

Gavin Becker & Associates



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Resources Industry Consultant

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Areas of Expertise

- Extractive Metallurgy (particularly innovative hydrometallurgical technology)
- Business Development (including Project and Commodity Marketing)
- Operational Commissioning and Business Improvement
- Project Development and Feasibility Studies

Education

MBA, Bond University, Qld, 1999

ARSM, BSc (Eng) (Honours in Metallurgical Engineering), Imperial College (London University), UK, 1974

Professional Affiliations

FAusIMM

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Career Summary

Gavin Becker has been active for >45 years (since graduating as a metallurgist) in Australia, Southern Africa and many other parts of the world, gaining wide experience in the mining industry. The bulk of his career has been spent with several well established mining industry related companies including Lepidico, Metallica Minerals, GHD, Gladstone Pacific Nickel, URS Corporation, Dominion Mining, Western Mining Corporation, Davy McKee, Mintek and Anglo American.

Gavin has worked on many major mining projects, being involved in

- mine and process plant commissioning and production;
- operations management and business improvement;
- project development and optimisation;
- engineering and process design;
- research and development;
- commodity marketing; and
- sustainability, community/govt relations (including Native Title and OH&S).

His experience includes operations or projects associated with the commodities of lithium, gold / silver; scandium, nickel and cobalt; uranium; lead / zinc; heavy mineral sands; and copper. He was most recently GM Business Development at **Lepidico** Limited (ASX : LPD), having previously been its Managing Director when it was a private lithium exploration company, commercialising new Lithium extraction technology; until its listing on the ASX in 2016.

Gavin was CEO at **Metallica Minerals** Ltd (ASX : MLM) from 2011 to 2013 with particular responsibility for all aspects of the innovative SCONI Scandium, Cobalt, Nickel Project. SCONI is currently being reinvigorated by Australian Mines (ASX : AUZ), following purchase from MLM. He was a Director of Marenica Energy Ltd (ASX : MEY) from 2010 to 2016, and remains a member of MEY's Technical Steering Committee, developing U-pgrade™. Prior to MLM he worked with **GHD** for 2 years as Business Leader Mining and Metals. At that time (and earlier whilst with URS) he was also a Director of Austmine Ltd - promoting Australia's METS (mining equipment, technology & services) sector.

He worked with **Gladstone Pacific Nickel** Limited as General Manager from 2005 to 2009, after some 5 years with **URS Corporation** as Mining Business Line Leader (Asia-Pacific), which included an extended stint of consulting into Yabulu for BHPB SSM, and independent expert witness work on Minara's (now Glencore's) Murrin Murrin project. Before joining URS he was involved in the following nickel laterite projects – Calliope Metals (President and CEO – 1996 to 1997), as well as Marlborough and Bulong (Preston Resources – 1998 to 2000).

He led 3 successful Native Title Agreement negotiations (1998/9, 2007, 2011/12)

With **Dominion Mining** for 10 years (1986 to 1996), mainly in Western Australia, he was Yakabindie Project Manager and Group Metallurgist, preceded by being Operations Manager of that Company's first gold mine (Cosmo Howley, NT).

At **Western Mining Corporation** from 1980 to 1986, he was Technical Services Supt at Kambalda Nickel Operations, senior process engineer at Kwinana Nickel Refinery, and initially a key team member on the Yeelirrie Uranium Project.

Prior to his time at WMC Resources, Gavin worked on uranium and gold mines in South Africa with **Davy**, and whilst at **Mintek** was intimately involved in the development of the Carbon-in-Pulp process for gold extraction – now widely used around the world (contribution recognised by the SAIMM – silver medal).

Initial post-graduate experience – ISF, Kabwe, Zambia (NCCM/**Anglo American**).

Gavin is a Fellow of the AusIMM, a Chartered Professional (Metallurgy), and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He participated in 'ResourcesQ' 2014-15 (with 5 other resource industry experts) to help Queensland Government drive growth in the sector over the next 30 yrs.

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