

# How to Interpret Mining Company Drill Reports & Announcements

### A Simple Guide

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### **Exploration Results**





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inates. Dip refers to nclination, azimuth e of dip direction	Plunge	
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Hole	From	То	Interval	Au	Ag	Comments
(E/N/dip/azimuth)	(m)	(m)	(m)	(g/t)	(g/t)	
MNDD011	163.8	166.8	3.02	140.3	38.2	3m wide quartz lode with
667436E	inclu	ding	0.87	462	115	significant visible gold
7098034N		-				
-75/135						

The hole was drilled at a 75 degree angle on a south east bearing



### **Visual Results**













## Drilling

Drill Method	Cable Tool	Auger	Rotary Air Blast (RAB)	Reverse Cycle (RC)	Diamond Core
System Operation	Winch-driven weight hammers drill pipe into ground. Winch-driven down hole drive stem break the hard ground. Sample sucked into wire-line baler & winched up	Rotary drill with a corkscrew action. Sample s carried to the surface continuously on the auger threads. Additional rods added as required	Rotary drill and hammer action. Compressed air down drill tube. Chip samples blown up the drill hole itself to surface and laid out in rows. Additional rods added	Rotary drill & hammer action. Compressed air down the outer of two tubes pushes chip samples up centre tube to a surface cyclone to be bagged	Rotating rods cut rock and collect 3-6m continuous intact core in a core barrel. Drilling stops and drive is disconnected. Core barrel lifted to surface by wire line, next rod added and drill restarted.
Alternate Names	Percussion drill	Hollow & bucket augers	RAB	RC	DDH
Preferred ground	Soft & loose. Wet or dry	Soft dry ground	Above water table	Above water table	Best in hard ground
Target Accuracy			Poor	Poor	Excellent
Maximum Depth	300m up to 1,500m	60-80m	up to 120m using 3.5" pipe	100-365m	500-5000m
Drill Angles	Vertical only			45-90 degree angle	0-90 degree angle
Nature of Sample	Loose or fragmented rock	Loose clay, sand	Rock fragments (drill chips)	Rock fragments (drill chips)	Largely unbroken rods of rock
Cost/metre	less than \$5/metre	Less than \$5/m	\$6-10/m	\$25-35/m	\$100+/m
Drilling Rate	20m/day	Varies with depth & ground	up to 20-25m/hour	40m/hour	up to 25m/h
Hole/core sizes	10-40cm	10-100cm	10cm	10cm	37-145mm
Drilling medium	Requires water for sampling	Nil	Compressed air	Compressed air	Mud lubricants and coolants

Advantages

drilling costs. Quality sampling in poor or unconsolidated ground. Large sample sizes and alluvial & water sampling. Rigs can be small and Low cost, fast penetration in soft ground portable & suited to remote areas

Low capital cost equipment. Low maintenance & Sampling in soft ground and for beach sands.

Mine dumps and tailings. Can have large Low cost & high mobility. Minimal site diametere holes. Well suited to geochemical preparation. Large sample size and drilling large diameter, straight clean holes. Most suited to deep soil & below transported surficial cover. rates up to 1000 metres per day in suitable ground conditions. Some drills can be hand held.

Continuous, uncontaminated representative sample at a third of the cost of cored holes. Rapid drilling in unconsolidated or hard ground conditions. All the samples are collected, little contamination and large sample volumes

Intact core samples & very long holes in hard rock. Maximum geological information. Accurate targetting for very long directional holes. Best drilling method below water table & for stratigraphic, geotechnical work oriented core, or structural data. Small rigs exist that are mobile for difficult access or underground

Disadvantages

Drilling rate (m/day) low. Very slow & poor penetration in hard ground. Vertical holes only. Retrieval of drill casing can be difficult due to unconsolidated ground collapse in deep holes

Requires dry soft ground. Shallow Requires dry soft ground. Shallow Potential for serious sample contamination & control. Some sample contamination and loss below the water table. Large power unsuited to gravels Sample contamination and loss below the water table. Large power unsuited to gravels. Sample contamination structural data from wall and debris accumulating at base

Large heavy drill rigs. Poor hole orientation requirements, rig access can be a problem as can steep slopes

Very expensive and slow. Poor recovery of unconsolidated samples and weak rock. Some site preparation for large rigs and an adequate water supply is required



## Metallurgy

Excellent gravity and cyanide gold recoveries from Wilber Lode indicate potential for very low processing costs.

