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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# A COMPETENT PERSONS REPORT ON THE KAGEM EMERALD MINE, ZAMBIA

## 1 INTRODUCTION

SRK Consulting (UK) Limited (SRK) is an associate company of the international group holding company, SRK Global Limited (the SRK Group). SRK has been commissioned by the board of Gemfields Plc (hereinafter also referred to as the “Company” or “Gemfields”) to prepare a Competent Persons’ Report (CPR) on the Kagem Emerald Mine (the Mine) in Zambia. Kagem Mining Ltd (Kagem) is the project operator and is 75% owned by Gemfields.

SRK has based the CPR on a combination of the Kagem internal mining plans and a newly developed Life of Mine plan (LoMp), which was developed in cooperation with the Kagem management. This CPR has been prepared to support the reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimates in accordance with JORC Code (2012).

## 2 GEOLOGY

### 2.1 Deposit Geology and Mineralisation

The Kagem Mine (the Mine) is situated in the Ndola Rural Emerald Restricted Area (NRERA) within the Kafubu area of the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. The currently defined emerald deposits of the Mine are hosted by talc-magnetite schists of the Muva Supergroup. Broadly, the stratigraphy of the Chama deposit can be described (from bottom to top) in terms of footwall mica schist, overlain by talc-magnetite schist (TMS), amphibolite and quartz-mica schist of the Muva Supergroup. The whole sequence is intruded by steeply dipping discordant and locally concordant quartz-feldspar pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins. Although there are local differences in the average thickness of individual units, the stratigraphic sequences at both Fibolele and Libwente are largely similar to that described for Chama. That said, some key distinctions exist, most notably at Fibolele, where the amphibolite horizon in the hangingwall of the TMS unit is absent.

The Chama, Libwente and Fibolele deposits form part of a semi-regional scale tight-isoclinal fold system, which trends northeast or east-northeast, ranging in dip from near flat-lying to up to 60° to the southeast or south-southeast, and is locally offset by a series of predominantly north-northwest striking structures. The suite of pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins that intrude the stratigraphic succession throughout the Kagem deposits occupy a range of trends, both concordant and discordant to the local stratigraphy. At Chama, the majority of discordant dykes strike north or north-northwest, dipping at around 50° to 75° towards east-northeast. The discordant dykes and veins at Libwente and Fibolele occupy the same trend set, striking north-northwest, but with a steeper, typically sub-vertical dip.

Emerald mineralisation in the Kafubu area, including the Kagem deposits, belongs to a group referred to as “schist-hosted emeralds”, relating to the interaction of Be-bearing fluids relating to pegmatoid dykes or granitic rocks, with Cr-rich mafic and ultramafic schists or weakly metamorphosed ultramafic rocks. At the Mine, emerald mineralisation is hosted by the

ultramafic TMS unit, with three main styles of mineralisation recognised:

- discordant reaction zone material adjacent to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline vein contacts;
- concordant reaction zone material concentrated along the footwall and rarely the hangingwall contacts of the TMS unit; and
- discordant reaction zones hosted by brittle structures within the TMS unit distal to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline veins.

## 2.2 Data Quantity and Quality

The main exploration methods being employed at the Kagem Mine include diamond drilling, and bulk sampling from trial pits, most of which has been undertaken since 1998. This key data is supplemented by geological mapping of the main operating open pit at Chama and the trial mining pits at Fibolele and Libwente, in addition to some airborne geophysical survey maps. Diamond drilling is primarily aimed at determining the nature and geometry of the talc-magnetite schist units and pegmatite dykes / quartz-tourmaline veins. The main exploration tool used to determine emerald grade and quality is through current open-pit mining operations at Chama, and trial mining at Fibolele and Libwente. The grade of each deposit is determined through recovered emerald quantity and quality data from the sort house.

Drilling to date, across the three deposit areas in question (Chama, Fibolele and Libwente), comprises a total of 707 drillholes for a total meterage of 67,457.60 m. This includes 348 holes for 35,771 m at Chama, 117 holes for 9,875 m at Fibolele and 242 holes for 21,810 m at Libwente. All drillholes are diamond core holes.

Grade and quality data for Chama comes from production data derived from the open-pit mining operation, which has been Gemfields main operational focus since acquiring the Kagem licence in 2008. Available production data for Fibolele comes from a single main bulk sampling pit, which has been in operation since August 2012, and from which, to date more than 2,000,000 tonnes of material has been removed. Two bulk sampling pits are currently in operation in the Libwente deposit area: Libwente South and Ishuko. Of the two currently operating pits, production data is only presently available for Libwente South, from which more than 1,350,000 tonnes of material has been removed since July 2014. At the time of writing, the Ishuko pit is still at the waste stripping stage.

Gemfields has put in place a logical logging and data capture procedure for diamond drilling, to guide the on-site staff through the technical process. This aims to ensure a consistent methodology for the process of capturing data throughout the drilling campaign to allow for subsequent meaningful analysis. All logging is carried out by Gemfields geologists, and SRK considers the methodologies in place to be consistent with normal industry practice for this commodity type. That being said, SRK has made a number of recommendations to Gemfields to improve the logging process going forward.

SRK completed a brief review of the drillhole databases for the respective deposits and summary logging of a series of drillholes during the most recent site visit completed in June 2015. SRK's review suggests that the geological information being recorded by Gemfields geologists is of a good quality, lithological identifications are consistent and downhole contact depths have been captured to an appropriate level of accuracy. That being said, SRK notes that there is a degree of inconsistency between the logging of the older, pre-2008 holes and more recent drilling with the latter being carried out to a superior standard compared to what was applied in the past.

## 2.3 Mineral Resources

Resource models were constructed, estimated and classified independently for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente areas. All geological modelling was undertaken in ARANZ Leapfrog Geo software, with grade and tonnage estimates being completed in either GEMS or Datamine.

### 2.3.1 Geological Modelling

A similar geological modelling process was conducted for each of the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits, as described below:

1. Construction of a talc-magnetite schist model, through sectional polyline interpretations of the TMS footwall and hangingwall. TMS and reaction zone logging codes were used as an explicit control on the TMS model geometry, with downhole Niton XRF chromium grades used to refine the contact surfaces where appropriate.
2. Development of a discordant pegmatite model. At Fibolele and Libwente this was completed through a manual process of creating interval selections of pegmatite / quartz-tourmaline vein intersections considered to form part of individual dykes or veins, and subsequent modelling using the Leapfrog vein tool. At Chama, the discordant pegmatite model was generated using a Leapfrog indicator interpolation of all discordant pegmatite intersections, applying a trend guided by a series of surfaces based on downhole pegmatite trends and geological mapping within the open pit. The discordant pegmatite models were cut from the TMS solids.
3. Two reaction zone domains were constructed: one to define the TMS footwall reaction zone (concordant), and another based on areas where the pegmatite model is in contact with the TMS model (discordant).

To define the basis for the footwall reaction zone model, all logged reaction zone intervals at the base of the TMS solid volumes were manually selected and assigned a footwall reaction zone code. Reaction zone hangingwall surfaces were then generated from the hangingwall points of the footwall reaction zone interval selection, using the TMS footwall surface as a framework to guide the trend of the model. The Fibolele concordant reaction zone model comprises solid volumes at both the footwall and hangingwall of the TMS unit, whilst the Chama and Libwente concordant reaction zone models only comprise a footwall volume.

The discordant reaction zone models were created as a buffer around the discordant pegmatite models and within the TMS unit. The discordant reaction zone thickness was adjusted on a deposit basis in order for the ratio of combined concordant and discordant reaction zone volume relative to modelled TMS volume above the most recent pit survey wireframes to reflect the reaction zone to TMS ratio in the Gemfields production analysis for each pit to date.

### 2.3.2 Grade and Tonnage Estimation

SRK used a block model to quantify the volume, tonnage, and grade of the modelled reaction zones. The volume of the discordant and concordant reaction zones were defined from the geological model. The tonnage was estimated using an average density value of 2.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The anticipated grade of emerald and beryl and their relative importance, is based on the extrapolation of the recovery of these minerals from the tonnage of reaction zone processed

during the period covered by the historical mining production statistics. Accordingly, given the complexity associated with the estimation of individual reaction zone tonnage as well as the concentration of emerald and beryl within such reaction zones, SRK has based the current Mineral Resource estimate on what is effectively a large scale bulk sample combined with the geological interpretation of the TMS, pegmatite and reaction zone lithological units as described above.

### 2.3.3 Mineral Resource Classification

SRK notes that the exploration and production activities completed by Gemfields since the underground feasibility study have significantly improved the geological knowledge and understanding of the deposits; however, the derivation of Mineral Resources is largely dependent on the availability of the results of bulk samples or equivalent such as historical production statistics. This provides the confidence in the grade of the individual deposit, and therefore the contained gemstones in the estimate.

In order to develop a classification scheme for the Mineral Resources at Kagem, SRK has taken the following factors into account:

- quantity and quality of the underlying data, the level of geological understanding for each deposit, and across the property as a whole;
- confidence in the geological continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zone;
- confidence in the grades, as derived from the production/bulk sampling, and the understanding of the grade variation at a given production scale;
- the stage of development for each deposit (such as exploration, production, care and maintenance, etc.); and
- the perceived level of risk associated with deviations from the assumptions made. This aspect is specifically noted in the JORC Code (2012) in the “..... any variation from the estimate would be unlikely to significantly affect potential economic viability” clause for Measured Mineral Resources.

### 2.3.4 Mineral Resource Statement

The Mineral Resource Statements for Chama, Fibolele and Libwente are included in Table ES 1. The Competent Person with overall responsibility for reporting of the Mineral Resource is Dr Lucy Roberts, MAusIMM (CP), a Principal Consultant (Resource Geology) with SRK. Dr Roberts has the relevant experience in reporting Mineral Resources on various coloured gemstone projects. SRK considers that the Mineral Resource Statements, as presented in Table ES 1 are reported in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). The Mineral Resources are reported within an optimised using the same input parameters as those in the mining study, but with a commodity price (USD3.90 /ct) which reflects an optimistic view. All Mineral Resources are quoted at 100%, and derivation of attributable Mineral Resources would necessitate application of the Company's 75% equity interest. All grades quoted reflect beryl and emerald combined, expressed as carats per tonne.

**Table ES 1: SRK Mineral Resource Statements, as of 31 May 2015, for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente beryl and emerald deposits**

Deposit	Classification	Tonnage (kt)	Grade (ct/t)	Contained Carats (ct ,000)
<b>Chama</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	800	345	290,000
	Indicated Mineral Resources	3,800	345	1,310,000
	Inferred Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>Fibolele</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Indicated Mineral Resources	170	119	20,300
	Inferred Mineral Resources	1,450	119	172,100
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>20,300</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>192,400</b>
<b>Libwente</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Indicated Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Inferred Mineral Resources	200	46	9,100
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	800	345	290,000
	Indicated Mineral Resources	3,970	335	1,330,300
	Inferred Mineral Resources	1,650	110	181,200
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1,620,300</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1,801,500</b>

### 3 GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES

The purpose of the geotechnical study is to assess the engineering characteristics of the rock mass that will form the highwall of the Chama Pit and use this information to carry out kinematic and rock mass stability analyses to develop overall slope design parameters for the ultimate pit that satisfy specific stability and failure probability criteria.

The data used for this study has been gathered from the following sources:

1. A pit slope stability study carried out by African Mining Consultants (AMC) in 2008.
2. An underground scoping study carried out by SRK in 2008.
3. A programme of laboratory testing carried out to support the AMC and SRK 2008 studies.
4. An underground feasibility study carried out by SRK in 2012.
5. A geotechnical site visit carried out in June 2015 which included detailed pit inspections, the collection of discontinuity data for existing pit wall exposure and geotechnical logging of a selection of cored resource boreholes.

The main lithological units that form the current Chama Pit are:

- Weathered quartz mica schist (QMS or MS);
- Fresh QMS;
- Amphibolite (AMP); and
- Talc Mica Schist (TMS).

