

## Personal Details

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## Education

Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne, 2010

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## Employment History

### February 2022 – Current, Exploration Manager, ACDC Metals (ASX:ADC)

Managing all aspects of exploration for ASX listed ACDC Metals (ASX:ADC). This includes drafting ASX announcements, acting as a competent person for ASX releases, Contractor selection and management, data management, process design and implementation, target generation and interpretation and company representation. Visit [www.acdcmetals.com.au](http://www.acdcmetals.com.au)

### February 2022 – Current – Contract Geologist, Hammer Metals (ASX:HMX)

Working as a contract geologist in the Mary Kathleen and Eastern Fold belts near Mount Isa. All aspects of day to day greenfields exploration – mapping, target generation, sampling etc. Visit [www.hammermetals.com.au](http://www.hammermetals.com.au)

### May 2016 – Current, Managing Director, Langdon Warner Pty Ltd

Langdon Warner is a private Australian exploration company focussed on creating value via project generation and early stage project development. Currently the company is focussed on developing the Mount Shaw Copper and Gold Project in Central Queensland. Visit [www.langdonwarner.com](http://www.langdonwarner.com) for more information.

### October 2017 – October 2020 – Founder, Managing Director, Gippsland Prospecting

Founded the company and successfully applied in the Stavely ground release for an exploration licence. Worked on all aspects of the company, from administration to data collation. Successfully completed a sale to ASX listed Battery Minerals in a cash and share deal valued at ~\$10 million.

### Founder, Chief Geologist, Aurora Minerals Group, visit [www.aurora.kz](http://www.aurora.kz)

August 2015 – May 2018

Founded an Exploration services business in Kazakhstan. Aurora is the agent for SkyTEM in Central Asia and Russia, Australian companies Groundprobe and Intrepid Geophysics providing products and services in Kazakhstan. Aurora also provides exploration project planning and management in Kazakhstan. Currently the main consulting project is a large greenfields gold project in North Kazakhstan. For more information visit [www.aurora.kz](http://www.aurora.kz).

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Technical leadership and strategy of the whole company.
- Selection of which partnerships to form with international service providers.
- Training of geologists in various software packages (Micromine, Global Mapper, Geosoft, QGIS/ArcGIS etc.)
- Drafting and review of technical reports to clients and government.
- Liaising with all service providers in relation to technical and operational matters.
- Planning and executing airborne geophysical surveys in partnership with SkyTEM.

## **Exploration Geologist, Iluka Resources**

December 2011 – August 2015

Part of the Project Generation team. Worked on early stage projects in Australia, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, United States and Kazakhstan. Moved to Kazakhstan from 2014 to work full time on a large greenfields project in the North of the country. Commodities searched for were Mineral sands and Tin.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- International project generation was the main responsibility of this job.
- Identifying early stage mineral sands opportunities globally.
- Planning and executing reconnaissance trips.
- Reviewing external opportunities for management
- Drafting and reviewing submissions to the board for new country entry.
- Planning and executing greenfields drilling programs.

### **Key Achievements:**

- First 'boots on the ground' in Kazakhstan for Iluka.
- Spent ~2 years working on the Kazakhstan project to get it to a stage where the board agreed for Iluka to officially enter Kazakhstan. This involved identifying and applying for tenure over ~60,000 square km in North Kazakhstan.
- Identified multiple early stage opportunities in Australia and Africa that have subsequently been pursued by Iluka Resources.
- Discovered a large, fine grained (~70 micron) mineral sands deposit on Roebuck plains station.

## **Exploration Geologist, Atlas Iron**

January 2011 – December 2011

This position FIFO doing greenfields exploration for Atlas Iron. Duties include RC and Diamond rig supervision and logging, geological mapping and modeling to a JORC standard (Mapinfo, Surpac), drill program planning, graduate/contractor management and training, supervision and compliance with OSH and environmental protocols.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- RC drill rig supervision
- Field staff training and supervision
- Contractor management

### **Key Achievements:**

- Part of the team that extended the resource at McCamey's north Iron deposit.
- Discovered ~30 million tonnes of Iron ore at the Hickman project.
- Supervised multiple rigs during the drill out of the McPhee Creek Project.

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## **Professional Affiliates**

Society of Economic Geologists

Australian Institute of Geoscientists

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## **Skills and Competencies**

- Advanced skills in Geographic Information systems (GIS).
  - Extensive international and remote experience.
  - Competent with a wide range of Geological/geophysical software
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