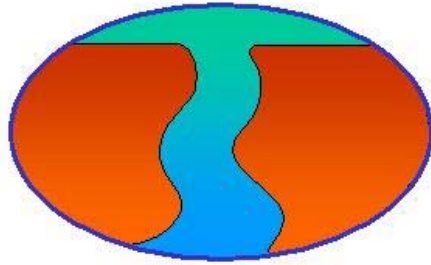


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COMPANY HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

Project Development and Corporate Activities

Mitchell River Group (MRG) is a private investment partnership specializing in the metals and energy industries. MRG provides seed funding and management for early stage resource projects with a primary focus on base metals, particularly nickel and uranium.

The MRG group has established three substantial nickel companies over the past five years, including Sally Malay Mining (now Panoramic Resources) which has the Panoramic project in production; Albidon Limited which has recently completed construction of the Munali Ni-Cu-Co-PGM mine and concentrator in Zambia; and, Mirabella Nickel Ltd which is operating the large Santa Rita nickel project in Brazil.

Reserves and resources defined by MRG companies now exceed 1.5 million tonnes of contained nickel metal. Equity and debt funding raised by MRG for project development in the past five years amounts to approximately US\$600 million. MRG companies are listed on the London (AIM), Toronto and Australian stock exchanges.

The group has also developed significant expertise in iron oxide-copper-gold ('IOCG') deposits and uranium through projects in Exco Resources, African Energy and Energy Ventures.

MRG retains the core technical team that has conducted the resource evaluation, permitting, feasibility studies and project management for these developments. Our in-house technical capability includes leading technologies for database management, resource modelling and visualisation, GIS, geophysical modelling, mine design, metallurgical testwork programs, license management, IT and reporting.

Summary of Current and Recent Projects

1. Albidon Limited (www.albidon.com)

MRG founded and currently owns approximately 10% of Albidon, an Africa-focused mining and exploration company. The Company is listed on the Australian ASX (code:ALB).

The Company is currently operating the Munali nickel-copper-cobalt-platinum deposit in southern Zambia. Munali comprises a 1,200,000 tonne per annum underground mine and conventional sulphide flotation process plant producing over 10,000 tonnes per annum of Ni and other metals. Jinchuan Group of China has a life of mine contract for purchase of the concentrate. The project cost approximately US\$120 million to develop and is currently ramping up production.

MRG partners Donal Windrim and Alasdair Cooke (Director) are founders and major shareholders of Albidon.

2. Exco Resources NL (www.excoresources.com.au)

Exco Resources Ltd is poised for production from its Cloncurry Copper Project (CCP) in NW Queensland having recently completed a Pre-Feasibility Study which successfully demonstrates both the technical and commercial credentials of the project. The project is made up of numerous tenements and mining leases, including the highly prospective E1 Camp (adjacent to Xstrata's Ernest Henry Mine), Great Australia and Monakoff. A Definitive Feasibility Study is now underway targeting Cu-Au production in 2011. The Company's 49.3Mt resource base in NW Queensland contains 519,000 tonnes of Cu and 500,000 ounces of Au, with significant further upside.

Exco also has a joint venture with Polymetals Group Pty Ltd (25%) in the White Dam Gold Project in South Australia. The White Dam Project is located approximately 80kms west of Broken Hill with total resources of 9.1Mt containing 330,400 ounces of gold. The project has now commenced production with the first gold pour occurring in March 2010.

MRG Partners Alasdair Cooke (Founder/Director) and Craig Burton are major shareholders of Exco.

3. Mirabela Nickel Ltd (www.mirabelanickel.com.au)

Mirabela Nickel was founded by MRG in 2002 to develop nickel projects in Brazil. The company has recently announced resources for the Santa Rita sulphide nickel deposit of over 90 million tonnes at 0.6% Ni, with over 720,000 tonnes contained nickel, making it one of the largest sulphide nickel discoveries in the last decade. The Company has completed construction and recently successfully completed commissioning of the project.

MRG partner Craig Burton is currently an Executive Director and major shareholder of Mirabela.

4. Energy Ventures Ltd (www.energyventures.com.au)

Energy Ventures is an ASX listed (code:EVE) investment company specialising in energy and related resource investments, particularly uranium resource projects.

