focusing on gold, Patrick was involved in the discovery of the Strange Lake B Zone heavy rare earth deposit, an important milestone in his early career. Patrick's current focus is on evaluating new and developing exploration opportunities, applying his knowledge to support ongoing exploration at Barrick's Hemlo mine.</p>
<p>Pierre Bedeaux Senior Geologist Barrick Mining Corporation</p>	<p>Pierre Bedeaux completed his university studies at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, where he devoted his master's and doctoral research to structural geology, stratigraphy, tectonic evolution, and the gold potential of the Abitibi area in the Superior Province.</p> <p>He subsequently took part in the Metal Earth project as a postdoctoral researcher, re-evaluating the stratigraphy and mapping of the Chibougamau greenstone belt and its links to gold mineralization.</p> <p>For the past several years, he has been working for Barrick Mining within the Canadian exploration team, where he is responsible for the generative program in the Superior Province and participates in the evaluation of new projects. Including his graduated studies, he cumulates 15 years of experiences on structural geology and gold mineralization in Archean greenstone belts.</p> <p>On top of his main occupation as an exploration, Pierre maintain some teaching activities in structural analysis at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi in the master's program in mineral exploration.</p>

<p>Rebecca Gower Assistant Vice President US Antimony Corp</p>	<p>I have over 20 years of experience in mineral exploration and hold a B.S. from Lake Superior State University and a Master of Professional Studies in Mineral Exploration from the Colorado School of Mines. I am recognized as a P.Geol under Canadian NI 43-101 standards. My career has taken me across diverse geological environments in the United States, Canada, Uruguay, Australia and currently living and working in Alaska.</p> <p>I have been involved in all stages of the exploration lifecycle, including grassroots reconnaissance, target generation, drilling programs, resource definition, and project evaluation. My technical experience includes gold, copper, nickel, PGE, and antimony systems, primarily within junior exploration and mid-tier mining companies.</p> <p>Over time, I have developed a strong focus on exploration operations, combining geological interpretation with practical execution. My work emphasizes logistics, program planning, data integration, and building efficient workflows that allow teams to make informed decisions in real time. In addition to my technical work, I am actively involved with Women in Mining USA and on the board of Women in Mining Alaska Chapter. I am passionate about helping early- and mid-career professionals navigate the mining industry, build confidence in their technical and operational decision-making, and better understand the pathways available to advance and grow their careers within exploration and mining.</p>
<p>Roger Lemaitre President & CEO Homeland Uranium</p>	<p>Mr. Roger Lemaitre is a Professional Engineer and Geologist with more than 30 years of professional experience spanning with both senior and junior mining companies.</p> <p>From 2014 to 2022, Mr. Lemaitre held the position of President & CEO of UEX Corporation, a TSX-listed company, until the company was sold to Uranium Energy Corporation for \$310 million under a managed competitive bidding process at a 72% premium. During his time at UEX, Mr. Lemaitre was able to build a successful and entrepreneurial exploration team, acquired additional Tier 1 exploration assets and doubled the company's resources to approximately 150 M lbs U3O8 through both discovery and the acquisition of development-ready assets that were subjected to competitive bidding processes.</p> <p>Mr. Lemaitre was CEO and Executive Director of URU Metals Limited, an AIM-listed exploration company. Mr. Lemaitre held a variety of senior management positions with Cameco Corporation from 2001 to 20012, including Director of Worldwide Exploration Projects, Manager of Regional Exploration, Saskatchewan and was involved in Cameco's strategic growth team tasked with the identification of opportunities in the uranium sector. In both senior and junior positions at Cameco, Mr. Lemaitre was involved in multiple uranium deposit discoveries on multiple continents. Prior to joining Homeland, Mr. Lemaitre is the Vice President and Head of Mining of Consolidated Lithium Metals Inc, a TSX:V-listed lithium explorer and developer.</p> <p>Mr. Lemaitre has a M.Sc (Applied) from McGill University, a degree in Geological Engineering from Queen's University and an MBA from Athabasca University.</p>
<p>Ryan Clarke General Manager, Young-Davidson Mine Alamos Gold Inc.</p>	<p>Ryan came to the mining industry as a second career. He has over two decades of experience in engineering and operations management with a focus on team building and business improvement. Ryan completed his college, undergraduate and graduate degrees as a mature student and has become an advocate for industry support of continued education and interaction with students and young professionals. He is involved in supporting Canadian Mining Games, PDAC Student and Early Career Programming and S-IMEW. Ryan joined Alamos Gold Inc. as General Manager in 2024 after working for Golder, BHP, Canadian Natural Resources and Rio Tinto.</p>
