



Mining for Non-Miners

DURATION

5 days

CONTACT HOURS

30

LEVEL

Foundation

FEE PER DELEGATE

US\$1,500

The whole mining cycle for people who fund, supply, regulate or report on it without working underground.

Mining is argued about by far more people than understand it. This week builds the picture end to end, from the geology that puts an orebody somewhere to the closure plan that outlives the pit, in plain language and against real operations rather than theory. It is aimed squarely at people who have to make decisions about mining without having come up through it, and it does not patronise them.

Available as classroom, live online, in house.

Who it is for

Bankers, analysts and investors, lawyers and regulators, suppliers and contractors, government officers, and corporate staff in finance, HR, procurement and communications at mining companies.

What you will be able to do

- Follow the mining cycle from exploration through to closure.
- Tell open pit from underground work, and know why each is chosen.
- Read the basic vocabulary of grade, tonnage, recovery and cut off.
- Understand where the money goes and where the risk actually sits.
- Ask a technical team a question that gets a useful answer.

The outline

DAY 1

Where orebodies come from

Ore, waste, and what makes rock worth moving · Deposit types in one pass · Exploration, and why most of it finds nothing

DAY 2

Getting it out

Open pit: benches, ramps and strip ratio · Underground: access, stoping and ground support · Drill, blast, load and haul

DAY 3

Making it saleable

Crushing, grinding and liberation · Separation and concentration · Recovery, and why it is never a hundred

DAY 4

The business

Capital and operating cost, and the difference between them · Grade, cut off, and the reserve that follows from price · Licence, community, and the cost of losing either

DAY 5

The end

Tailings and waste rock · Rehabilitation and closure liability · What a mine leaves behind

What you leave with

- A working vocabulary that survives a meeting with engineers.
- A map of the cycle with the decision points marked.
- A short list of the questions worth asking about any project.

Published dates

DATES	WHERE	FEE
23 to 27 November 2026	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	US\$1,500
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7 to 11 December 2026	Durban, South Africa	R15,000
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