

SONIA KONOPA

PRINCIPAL GEOLOGIST

MSc (Economic & Mining Geology)
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EXPERTISE

Sonia's primary areas of expertise are resource project management, technical data collection protocols and management, 3D geological modelling, geostatistical analysis, resource estimation and resource project auditing.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Sonia is a geologist with more than 20 years experience in exploration and resource evaluation geology. She commenced her career as an exploration geologist with Renison Goldfields in 1986 after completing a BSc (Hons) in Applied Geology at UTS in Sydney. During the next four years she gained a broad range of experience in all aspects of exploration and project work for precious and base metal commodities.

Sonia joined the Placer Dome Group in 1989, and over the next five years made significant contributions to the resource delineation and feasibility work programs of a number of gold and base metal deposits, including the Osborne copper/gold, Mt Rawdon, and Maud Creek gold deposits.

In 1994, Sonia joined the Evaluation Team of the Placer Project Development Group. During the next four years Sonia contributed to a multi-disciplinary team that acted as a technical support group to mine operations, as well as undertaking due diligence studies and project audits on numerous gold and base metal deposits in the Australia-Pacific region. In the role of Senior Resource Geologist at the Porgera gold mine in PNG for four years, Sonia was responsible for maintaining a resource inventory (open pit and underground) as well as training mine personnel in computer applications and resource estimation techniques. During this time, Sonia commenced postgraduate studies at James Cook University North Queensland, and in 2001 completed an MSc in Mining and Economic Geology.

From 2002, Sonia managed her own business as an independent Geological Consultant specialising in project and resource evaluation, working on projects in Australia, China and Indonesia. In 2005, she gained experience in iron ore while spending 18 months at the Savage River Mine in Tasmania working on a pre-feasibility mine expansion.

More recently, Sonia worked for AMC Consultants in the UK office where she assisted in establishing a client base in the European region, contributed to the geology and resource component of scoping and pre-feasibility studies on base metal and uranium projects in Kazakhstan, Turkey, Cyprus and Spain, as well as Competent Person Reporting for the purpose of AIM Listing for clients. Prior to returning to AMC, Sonia spent some time with PanAust Limited working on gold and silver projects in Laos utilising MIK estimation methods, as well as liaising with project exploration personnel with respect to geotechnical and QA/QC data collection protocols.

Sonia's full resume is available upon request.