<p>Sam Roffey Director, Exploration - Americas Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Sam is a geoscientist with 27 years of applied experience in the global minerals exploration industry. She has worked across many different mineral systems, geographies and cultures. She loves a complex challenge, in particular when the intersection between knowledge collaboration, analysis and innovation can be used to deliver positive value impact. Now she is Director, Exploration – Americas for Teck Resources, living in Santiago with her family. Previously she has worked for other Major Mining companies in the Americas, Australia, Europe and Africa but has also survived the rollercoaster of independent consultancy.</p>

<p>Scott R.G. Parsons Vice President, Exploration Alamos Gold Inc.</p>	<p>Scott Parsons has over 19 years of experience in progressively senior exploration roles. Mr. Parsons joined Alamos in 2018 and was appointed Vice President, Exploration in 2020. Prior to joining Alamos, he was Manager of Regional Exploration and Geoscience at TMAC Resources where he was responsible for resource expansion and regional exploration at the Hope Bay Project in Nunavut. Previously, Mr. Parsons served as Vice President, Corporate Development at Northern Superior Resources Inc., and as Exploration Geologist and later Project Geologist, Resource Development & Long-Range Planning at BHP Billiton. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Master of Science in Geology from the University of Western Ontario, and a Master of Business Administration from Athabasca University. Mr. Parsons is a registered Professional Geoscientist in Ontario and is a member of the Board of Directors and First Vice President of the PDAC.</p>
<p>Sierra Mercer Mining Sector Manager Ontario Centre of Innovation</p>	<p>Sierra Mercer is the Mining Sector Manager with the Critical Industrial Technologies (CIT) initiative at the Ontario Centre of Innovation. She has spent the past six years in the mining sector, beginning in ground control and technical services for underground operations, where she worked with drone and remote sensing technologies for automated data collection and increased safety, before moving into the mining technology and innovation space. In her current role, Sierra supports Ontario companies in adopting AI, robotics, and other emerging technologies to accelerate development and commercialization across the mining innovation ecosystem.</p>
<p>Siri Camille Genik Principal & Founder BRIDGE©</p>	<p>Siri is a sustainability and strategy expert with over 25 years of international experience delivering major capital projects across the natural resources and infrastructure sectors. Her work has focused on integrating Sustainability, Strategy, Risk Management, and Stakeholder Engagement into project delivery, with particular expertise in project management and strategic supply chains. She is the founder and principal of BRIDGE©, a boutique advisory firm that supports boards and executive leadership teams in aligning sustainability strategy and leading ESG practices with core business objectives. Her work helps organizations identify, prioritize, and integrate critical sustainability and ESG components into their operating models to reduce risk and enhance long-term value.</p> <p>Prior to establishing BRIDGE©, Siri held senior roles with leading global resource companies, including serving as Head of Project Services at BHP Canada and working with Glencore (formerly Xstrata) across Australia, Malaysia, and New Caledonia.</p> <p>Siri currently serves on the boards of EPIC Gold Corp., where she chairs the Sustainability and Governance Committee and sits on the Nominating and Governance Committee, and Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., where she chairs the Sustainability Committee. She is also a Director of the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), contributing to the Sustainability, Lands and Regulations Committees, and the EDI Subcommittee.</p> <p>A lawyer and accredited mediator, Siri is fluent in English, French, and Spanish. She received the Canadian Institute of Mining's Distinguished Lecturer Award for CSR in 2019 and is a frequent university lecturer and international keynote speaker on sustainability and ESG in the mining sector.</p>
<p>Stephen Pope Manager, Data & Information Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Stephen Pope, Manager, Data & Information joined Teck Resources in 2010. Stephen has worked primarily in the Exploration business unit over the past 17 years with intermittent placements at Teck Operations. Stephen's team leads global data management standards across the business unit and delivery of custom applications to enhance discovery efforts across the exploration lifecycle. Recent work includes a focus on digital analytics and the application of Generative AI in mineral exploration. His educational background is in Geology and GIS.</p>

