



## Metals Economics Group announces new version of MineSearch

A fresh face on the most comprehensive source of project information for the global mining industry.

**Halifax, Nova Scotia, April 16, 2009** – Metals Economics Group (MEG), a world leader in mining industry intelligence, is pleased to announce the release of a new version of its MineSearch online database. New features focus on enhancing user experience and streamlining access to and analysis of comprehensive information on the global mining industry.

MineSearch provides an extensive searchable online database of information on 12,000 worldwide precious and base metals, diamond, uranium, and iron ore developing projects and mines. Based on more than 25 years of research and analysis, MineSearch provides clients with the information needed for benchmarking, generating acquisition targets, identifying potential buyers, generating client lists, maintaining watching briefs, competitor intelligence, quick “what if” scenarios, and in-depth, detailed analysis.

Significant new MineSearch features include:

- An **upgraded server platform** provides flexibility in data presentation and manipulation, and the ability to analyze and format data in new ways.
- The elegant fresh look and feel of the **redesigned user interface** facilitates ease of navigation and improves the overall user experience.
- **Improved and streamlined search capabilities** allow users to efficiently target and explore relevant information.
- The **enhanced project profile** allows users to view extensive information quickly—navigate to sections via a clickable menu, expand and collapse sections, easily scan information with improved formatting.
- Users can view information in a **broader range of flexible formats**. The project profile can be converted to a PDF, viewed online, or printed.
- **Improved data downloads** streamline calculations and comparison of projects, and allow easy aggregation of data across multiple projects.
- MineSearch now provides the ability to monitor and receive updates on **multiple user-defined collections of project search results**.
- **User-defined email alert settings** notify users about information that’s important to you—project updates, linked press releases, and notification of projects that meet your search criteria.
- An **embedded online help system** provides easy-to-access answers to user questions. Documentation includes lists of common usage scenarios, with step-by-step instructions for completing each task.

“The main goals of this release are to offer new functionality and enhanced capabilities, keeping pace with ever-shifting Internet and database technology advances and helping to best respond to marketplace demands,” says Dominique di Gesu, MEG’s Chief Operating Officer. “MEG takes pride in its customer-centric approach to product development and customer care. Direct feedback from clients and industry partners played a significant role in the design of this new version of MineSearch.”

The MineSearch community includes most major global mining companies, smaller mining companies focused on growth, financial firms, service and equipment providers, and governments.

MineSearch is available by subscription through Metals Economics Group. For more information, email [sales@metalseconomics.com](mailto:sales@metalseconomics.com), or visit the MEG web site at [www.metalseconomics.com](http://www.metalseconomics.com).

**About Metals Economics Group ([www.metalseconomics.com](http://www.metalseconomics.com))**

Metals Economics Group (MEG) provides information and analysis focused on addressing the strategic needs of the global mining industry. Clients benefit from a painstaking commitment to accuracy, many years of experience, excellent relationships with other industry experts, an unbiased approach to reporting and analyzing the latest trends and issues, and a responsive, personal approach to customer care. Through analysis, information services, and consulting, MEG continuously builds on its foundation as the primary source of intelligence on global minerals exploration, development, and production; strategic planning issues; and acquisitions activity.

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