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CAREER OVERVIEW

Mike has over 30 years of experience as a mining engineer in both open-pit and underground mine operations. Mike is a passionate advocate of the benefits of mine optimisation and resource planning – and, in particular, of the power of Whittle Optimisation software.

Prior to joining us in 2016, Mike was a customer of Whittle Consulting on three separate occasions. His field experience and first-hand utilisation of Whittle software speaks volumes for his belief in our philosophy and product range. Today, Mike assists Whittle Consulting with the conduct of Enterprise Optimisation projects for mining clients all around the world.

Mike's experience includes senior management and executive roles in mine operations, maintenance, engineering and processing in copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver and vanadium mines.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Science (Mining Engineering), South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Webster University, Missouri
- Executive Juris Doctorate degree, Concord School of Law, Kaplan University
- Chartered Directors Certificate, The Directors College, McMaster University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- As Chief Operating Officer of Rainy River Resources, Mike oversaw an enterprise optimisation project for a \$1B gold mine using Whittle Consulting optimisation software. Commencing with a preliminary economic assessment and feasibility study, mining optimisation and processing plans were then implemented.
- As Mine & Infrastructure Manager for the Cerro Casale project in Chile, Mike was a key player in an optimisation project for a \$4B gold and copper mine. A preliminary economic assessment, feasibility study and optimisation of the mining, processing and construction plans were undertaken.
- As Chief Operating Officer for Largo Resources, Mike oversaw the final 6 months of a 24 month, \$300M construction project for a vanadium mine and processing plant in Brazil. Mike oversaw commissioning and start-up and began the phased engineering and construction phases. Mike commissioned Whittle Consulting to complete an Enterprise Optimisation study to determine the optimal mining and processing plan for the expanded operations.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM)
- Member of Society of Mining Engineers (SME)