The simpler and shorter the process, the cheaper it will be

Gravity recoveries average ~85% ~

A gravity process which liberates gold from rock/mineral

Further processing such as leaching brings gold recovery to a very high 97%

Average total gold recoveries exceed 97% ——

Low-moderate reagent consumption and rapid leach kinetics

Transitional refers to rock/mineral (QV = quartz vein) which has
been partly weathered (affected by external elements such as
water and oxygen etc). Fresh means unweathered rock

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The waste

Grade of processed

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Rock/mineral is ground first to make liberation easier

Sample	Ore	Gold Recovery %			Tails Grade	Calc. Head	Reagent Consumption		Grind Size
Name	Туре	Total Gravity Leach		Au g/t	Au g/t	NaCN (kg/t)	Lime (kg/t)	р80 (µm)	
MNRC034 20-28 m	Transitional QV & Shear Zone	98.60%	59.57%	39.02%	0.24	16.76	0.36	0.40	125
MNRC035 45-48 m	Transitional QV	93.27%	83.15%	10.12%	0.75	11.15	0.77	0.47	125
MNRC039 98-100 m	Fresh QV	98.55%	88.40%	10.15%	0.06	4.14	0.39	0.94	125
MNRC041 97-101 m	Fresh QV	98.92%	84.22%	14.70%	0.17	15.72	0.47	0.33	125



### JORC Resources



Figure 1. General relationship between Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves

Source: JORC Code



		Indicated			Inferred			Total		Doray 80%
	Tonnes	Grade (g/t)	Ounces	Tonnes	Grade (g/t)	Ounces	Tonnes	Grade (g/t)	Ounces	Ounces
Quartz Vein	130,000	24.1	101,000	81,000	27.4	71,000	211,000	25.3	172,000	137,600
Shear Zone	100,000	0.8	2,000	-	-	-	100,000	0.8	2,000	1,600
Total	230,000	14.0	103,000	81,000	27.4	71,000	311,000	17.5	174,000	139,200

Note: No lower cutoff applied-

In most instances a cut-off figure will be applied which refers to the grade at which a deposit is based upon



# Basic Geology

### Fundamental Rock Types

#### **IGNEOUS ROCKS:**

 75% of the Earth's continental crust and over 90% of the oceanic crust

#### **SEDIMENTARY ROCKS:**

 5-10 % of the Earth's crust by volume but cover about 75% of the continents

#### **METAMORPHIC ROCKS:**

• 15 % of rocks at the Earth's surface





### Igneous Rocks



Source: R.Fagan/WASM



### Sedimentary Rocks

CLASSIFICATION OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

CLASTIC SEDIMENTS (class divisons based on grain size)		CHEMICAL SEDIN (class divisions based on nature of	IENTS chemical precipitate)	VOLCANIGENIC SEDIMENTS (class divisions based on grain size)	
COMPOSED OF EITHER MINERAL OR ROCK FRAGMENTS (brackets indicate loose sediment	GRAIN SIZE	CHEMICAL PRECIPITATE	ROCK NAME	Nomenclature is ash if loose and tuff if coherent.	
CONGLOMERATE (gravel)	> 2 mm	CaCO3 (as calcite or as shell material)	LIMESTONE (bioclastic limestone if composed of shells)	AGGLOMERATE (particles > 64 mm)	
0.06 -2 mm SANDSTONE (sand) (quartz sand, lithic sandstone etc) (sand) (guartz sand, lithic sandstone etc)		Iron Oxides with some SiO2	BANDED IRON FORMATIONS (BIF's)	LAPILLI TUFF (particles 2-64 mm)	
SILTSTONE (silt) CLAYSTONE (clay)	4 - 60 microns invisible grains griity feel <4 microns non gritty	SIO2 ( may have Fe or Mn associated)	CHERT JASPER (red colour due to some Fe)	TUFF (particles < 2 mm)	
GREYWACKE ( a sandstone with 15 - 75% mud)	poorly sorted well indurated muddy sandstone	metal sulphides named according to the suphide phase (eg pyritic shale)	SULPHIDIC Shales	Commonly given a prefix depending if composed argely of crystals, rock fragments, or glass. Eg crystal tuff, lithic tuff, or vitric tuff, and the nature of the volcanic component (eg andesitic crystal tuff)	

Shales are well laminated, fissile, fine sands and muds usually formed in deltaic coastal regions.

Siltstones and claystones generally grouped together as mudstones.

Carbonaceous sediments are black or grey and contain significant plant debris. If composed entirely plan debris peat, lignite or coal may be appropriate.



# Metamorphic Rocks

CLASSIFICATION OF METAMORPHIC ROCKS

CONTACT METAMORPHISM (No preferred orientation of minerals)	RE (pref	GIONAL METAMORPHISM erred orientation of minerals)	INDEX MINERALS (first appearance of)	METAMORPHIC GRADE	GRAIN SIZE increases
	SLATE	A planer preferred orientation of platy mica minerals, not visible to naked eye, giving a rock cleavage but no reflection sheen.	muscovite 250 deg chlorite serpentine	very low	downwards
	PHYLLITE	As above but does give a sheen in reflected light.	biotite 300 deg talc	low	2
ALL CALLED HORNFELS generally prefixed with some index mineral names, eg pyroxene hornfels or parent rock name, eg basic hornfels	SCHIST	A planer preferred orientation of abundant micas visible to the naked eye. A strongly developed foliation.	garnet, 400 deg andalusite, cordierite staurolite	medium	
	GNEISS	Coarse grained but lacks abundant mica (generally some biotite) and possess only a weak-to-moderaste foliation.	hornblende 550 deg kyanite, sillimanite alkali feldspar	high	
	GRANULITE	Mainly granular equant minerals with no preferred orientation or 'foliation but may be compositionally banded.	700 deg pyroxenes in absence of amphiboles & micas	very high	+

The metamorphic rock name may be prefixed with an index mineral name, eg andalusite cordierite hornfels, or garnet schist.

