

**RENO PRESSACCO, M. Sc. (A), P. GEO.
Senior Geologist**

BACKGROUND

Reno Pressacco is a Senior Geologist with Micon International Limited, mineral industry consultants.

Prior to joining the staff of Micon he gained extensive experience throughout Canada by conducting mineral exploration programs and by participating in advanced exploration and development projects, commissioning, open pit production and financial evaluations. This experience has been related to a variety of deposit types including gold, copper-zinc, copper-molybdenum, uranium, nickel, and industrial minerals.

Since 1986, Mr. Pressacco has held a series of progressively senior positions ranging from Field and Project Geologist positions with organizations including Noranda Exploration and Mines, Agnico-Eagle Ltée., Division Exploration and Placer Dome Canada Limited, through District Geologist, Timmins, with the Ontario Geological Survey to Senior Geologist with Royal Oak Mines Ltd., and Agrium Inc., Kapuskasing Phosphate Operations.

As Senior Geologist with Royal Oak Mines Ltd., he was responsible for all geological aspects pertaining to the Matachewan Project, including ore deposit modeling and ore reserve estimation. At the Agrium Kapuskasing Phosphate Operations, he was responsible for short term production scheduling, establishing grade control procedures, life-of-mine ore reserve estimates, design and implementation of definition drilling programs and evaluation of property submissions. He also performed in a training role as Environmental Coordinator.

As well, he has successfully completed Ontario's underground and surface miner Common Core Programs, in addition to the Process Hazards Analysis - Hazards Identification & Risk Analysis, Community Outreach and Crisis Management, and the Templegate Environmental Regulation & Compliance and Industrial and Institutional Air Emissions short courses. Mr. Pressacco has published a number of articles and documents relating to the gold mineralization of the Timmins area and igneous-hosted phosphate deposits.

As part of the Micon team, Mr. Pressacco conducts mineral reserve and resource estimation, mineral reserve and resource audits and reviews, technical due diligence reviews of exploration, development and operating properties, prepares Technical Reports according to the provisions listed in National Instrument 43-101 and participates in the assessment and valuation of mines and mineral properties. Mr. Pressacco is an experienced user of the Surpac mine modeling software package. He has undertaken a number of assignments in North and South America, Russia, Armenia and China as listed below.

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Alexis Minerals Corporation: Provided a technical edit of a Technical Report for compliance with the provisions of National Instrument 43-101.

Amaranth Advisors (Canada) ULC: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates for a number of Brazilian gold properties held by Yamana Gold Inc. in support of a potential financing.

Amaranth Advisors (Canada) ULC: Conducted a technical due diligence review of the mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates of Apollo Gold Inc.'s Black Fox property located near Matheson, Ontario in support of a potential financing. The gold mineralization at Black Fox is an example of an Archean-aged, disseminated and lode-gold deposit hosted by altered metavolcanic rocks of mafic and ultramafic composition.

Athapap Gold Inc.: Prepared a Technical Report for their land holdings in north eastern Saskatchewan and north western Manitoba in support of a reactivation of a dormant corporate shell. The mineralization found on the Saskatchewan property was interpreted to be the metamorphosed equivalent of the Flin Flon volcanogenic massive sulphide camp. The mineralization found on the Manitoba property consisted of Proterozoic aged, mafic metavolcanic-hosted lode gold occurrences.

BMO Nesbitt Burns: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the mineral resources and reserves at the Apollo Gold Corporation's Florida Canyon mine, Standard development project, Montana Tunnels mine, and Black Fox exploration property.

BMO Nesbitt Burns: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the mineral resources and reserves at the Revette Silver Company's Troy and Rock Creek zinc-silver properties, Montana, USA in support of financing a mine re-opening and an Initial Public Offering. The mineralization at the Troy and Rock Creek properties are world-class examples of stratabound zinc-silver deposits.

BMO Nesbitt Burns: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the mineral resources and reserves of the Robinson Mine located near Ely, Nevada by Quadra Mining Ltd. The mineralization found at Robinson is an example of a porphyry copper system.

BMO Nesbitt Burns: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the mineral resources and reserves at the Minería M-S Emilia Mine located in the El Dorado district of Venezuela. The gold mineralization there is hosted both by a deeply developed saprolite and in shear zone related quartz veins hosted by Proterozoic aged mafic meta-volcanics.

BMO Nesbitt Burns: Conducted a technical due diligence review of the mineralization found on the Ixhuatán and Cobre Grande properties, Chiapas and Oaxaca States, Mexico. The mineralization at Ixhuatán is an example of a low-sulphidation epithermal gold system of Pliocene age. The mineralization at Cobre Grande is an example of a copper-silver-molybdenum-zinc endo-skarn system.

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BMO Nesbitt Burns: Participated in an assessment of the exploration potential in the technical due diligence review of the pre-feasibility study completed for the El Dorado Project located in El Salvador. The mineralization found on the property is an example of the low-sulphidation class of epithermal gold-silver systems.

BNP Paribas: Conducted a detailed due diligence of the mineral resource estimate for the Casa Berardi Mine, Quebec, in support of a project financing. The mineralization at Casa Berardi is an example of a fault-associated Archean lode-gold deposit.

Bolivar Gold Corp.: Updated a grade block model of the Choco property, Venezuela with new drill hole information. Gold mineralization is associated with both saprolitic and hypogene units of quartz-sericite altered mafic meta-volcanic rocks that contain up to 20% pyrite.

