

# MEG Strategic Report

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- Metals Supply Pipelines
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- Project Status Changes
- Smelting & Refining Charges

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- Copper
- Diamonds
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- Iron Ore
- Lead
- Molybdenum
- Nickel
- Palladium
- Platinum
- Silver
- Tin
- Uranium
- Zinc

## COVERAGE

Each Strategic Report consists of a series of regular articles and two special features.

### Regular Articles

Analysis of current production costs, focused on a specific metal, location, or stage of development.

Regional or company update on capital costs for selected types of projects.

MEG's supply/demand analysis for gold, silver, copper, zinc, platinum, nickel, or other topical metals. Price outlooks from other respected consultants are included.

Update of current smelting and refining charges for copper, lead, and zinc.

Worldwide project status changes update—the latest information on status changes at worldwide precious metals and base metals mines and development projects at a glance, including a synopsis of current status and information on owner(s), percentages held, projected mine startup, mine and mill type, reserves, major metals, grades, and production capacity.

### Feature Articles

Strategic Report articles drawn from MEG's research provide insight into key areas, including acquisition activity, exploration budgets, emerging markets, new and developing mine production. Some samples follow.

- *World Molybdenum Supply 2009, Including a Special Section on Rhenium Byproduct*  
In 2008, molybdenum prices fell dramatically and then continued down to less than \$8/lb in April 2009. With many European and U.S. steel mills running far below capacity, Western demand for molybdenum in the first half of 2009 was down 30% from 2008's highs...
- *World Zinc Supply Pipeline 2009*  
The impact of the global financial crisis on zinc prices and the zinc pipeline will be felt long after the economy recovers. Zinc production cutbacks reduced potential 2009 production by 1.4 million mt...
- *Base Metals and Gold Acquisitions Activity 1999-2008*  
A detailed annual review of trends in base metals and gold acquisitions activity between 1999 and 2008, and details of 2008 activity...
- *Trends in World Exploration Budgets*  
MEG's 19th edition of Corporate Exploration Strategies (CES) shows that the planned 2008 nonferrous exploration budgets of the 1,912 companies included in our study reached \$12.6 billion—the sixth consecutive yearly increase since the bottom of the cycle in 2002 and...

- *Copper Supply Pipeline 2009*

Although copper producers responded to the global economic crisis by cutting back production, delaying expansions, and postponing new mine development, 2009 data so far indicates that weaker consumption will result in a significant market surplus and much lower average prices than in 2008. Looking further...

- *Diamond Acquisitions Update*

A 73% decline in total acquisitions spending on diamonds—\$210.5 million in 2008-09 compared with \$760.2 million in 2007-08. A total of 19.7 million carats in resources changed hands in 2008-09...

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