

MPIGM Workshop October 18 2014 Mining Modifying Factors, Open Pit Roger Dixon South African Representative CRIRSCO







# **Presentation Agenda**

- 1. General Open pit modifying factors
- 2. The importance of structural geology, geotechnical engineering and geohydrology;
- 3. Dilution and recovery factor





# Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Reserves - Mining Factors

#### Describe;

Method and assumptions used in the PFS or FS to convert the Mineral Resource to Mineral Reserve ie by pit optimisation, preliminary or detailed design.

The parameters used to derive the cut-off grade.

The choice of, the nature and appropriateness of the selected mining method(s), the size of the selected mining unit (LxWxH)





# **Open Pit Mining Factors**

#### Describe;

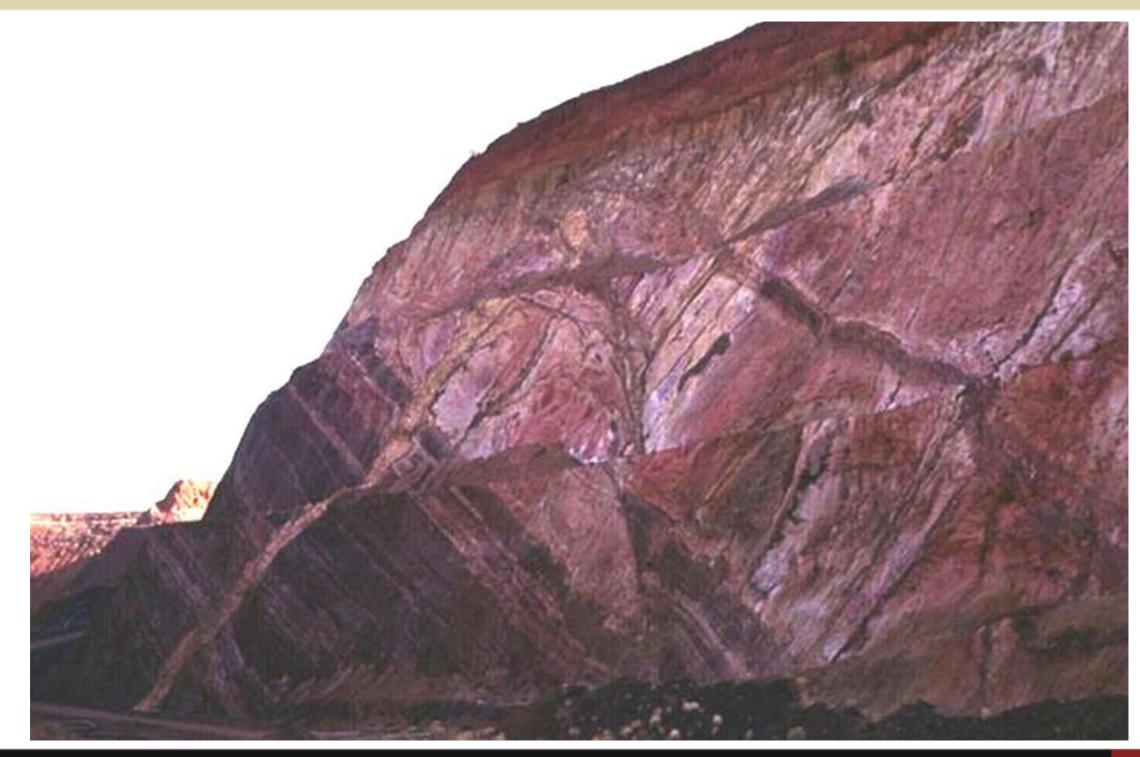
The assumptions made regarding geotechnical parameters eg. Pit slopes, pre-production drilling and structural geology;

Geo-hydrological status – extent of water testing, is the pit slope design dry or wet; and

The Mineral Resource model used for pit optimisation Smallest Mining Unit (SMU)