The fresh rock masses are generally strong to very strong and contain widely spaced joints.

The mica schist has a dominant foliation discontinuity that dips into the pit wall. These

lithologies are classified a fair to good rock masses. Sub-vertical, east-west striking pegmatites (PEG) occur throughout the rock mass. Thin, sheared reaction zones (RZ) within which the gemstones are found occur at the base of the TMS (concordant reaction zones) or at the contact between the TMS and the pegmatite intrusions (discordant reaction zones). The pegmatites weather rapidly on exposure. The pegmatite and reaction zones are classified as good to poor rock masses depending on degree of weathering and shearing respectively.

The current pit wall is 115 m high at an angle of between 50 and 53°. The current design slope formed of 10 m high benches, battered at 75° with a 3 m wide berm in fresh rock below 1170m RL and 10 m high benches, battered at 70° with a 4m wide berm in the weathered rock above this RL. This results in an overall slope angle of 58°. There are currently no stability problems in the active pit; however, a groundwater seepage line is visible at about 60 m below the pit crest.

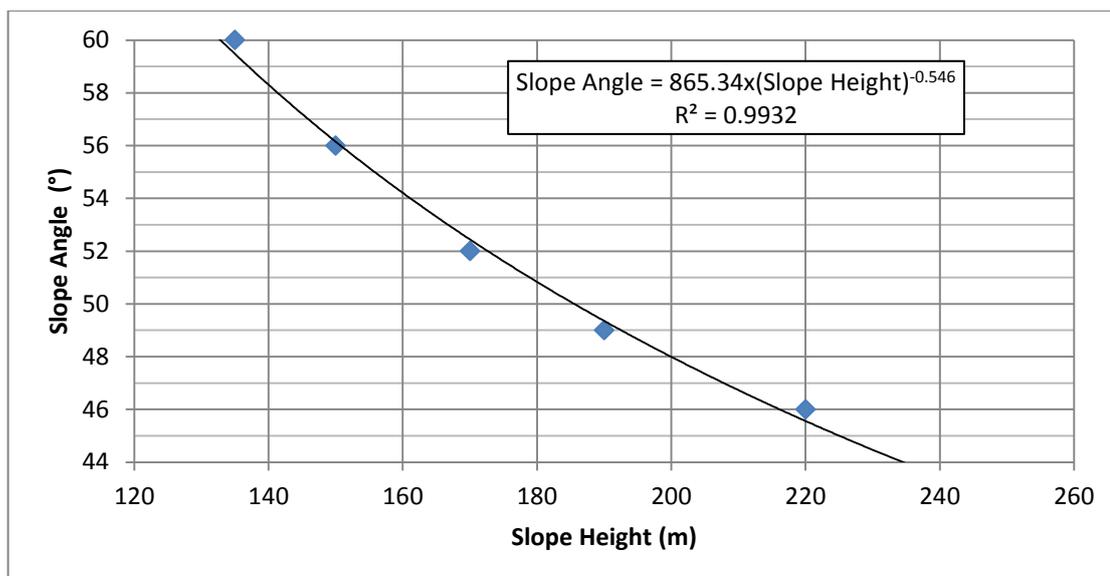
Kinematic analyses were undertaken to determine the optimum bench configuration. Based on the joint sets identified by pit mapping the analysis confirmed that there was limited potential for joint controlled instability and a 3 m wide catch berm was adequate to retain any block failure volumes that may become detached from the bench faces.

Finite element modelling was undertaken to determine the stability of the overall highwall. Sensitivity analyses were undertaken with respect to overall slope angle, overall slope height and inferred ground water condition. Probability of failure (P(f)) was calculated using the bivariate point estimate method. This considered the potential variability of the rock mass conditions one standard deviation above and below the average rock mass conditions. Based on internationally accepted slope design acceptance criteria SRK defined minimum acceptance criteria of factor of safety (FoS) of 1.3 and P(f) of 15% for operational slopes (that is incremental cut back slopes) and FoS of 1.6 and P(f) of 8% for final closure slopes.

The results of the sensitivity analyses were synthesised to produce a slope height:slope angle chart that satisfied both operational and closure slope stability acceptance criteria. This graph is presented as Figure ES 1 and represents an un-drained slope condition.

The modelling carried out indicated that the Pushback 5 design slope, at an overall height of 150 m and overall angle of 58°, is slightly steeper than the design recommendation. However the achieved angles of the interim slopes are generally slightly flatter than designed, particularly when incorporating the hangingwall ramp and therefore conform to the design recommendation. SRK notes that all future interim slopes and final slope should be laid out to the design recommendations presented in Figure ES1.

The modelling indicated that the stability of the overall slopes was very sensitive to the location of the phreatic surface. The analyses carried out were based on a phreatic surface being located just behind the pit wall at the point where surface seepage was noted. When the phreatic surface was placed 20 to 30m behind the slope, the FoS of the slope increased by between 30 and 50%.



**Figure ES 1: Slope Design Chart for Chama Pit**

Pit optimisation runs were carried out using a 46° overall slope initially which was considered to be the limiting slope angle related to maximum slope height and closure requirements. Geotechnical verification analyses were then carried out on the ultimate pit design and the overall slope angle adjusted to conform to the closure slope stability acceptance criteria. The final slope design utilised an overall angle of 51° comprising 10 m high benches, battered at 75° in the fresh rock with a 5.5 m wide berm.

## 4 MINING

### 4.1 Current Operation

The mining operations at Kagem comprise a number of historically mined open-pits as well as the current open-pit operations situated mainly in the Chama Pit area and the bulk sampling operations at the Libwente and Fibolele areas. The mining method comprises conventional open-pit operations: drill and blast, excavate and load and haul to in-pit backfill, waste rock dump locations and the various ex-pit stockpiles and a stockpile at the wash plant facility. Mining is undertaken by a combination of Kagem owned in-house fleet and contractor mining fleets. The upper 20-30 m of weathered material is free dig with the remainder of the waste rock requires drilling and blasting.

Based on recent production data, Kagem currently extracts total rock at an annualised rate of 10.8 Mtpa from the Chama Pit, with mined reaction zone mineralisation contributing 97 ktpa of ore. The associated average stripping ratio is estimated at 110  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ . Bulk sampling scale operations are currently undertaken at the Fibolele and Libwente areas. To date, a total of 45.4 Mt of material has been mined from Chama, producing 560 kt of ore. At present, all ore excavation and haulage is undertaken by a Kagem operated fleet which consists mainly of 30 t articulated dump trucks supported by medium sized backhoe excavators and bull dozers.

### 4.2 Future Operations

In its LoMp, the Kagem operation at the Chama Pit is planning to ramp up ore production from 120 ktpa to 150 ktpa over a 3-year period, and increasing the scale of the operation at Fibolele to 30 ktpa ore. The principal strategic targets for the Chama Pit comprise mining a number of additional cutbacks up to a practical and economic open pit limit, to provide a significant mine life and improve the confidence in the mineralisation along strike of the orebody in lower strip ratio zones.

The principle targets for Fibolele are to expand ore production to 30 ktpa which will be included as ore feed to the Kagem Mine wash plant. This production will focus on the Indicated region of the deposit, whilst additional exploration is completed on the deeper parts. Mining at Fibolele will be undertaken by the Kagem in-house fleet.

SRK considers this to be achievable and appropriate for the orebodies as currently defined.

In-house mining will be undertaken at a rate of approximately 7.4 Mtpa of rock at the Chama Pit, with additional in-house capacity utilised when required. Additional machinery will be operated by a contract mining fleet and will provide sufficient waste stripping capacity for the remaining waste rock.

### 4.3 Ore Reserves

SRK has estimated Ore Reserves in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). These are presented in Table ES 2. As at 30 June 2015, SRK notes that the Kagem emerald deposit has Ore Reserves, as presented in accordance with the JORC Code (2012) consisting of 3,659 kt of reaction zone material grading at 300 ct/t emerald at Chama Pit, and 177 kt of reaction zone material grading at 103.5 ct/t emerald at Fibolele Pit.

**Table ES 2: Kagem Ore Reserve Statement, as at 30 June 2015, for the Kagem Emerald Deposits**

Classification	Mineralisation Type	Tonnage (kt <sub>dry</sub> )	Grade (ct/t)	Contained Carats (kct)
<b>Proved</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	920	300	276,018
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	0	0	0
Total Proved	Reaction Zone	920	300	276,018
<b>Probable</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	2,739	300	821,808
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	177	103	18,312
Total Probable	Reaction Zone	2,916	288	840,121
<b>Proved &amp; Probable</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	3,659	300	1,097,826
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	177	103	18,312
Total Proved & Probable	Reaction Zone	3,836	291	1,116,138

The Competent Person (CP) with overall responsibility for reporting of Ore Reserves is Mr Mike Beare CEng BEng ACSM MIMMM, a Corporate Consultant (Mining Engineering) with SRK. Mr Beare has 23 years' experience in the mining industry and has been extensively involved in the reporting of Ore Reserves on various diamond and gemstone projects during his career to date.

## 5 PROCESSING

The washing plant at the Kagem Mine consists of a series of comminution, screening, washing and sorting facilities which are located close to the current mining activities in the Fwaya-Fwaya area. The plant currently in operation was commissioned in 2006 and has an operating capacity of approximately 165 ktpa of ore.

Ore is fed into the feed bin using an excavator or small wheel loader. The bin has a grizzly that removes +300 mm material, which is stored to the north of the RoM pad. A further grizzly allows -100 mm material to by-pass the primary (jaw) crusher. At the double deck vibrating screen, the +60 mm oversize material is directed to the secondary crusher operating in open circuit. The double deck screen operates wet, and the -3 mm fines from the double deck

vibrating screen (approximately 35% of the feed mass) are directed to the fines storage area in the valley to the west of the plant. The product from the double deck screen (+3 mm, -60 mm) is fed to a triple deck screen that separates the material into three product streams for hand picking: +3 mm -6 mm, +6 mm -30 mm and +30 mm -60 mm. Each stream is directed to individual picking belts; the +30 mm is split to feed two belts. The prospective emerald and beryl stones are picked off the belt by hand and dropped in a drop safe type box similar to that used at the mining faces. The nominal capacity of the washing plant is 33 tph.

The washing plant products, together with the high quality product directly recovered from the Mine, are sent to the secure sort house facility. The prospective beryl and emerald gemstones are sorted and graded using manual methods. The sorting house is a high security area and access is controlled. The drop-type safe type boxes from the Mine and the plant are weighed, with all material being monitored on a mass-balance type recording system from this point onwards, they are then opened and emeralds are picked out from the remaining material which is then washed and tumbled. Products from this material are also picked and the fines and waste separated. Where necessary, the product is chipped to grade the gemstone and further lightly tumbled and cleaned. The product gemstones from this process are sized into six size classes, then sorted in to the following categories: premium emerald; (standard) emerald; beryl-1; and beryl-2. The two emerald products are further graded, then these and the beryl-1 product are dried, dressed with oil, weighed, catalogued and stored for evaluation and subsequent export to Lusaka (or otherwise) for auction.

Kagem is currently in the process of doubling the potential capacity of the wash plant, by duplicating the picking belts. The upgrade is projected to commence operation in October 2015 and will provide sufficient capacity at the Kagem wash plant to handle the on-going production from the Chama Pit (approximately 100-120 ktpa), the projected production from the potential re-start of the Mbuva-Chibolele pits at some point as well as the various bulk sampling operations at Fibolele and others. The maximum capacity of the upgraded plant is expected to be 330 ktpa. This expansion will require the addition of 90 operational and supervisory staff. The budgeted cost for this expansion was USD1.02M.

Kagem is also considering installing an additional primary crusher that will be capable of handling the largest size rocks produced by the mining operation, i.e. up to 700 mm. This crusher will handle both on-going production, as well as being able to process the stockpiled oversize (+300 -700 mm) material over time.