Sometimes a non foliated metamorphosed rock may be called after the recognised parent rock type, eg metabasalt, metasandstone.

**Special cases** 

MARBLE: a metamorphosed limestone composed largely of calcite.

QUARTZITE: a metamorphosed rock composed largely of quartz.

AMPHIBOLITE: a metamorphic rock consisting of amphibole and plagioclase.

MIGMATITE: mixed rock consisting of partially melted and non-melted metamorphic materials



### **Ore Grades**

Element	Average Crustal Abundance (ppm)	Mineable Ore Grade (ppm)	Enrichment Factor	Metal prices July (2010)
	0.00	4.000	44.000	¢700 ¢/Гіса!/
	0.09	1,000	11,200	
Tungsten	1.1	4,500	4,000	\$17.00 USD/ID
Lead	12	40,000	3,300	\$0.78/lb
Chromium	110	230,000	2,100	\$2.50 USD/lb
Tin	1.7	3,500	2,000	\$7.93 USD/lb
Silver	0.0750	100	1,330	\$18 USD/Troy Oz
GOLD	0.0035	1	286	\$1200 USD/Troy Oz
Molybdenum	1.3	1,000	770	\$35.00 USD/lb
Zinc	94	35,000	370	\$0.80 USD/lb
Uranium	1.7	700	350	\$60.00 USD/lb
Carbon	320	100,000	310	Sold as graphite of variable quality
Lithium	21	5,000	240	\$50.00 USD/lb
Manganese	1,300	250,000	190	\$1.60 USD/lb
Nickel	89	9,000	100	\$9.00 USD/lb
Colbalt	25	2,000	80	\$40.00 USD/lb
Phosporous	1,200	88,000	70	\$2500/tonne variable
Copper	63	3,500	56	\$3.00 USD/lb
Titanium	6,400	100,000	16	\$20.00 USD/lb
Iron	68,000	200,000	3.4	\$100 AUS/tonne ore grade
Alumium	83,000	185,000	2.2	\$0.90 USD/lb

1 Pound = 0.00045359237 tonnes or 2204.6 pounds = a tonne.

Source: R.Fagan/WASM



Coal

#### Coal Chemistry

These are given what is called a **proximate analysis** as the coal is heated.

QUALITY OF AUSTRALIAN BLACK COALS									
Locality (and Seam)	Geologica Age	al Inhere Moistu	nt Volatile ire Matter	Fixed Carbon	Ash	Total Sulfur	Gross Specific Energy MJ/kg		
NSW	Dormion	0.0	20.0	60 E	10.6	0.25	21.0		
Newcestle (Borehole)	Permian	2.5	20.0	52.5 52.2	10.6	0.35	31.8		
Newcastle (Gt Northern)	Permian	2.0	29.2	52.3	14.8	0.40	30.4		
Singleton (Liddell)	Permian	27	35.8	51.9	9.6	0.54	20.0		
Cessnock (Greta)	Permian	2.2	40.1	50.1	7.6	0.81	31.3		
Oaklands	Permian	12.5	24.8	45.3	17.4	0.45	20.9		
Qld									
Baralaba	Permian	1.0	12.4	79.1	7.5	0.65	33.2		
Goonyella	Permian	1.8	25.4	65.2	7.6	0.54	33.0		
Blair Athol	Permian	8.0	27.4	56.8	7.8	0.22	27.4		
Callide	Triassic	11.5	24.9	48.6	15.0	0.13	22.1		
Millmerran	Jurassic	5.0	42.0	36.8	16.2	0.53	26.7		
Vic									
Wonthaggi	Cretaceou	us 8.4	30.1	52.2	9.3	100	27.4		
SA									
Lake Phillipson	Permian	21.0	39.5	33.1	6.4	_			
Leigh Creek	Triassic	32.5	21.0	30.6	15.9	0.40	15.8		
WA									
Collie	Permian	27.5	26.4	42.1	4.0	0.52	20.1		
Tas									
Fingal	Triassic	4.2	26.2	46.8	22.8	0.30	23.8		

Specific energy is the heat energy of the coal (calorific value). The higher the better.

Sulphur content is a concern in atmospheric pollution or as a steel contaminant

Ash is the leftover noncombustible waste product, the lower the better.

Salt (chloride) content if formed in brackish estuarine water may also be a problem

Source: R.Fagan/WASM