



Alan Smit

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Forensic Accounting Expert in the Energy Industry

With 20 years of forensic accounting experience, Alan is a seasoned expert in the energy industry. Recognized by his peers for his technical prowess and innovative analytical approach, Alan has been instrumental in quantifying some of the most significant and technically complex mining, oil & gas, and power generation claims of recent times. Clients worldwide, spanning Australia, Asia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, the Americas, and Africa, depend on his insightful ability to accurately assess energy losses and provide strategic direction.

His extensive mining experience encompasses business interruption losses that cover Coal, Iron Ore, Gold, Nickel, Uranium, Copper, Diamonds, Salt, and Mineral Sands. Alan's power generation practice focuses on fossil fuels and renewables and has included losses that resulted from wind turbine failures, power plant damage caused by earthquakes, gas pipeline leaks, coal plant failures, and steam turbine failures.

As Mining Practice Co-Leader, he has reviewed numerous large complex mining losses in addition to overseeing MDD's mining-related assignments, ensuring quality and consistency, mentoring junior team members, and creating industry-relevant seminars.

Often referred to as a forensic accountant who thinks like a mining engineer, Alan has the skill set to understand the mining and power generation processes whilst being able to thoroughly review claimed losses, often working in tandem with appointed consultants.





Testimonials

"I have known Alan Smit for many years. Alan and I have worked together on several large and complex mining losses for and on behalf of Rio Tinto's Insurance program. Alan's extensive accounting experience, coupled with his knowledge of various mining processes, makes him ideal to address the complexities of any business interruption loss. His reliable and knowledgeable approach instills trust and confidence with our business units and other key stakeholders. I would not hesitate to employ Alan's expertise."

- Patrick Walker

Global Head of Group Risk Insurance, Rio Tinto

"As a nominated service provider of forensic accountant services Alan has worked on a number of large complex mining insurance claims where his specialist skills and experience have been instrumental to the timely and efficient settlement of claims. Alan's professional and pragmatic approach is greatly valued and his positive, collaborative working style has helped create a long standing valued relationship."

- Lorraine McGorian, BHP

"Since returning to Australia in 2012 I have been appointed by Insurers to work jointly with Alan on numerous complex mining claims. His detailed knowledge of the different mining methods and processes learned over his career as a forensic accountant, combined with his comprehensive financial analysis of business interruption claims, is a credit to him. I respect the professionalism he brings to the claim process and welcome working with him on any future joint instructions."

- Ian Clendenning

Lloyd Warwick International (Australia) Pty Ltd.

"I have been involved in a number of ISR section 2 insurance claims (particularly mining claims) over the last 15 years where Alan Smit has been the Insurer's appointed forensic accountant. During this time I have come to respect and appreciate the professionalism Alan brings to the claim quantification process. Where differences have arisen I have found Alan to be fair, reasonable, honest and open to finding a resolution of those differences. Alan understands the complex nature of mining claims and I would highly recommend his appointment as a preferred provider of forensic services acting for insurers. "

- Mark Davidson

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