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## SME's 8th Current Trends in Mining Finance Conference (CTMF 2023)

# Managing Risk and Identifying Opportunities in a Disruptive World - Where Finding, Financing and Securing Supply is Critical

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Monday May 8 - Thursday May 11, 2023

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## DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY 8-11, 2023

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### KEY

- The Shearman Room
- Track II Room 2G/H
- Boardroom 2E
- Recharge & Refresh Room 2F
- Recharge & Refresh Room 2J
- Track III: Room 3F

### MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

The Sunday May 8, 2023 afternoon Workshops I and II will be held within conference rooms at Shearman & Sterling.  
The evening reception and dinner will be in the Shearman Room and nearby Conference Rooms with live audio and visual feed on flat screens.

12:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshop I. (A) <b>Managing Construction Risks &amp; Mitigating Consequences on Mining Projects</b> (B) <b>Assessment of the Productivity of a Mining Project through Mine-to-Mill Reconciliation: Importance of Post-Investment Reviews</b>	Workshop II. <b>S-K 1300 Disclosure by Registrants Engaged in Mining Operations</b>
4:45 PM – 7:20 PM	<b>Welcome Reception and Dinner</b> at Shearman & Sterling. Guest Speakers: <b>Peter Boockvar</b> , Chief Investment Strategist, Bleakley Financial Group – <b>What is Ahead in the Financial Markets?</b> and <b>Laura Granier</b> , Partner, Co Head, Metals & Mining, Holland & Hart: <b>What is the Latest at Thacker Pass?</b> <b>SPONSOR: RED CLOUD SECURITIES INC.</b>	

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## TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

The morning portion of Tuesday May will be held within all rooms with live broadcast from Shearman Room. After lunch there will be two tracks and after the afternoon refreshment break there will be three tracks. At times there will be three tracks. Track one will be in the Shearman Room. Track two will be in nearby conference rooms with live audio and visual feeds onto flat screens. Track three will be in another Boardroom. Several ante rooms will serve as Recharge & Refresh rooms.

7:00 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> <b>SPONSORS: SRK CONSULTING; McEWEN MINING; McEWEN COPPER</b>		
8:00 AM		<b>Conference Opening: New York SME</b>		
8:05 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Shearman &amp; Sterling LLP</b>		
8:10 AM		<b>Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) and SME Foundation</b>		
8:15 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.1. <b>Deep Dive on Mining’s Financial Trends as Regards Global Profit Forecasts, Capex Plans and Exploration Spending:</b> Keynote:		
8:40 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.2. <b>Many Risks, Many Opportunities: An ESG Ratings Provider’s Perspective of the Mining Sector:</b> Keynote		
9:05AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.3. <b>Key Trends: Overcoming Challenges and Disruptions Impacting Financing Mines Today:</b> Roundtable:		
9:50 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.4. <b>U.S. DOE Spectrum: Innovation to Commercialization to Support Energy Transformation:</b> Roundtable: Current and future opportunities to identify and promote research and development and that will deliver the resources to reach a carbon-free future.		
10:35AM	<div><div></div></div>	<b>Networking Refreshment Break</b> <b>SPONSORS: REYNA GOLD AND REYNA SILVER</b>		
10:55AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.5. <b>Metals Pricing Trends &amp; Outlook: Where Are We in the Mining &amp; Metals Cycle? What is the Outlook for Precious, Critical, Base, Battery and Other Metals? What’s Different?</b> Roundtable		
11:40AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.6. <b>A Current Perspective about Critical Minerals re Economics and Policy:</b> Roundtable		
12:25 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Keynote Speaker Lunch:</b> held within all rooms with live broadcast from Shearman Room		
12:35 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.7. <b>Keynote Speaker: Government of Quebec:</b> To be announced <b>SPONSOR: GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC</b>		
1:20 PM		I.8. <b>Current Look at China &amp; Impact on Global Minerals Supply Chains:</b> Roundtable	I.8A. <b>Having Your Smart Phone and Using It Too: How to Address NIMBY Issues for Miners and All of Us:</b> Roundtable	
2:05 PM		I.9. <b>The Importance and Challenges of Raising Finance for Exploration and Early-Stage Development; What is Different Today:</b> Roundtable	I.9A. <b>Obstacles and Opportunities in Domestic Critical Minerals and Battery Metals Supply Chains:</b> Roundtable	
2:50 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.10. <b>Securing Mineral Supply Chains &amp; Conflicting Policy Priorities:</b> Keynote	I.10A. <b>The Automotive Industry Faces a Supply Chain Issue: China Dominates Critical Minerals Processing:</b> Keynote	
3:15 PM	<div><div></div></div>	<b>Networking Refreshment Break</b> <b>SPONSORS: SRK CONSULTING; McEWEN MINING; McEWEN COPPER</b>		
3:35 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	I.11. <b>Root Causes of Delays in Regulatory Approval of New Mineral Development Projects: Roadmap to Success:</b> Roundtable	<div><div></div><div></div></div> I.11A. <b>New Challenges in Resource &amp; Reserve Disclosure:</b> Roundtable	<div><div></div></div> 1.11B. <b>Energy I: Uranium; Nuclear Power</b>
4:20 PM	<div><div></div></div>	1.12. <b>Financing Projects with Jurisdictional, New Technology and other Challenges:</b> Roundtable	<div><div></div><div></div></div> I.12A <b>U.S. SEC Rule S-K 1300 Disclosure Rules for Mining Registrants: Are you Ready?</b>	<div><div></div></div> 1.12B. <b>Energy II: Natural Gas, Coal, Hydrogen</b>