## **6 INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Mine is well served with infrastructure. The site is accessed by good quality gravel roads which connect to the main highway. Power is sourced from the national transmission grid to transformers at the camp and wash plant. Backup diesel generators are used when the fixed connection is interrupted to ensure operations remain unaffected. Process and non-potable water at the Mine is sourced from river water, and potable water is provided by treated ground water.

## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL

SRK undertook a site visit and reviewed available documentation to assess compliance of Kagem with applicable Zambian environmental and social legislation, performance relative to good international industry practice, appropriateness of existing management systems and CSR activities, environmental and social issues, risks and liabilities and appropriateness of closure planning and cost estimates. The review also provided recommendations for improvement to existing management measures.

The mine is located in a relatively remote, and thus less disturbed, part of the Zambian Copperbelt with miombo woodland, dambos and perennial rivers. The closest village is Pirala, situated about 5 km south of the Mine and there are no settlements within the concession area, although some level of sporadic illegal mining activities and charcoal burning are taking place.

According to the annual audits required to be undertaken on behalf of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) and the Mineral Safety Department (MSD), the Company's operation is in compliance with the requirements of Zambian environmental legislation and existing licence conditions. The Mine is waiting to be granted abstraction and discharge licenses for its existing operations by ZEMA. An environmental impact assessment is being undertaken for the entire Kagem mine as required by ZEMA to allow for the expansion of the Fibolele pit; this will include a site-wide environmental management plan (EMP).

Kagem is in the process of standardising its environmental management system and developing site specific management measures in line with Gemfields corporate requirements, which are reasonably well aligned with good international industry practice (GIIP). In support of this, it is expanding its human resources to proactively address environmental and social management. This process is being driven by the Group Sustainability Manager at Gemfields. Whilst more could still be done, most of the potential environmental and social impacts and current EMP non-compliances evident at the site can be reduced to acceptable levels through management measures that are not difficult to implement and are known to be reliable.

In addition to getting the systems and plans in place as outlined above, key factors to be addressed going forward include:

- Continue to undertake the planned site-wide EMP and EIA as a pre-emptive measure for the expansion of operations, and continue to obtain required regulatory approvals in particular completion and approval of the additional abstraction and discharge licenses as a pre-emptive measure in anticipation of potential industrial use of water in near future;
- formalising stakeholder engagement and community development initiatives and ensuring corporate social investment focuses on sustainable outcomes;
- ensuring compliance with EMP conditions;
- improving the understanding of surface and groundwater regimes in the area by expanding the parameters monitored, increasing the number of sampling sites and undertaking a hydrogeological assessment;
- incorporating the voluntary principles into Kagem's security policies, procedures and contracts and implementing these at Kagem's operations; and
- developing an end of life of mine closure plan and cost estimate in addition to the current financial assurance closure cost estimate using appropriate rates and in accordance with GIIP.

Environmental and social risks identified for the Mine include:

- Delays to mining expansion at the Fibolele pit due to the time taken to conduct and obtain approval for the EIA. These potential time constraints need to be taken into consideration by the FS and LoMp.
- Delays or disruption to mining activities by ZEMA caused by non-conformances to the EMP and outstanding permits. This is, however, considered unlikely as the Mine is demonstrating it is undertaking measures to ensure on-going improvement.
- Potential reputational risks associated if the voluntary principles are not properly incorporated into policies, contracts and practices.

In SRK's view, these risks are manageable if the appropriate and timeous action is taken.

## 8 FINANCIAL

For the economic analysis, SRK has constructed an independent technical economic model (TEM), described below. SRK has considered a base case scenario initially targeting 120 ktpa ramping up to 150 ktpa in year 4 from the Chama Pit, as well as initially targeting production of 30 ktpa from the Fibolele pit. The life of the Chama Pit is 25 years and Fibolele Pit is 7 years, depleting in the financial year 2039-40 and 2021-22 respectively.

The Base Case reflects production, capital and operating expenditures and revenues from 1 July 2015 through to 2040 on an annual basis. Total ore treated over the life of mine amounts to 3.7 Mt at an average grade of 300 ct/t from Chama Pit and 0.2 Mt at an average grade of 103 ct/t from Fibolele Pit.

The TEM is based on the production schedule derived by SRK with adjustments based on SRK's views on the forecast capital and operating costs. In addition, the TEM:

- is expressed in real terms; this means un-inflated United States Dollars (USD) with no allowances for inflation or escalation on capital or operating costs, inputs or revenues;
- is presented at July 2015 money terms for Net Present Value (NPV) calculation purposes;
- applies a Base Case discount rate of 10%;
- based on commodity prices as provided by Gemfields;
- is expressed in post-tax and pre-financing terms and assumes 100% equity;
- a base Corporate tax rate of 30% has been used and variable corporate tax is included for profit margins in excess of 8%; and
- royalties are included at 9% of revenue.

In respect of the commodity price, SRK has not undertaken a detailed price analysis but has relied on the forecasts from the Company in this regard. Prices for premium emerald, emerald and beryl-1 products are forecast to escalate in real terms at 5% per annum up to 2020-21.

The LoMP assumes that overall production from all sources will average a rate of 12.8 kt per month. Over the life of mine, based on the current indicated Resource, it is planned to produce 1,116 Mct, and will generate USD4,322 M in gross revenue.

Operating costs have been based on the Client's historical costs in their 2014/15 financial year. Average Total Operating costs are estimated at USD 264.99 /t treated, with total operating costs amounting to USD1,017 M over the LoM.

Total capital expenditure is estimated to be USD516 M over the LoM. Capital for engineering and mining has been estimated at USD441 M, including USD310 M of capitalised stripping costs. Sustaining capital for the on-going operations is estimated at USD55 M.

Figure ES 2 provides an analysis of project cashflow over the life of mine. Table ES 3 provides a summary of the key financial parameters from the TEM.

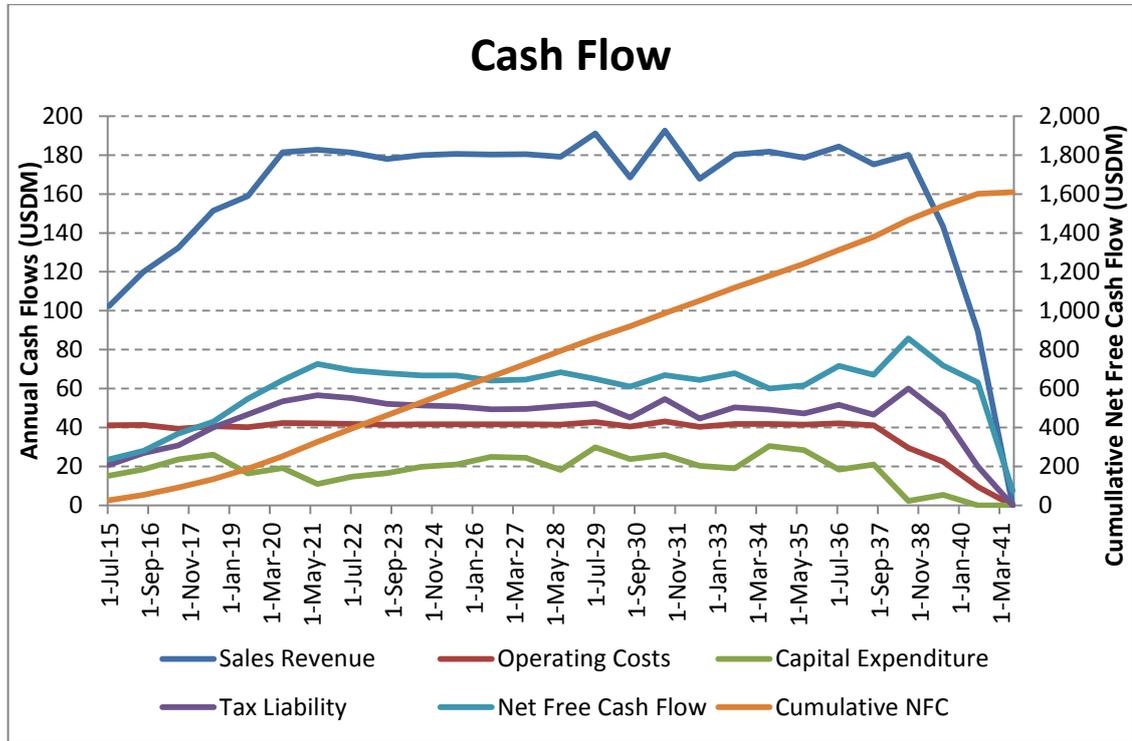


Figure ES 2: Net Cash Flow Base Case

**Table ES 3: Summary of LoM Financial Parameters Base Case**

		<b>Total LoM</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>
Sales Revenue	(USDM)	4,322	173
Operating Costs	(USDM)	1,017	41
<b>Operating Profit - EBITDA</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>132</b>
Tax Liability	(USDM)	1,203	48
Capital Expenditure	(USDM)	516	21
<b>Net Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>63</b>
Total Waste Mined	(kt)	285,253	11,410
Total Ore Mined	(kt)	3,836	153
S/R	(t:t)	74.4	74.4
Total Ore Treated	(kt)	3,836	153
Grade	(ct/t)	291.0	291.0
Contained Ct	(kct)	1,116,138	44,646
Total Sales	(kct)	1,116,377	44,655
Mining and production costs	(USD/t Treated)	113.46	113.46
Administrative expenses	(USD/t Treated)	30.43	30.43
Management and auction fees	(USD/t Treated)	19.71	19.71
Mineral royalties and production taxes	(USD/t Treated)	101.39	101.39
Total Operating Costs	(USD/t Treated)	264.99	264.99
Revenue	(USD/ct)	3.87	3.87
Operating Costs	(USD/ct)	0.91	0.91
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(USD/ct)</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>2.96</b>

Net present values (NPV) of the cash flows are shown in Table ES 4 using discount rates from zero to 15% in a post-tax context. SRK notes that at 10% discount rate the post-tax NPV is USD520 M. As there are no initial negative cash flows, an Internal Rate of Return (IRR) cannot be determined.

**Table ES 4: NPV Profile Base Case**

	<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>NPV USDM</b>
Net Present Value	0.0%	1,586
	5.0%	852
	8.0%	625
	10.0%	520
	12.0%	440
	15.0%	353

The Mine's NPV is most sensitive to revenue (grade or commodity price). The Mine has lower sensitivity to operating costs and capital. The revenue, operating and capital cost sensitivity of NPV is illustrated in Table ES 5.

**Table ES 5: Base Case Dual Sensitivity Analysis for NPV at 10%**

NPV 10% (USDM)		REVENUE SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
OPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	409	486	563	641	718
	-10%	389	466	542	618	695
	0%	370	445	520	596	671
	10%	350	424	499	573	648
	20%	330	404	477	551	625

NPV 10% (USDM)		REVENUE SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
CAPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	407	482	558	633	709
	-10%	388	464	539	614	690
	0%	370	445	520	596	671
	10%	351	426	502	577	652
	20%	332	408	483	558	634

NPV 10% (USDM)		OPEX SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
CAPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	601	579	558	536	515
	-10%	582	561	539	518	496
	0%	563	542	520	499	477
	10%	545	523	502	480	459
	20%	526	504	483	461	440

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# A COMPETENT PERSONS REPORT ON THE KAGEM EMERALD MINE, ZAMBIA

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

SRK Consulting (UK) Limited (SRK) is an associate company of the international group holding company, SRK Global Limited (the SRK Group). SRK has been commissioned by the board of Gemfields Resources Plc (hereinafter also referred to as the “Company” or “Gemfields”) to prepare a Competent Persons’ Report (CPR) on the on the Kagem Emerald Mine (the Mine) in Zambia. Kagem Mining Ltd (Kagem) is the project operator and is 75% owned by Gemfields.

SRK has based the CPR on a combination of the Kagem internal mining plans and a newly developed Life of Mine plan (LoMp), which was developed in cooperation with the Kagem management. This CPR has been prepared to support the reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimates in accordance with JORC Code (2012).