EVE's current investments include:

- 37% of African Energy Resources (see details below);
- 50% of Norrsken Plc, an unlisted JV company exploring for uranium in Sweden;
- 29.9% shareholding in Agricola Resources plc, a UK PLUS listed company exploring for gold in northern Africa; and
- 50% of Wayland Copper, an unlisted joint venture company exploring for copper in Sweden.

MRG partner Alasdair Cooke is currently an Executive Director and major shareholder of Energy Ventures. MRG associate Bill Fry is also a Director.

5. African Energy Resources (Guernsey) Ltd (www.africanenergyresources.com)

African Energy Resources (Guernsey) Limited is listed on the ASX (code:AFR). The Company is focused on identifying and developing uranium resources in Africa with wholly owned tenements and joint venture projects in Zambia and Botswana. African Energy has made four significant uranium discoveries since listing in early 2007. The company has completed Pre-Feasibility Studies at the Chirundu JV Uranium Project where 11 million pounds of uranium have been discovered. A bankable feasibility is currently in progress.

MRG partners Alasdair Cooke (Director) and Donal Windrim are founders and major shareholders of African Energy, MRG Director Frazer Tabart is Managing Director and MRG associate Bill Fry is also a Director.

6. **Norrand Resources Ltd**

Norrand Resources Ltd (Norrand) is an unlisted company exploring for nickel and other metals in Scandinavia. Norrand's main projects are in Sweden where the company holds a large licence position within the Västerbotten nickel district, a region believed to hold the potential for large scale nickel mining.

MRG associates Bill Fry and Olivia Woodland are Directors of Norrand.

7. **Panoramic Resources Ltd (www.panoramicresources.com)**

MRG acquired the Sally Malay nickel project (now known as the Panoramic deposit) from Normandy Ltd in December 2000 and undertook drilling and modelling of the orebody to complete an initial resource and scoping study in 2001. The holding company, Sally Malay Mining Ltd (now Panoramic Resources) was then taken to an IPO and public listing on the ASX in September 2001. A bankable feasibility study was completed in August 2002 and project construction was undertaken in 2003-2004 at a cost of approximately A\$55 million.

MRG partner Alasdair Cooke was a Director until 2005. MRG continues to provide technical services to Panoramic Resources but no longer retains any direct involvement in the company.

MRG TEAM PROFILE



Alasdair Cooke, Director
BSC Hons UWA, MAIG

Mr Cooke is a founding partner of the Mitchell River Group. Mr Cooke has over 22 years experience in the mining industry internationally. Prior to establishing MRG Mr Cooke worked with BHP Billiton's Business Development Group.

Mr Cooke is a former Director of Sally Malay Mining Ltd and is currently Executive Chairman of African Energy Resources Ltd, Executive Director of Albidon Limited, Energy Ventures Limited, Exco Resources NL and Oval Biofuels Limited.

Dr Donal Windrim, Director
BSc Hons TCD, PhD ANU

Dr Windrim has over 22 years experience in the international mineral exploration and mining industry. Prior to his roles with the Mitchell River Group he held technical and management positions with Elf Aquitaine and BHP Minerals International (now BHP Billiton plc).

Dr Windrim's efforts in the past seven years have been directed at generating and developing mineral exploration projects in the regions of Africa targeted by Albidon. Dr Windrim's role is focused on exploration strategy and business development.



Craig Burton, Director
BJuris, LLB, MAICD

Mr Burton is an experienced and active investor in start-up projects and businesses, both public listed and private. Over the last 17 years he has co-founded numerous development companies, with a focus upon the resources, oil and gas, mining services and agribusiness sector.

Mr Burton is currently an Executive Director of Mirabela Nickel Ltd and a Non-Executive Director of Matra Petroleum plc, Solimar Energy Limited, Rewards Group Limited and Capital Drilling.



Gregory (Bill) Fry, Associate

Mr Fry has more than 20 years corporate experience in the mining and resources industry, specialising in accounting, management, business development and general corporate activities. Over the past 14 years Mr Fry has been an Executive Director of Eclipse Resources, a private resource equities investment fund, as well as several other private companies with activities that included minerals exploration, mining and quarrying, land development and waste management.

