


Management in Mineral Exploration

WAXI / Agate Project Training

25th - 29th August 2025
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

15th - 19th September 2025
Nairobi, Kenya



This 5-day training course will provide an introduction to the skills and methods required for modern minerals exploration management.

This course is primarily aimed at geologists who have recently been appointed as Exploration Managers, or anyone who aspires to become an Exploration Manager within the next few years. The workshop format of the course, which is designed to promote class discussion and interaction, means that it should also be of interest to anyone who is already an Exploration Manager.

The course will also serve as a useful introduction to the business of mineral exploration for any non-technical professionals who track the activities of mineral explorers in the market, or others who work in the industry.

Venue: To be confirmed

Programme

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Date	Topic	Context
Day 1 8 am to 5 pm	The Principles & Key Success Criteria of Mineral Exploration Management	The Mineral Exploration Business General Principles of Management Mission, Vision & Strategy Communication Exploration Management Success Criteria (including the McKinsey Study)
Day 2 8 am to 5 pm	The Day-to-Day Management of Mineral Exploration	The 5 P's of Exploration Management: Process, Portfolio, Pipeline, Programme & Performance Key exploration management decisions: Where, How & When (to give up)? Exploration methods: Geology, Geochemistry, Geophysics & Remote Sensing – from a management perspective Engaging consultants Drilling: Planning, the Drill Contract, Rig Supervision, monitoring drilling performance
Day 3 8 am to 5 pm	Data Management & Advanced Studies	Geochem/Drilling data (the importance of a relational database) & QAQC Spatial Data (GIS & maps) & Technical Reports Mineral Resource Estimation Feasibility Studies
Day 4 8 am to 5 pm	The Non-Technical Aspects of Mineral Exploration Management	HR: organisational structure, employment contracts, performance management, staff development & training Admin: asset mngmnt, field logistics, tenement administration, budgets & expenditure controls Health & Safety: risk management, promoting awareness, MERP, incident investigations Environment: approvals, Baseline Studies, minimising impacts, rehabilitation Community Relations: engagement (& why it matters), standards & guidelines, sticky issues, security, socio-economic development
Day 5 8 am to 5 pm	Business Development	Exploration Strategy Identifying and Creating New Projects Due Diligence Studies Project Valuation Corporate Deals in Exploration The Art of Negotiation

The training includes a printed copy of the book Mineral Exploration Management by Nick Franey (published by the Australian Inst. Geoscientists)

Participants can bring a laptop, but it is not absolutely essential.

Information

Course Leaders Nick Franey:

Nick Franey



Nick is an exploration geologist and strategic thinker, with 40 years of experience across a broad range of projects, from grassroots to feasibility study level and near-mine operations. He has explored for most types of gold and base metal deposits in a variety of geological terranes, in more than 20 countries on three continents.

Nick worked as a senior executive for several mining and exploration companies, including Anglo American, Anvil Mining, OceanaGold, Azumah Resources and Renaissance Minerals, before establishing NJF consulting.

Nick is an engaging presenter and workshop facilitator. He has taught MSc level courses on Remote Sensing & GIS at Rhodes University, South Africa (1990-92), and on Exploration Management at James Cook University, Australia (2016-24). He has mentored and coached many young geologists and Exploration Managers, and has recently written a book about "Mineral Exploration Management".

Registration Fees

For the full 5 days of training, including training materials, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

WAXI Sponsors US\$1,800 per attendee - Non-WAXI sponsors US\$2,200 per attendee. Currency of invoice AU\$ or USD.

Language

English

Where

1. Abidjan, 25th to 29th August 2025
2. Nairobi, 15th to 19th September 2025

Duration

5 days

Time

08:00 - 17:00 - Face to Face training

Certificate of participation

Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of attendance.





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Please complete this form

and return to corinne.debat@agate-project.org before the 1 July 2025

Select preferred location:

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire 25th - 29th August 2025 [checkbox]

Nairobi, Kenya 15th - 19th September 2025 [checkbox]

Company

Entity to invoice

Address

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Phone

Administrative Email contact

Attendee's Name(first name, SURNAME, email):

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Total Registration Fees

US\$1,800 per person for WAXI sponsors &
US\$2,200 for non-WAXI sponsors
Currency of invoice: AUD

The organisers reserve the right to cancel the training if the minimum requirement of 10 participants is not met.