

Pre-Conference Workshop: Monday 26 May 2008

SAMPLING ERRORS AND CREATIVE ACCOUNTING **Practical Sampling in Difficult Situations**

In association with the AusIMM SAMPLING 2008 Conference, Perth, May 27 - 29

This workshop requires minimum numbers to be viable. Please register early to ensure your place.

So you think that your sampling is good enough? Pierre Gy says:

“the failure of what is aptly called a mining or metallurgical venture can nearly always be attributed to unaccountable sampling errors”

Following the successes of the “Critical Issues in Sampling” Workshops (base metals and gold 2004, and Coal 2005), this advanced level, interactive workshop will address sampling issues across exploration, mine planning, development, extraction, processing, blending, metallurgical accounting and shipping of end product.

It is designed to help you (quality managers, resource managers, geologists, mine planners, metallurgists, process engineers, laboratory managers, contract managers, equipment suppliers, analysts), to gain a better understanding of sampling in difficult situations, and to discuss work in progress to develop improved practice.

The Workshop will address sampling in four areas:

- Exploration and EIS
- Mining and processing (including geometallurgy)
- Shipping product
- Laboratory analyses and metallurgical accounting

Short (10 minute) presentations by experts and industry practitioners on current work and developments will be interspersed with extensive peer to peer discussions between participants and presenters.

Workshop Leaders will include Ralph Holmes (CSIRO), Francis Pitard (USA), consulting companies, operating companies and sampling equipment manufacturers. Industry geologists, engineers, metallurgists and quality managers are invited to participate. ***This will be a very interactive workshop. If you have relevant work to describe or discuss please contact the convenors.***

Further information is available from the Workshop Convenors David Pollard and Geoff Dunlop at sampling@internode.on.net, phone (+61 8) 8362 5545, Fax (+61 8) 8362 0126.