Mr Fry is an Executive Director of African Energy Resources, Energy Ventures Limited and Norrland Resources and the Managing Director of Oval Biofuels Limited.



Dr Frazer Tabcart, Director
PhD, BSc (Hons) A.R.S.M, MAIG

Dr Frazer Tabcart joined the Mitchell River Group in 2005 as Chief Geologist and consultant to MRG companies Albidon Limited and African Energy Resources Limited. He has over 22 years experience in international exploration and mining projects, including 16 years with WMC Resources, with particular expertise in nickel and IOCG deposits.

Dr Tabcart was appointed Managing Director of African Energy on 1st November, 2007 and is currently a consultant to Energy Ventures Limited.



Lauritz Barnes, General Manager & Director
BSc Hons UWA, MAusIMM

Mr Barnes is a geologist specialising in resource estimation and project evaluation with over 12 years experience. Mr Barnes began working with Mitchell River Group in 1999 as a Geologist and consultant to Sally Malay Mining Limited, Albidon Limited, Exco Resources NL and Valdera Resources Limited. Prior to his employment at MRG Mr Barnes worked for BHP Minerals (now BHP Billiton) working on laterite nickel projects.

Recently his primary consulting roles have been as a Senior Resource Geologist to Mirabela Nickel Limited and as a consultant to African Energy Resources and Energy Ventures Limited.



Lachlan Reynolds, Exploration Manager
BSc (Hons Geology), MAusIMM, MAIG

Mr Reynolds is a geologist with over 19 years experience in mineral exploration, development projects and mining operations. Commencing his career with WMC Resources he has been involved with projects both in Australia and internationally. Prior to joining Energy Ventures, Mr Reynolds held the senior position of Principal Exploration Geologist for Oceana Gold Corporation, managing exploration for the open pit and underground mines in the Macraes and Reefton Goldfields, New Zealand.

Mr Reynolds is also the General Manager – Exploration for African Energy Resources.

Bruce McLarty,
B.Com, BEc

Mr McLarty holds degrees in Commerce and Economics from the University of Western Australia. He has 17 years experience in the mining industry. Prior to joining Exco, Mr McLarty was involved with the Hope Downs Iron Ore Project as the Commercial Manager, where he was responsible for financial and regulatory matters including economic evaluations, native title, aboriginal heritage, land tenure and permitting.

His experience, prior to his involvement in the mining industry, includes stock broking, manufacturing and accounting.



David Chapman, Project Manager

BSc (Hons) UWA, MAUSIMM

Mr Chapman is a geologist with over 25 years experience in the technical evaluation and management of exploration and resource projects. Mr Chapman was Exploration Manager for WMC for nine years before becoming Geology Manager of WMC's Nickel Division.

Subsequent to joining the Mitchell River Group Mr Chapman completed the mining development studies for Albidon's Munali nickel sulphide project, and managed the Bankable Feasibility Study for Mirabela Nickel's Santa Rita disseminated nickel sulphide deposit in Brazil.



Dr Michael Anderson

BSc (Hons Mining Geology), PhD, ARSM

Dr Anderson is a graduate of the Royal School of Mines with a PhD and Honours in Mining Geology. He has over 17 years experience in the southern African and Australian mining industries. His experience has been broad-based extending from exploration geology with Anglo American, through metallurgy and process development with Mintek, to the provision of multi-disciplinary EPCM and project development services with engineering consultancy groups Bateman and Kellogg Brown & Root.

Dr Anderson is currently Managing Director for Exco Resources, and was previously Group Manager for Business Development with Gallery Gold Limited.



Geoff Laing

BSc (Chem Eng), MBA

Mr Laing is a Chemical Engineer with 19 years experience in operations, engineering and project development and has an MBA from The University of Western Australia. He has been involved in local and international projects primarily in base and precious metal commodity lines. His operational experience includes refining operations for Anglo Platinum, BHP and Bulong Nickel. He has been involved in a broad range of projects for major clients through his engineering career with both Bateman Engineering and GRD Minproc, including refining projects for BHP, Anglo American, Norilsk Nickel and Phelps Dodge.