SRK has previously undertaken three significant mandates involving the Mine as follows:

- Competent Persons Report for Gemfields (UK) Ltd in 2008 to list on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange;
- Scoping Study in 2008 for an underground mining operation; and
- Feasibility Study in 2012 for an underground mining operation.

### 1.2 Project Description

#### 1.2.1 Location and Access

The Mine is situated in the Ndola Rural District, Copperbelt Province, Zambia, approximately 260 km north of Lusaka, the capital city of Zambia as presented in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2.

Located at latitude 13°04’S and longitude 28°08’E at an elevation of 1,200 m above mean sea level (“amsl”), the site is some 31 km south-southwest of the Copperbelt town of Kitwe and the licence is bisected by the administrative boundary between Ndola Rural District and Luanshya District. The site is accessed along a combination of national (10 km south of Kitwe to Fisenge along the M4) and local (22 km) southwest towards the settlement of Sempala, a total travelled distance of 32 km. Sempala has a population of some 1,225 within a 7 km radius and is located in the northernmost corner of the licence area, and is situated in the GMT +2 time zone.



Figure 1-1: Project Location

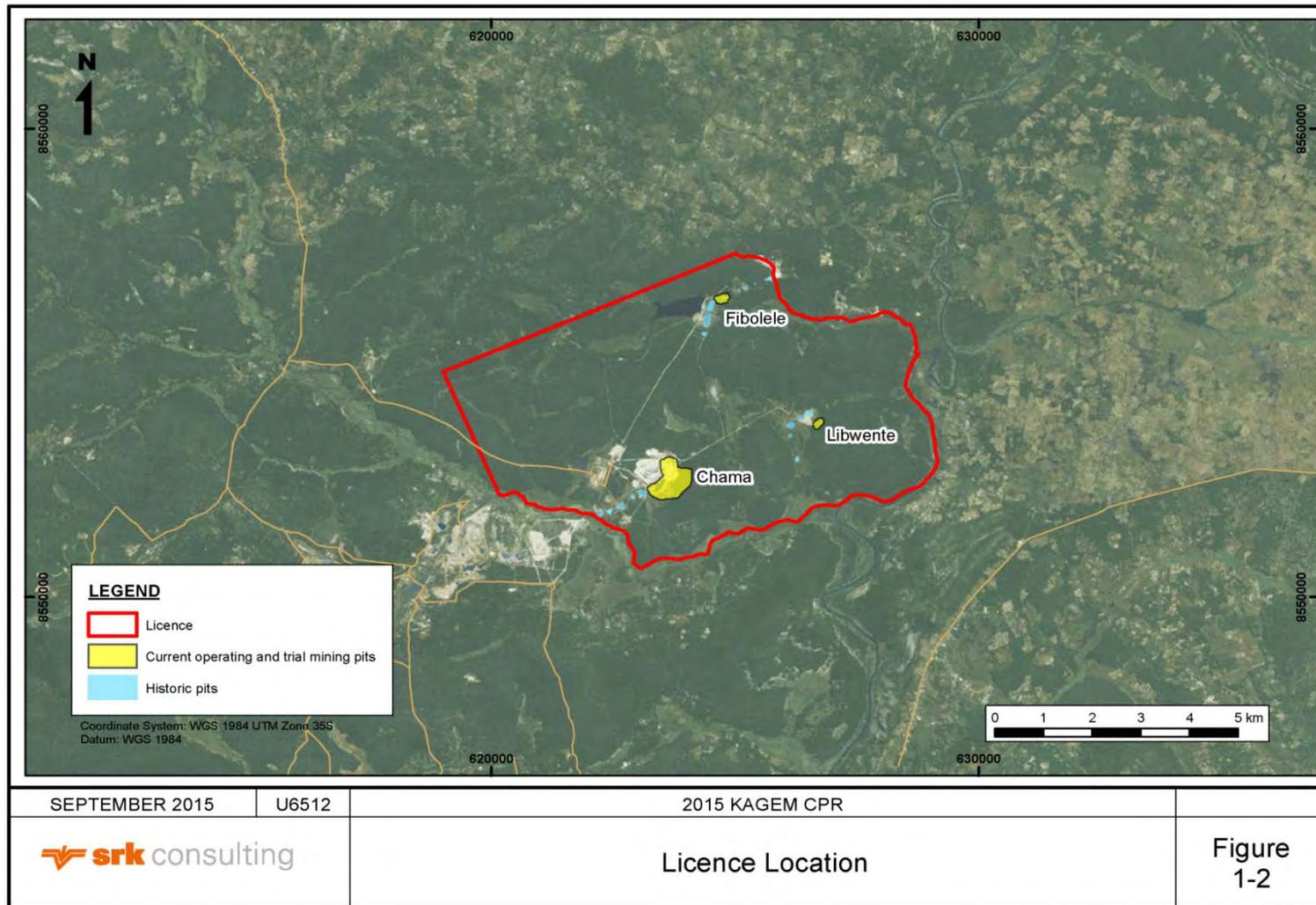


Figure 1-2: Licence Location

## 1.2.2 Topography

Much of this ecoregion is flat or rolling, with local areas of higher relief. The Mine site, however, is fairly flat, gently sloping towards the Kafubu stream in the south. The Kafubu stream forms the southern boundary of the permit area and lies in a wide valley. The biome is Tropical and Subtropical Grasslands, Savannas and Shrublands. The vegetation is dominated by the Central Zambebian Miombo Woodlands which is a densely forested ecoregion that covers much of Central and East Africa. Trees grow to heights of 15 m to 20 m, rising over a broadleaf shrub understory with grassland underneath.

Animal life is limited by the disturbed nature of the area, with small mammals occurring in the less disturbed areas. Numerous insects, birds and reptiles occur. The aquatic environment is relatively undisturbed and fishing is common.

The site is located in the catchment of the Kafue river and is drained by the Kafubu which drains into the Kafue. The Kafubu stream, which has its origin some 50 km to the northwest of the permit area, forms the southern boundary. It drains into the Kafue which is a major river and provides water to much of Zambia, including the city of Lusaka. The Kafue river forms the eastern boundary and flows approximately 6.5 km to the east of the project area. Abandoned pits readily fill with water indicating a relatively shallow groundwater table between 8 m and 10 m below the surface.

## 1.2.3 Climate

The climate is classed as temperate humid. The dry season may be as long as 7 months, and 95% of the annual rainfall occurs from November to March, which is the region's summer. The mean annual evapotranspiration is 1,419 mm with monthly values ranging from 90 mm to 165 mm. The mean monthly temperatures range from 16.1°C in June to 23.8°C in October. The monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 6.1°C in July to a maximum of 32.1°C in October. Wind speeds range between 0.7 m/s to 1.5 m/s and are predominantly from the southeast, east and northeast.

## 1.2.4 Site Description

The Kagem Mine comprises the current operating Chama open pit mine and the bulk sampling pits at Libwente and Fibolele. The Chama open pit produces emerald and beryl bearing ore for processing at the processing plant. Existing surface infrastructure at the Mine area includes:

- access roads;
- operational wash plant
- operational emerald sorting house;
- mine camp, accommodation and offices; and
- equipment maintenance facilities and stores.

The existing workforce consists of approximately 652 personnel including technical and operational employees. Figure 1-3 shows the Kagem Mine site layout and location of the operations.

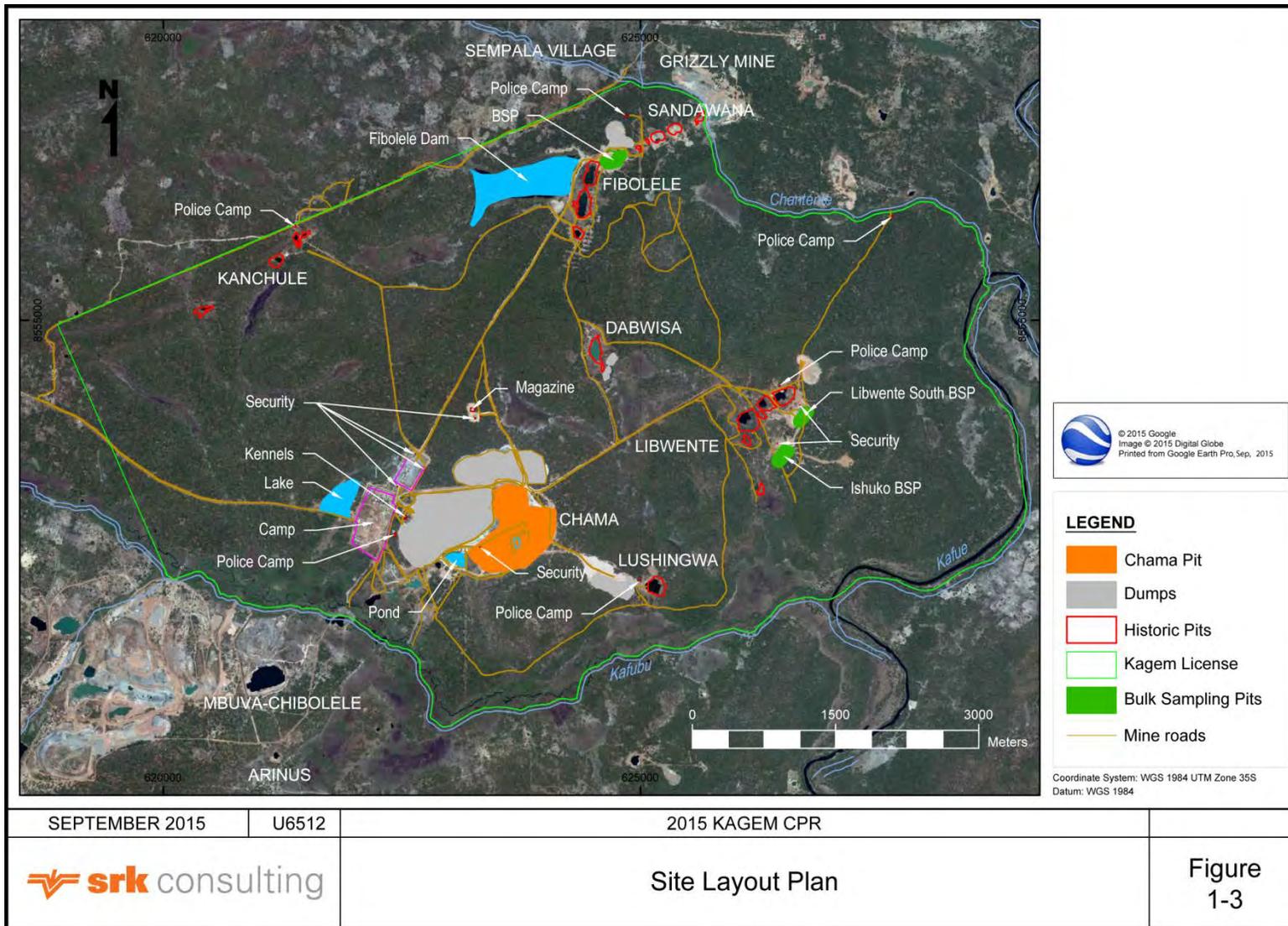


Figure 1-3: Site Layout Plan

### 1.2.5 Mining Operations

Waste mining in the Chama Pit comprises conventional open pit drill-blast-load-haul methods. Waste rock is dumped at either ex-pit or in-pit locations depending on material type and haul distance. The steeply dipping reaction zones are mined using manual intensive methods using picks and shovels with the assistance of hydraulic excavators under close supervision and only under daylight hours.

All large and high quality coloured gemstones are hand sorted at the mining face and are placed in a drop safe type container that is numbered, tagged and closed with security controlled locks. The remaining reaction zone material is loaded into trucks and transported directly to the processing facility. The open-pit is currently 110 m deep, with ore haul roads placed in the footwall of the talc-magnetite schist (TMS), given the relatively shallow dip of 14°. Waste haul roads are located on the hanging wall side of the pit. The upper 15 m to 20 m of overburden is free-digging whilst all other waste, including internal TMS waste, is drilled and blasted.