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6:00 – 7:30 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Tuesday Evening Reception</b> – Food and Beverage at Shearman & Sterling with Guest Speaker: <b>Rob McEwen</b> , Chairman, McEwen Mining: <b>Entering a New Supercycle for Metals Without the Workforce to Maximize the Moment!</b> <b>SPONSORED BY ARK SILVER; BIG ROCK INDUSTRIES; BLAKES; COSTMINE INTELLIGENCE; DOLLY VARDEN SILVER; GUANAJUATO SILVER; HONEY BADGER SILVER; RELEVANT GOLD</b>				
7:30 PM		Conclusion of Day One of the Conference				
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP						
After two guest speakers’ presentations on Wednesday May 10, 2022 at CTMF there will be three tracks on Wednesday. Track one will be in the Shearman Room. Track two will be in nearby conference rooms with live audio and visual feeds. Track three will be in another Boardroom. Several ante rooms will serve as Recharge & Refresh rooms.						
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8:00 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.1A <b>Keynote:</b> Douglas Silver, CEO, <b>Balfour Holdings LLC</b> re: <b>The Conflict between ESG and Shareholders</b>				
8:25 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.1B <b>Fireside Chat:</b> Bob Quartermain, DSc., <b>Dakota Gold</b> , Co-Chairman with Anthony Vaccaro, President, <b>The Northern Miner Group</b> plus				
9:00 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.2. <b>Project Management: Why Some Projects Succeed, Some Fail</b>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.2A. <b>Applying Key Principles &amp; Learning About ESG in Mining</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.2B <b>Filling the Supply Gap for Copper: The Most Critical Metal of All</b>
9:45 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.3. To be announced	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.3A <b>Importance of and Methods to Manage First Nations Issues</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.3B <b>Mexico’s Silver Renaissance</b>
10:30AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Networking Refreshment Break</b> <b>SPONSORS: REYNA GOLD AND REYNA SILVER</b>				
10:50 AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.4. <b>Designing Project Finance Structures to Endure the Mining Business Cycle</b>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.4A. <b>Human Capital Relevancy in Investment Successes and/or Failures</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.4B <b>Extractive Metallurgy for Rare Earths and Critical Minerals</b>
11:35AM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.5. <b>The Importance of the Robustness of Various Studies in a Mining Project Cycle</b>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.5A. <b>Mining Sector GHG Emissions and Water Use Zero Emissions: What Do the Numbers Say?</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.5B. <b>Getting to Net Zero by Effectively Combining Primary and Secondary Metals:</b> Roundtable
12:20 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Keynote Speaker Lunch</b> <b>SPONSOR: RESPEC CONSULTING</b>				
12:35 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.6. <b>Keynote Speaker Lunch:</b> Roundtable Discussion: <b>How Best to Manage, Evaluate Performance in Mining Today:</b> A Conversation with Bob Quartermain, DSc, Co Chairman, <b>Dakota Gold Corp</b> and Rob McEwen, Chairman, <b>McEwen Mining</b> and <b>McEwen Copper</b> with Anthony Vacarro, President, <b>The Northern Miner Group</b>				
1:30 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.7. <b>M&amp;A and Consolidation Trends</b>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.7A. <b>ESG &amp; Mine Closure: Changing Landscape for Reporting</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.7B. <b>Nickel and Lithium: Needed Battery Metals for the EV/ Energy Revolution:</b> A Discussion
2:15 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.8. <b>Quantifying &amp; Managing All Risks: Geopolitical, Technical, Financial, Social, &amp; Environmental</b>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	II.8A. <b>Broader Frontier Issues in Mining and the Circular Economy</b>	<div><div></div></div>	II.8B. <b>Metals and Commodities:</b> Discussion
3:00 PM	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<b>Networking Refreshment Break</b> <b>SPONSORS: REYNA GOLD AND REYNA SILVER</b>				

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3:20 PM	•	II.9. The Value & Importance of Listing on the OTC Markets	••	II.9A. A Risk Management Approach to Valuing ESG Performance	•	II.9B. To be announced
4:05 PM	•	II.10. What We Have is a Failure to Communicate: How Mining Communications Fail to Benefit Stakeholders	••	II.10A. How to Get Systemic Decarbonization of Mining Paid For and Engineered	•	II.10B. Financing Water Needs: Why Off-Balance Sheet Financing of Water Assets is More Than an Option, It's Critical in Today's Environment
5:10 PM	••••	<b>Closing Remarks</b> by Conference Chair				
5:15 – 8:00 PM	•••••	<b>Reception</b> – Food and Beverage at Shearman & Sterling <b>SPONSORED BY ARK SILVER; BIG ROCK INDUSTRIES; BLAKES; COSTMINE INTELLIGENCE; DOLLY VARDEN SILVER; GUANAJUATO SILVER; HONEY BADGER SILVER; RELEVANT GOLD</b>				
8:00 PM		<b>Conclusion of Day Two of the Conference</b>				

### THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

Morning and Afternoon Workshops on Thursday May 11, 2023 will be held within conference rooms at Shearman & Sterling.

7:45 AM		<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> <b>SPONSORED BY SRK CONSULTING; McEWEN MINING; McEWEN COPPER</b>	
8:00 – 11:30 AM	●●	Workshop III. <b>Critical Aspects for Technical Due Diligence and Assessing Project Risks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshop IV. Part One: <b>How to Quickly and Reliably Estimate Mining Costs;</b> Part Two: <b>Valuing Mineral Assets and Operations – Understanding Valuation Issues in a Changing World</b></li></ul>
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM		<b>Networking Lunch</b> <b>SPONSOR RESPEC CONSULTING</b>	
11:45AM – 4:30PM	●●	Workshop V. <b>Pathway to Project Success</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshop VI. To Be Announced</li></ul>
4:00 PM		<b>Conclusion of the Conference</b>	

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