Mr Laing is currently Manager of Business Development for Exco Resources, prior to which he was involved in the development of the Tenke Fungurume Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo as both Study and Process Manager.



Narayan Krishnan, Senior Project Metallurgist

MSc Geoscience & B Tech Metallurgical Engineering (First Class)

Mr Krishnan has had an extensive industrial career spanning a period of over 39 years in the field of nonferrous extractive metallurgy including operations management, technical development and process design. He has worked in various capacities for MIM Holdings Limited, Pasminco Limited and more recently as Group Advisor Metallurgy for WMC Holdings Limited.

Mr Krishnan established the technical consultancy firm OM Metals Trust Pty Ltd in 2004. He has since been associated with the Mitchell River Group and after having completed the metallurgical development of the Munali Nickel project in Zambia, was appointed the Director of Metallurgy to the Mirabela Nickel project in Brazil.



Dale Tyson, Project Metallurgist

Mr Tyson has experience with the design and commissioning of gold and nickel projects in Western Australia as well as supervision of metallurgical test work programs. During Mr Tyson's time at the Mitchell River Group he has been involved with the metallurgical development of the Santa Rita Nickel Project for Mirabela Nickel Limited and the Munali Nickel Project for Albidon Limited.

Mr Tyson has also previously held a position with Roche Mining (JR).



Olivia Woodland, Corporate Lawyer
LLB BA, University of Western Australia

Miss Woodland has over 10 years experience as a legal adviser and Director, working with various exploration, mining and biofuels companies to provide project negotiation and management services. She has been responsible for negotiating the permitting and approvals processes of the regulatory regimes in Africa and Australia for mining projects. Over the past year Miss Woodland has been principally responsible for securing many of the approvals needed for the Munali Nickel Mine in Zambia and for African Energy Resources Limited.

Miss Woodland is currently a Director of Norrland Resources Limited, Oval Biofuels Limited and African Energy Resources (Zambia) Limited.



Mark Richards, Database Administrator

Mr Richards has 23 years experience within the resource industry in both exploration and production. During this period Mr Richards has worked for companies including Aberfoyle Resources, Normandy Mining and Placerdome whom for which he has worked in various roles including drafting/GIS, underground geotechnician, exploration field assistant and database administrator and has a scope from all aspects on the acquisition and management of geological drilling and sampling data.

Mr Richards joined Mitchell River Group early in 2006 during this time he has been responsible for managing all data coming in for all the companies within the group.



Tony Doyle, GIS Administrator

Mr Doyle first joined the group in 2006 as a GIS Administrator after 10 years experience in the exploration mapping, geographic data systems and tenement portfolio management. During this period Mr Doyle worked for a number of mining and exploration companies operating throughout Australia, with major interests in gold, base metals and mineral sands.

Prior to this Mr Doyle had a 20 year career in the underground mining industry with his primary role as a mine surveyor for a number of large underground mining operations. These included positions held with BHP Billiton, BP/Selection Trust, Mount Isa Mines and contract surveying services for oil and gas exploration.

Since joining the group Mr Doyle has been involved primarily in the establishment and administration of exploration mapping and GIS data for operations within South America, Africa and Australia. Mr Doyle's role also includes the production of corporate presentations and publications for a number of MRG associated companies.



Israel Seymour, IT Manager

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Mr Seymour joined the group in 2005 as the IT Systems Administrator. He has 10 years experience in IT including support, development, network engineering, and management. Mr Seymour has worked as an IT Consultant for two years with Open Systems, and holds the Redhat Certified Engineers certification.

Mr Seymour has since stepped into the role of IT Manager for the group under his own company Arifin Pty Ltd.

Mr Seymour has designed, setup and maintained all MRG's Perth based IT infrastructure, and has also setup systems in several remote locations including Albidon's Munali project whilst maintaining a consultancy and support service to the group.

Dr Robert Barbour

MBBS UWA, MPH&TM JCU

Dr Rob Barbour has been an Occupational Health Physician for 20 years and has been working in the oil and gas and mining industry for 10 years in the areas of Occupational Health and Safety and Social Responsibility. He has experience in mine project development and mining on all continents with a range of different companies and has a particular interest in the development of mining in Africa."