### 1.2.6 Processing Plants

The processing plant processes reaction zone material mined directly from the open-pit. The processing facilities comprise a simple series of comminution, screening, washing and sorting facilities which are located close to the current mining activities in the Chama pit area. Waste material from the washing plant, comprising the coarse (-3 mm) discard is discharged from the process plants and tailings in slurry form from the settling ponds.

All product is essentially hand sorted in a secure sort house facility where gemstones are upgraded using manual methods to produce emerald (subdivided into premium emerald and emerald) and beryl (subdivided into beryl-1, beryl-2, specimen and fines categories). These are then dried, dressed with oil, weighed and catalogued, and stored for evaluation and subsequent export for auction.

### 1.2.7 History

Kagem ML is a Zambian registered company founded in 1984 as a joint venture between Hagura UK (45%) and the Government of Zambia (GoZ) (as Reserved Minerals Corporation Limited) (55%). Hagura UK provided start-up capital and had management control of Kagem. The GoZ assumed management control of Kagem in 1990; however, after experiencing operational and financial difficulties and 12 months of frozen production, Hagura UK regained management control in 1996. The shareholding of Hagura UK was increased to 75% in November 2005. Hagura UK is a private limited company registered in the United Kingdom in 1980 and is held at 50% by each of Greentop and Krinera.

## 1.3 Requirement, Structure and Reporting Standard

### 1.3.1 Requirement

This CPR has been prepared to support the reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve estimates in accordance with JORC Code (2012).

### 1.3.2 Structure

The asset comprises the Kagem Mine and the associated licences. Accordingly, this CPR has been structured on a discipline basis where technical sections comprise: Geology; Mineral Resources; Mining Engineering; Ore Reserves; Mineral Processing; Infrastructure; Environment and Social; Commodity Prices and Macro-Economics; Technical-Economic

Parameters; Risks and Opportunities; Financial Analysis; and Conclusions and Recommendations.

### 1.3.3 Compliance

In this CPR, the standard adopted for the reporting of the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserve statements is that defined by the terms and definitions given in the JORC Code (2012). The JORC Code (2012) is an internationally recognised reporting code and is acceptable to the FSA.

This CPR has been prepared under the direction of the Competent Persons as defined by the JORC Code, who assume overall professional responsibility for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve statements as presented herein. The CPR however is published by SRK, the commissioned entity, and accordingly SRK assumes responsibility for the CPR.

Notwithstanding the above, SRK notes the following:

- Where any information in the CPR has been sourced from a third party, such information has been accurately reproduced and no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading;
- Drafts of the CPR were provided to the Company for the purpose of confirming both the accuracy of factual information and the reasonableness of assumptions relied upon in this CPR;
- This CPR has not undergone regulatory review;
- SRK notes that gemstone deposits, owing to the distribution of economic concentrations of the mineral in question, are notoriously difficult to sample, estimate and classify as their spatial location, morphology, and grade are highly variable and their exact location very difficult to predict. Current drilling techniques cannot provide sufficient or relevant data to enable direct estimation of mineralisation or grade; and
- Accordingly, drilling as currently employed can only provide information to determine the continuity of the host geology and controls on mineralisation. Derivation of Mineral Resources is largely dependent on the availability of the results of bulk samples or equivalent such as production statistics. All the above uncertainties, and the use of extrapolated grade and geological information require that normally only an Indicated Mineral Resource category would be assigned. Gemfields have consistently collected high quality data and relevant information over a prolonged period of time, which has led to an increase in the confidence in the understanding of the geological and grade continuity, and so has enabled the classification of a Measured Mineral Resource.

### 1.4 Effective Date and Base Technical Information

The effective date (the “Effective Date”) of this CPR is deemed to be 10<sup>th</sup> September with the Resources and Reserves estimated at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

### 1.5 Verification, Validation and Reliance

This CPR is dependent upon technical, financial and legal input. In respect of the technical information provided, this has been taken in good faith by SRK, and other than where expressly stated, this has not all been independently verified. SRK has, however, conducted a detailed review and assessment of all material technical issues likely to influence the value of the Project, which has included the following:

- the historical work at the Mine noted in Section 1.1;
- inspection visits to the Project in July 2015;

- discussion and enquiry following access to key project technical, head office and managerial personnel from May through August 2015;
- an examination of historical information for the Mine;
- generation and reporting of a JORC Code (2012) compliant Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve statements; and
- a review and, where considered appropriate by SRK, modification of the LoMp for the Mine in discussion with the site team.

SRK has also assumed certain macro-economic parameters and commodity prices and relied on these as inputs to determine the potential economic viability of the stated Mineral Resources.

Where fundamental base data in support of the Mineral Resource statements has been provided (geological information, assay information, exploration programmes) for the purposes of review, SRK has performed all necessary validation and verification procedures deemed appropriate in order to place an appropriate level of reliance on such information.

### **1.5.1 Technical Reliance**

SRK places reliance on the Company and their respective technical representatives that all technical information provided to SRK, as of 31st May 2015, is accurate. The technical representative for the Company's Mineral Resources is Mr Dibya Baral. Mr Baral is the Kagem General Manager for the Company and is responsible for all technical matters in respect of this CPR at the Company and has 19 years' experience in the exploration and mining industry.

### **1.5.2 Financial Reliance**

In consideration of all financial aspects relating to the Mine, SRK has placed reliance on the Company and Kagem that the following information as they may relate to the Mine and the Company is appropriate as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015:

- operating expenditures as included in Kagem's financial reports;
- equipment capital prices as included in Kagem's internal plans; and
- all statutory and regulatory payments as may be necessary to execute the LoMp.

The financial information referred to above has been prepared under the direction of Mrs Janet Boyce, Certified Public Accountant, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company. Mrs Janet Boyce is the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and has 13 years' experience in financial operations and management.

### **1.5.3 Legal Reliance**

In consideration of all legal aspects relating to the Mine, SRK has placed reliance on the representations by the Company and Kagem that the following are correct as at 31st May 2015:

- the Directors of the Company and Kagem are not aware of any legal proceedings that may have an influence on the rights to explore or mine for gemstones;
- that the Company and their subsidiaries are the legal owners of all mineral and surface rights relating to the Mine; and
- no significant legal issue exists which would affect the likely viability of the Mine and/or on the estimation and classification of the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves as reported herein.

## **1.6 Limitations, Reliance on Information, Declaration, Consent and Copyright**

### **1.6.1 Limitations**

SRK is responsible for this CPR and declares that SRK has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in this report, is to the best of SRK's knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

SRK does not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any other person for any loss suffered by any such other person as a result of, arising out of, or in connection with this CPR or statements contained therein.

The Company and Kagem have confirmed in writing to SRK that to their knowledge the information provided by them (when provided) was complete and not incorrect or misleading in any material respect. SRK has no reason to believe that any material facts have been withheld. Further, the Company and Kagem have confirmed in writing to SRK that they believe they have provided all material information.

The achievability of the LoMp and associated expenditure programme is neither warranted nor guaranteed by SRK. The LoMp and expenditure programme as presented and discussed herein has been proposed by the Company's management, and adjusted where appropriate by SRK, and cannot be assured. The LoMp and expenditure programme are necessarily based on technical and economic assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company and Kagem. Future cash flows derived from such forecasts are inherently uncertain and accordingly actual results may be significantly more or less favourable.

### **1.6.2 Reliance on Information**

SRK believes that its opinion must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of the analysis or factors considered by it, without considering all factors and analysis together, could create a misleading view of the process underlying the opinions presented in the CPR. The preparation of a CPR is a complex process and does not lend itself to partial analysis or summary.

SRK's opinion in respect of the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves declared and the LoMp is effective at 31st May 2015 and is based on information provided by the Company and Kagem throughout the course of SRK's investigations, which in turn reflect various technical-economic conditions prevailing at the date of this report. Further, SRK has no obligation or undertaking to advise any person of any change in circumstances which comes to its attention after the date of this CPR or to review, revise or update the CPR or opinion.

### **1.6.3 Declaration**

SRK will receive a fee for the preparation of this report in accordance with normal professional consulting practice. This fee is not contingent on the outcome of the CPR and SRK will receive no other benefit for the preparation of this report. SRK does not have any pecuniary or other interests that could reasonably be regarded as capable of affecting its ability to provide an unbiased opinion in relation to the Mineral Resources or Ore Reserve.

Neither SRK, the Competent Persons, nor any of the directors of SRK, have at the date of this report, nor have had within the previous two years, any shareholding or other interest in the Company or Kagem. Consequently, SRK, the Competent Persons and the directors of SRK

consider themselves to be independent of the Company and Kagem.

This CPR includes technical information, which requires subsequent calculations to derive subtotals, totals and weighted averages. Such calculations may involve a degree of rounding and consequently introduce an error. Where such errors occur, SRK does not consider them to be material.

#### **1.6.4 Consent**

Neither the whole nor any part of this report nor any reference thereto may be included in any other document without the prior written consent of SRK as to the form and context in which it appears.

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### **1.7 Qualifications of Consultants**

The SRK Group comprises over 1,500 staff, offering expertise in a wide range of resource engineering disciplines with 54 offices located on six continents. The SRK Group's independence is ensured by the fact that it holds no equity in any project. This permits the SRK Group to provide its clients with conflict-free and objective recommendations on crucial judgement issues. The SRK Group has a demonstrated track record in undertaking independent assessments of resources and reserves, project evaluations and audits, Mineral Experts' Reports, Competent Persons' Reports, Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve Compliance Audits, Independent Valuation Reports and independent feasibility evaluations to bankable standards on behalf of exploration and mining companies and financial institutions worldwide. The SRK Group has also worked with a large number of major international mining companies and their projects, providing mining industry consultancy service inputs. SRK also has specific experience in commissions of this nature.

This CPR has been prepared based on a technical and economic review by a team of 8 consultants sourced from the SRK Group's offices in the United Kingdom over a four-month period. These consultants are specialists in the fields of geology, resource and reserve estimation and classification, open-pit mining, mineral processing, tailings management, infrastructure, environmental management and mineral economics.

The individuals who have provided input to this CPR, and are listed below, have extensive experience in gemstones and the mining industry and are members in good standing of appropriate professional institutions.

- Michael Beare, CEng, MIMMM ACSM BEng (mining);
- Gabor Bacsfalusi, BEng MAusIMM (CP) (mining);
- Fraser McQueen, BEng (mining);
- Dr Lucy Roberts, MAusIMM (CP), PhD (geology);
- James Haythornthwaite MSc, BSc, FGS (geology);
- John Willis, CEng, MIMMM, PhD (processing and tailings);
- Rowena Smuts MSc (environmental and social); and

- Keith Joslin, BSc (Hons) (financial).

In order to prepare this CPR, the following site visits were undertaken:

- 5th – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015: Lucy Roberts and James Haythornthwaite visited site to work on the geological model and to advise on data collection for Resource and Reserve estimation; and
- 22nd June – 26th June 2015: Fraser McQueen, Rowena Smuts and John Willis visited site to review the mining, environmental and processing disciplines respectively. The aim of the visit was to collect project information and data, make a visual assessment and understand the current mining and processing operations for the purposes of providing guidance on environmental and social management for the Mine.

The Competent Person who has reviewed the Mineral Resources as reported by SRK is Dr Lucy Roberts. The Competent Person responsible for reporting Ore Reserves is Michael Beare who also takes overall responsibility for the CPR.

