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# FINEX '08

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## FINAL CIRCULAR

*The conference for all involved in the cross-over world of mineral exploration and the financing of exploration and mining*



## Exploration meets The City

23-24<sup>th</sup> September 2008

The Geological Society, London

Global spend on metal exploration rocketed to \$10 billion during 2007. The increasing demand for metals, reflecting the major hiatus in exploration in the late 90's through to 2002-03, is likely to see this figure increase even more over the next few years. Meeting this demand is going to require exploration in more parts of our planet and probing deeper crustal levels using progressively more refined and sophisticated science and technology. This in turn requires financial commitments from a range of sectors.

FINEX 2008 will provide a unique focus both on London as a major player in global mining finance and on the role of the United Kingdom and Ireland in global mineral exploration and the technological developments that underpin exploration success. Papers will cover all elements of the exploration business, including:

- ◆ Commodity cycles & company strategies
- ◆ Jurisdictions & commodities
- ◆ The junior markets – AIM & PLUS
- ◆ Financing innovation
- ◆ Environmental awareness & reporting
- ◆ Africa – irresistible or still the Dark Continent?
- ◆ Porphyry & epithermal systems
- ◆ Mineral research at UK Universities
- ◆ The skills gap

# Programme

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Tuesday 23 September

## Commodity cycles & major company strategies

**Keynote Address:** The new economic order and the demand for natural resources. *Christopher Goss – International Finance Corp.*  
*Richard Chase – Head of Mining, Ambrian Partners*  
*David Hall – Chairman, Horizonte Minerals, Stratex International*

## Jurisdictions & commodities

*Phil Halliday – Editor, Mining Journal*  
*Corene Crossin – Senior Consultant, Control Risks*  
*Paul Burton – MD, GFMS World Gold Ltd*

## The “junior” markets – AIM & PLUS

*Paul Haddock – Head of Capital Markets, PLUS Markets*  
*Mark Parker – MD, African Eagle Plc*  
*John Meyer – Senior Analyst, Fairfax I.S. Plc*  
*Christian Schaffalitzky – CEO, Eurasia Mining Plc*  
*Job Langbroek – Davy Stockbrokers, Dublin*

## Financing innovation

*Kitty Hall – CEO, ARKeX Ltd.*  
*Martin Rosser – CEO, Alexander Mining Plc*  
*Simon Purkiss – CEO, European Nickel Plc*

## Environmental awareness, responsibility, and reporting in mineral exploration

*Fergus Anckorn – Technical Director, AMEC*  
*Wynand Kleingeld – Chair, Pan-European Reserves & Resources Reporting Committee*

## Sponsored Cocktail Party

Wednesday 24 September

## Porphyry and epithermal systems – scientific and technical challenges

**Keynote Address and Sir Julius Wernher Memorial Lecture:** Porphyry and epithermal systems – science-driven exploration successes. *Richard Sillitoe – Consulting Geologist*  
*Bob Foster – CEO, Stratex International Plc*  
*David Reading – CEO, European Goldfields Plc*

## Africa – irresistible or still the Dark Continent?

*Jon Forster – Head of Exploration, Axmin Inc.*  
*Gordon Riddler – Chairman, Maghreb Minerals Plc*  
*Luis da Silva – CEO, Mano River Resources*  
*Warren Johnstone – MD, MSA Group (UK) Ltd*

## Mineral research at UK universities: technical and conceptual advances

*Reimar Seltmann - CERCAMS Group (Natural History Museum)*  
*David Holwell – SRK Exploration Services Ltd*  
*Steve Roberts - University of Southampton*

## The skills gap

*John Thompson – VP, Technology & Development, Teck Cominco Limited*  
*Panel discussion – Gordon Riddler, Bob Pine, Bill Birch, and Liv Carroll*

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