Comsup Commodities Inc.: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the Kajaran mine located in southern Armenia in support of a potential acquisition. The mineralization at Kajaran is an example of a porphyry-hosted copper-molybdenum deposit.

Comsup Commodities Inc.: Participated in preparation of a Technical Report for the Agarak mine located in southern Armenia in support of a contemplated Initial Public Offering. The mineralization at Agarak is an example of a porphyry-hosted copper-molybdenum deposit.

Confidential Client: Conducted a technical due diligence of the mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates of a Canadian lode-gold deposit in support of financing of a potential acquisition.

Confidential Client: Participated in a technical due diligence review of a number of mines and mineral properties located in Russia in support of a contemplated merger.

Gold Eagle Joint Venture: Prepared a mineral resource estimate and Technical Report for a newly discovered gold-bearing zone located on the former Gold Eagle mine property, Red Lake, Ontario. The mineralization is hosted by narrow silica-rich veins containing abundant visible gold.

Jiangxi Copper Corporation Limited: Conducted a tutorial session to demonstrate the application of the Surpac mine modeling software in construction of grade block models at the Wushan copper mine, Jiangxi Province, China. The mineralization at Wushan is an example of a copper exo-skarn.

High Plains Uranium, Inc: Preparation of a Technical Report for properties located in Texas and Wyoming in support of a listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange and an Initial Public Offering. The mineralization on the properties are examples of the roll-front style uranium deposits.

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International Mineral Corporation: Reviewed a Technical Report for the Guariche property, Venezuela prior to submission to the regulatory agencies for compliance with the provisions of National Instrument 43-101.

Limerick Mines Limited: Preparation of a Technical Report in support of filing of a Final Long Form Prospectus for the nickel mineralization found on the Limerick land holdings in the Bancroft, Ontario area. The mineralization is an example of the magmatic segregation class of nickel-copper deposits.

Minco PLC: Conducted a review of the continuity of the mineralization located on the KM66 property located in Durango State, Mexico. The mineralization is an example of a silver-rich low-sulphidation deposit.

Nord Resources Corporation: Participated in a review of a feasibility study for the Johnson Camp copper deposit, Arizona, and classified the historical mineral resources according to the Canadian definitions. The mineralization at Johnson Camp is an example of a supergene porphyry-related copper deposit.

Olympus Pacific Minerals Inc.: Reviewed historical mineral resource estimates for the Bai Go and Bai Dat gold deposits, Vietnam for their suitability for use in a Pre-feasibility Study.

Orca Gold Corporation Limited: Assisted in designing a diamond drilling and sampling program in support of a mineral resource and reserve estimate for an envisioned silver tailings reprocessing project located in Zacatecas State, Mexico. Prepared a grade block model and preliminary mine schedule in support of preparation of a pre-feasibility study.

Pacific North West Capital Corp.: Analyzed the potential of exploiting the mineralization found at the Dana Lake property, Ontario, by means of an open pit mine using the Surpac software package. The mineralization at Dana Lake is an example of the magmatic-hosted platinum group element class.

Queenston Mining Inc.: Participated in a fatal flaw review of an existing Scoping Study for the Penasquito property, Zacatecas State, Mexico.

RBC Dominion Securities Limited: Participated in a technical due diligence review of the feasibility study for the Piedras Verdes property, Sonora State, Mexico in support of a proposed financing. The deposit consists of supergene copper mineralization that is envisioned to be exploited by an open pit mine and the copper recovered by means of a heap leach, solvent extraction-electrowinning process.

Sabina Resources Limited: Conducted a review of the Quality Assurance and Quality Control protocols for the exploration program at the Follansbee property, Red Lake, Ontario. The mineralization at Follansbee is an example of a sedimentary-hosted, Archean-aged disseminated gold deposit.

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Semafo Inc.: Reviewed the Feasibility Study for two gold deposits in Burkina Faso for suitability for submission for bank financing. The Mana and Wona deposits are examples of saprolite and hypogene deposits that are envisioned to be exploited by means of open pit mining methods.

Young-Davidson Mines, Limited: Prepared a mineral resource estimate and Technical Report for the Matachewan Property, Ontario. The gold mineralization is an example of an Archean-aged, disseminated, intrusion-hosted system which is envisioned to be exploited by means of both open pit and underground mining methods. Participated in identification of an optimized open pit outline. Participated in preparation of a preliminary scoping study which included developing a preliminary mine schedule and examined the economic viability of several development scenarios.

Zaruma Resources Inc.: Prepared a Technical Report in support of filing an Annual Information Form for the gold mineralization found at the San Antonio property, Sonora State, Mexico. Participated in preparation of a mineral resource estimate and a Technical Report that envisioned extraction by means of both open pit and underground mining methods. Gold mineralization is associated with massive pyrite veins and stockworks that are hosted by brecciated quartzite units of Ordovician age.

EDUCATION

M.Sc.(A), Mineral Exploration, 1986, McGill University, Montreal, Québec.

B.Sc., Geology, 1984, Lake Superior State College, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

C.E.T., Geology Engineering Technology, 1982, Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology, Sudbury, Ontario.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and French, passable Italian and some Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario
Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada
Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association (PPDA)
Ontario Prospectors Association
Toronto Branch, Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum

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PUBLICATIONS

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Pressacco, R., 2002, Geology of the Agrium Cargill Township Residual Carbonatite-Associated Phosphate Deposit, Kapuskasing, Ontario: Exploration and Mining Geology, v. 10 Nos. 1 & 2, p. 77 – 84.

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