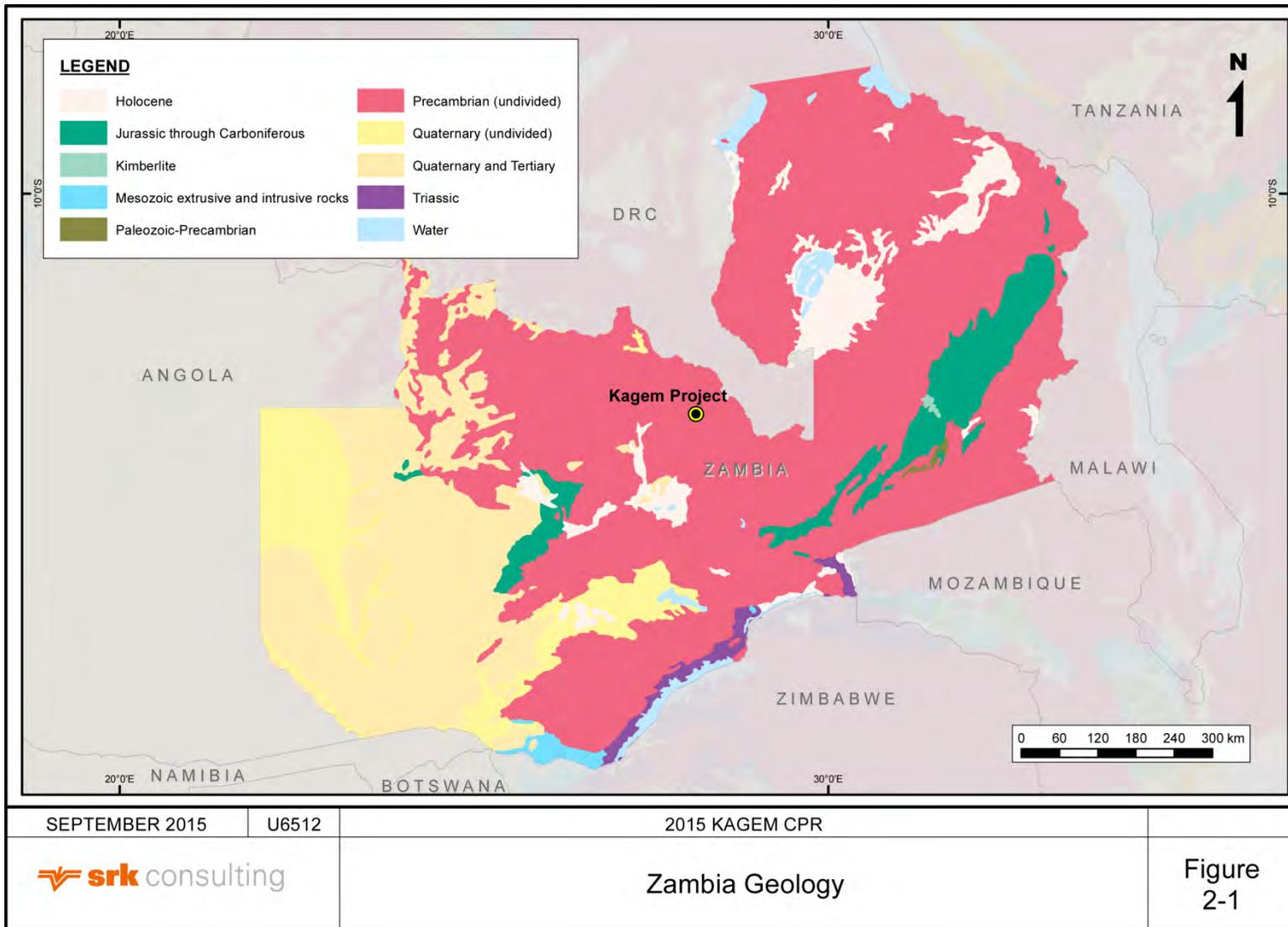
## **2 GEOLOGY**

### **2.1 Introduction**

This section details the geology of the Kagem deposit. This forms the basis of the declaration of Mineral Resources, which is further described in Section 4.

### **2.2 Regional Geology**

The Kagem Mine is located in the Kafubu area of the Copperbelt Province of Zambia, at the centre of the transcontinental Pan-African belts in central-southern Africa, between the Kalahari Craton to the south and the Congo Craton to the north. The oldest units of the Kafubu area comprise Palaeoproterozoic granites, amphibolite gneisses and quartz-biotite schists of the Lufubu Basement Complex, exposed in structurally elevated basement domes (Hickman, 1973). The contact between this basement sequence and the overlying Mesoproterozoic (Daly and Unrug, 1983) Muva Supergroup is defined by a distinct angular unconformity, marked by a regional ridge of basal quartzites (Seifert et al, 2004). The Kagem Project location is shown within the context of the regional geology of Zambia in Figure 2-1. A simplified geology sketch map of the Kafubu emerald area is shown in Figure 2-2., and is reproduced from Zwaan et al (2005) and modified after Hickman (1973) and Sliwa and Nguluwe (1984) Kafubu.

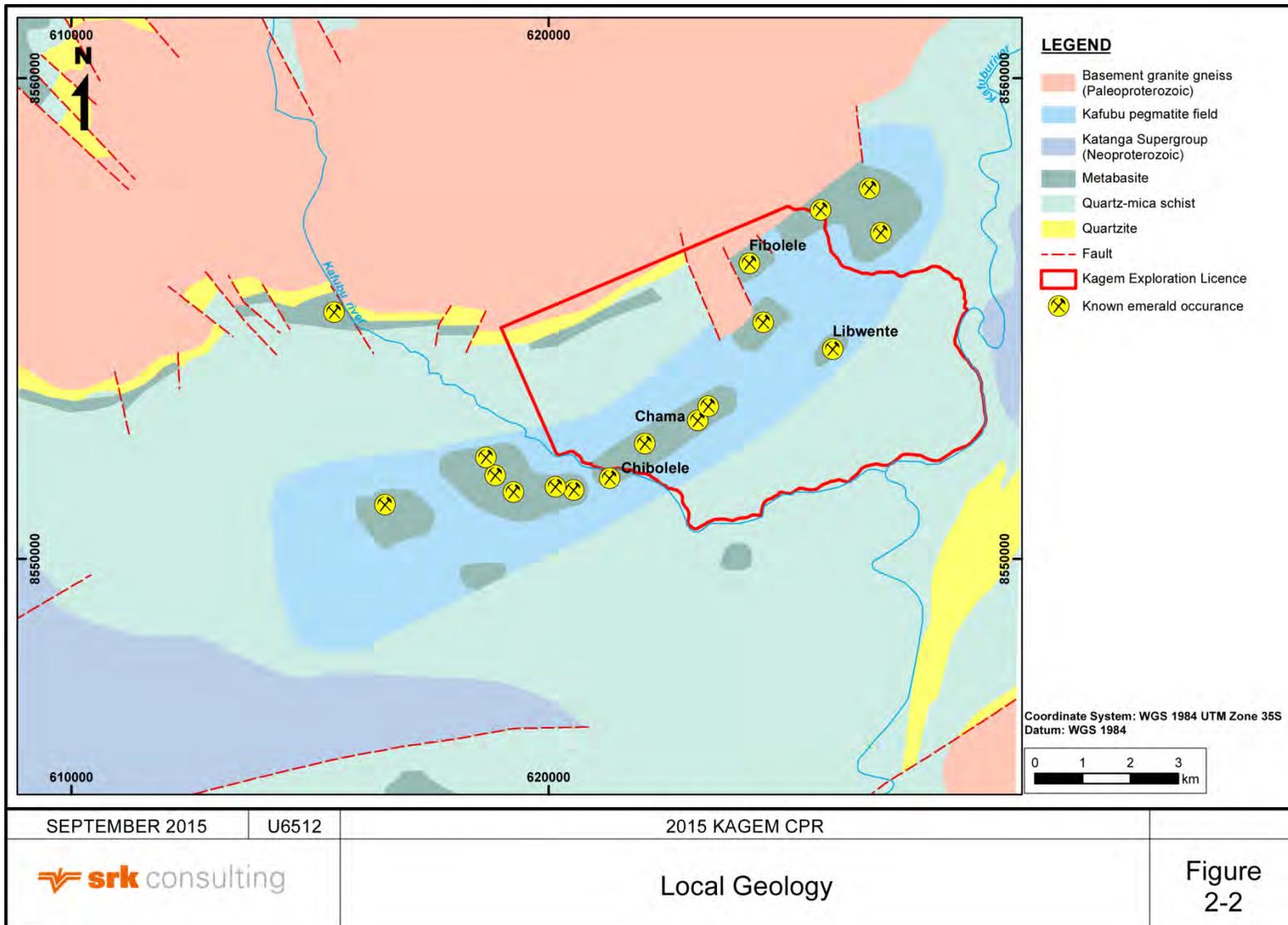


**Figure 2-1: Kagem Project location within the context of the regional geology of Zambia**

The Muva Supergroup comprises fine grained quartz-mica schists, medium-coarse grained sugary and friable metaquartzites, and sub-concordant bodies of amphibolitic and ultramafic schists derived from komatiitic sills (Hickman, 1973). The ultramafics, which host the emerald deposits in the Kafubu area, vary in thickness from 20 m to 140 m and have been altered by metamorphism and hydrothermal activity to talc-chlorite-tremolite ± magnetite schist (locally referred to as TMS) or talc-biotite schist (TBS). The amphibolites have also suffered varying degrees of alteration to biotite–actinolite schists.

The youngest stratigraphic unit of the Kafubu area is the Neoproterozoic Katanga Supergroup, host to the stratiform copper-cobalt deposits of the Central African Copperbelt in Zambia and the DRC. The Katanga Supergroup consists of a 5 to 10 km thick sequence that, from bottom to top, is divided into siliclastic and dolomitic conglomerates, sandstones and shales of the Roan Group, carbonates and carbon-rich shales of the Nguba Group the youngest, uppermost Kundelungu Group including glacial metasediments and a cap carbonate (Caitleux et al, 2005). The contact between the Katanga Supergroup and the underlying Muva Supergroup appears to be conformable, although isolated areas of discordance suggest that the Muva was deformed prior to deposition of the Katanga units (Hickman, 1973).

The units of the Kafubu area are affected by three main orogenic events: the Ubendian, Irumide and Lufilian (Pan-African) orogenies (Tembo et al, 2000). The earliest of these, the Ubendian orogeny, dates at c. 1.8 Ga and thus only affects the rocks of the Palaeoproterozoic basement complex. Ubendian deformation is poorly preserved in the Lufubu Complex due to overprinting by later events. The Irumide orogeny occurred between 1.05 Ga and 1.00 Ga (de Waele et al, 2009), affecting rocks of the basement complex and the Muva Supergroup. The Lufilian was part of the wider Pan-African orogeny, which involved crustal shortening between the Kalahari and Congo Cratons of up to 150 km between 590 and 512 Ma. This compression deformed the Katanga Supergroup into a fold and thrust belt, the Lufilian Arc. The Lufilian orogeny at c. 550 Ma is responsible for the present structural configuration of the Kafubu area and may be broadly described in terms of four deformation phases (Hickman, 1973), which largely overprinted structures relating to earlier deformation events. Of these, the D<sub>3</sub> event, which resulted in extensive isoclinal-open folding, is interpreted to be responsible for axial planar faulting accompanied by pegmatite intrusions, which commonly cut the Kafubu stratigraphic sequence. Throughout the Kafubu area steeply dipping pegmatite dykes and quartz tourmaline veins typically trend north to south or northwest to southeast. These are accompanied by shallow dipping to flat lying pegmatites and quartz-tourmaline veins of variable strike.



**Figure 2-2: A simplified geology sketch map of the Kafubu emerald area.**

## 2.3 Deposit Geology

### 2.3.1 Stratigraphy

The currently defined emerald deposits of the Mine are hosted by talc-magnetite schists of the Muva Supergroup. The stratigraphy of the main Chama deposit (from bottom to top) is defined by footwall mica schist, followed by talc-magnetite schist, amphibolite and quartz-mica schist of the Muva Supergroup and a thin top soil of approximately 3-5 m (Figure 2-5). The whole sequence is intruded by concordant and steeply dipping discordant quartz-feldspar pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins.