# **Complicated Structures**







# Complex structural geology







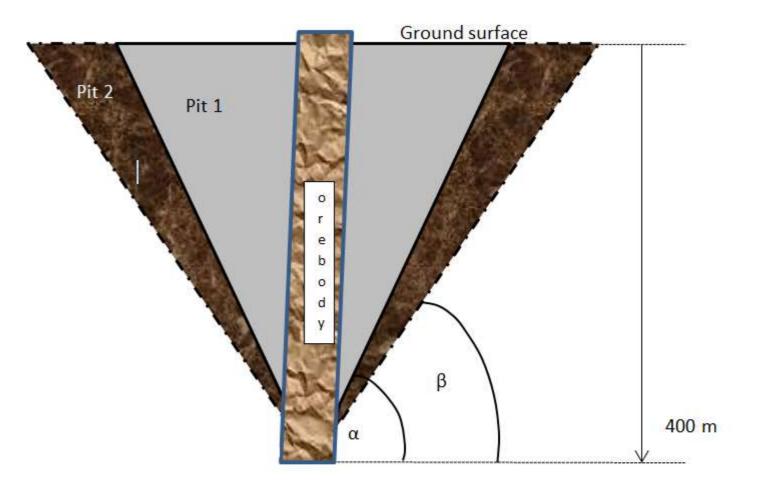
# Complex structural geology







# Impact of slope angles on pit economics

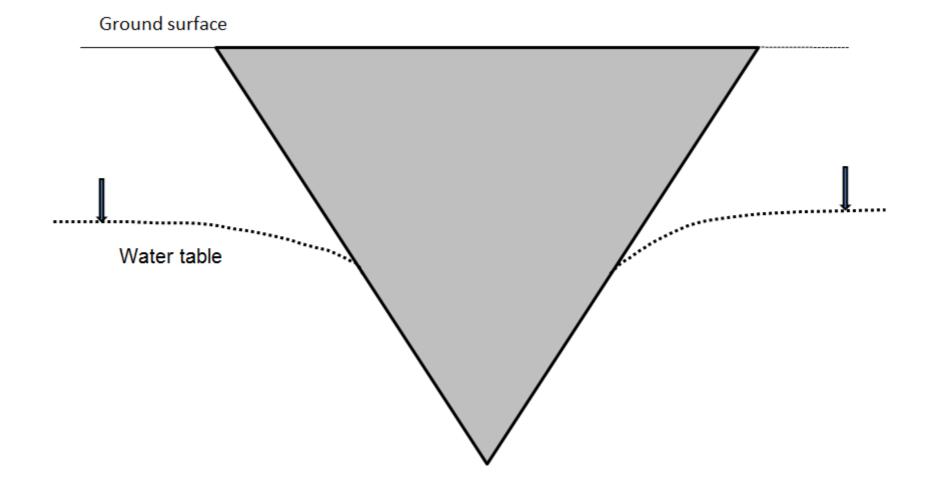


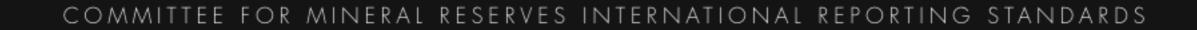
	Pit 1	Pit 2	Pit 3	
Slope - degrees	60	59	45	
Waste - Mt	134	141	291	
% Waste increase	Base Case	6%	117%	





#### Wet wall slope pit mining

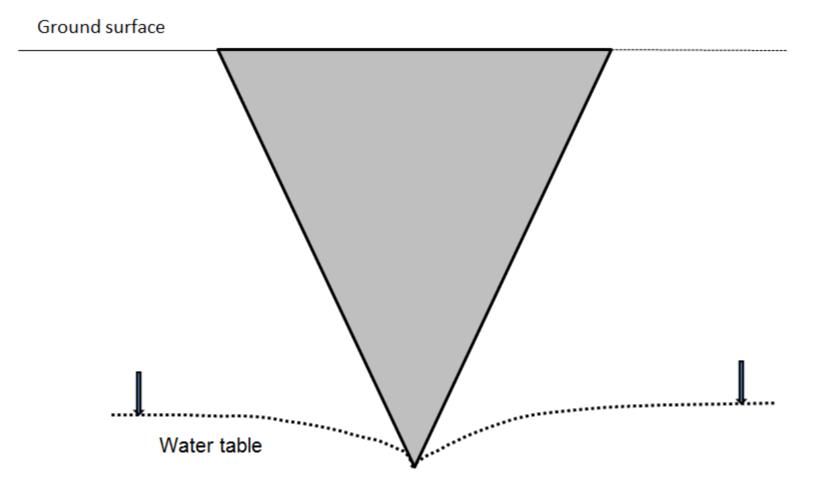








#### Dry wall slope pit mining







# Bingham Canyon







# Slope failure









# **Open pit Mining Factors**

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Mining dilution factors used;

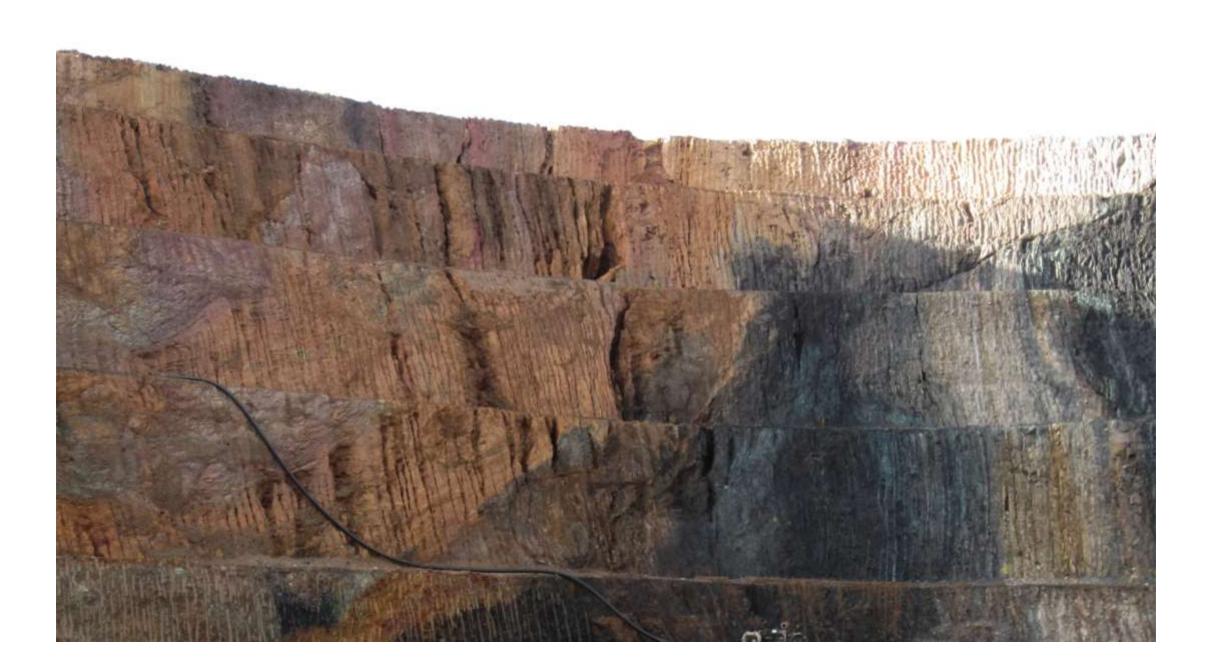
Mining recovery factors; and

The extent to which Inferred Resources are contained in the pit production schedule and the sensitivity of the outcome to their inclusion



























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# Any Questions?

