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Peter Turner has more than 20 years' experience working on mineral deposits in Africa, Australia and Asia. His focus has predominantly been on gold and base metals projects in West Africa, including Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea with various companies including Golden Star Resources and Placer Dome. In recent years Dr Turner has been involved in business and project development at a senior level. Nemex Resources is exploring its Coastal Iron Ore Project in Guinea, West Africa.

handing in my PhD in 1995 and reflecting on the challenge that it presented: living in a small African village for eight months, walking 2500km during the production of a 3000km² geological map, not to mention collecting two tonnes of rock samples for analysis in a known gold belt. Avoiding poisonous snakes in the bush and treating myself for malaria and dysentery came with the job. The other involves a virgin discovery of gold mineralisation at the Awak Mas gold project in central Sulawesi, Indonesia. It was special to me as it taught me a good lesson in exploration - make sure you get the geology correct. On this occasion, an area close to an existing gold orebody was mistakenly identified as limestone and ruled out as a prospective target by the company for which I was consulting. Some detailed field work over a number of weeks in this mountainous area showed that the cliff face was not actually limestone but a fault scarp revealing the edge of an altered gold ore body. The new discovery was high-grade and occurred only 4km from an existing gold project. In fact, every day for the previous few years, the exploration team drove passed this satellite deposit without knowing it.

African wife, I have to say Africa. Each country in Africa is different and each has its challenges, but the mineral wealth is extraordinary. I can see that Africa will be the destination for many minerals companies in the next 50 years. But as a geologist and managing director, I am in an enviable position of being able to visit any destination for Nemex should a new and prospective project become available.

How do you like to start your working day?

With a strong cup of coffee and some thoughts about the contents of my diary. I try and prioritise the daily activities but making sure the exploration team in Africa is well supported and moving forward as planned is always at the forefront of my mind. Having a strong technical background means that I will always be thinking about the progress of existing projects and looking at opportunities to acquire new ones, so I usually start and end my working day with similar thoughts.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this job?

I can't imagine doing anything else. I am a geologist and am pleased with my choice of career as geology can be used everywhere you go. I teach my kids about rocks when we're on holiday and find they have a natural curiosity with everything to do with rocks, especially iron

ores I bring home from Nemex's projects in Africa. If I was forced to do another job, it would be related to rocks and the outdoors.

What piece of technology couldn't you do without?

My computer, without question. My iPhone is important for communication but the geological software I have on my computer allows me to understand critical data that can give Nemex the competitive edge against other companies.

Who would you most like to share your working lunch with and why?

My lunch invitation would go out to a number of inspirational people who have faced enormous challenges in their careers and who have battled on to be at the top of their league despite being down-to-earth individuals. This would include Warren Buffet, the billionaire investor; John Borshoff, the Paladin Energy chief; Mark

Calderwood, Perseus Mining's managing director; and my father if he were still alive. I would also throw a wildcard invitation to Scottish comedian Frank Boyle. Should be an interesting lunch.

What is your management style?

I believe in working hard and setting an example through my own hard work. I enjoy working with dedicated professionals who have a similar work ethic, and understand that everyone has a different but important role to play in the development of a company. The other critical ingredient to management success, I believe, is good communication within the company. To this end, I promote weekly meetings to discuss company updates, weekly targets, outstanding issues, results and future plans.

What is your greatest professional achievement to date?

Two spring to mind, and both for different reasons. The first is

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BY KARL FRANZEN

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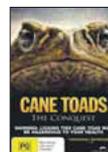
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