The upper portion of the stratigraphic sequence is usually characterised by at least 200 m of hangingwall quartz-mica schist (QMS), dominated by quartz, with variable quantities of muscovite, biotite or phlogopite, albite and chlorite (Figure 2-3a). At Chama, this meta-sedimentary unit often defines a strain gradient from massive, low strain, quartz-rich QMS, to high strain, strongly foliated or sheared, biotite and chlorite rich QMS (Figure 2-3b) near the transitional footwall contact with the amphibolite unit below.

Representative examples of the following key lithologies are given in Figure 2-3:

- a) hangingwall quartz-mica schist;
- b) high strain, strongly sheared quartz-mica schist with quartz sigmoid structures, at the footwall of the quartz-mica schist unit adjacent to the amphibolite contact;
- c) high strain amphibolite at the hangingwall of the amphibolite unit; and
- d) massive amphibolite.



**Figure 2-3: Kagem Mine mica-schist and amphibolite lithologies**

The amphibolite horizon may be described in terms of two distinct units: a dark, hornblende-rich amphibolite with lesser actinolite, quartz, feldspar, biotite and tourmaline, or its' alteration equivalent green tremolite-actinolite schist with chlorite, biotite and tourmaline ± epidote and talc. At Chama, this amphibolite unit generally ranges in thickness from 0 to 30 m, but is most commonly in the range of 8 m to 15 m. Field and drill core observations suggest that the amphibolite is usually more banded and foliated than the relatively massive talc-magnetite schist. The highest degree of strain appears to be preferentially partitioned into the upper portion of the unit, which is often more intensely foliated and epidote-rich (Figure 2-3c). The contact between the amphibolite and the underlying talc-magnetite schist is transitional, over which interstitial quartz disappears, and talc and disseminated tourmaline become increasingly common (Figure 2-4a). Magnetite is also present in increasing quantities, but is very fine grained and its existence is only detectable by an increase in Cr content from amphibolite values of 200 ppm to 300 ppm to values in excess of 700 ppm in the talc-magnetite schist.

The talc-magnetite schist (TMS) unit (Figure 2-4b) itself contains highly variable quantities of talc, tremolite, actinolite, biotite, magnetite and tourmaline; the latter may be disseminated in quartz veins or as tourmalinite bands. Magnetite occurs as very fine grained disseminations, usually not visible in hand samples, but identified through elemental analyses and magnetic susceptibility tests. Carbonate alteration of the TMS unit is relatively common, often manifest as pseudomorphs of mica agglomerates. At Chama, the TMS unit ranges from 0 to 60 m in thickness, with an average thickness of approximately 18 m. Current interpretations suggest that the TMS and overlying amphibolite unit were originally intruded into the Muva Supergroup as a single differentiated komatiite sill.

The basal contact of the TMS is relatively sharp, being underlain by a typically strongly foliated quartz-muscovite schist or quartz-sericite-biotite (phlogopite) schist. This felsic schist, is up to at least 120 m thick, and forms part of a wider group of gneisses, amphibolites, and kyanite-bearing schists in the wider Mine area.

Characteristic examples of the following lithologies are given in Figure 2-4:

- a) tourmaline rich amphibolite near the talc-magnetite schist contact;
- b) talc-magnetite schist;
- c) pegmatite with feldspar and muscovite; and
- d) a quartz-tourmaline vein with massive tourmaline accumulations at the base.

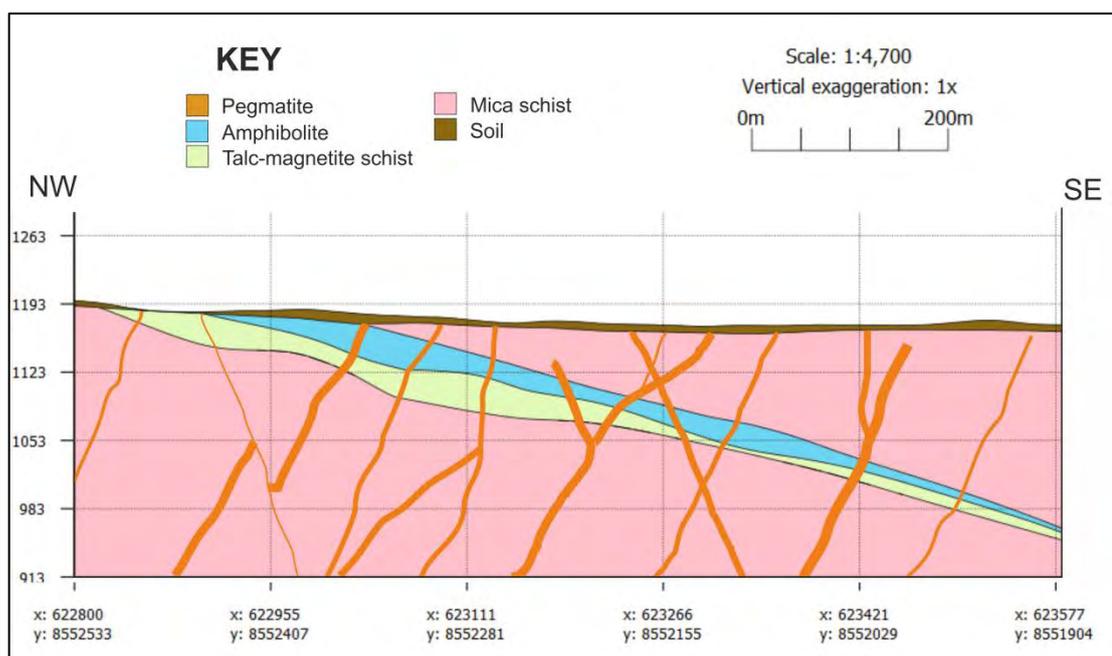


**Figure 2-4: Kagem Mine amphibolite, TMS, pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline vein lithologies**

The entire stratigraphic sequence described above is intruded by a suite of pegmatite dykes (Figure 2-4c) and quartz-tourmaline veins (Figure 2-4d), both concordant to the host rock contacts, and as steeply dipping discordant bodies. The mineralogy of the pegmatite dykes is dominated by quartz and feldspar with lesser muscovite and minor garnet, tourmaline and beryl. They are usually highly friable and kaolinised near surface. Quartz-tourmaline veins are characterised by increased tourmaline content and decreased feldspar input relative to the coarse grained, and usually wider, pegmatite dykes. Tourmaline crystals are often observed to radiate from the vein contacts inwards. Cross-cutting relationships between the pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins imply multiple phases of intrusion, but it is broadly considered most likely that the two vein sets were intruded synchronously as part of the same broad intrusive event.

Although there are local differences in the average thickness of individual units, the stratigraphic sequences at both Fibolele and Libwente are largely similar to that described for Chama above. That said, some key distinctions exist, most notably at Fibolele, where the amphibolite horizon in the hangingwall of the TMS unit is absent.

Although the general stratigraphic sequence at Libwente is similar to that observed at Chama, the distribution of the ultramafic schists is more irregular, with at least two distinct TMS bands, and additional minor satellite bodies with amphibolite in the hangingwall, footwall or both. It is considered that this is most likely a function of multiple phases of magma emplacement and differentiation in the mafic sill protolith, coupled with localised shearing in the area of the Libwente deposit.



**Figure 2-5: Schematic northwest to southeast cross section through the Chama deposit displaying the mica-schist, amphibolite, TMS stratigraphy and intruding pegmatites**

### 2.3.2 Structure

The most historically significant and productive TMS belt of the Ndola Rural Emerald Restricted Area (“NRERA”) in central Zambia, is the Pirala Fwaya-Fwaya Belt, which extends roughly 8 km ENE and includes both the Chama and Libwente deposits, in addition to Gemfields’ Chibolele deposit. This belt forms part of a semi-regional scale tight-isoclinal fold system which trends east-northeast and is locally offset by a series of predominantly north-northwest striking structures. Interpretation of airborne magnetic survey imagery, suggests that the Pirala Fwaya-Fwaya Belt, host to Libwente and Chama, defines a single limb in the south of this fold system, with Fibolele to the north.

At the deposit-scale, the dip and strike of the TMS unit and associated stratigraphy is relatively variable. At Chama, the TMS horizon strikes at roughly 60°, dipping shallowly (10 to 25°) to the south-southeast, and rotating to a more north-easterly strike towards the northeast. Libwente trends broadly east-northeast, dipping very shallowly (<10°) towards the south-southeast in the southeast of the deposit area and to the north-northwest in the northwest of the deposit. The Fibolele stratigraphy is characterised by a broadly north-northeast trend, which rotates to an east-northeast strike towards the north-north-eastern part of the deposit. The dip of the TMS unit at Fibolele is steeper than that described at Chama and Libwente, typically being in the order of 20 to 35° towards the southeast, but can be up to 60° locally. Drilling to date suggests that the dip of the TMS at Fibolele becomes shallower with depth. The TMS is deformed by north to north-northwest trending late folding in the area of the current bulk sampling operation.

The suite of pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins that intrude the stratigraphic succession throughout the Kagem deposits occupy a range of trends, both concordant and discordant to the local stratigraphy. At Chama, the majority of discordant dykes have a N-S to NNW-SSE strike and the dips vary between 50° and 70° towards the E-NE. The discordant dykes and veins at Libwente and Fibolele occupy the same trend set, striking north-northwest,

but with a steeper, typically sub-vertical dip. A second, less abundant set of east-west trending, sub-vertically dipping pegmatite dykes is evident throughout the Kagem licence. In addition, low to moderately dipping pegmatite dykes are also evident throughout the Kagem Mine area. The pegmatite dykes and associated quartz-tourmaline veins, which date to around 500 Ma, are parallel to locally developed axial planar cleavage relating to late stage north-south trending folds, such as those observed at Fibolele, and pervasive north to north-northwest trending structures which locally offset the TMS unit.

In addition to the north to north-northwest trending structures which appear to offset the TMS unit at the deposit-scale, it is thought that the stratigraphy may be locally offset by a series of layer sub-parallel post-mineralisation southwest to west-southwest trending shears. This is most evident at Libwente, where there is significant discontinuity in the local stratigraphy, often over relatively short lateral distances.

A review of the drillhole logging conducted by SRK whilst on site in June 2015, suggests that some of the drillhole intersections originally logged as quartz-mica schist may be more accurately described as a highly sheared or mylonitised rock with significant silica influx and overprint. A visual assessment of the spatial distribution of the Libwente QMS intersections highlighted more than one group of QMS intervals that do not conform to the typical stratigraphic sequence, and can be connected along a planar southwest or west-southwest trend. It is loosely hypothesized that these planar QMS trends may in fact represent silica-rich shear zones, which locally offset the TMS unit. This is supported by apparent lateral offsets of the TMS unit, which coincide with the planar “QMS” interval trends, in addition to west-southwest trending discrete, though often cryptic, lineaments in the airborne magnetic signature in the Libwente area.

At present there is insufficient understanding of these structures to incorporate the modelled shear surfaces as explicit domain boundaries in the resource modelling process. SRK strongly recommends that Gemfields commission a structural review of the Libwente deposit to better understand the local discontinuities in the Libwente stratigraphy and the structural controls on the TMS geometry in this area.

## 2.4 Mineralisation

Emerald mineralisation in the Kafubu area, including the Kagem deposits, belongs to a group referred to as ‘schist-hosted emeralds’, in which emeralds occur predominantly in phlogopite or other types of schists. The origin of schist-hosted emerald deposits is controversial, but is known to require specific geological conditions in which beryllium bearing fluids interact with chromium bearing host rocks. The most established model for emerald mineralisation in the Kafubu area involves the interaction of Be-bearing fluids relating to pegmatoid dykes or granitic rocks, with Cr-rich mafic and ultramafic schists or un-metamorphosed ultramafic rocks (Lams et al, 1996, Barton and Young, 2002). Other models for schist-hosted emerald mineralisation (Grundmann and Morteani, 1989, Nwe and Grundmann, 1990) propose syn- to post-tectonic growth of beryl in metasomatised ultramafic rock adjacent to Be-bearing pegmatites during regional metamorphism.