<p>Stuart McCracken VP Exploration Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Stuart has over 30 years of experience in the study, exploration and mining of basemetal deposits worldwide. He joined Teck Resources in 2020 and is the Vice President for Exploration. Before joining Teck, Stuart was with Anglo American for 19 years and 11 months, working in a variety of exploration, operational and corporate roles in Australia, Chile, Peru, Canada, Southern Africa, Europe and London. Stuart entered the industry in 1996, initially as a contractor at Pasmenco Exploration and then as a project geologist at Western Metals. Both roles involved exploration for carbonate-hosted basemetal deposits in northern Western Australia. Stuart has held a lead role in two major feasibility studies and was a team member for three base-metal exploration discoveries.</p> <p>Stuart holds a BSc (Hons) from MacQuarie University in Sydney in 1989 and a PhD from the University of Western Australia in Perth in 1997. During his PhD studies, he also participated on Leg 150 (New Jersey Margin, North Atlantic Ocean) of the Ocean Drilling Program.</p> <p>Stuart is a Director of PDAC and a member of the Industry Advisory Committee for the Irish Center for Research in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG). He was a Trustee of the SEG Foundation from 2013 to 2017, holding the position of President of the foundation in 2017.</p> <p>Stuart is married to Mandy and father to Claire and Jayden.</p>
<p>Tanya McCarthy Acting Director, Talent Management Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Tanya McCarthy is an Acting Director, Talent Management at Teck Resources where she provides strategic oversight in Strategic Workforce Planning, Global Talent Acquisition, Succession Planning, Performance Management, Leadership and Employee Development, and Organizational Design. Tanya brings extensive experience from her work in both HR Services and Talent Management, partnering with leadership teams across Teck's sites, projects, and offices in more than ten countries. She holds a Bachelor of General Studies, a Graduate Certificate in Executive Coaching and an Executive MBA.</p> <p>When she is not at work, she loves to run, snowshoe, cook, and travel with friends and family.</p>
<p>Tim McIntyre Senior Project Geologist - Evaluations Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>Tim McIntyre is an economic geologist specializing in geochemistry, magmatic sulfide systems, and mineral system frameworks. He earned a Masters and PhD studying the evolution of the cratonic lithosphere through geochemical and isotopic analysis of ultramafic mantle and cumulate rocks. This foundation supported his transition into industry, where he contributed to magmatic sulfide greenfields exploration through designing geochemical programs and integrating multidisciplinary datasets to interpret mineral system processes and refine project level targeting.</p> <p>Tim later moved into generative exploration, applying mineral system principles to search-space reduction across North America. His generative work combined data compilation, above ground risk assessment, third party property reviews, and strategic intelligence gathering to identify and prioritize prospective districts and opportunities. He now works within a dedicated evaluations team, where he leads technical and economic assessments of third party properties and supports investment decisions through geological and economic analysis.</p>
<p>Tracey Jacquemin Director, Sustainability Assurance and Management Systems Teck Resources Limited</p>	<p>I have worked across the globe driving strategic and fit for purpose sustainability practices. I am a passionate, action driven collaborator with a focus on efficiency, performance improvement, and transparent disclosure. I am actively involved in a multitude of technical working groups and I lead the certification for internationally recognized sustainability frameworks and ESG credentials at Teck using the inhouse build Integrated assurance model. I am a professionally registered Natural Scientist with the South African National Council for Scientific Professions (SACNASP) PrSciNat (400163/12) with an honour's degree in Ecology and Environmental Conservation from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.</p>

<p>Victor Julio Torres Pacheco Senior Regional Geologist - Americas Anglo American</p>	<p>Victor Torres Pacheco is a Senior Regional Geologist at Anglo American (Americas Generative), previously contributing to Near-Asset Exploration within the company. His career spans copper, gold, and gemstone exploration across America, Africa, and Australia. He was part of the discovery and development team for the Soledad project in Peru, where over 63,000 meters of drilling were completed with Chakana Copper Corporation.</p> <p>Victor got his engineering degree from San Marcos University in Peru, conducting thesis research supported by IAMGOLD (2016–2017). In 2015, he participated in an academic exchange at the University of Chile and later pursued a master’s degree in Economic Geology at the University of Tasmania, Australia (2018–2021). He is currently a part-time Ph.D. candidate at UTAS.</p> <p>He led the Inca Team that won the Frank Arnott – Next Generation Explorers Award in 2021 and has been an active member of the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) since 2014, where he currently serves in the Early Career Professionals Committee (ECPC) and the Mentoring Committee.</p>
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