

# Management in Mineral Exploration

22 - 26 June 2026

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

**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 an Exploration Manager, 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 will also be of interest to anyone who is already an Exploration Manager.

The course would 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.

## Course Leader Nick Franey:

Nick is an exploration geologist and strategic thinker, with 40 years of experience across a broad range of projects. 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 is an engaging presenter and workshop facilitator. He has taught MSc level courses on Remote Sensing & GIS at Rhodes University, South Africa (1990-1992), and on Exploration Management at James Cook University, Australia (2016-2024). He has mentored and coached many young geologists and Exploration Managers, and has written a book about "Mineral Exploration Management".



Nick Franey  
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## MINERAL EXPLORATION MANAGEMENT BOOK INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE

Digital and Hardcopy

"This is a management book about mineral exploration. It does not cover the technical details of exploration methods or technologies. Rather, it focuses on the management process, as it relates to exploration. It is primarily aimed at the newly appointed or inexperienced Exploration Manager, who could do with some guidance on how to manage. However, I hope that others, with more experience, might also find some useful snippets of information, especially any that improve their own performance as managers." -Nick Franey, Author.

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Date	Topic	Context
Day 1 8 am to 5 pm	The Principles and Key Success Criteria of Mineral Exploration Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mineral Exploration Business</li> <li>• General Principles of Management</li> <li>• Mission, Vision and Strategy</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Exploration Management Success Criteria (including the McKinsey Study)</li> </ul>
Day 2 8 am to 5 pm	The Day-to-Day Management of Mineral Exploration	<p>The 5 P's of Exploration Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process, Portfolio, Pipeline, Programme and Performance</li> <li>• <b>Key exploration management decisions:</b> Where, How and When (to give up)?</li> <li>• <b>Exploration methods:</b> Geology, Geochemistry, Geophysics and Remote Sensing - from a management perspective</li> <li>• Engaging consultants</li> <li>• <b>Drilling:</b> Planning, the Drill Contract, Rig Supervision, monitoring drilling performance</li> </ul>
Day 3 8 am to 5 pm	Data Management and Advances Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geochem/Drilling data (the importance of a relational database) and QAQC</li> <li>• Spatial Data (GIS and maps) and Technical Reports</li> <li>• Mineral Resource Estimation</li> <li>• Feasibility Studies</li> </ul>
Day 4 8 am to 5 pm	The Non-Technical Aspects of Mineral Exploration Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HR:</b> Organisationa structure, employment contracts, performance management, staff development and training</li> <li>• <b>Admin:</b> Asset management, field logistics, tenement administration, budgets and expenditure controls</li> <li>• <b>Health and Safety:</b> Risk management, promoting awarness, MERP, incident investigations</li> <li>• <b>Environment:</b> Approvals, Baseline Studies, minimising impacts, rehabilitation</li> <li>• <b>Community Relations:</b> Engagement (and why it matters), standard and guidelines, sticky issues, security, socio-economic development</li> </ul>
Day 5 8 am to 5 pm	Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration Strategy</li> <li>• Identifying and Creating New Projects</li> <li>• Due dilligence studies</li> <li>• Project valuation</li> <li>• Corporate deals in exploration</li> <li>• The Art of negotiation</li> </ul>

**Date:** 22 -26 june 2026 - 5 days

### Registration Fees

**The full 5 days of training including:** Training materials, lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments

**Net Price:** R36 700.00 excl. vat

**Language:** English

**Certificate of participation:** Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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