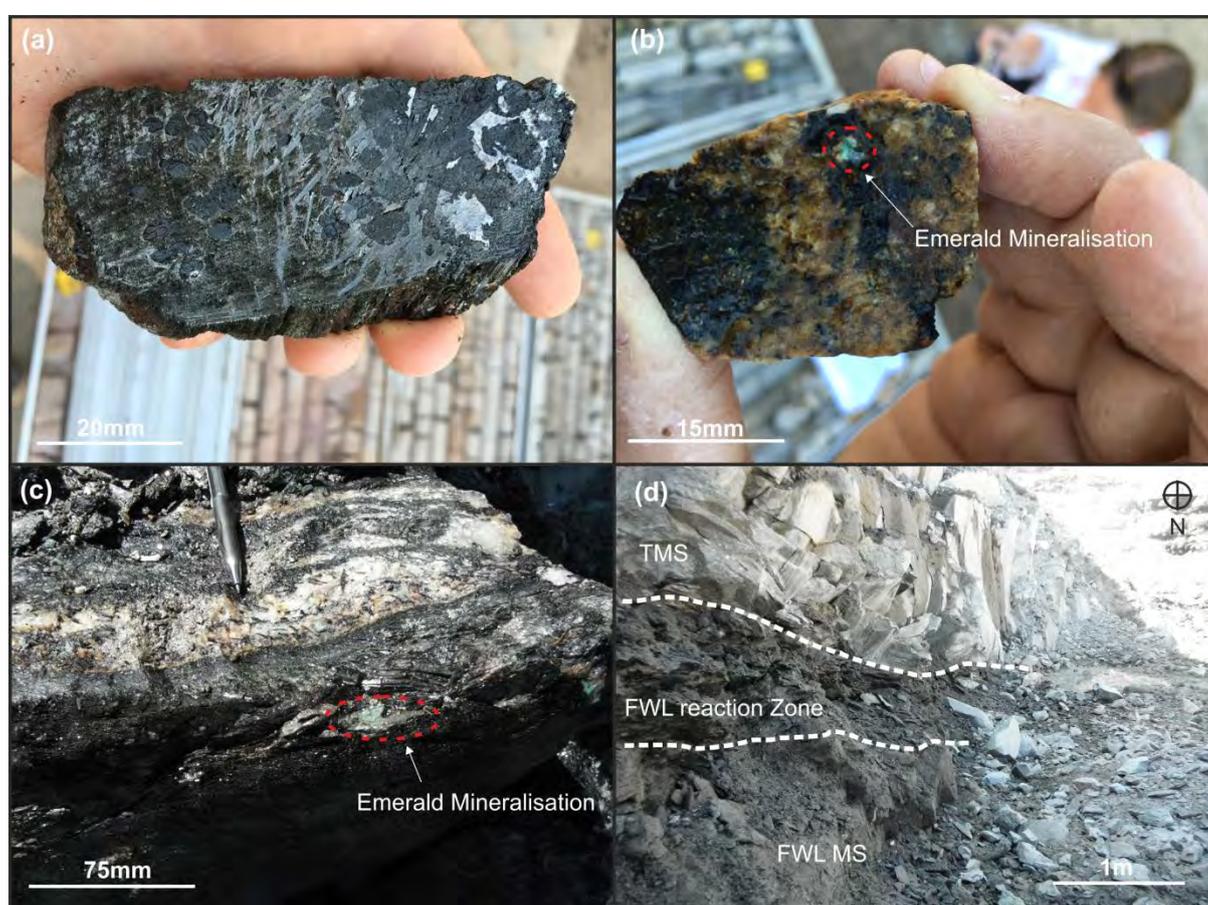
At the Mine, emerald mineralisation is hosted by an ultramafic talc-magnetite schist unit, which has an elevated average chromium content of approximately 2,120 ppm. Three main styles of mineralisation are recognised within the TMS unit:

- discordant reaction zone material adjacent to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline vein contacts;
- concordant reaction zone material concentrated along the footwall and occasionally the

- hangingwall contacts of the TMS unit (Figure 2-6d); and
- discordant reaction zones hosted by brittle structures within the TMS unit distal to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline veins.

Typical examples of reaction zone material, both in drill core and in the open pit environment are given in Figure 2-6, as follows:

- tourmaline-rich reaction zone in drill core;
- mineralised reaction zone material in drill core;
- a loose boulder in the Chama Pit containing a quartz-tourmaline vein with reaction zone material at both the footwall and hangingwall contacts; and
- concordant footwall reaction zone in the Chama Pit.



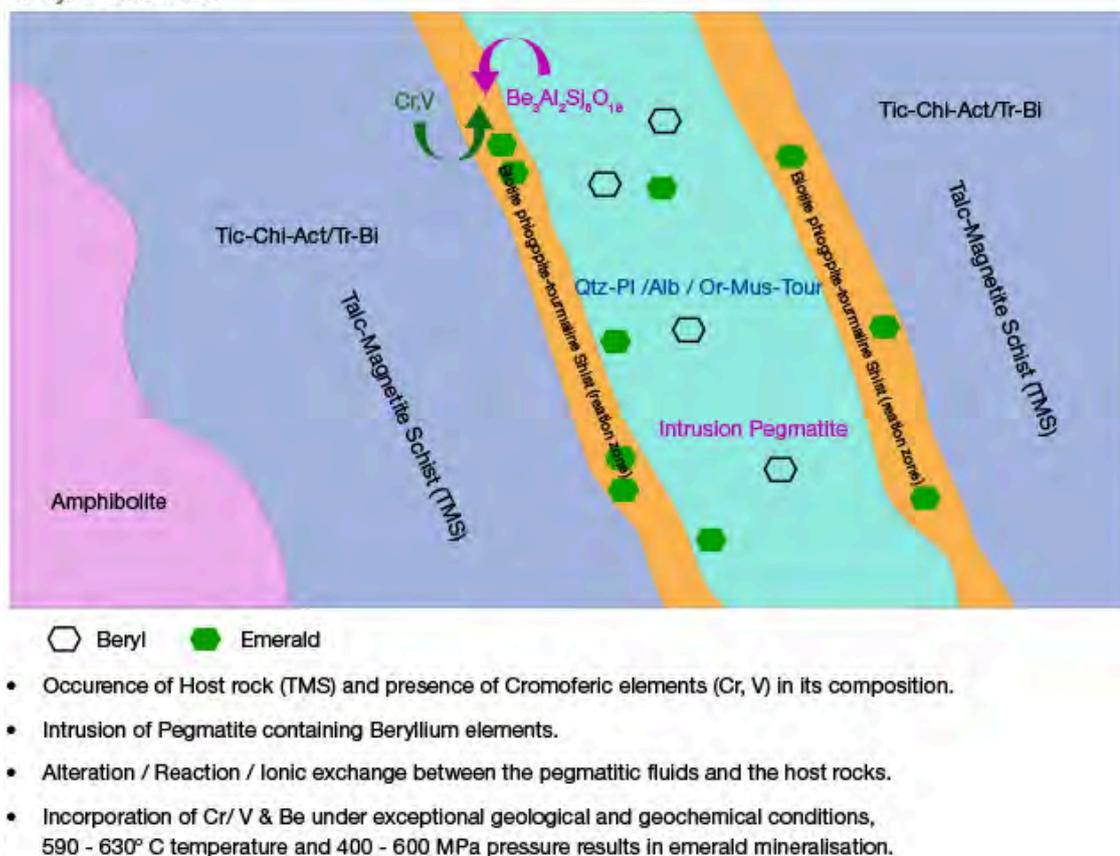
**Figure 2-6: Reaction zone material at the Kagem Mine**

Both the concordant and discordant reaction zones are laterally discontinuous and vary in thickness from a few centimetres to more than 2 m. All three styles of reaction zone are mineralogically similar, being composed of phlogopite-biotite-tourmaline aggregates (Figure 2-6a), which are highly soft and friable, providing a protective buffer ideal for the preservation of beryl and emerald crystals. The reaction zones typically contain beryl mineralisation, of which a variable fraction may be emerald, depending on the chemistry of the TMS. Chemical analyses of phlogopite-rich reaction zones from emerald deposits throughout the Kafubu area

by Seifert et al (2004), indicate that the transformation of ultramafic units into phlogopite schist involves a major influx of K, Al, F, Li and Rb, localised enrichment of Be, dilution of Cr and Ni, and removal of Ca and Si.

Within the context of the proposed models for schist-hosted emerald mineralisation within the wider Kafubu area, emerald formation at Kagem is considered to be the result of the interaction of a Be-rich fluid relating to the pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins, with the TMS unit to form the discordant and concordant reaction zones adjacent to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline vein contacts (Figure 2-7). This fluid also utilised fluid pathways along the TMS footwall and hangingwall contacts and internal brittle structures to form the footwall concordant reaction zone where there is no footwall pegmatite, and discordant reaction zones hosted by brittle structures inside the TMS unit.

### Beryl Formation



**Figure 2-7: Schematic representation of the metasomatic reaction zone between the pegmatite and TMS units, host to emerald mineralisation. Source: Gemfields internal presentation**

Where concordant and discordant reaction zones intersect, tri-junctions are formed, which typically produce wider zones of reaction zone material, with improved quality and quantity of emerald mineralisation.

Emeralds are a member of the beryl group of minerals which have the chemical formula  $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$  and which show a strong prismatic habit and an imperfect (0001) cleavage perpendicular to the long axis of the crystal (basal pinacoid). They have a hardness of 7.5 to 8.0 and a specific gravity of 2.65 to 2.80. Emerald is the deep green translucent variety of beryl and results from the substitution of Cr, ferrous iron, and in some cases, traces of V, for

Al in the crystal lattice.

Kafubu area beryls are typically white to yellowish to bluish white (Figure 2-8), while the emeralds have a moderate to strong green colouration (Figure 2-8) due to low to moderate levels of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in the range 0.11 wt% to 0.77 wt% (Seifert et al, 2004). Typical compositional ranges reported by Seifert et al (2004) for beryl and emerald, are listed in Table 2-1. The Kafubu emeralds are characterised by a wide range of trace element contents, typically with moderate levels of Mg and Na, and a moderate to high Fe content (Zwaan et al, 2005). The gemstones have enriched trace element levels, most notably of Cs and Li, but also of K, Rb, Ti, Sc, Mn, Ni and Zn (Saeseaw et al, 2014). Vanadium content is low (Zwaan et al, 2005).

**Table 2-1: Key element composition ranges for the Kafubu emeralds (from Seifert et al, 2004)**

Oxide	Compositional Range	
	From (%)	To (%)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	64.05	66.23
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.11	0.77
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.96	15.37
FeO	0.76	1.88
MgO	1.55	2.64
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.72	2.22
BeO	13.36	13.83

The Kafubu emeralds have relatively high specific gravity (2.69 – 2.77) and refractive index values, especially relatively to emeralds from Colombia (Zwaan et al, 2005). Beryl and emerald mineralisation in the Kafubu area typically forms as subhedral to euhedral hexagonal crystals that often grow in aggregates of multiple gemstones. Step-growth crystal surfaces are common (Seifert et al, 2004). Individual crystals can vary in size from <1mm to >10cm in diameter. The Kafubu beryl and emeralds are variably included, most commonly containing multiphase liquid and gas inclusions mostly of rectangular shape, or less commonly with an irregular outline (Saeseaw et al, 2014). Solid inclusions are relatively common; most typically comprising platy, subhedral to euhedral phlogopite (Seifert et al, 2004), as well as rod-like actinolite or tremolite (Milisenda et al, 1999), pyrolusite, tourmaline, chlorite, feldspar, fluorapatite, magnetite, hematite, rutile and quartz amongst others.

In addition to the phlogopite schist (reaction zone) mineralisation, the pegmatite dykes, and particularly the quartz-tourmaline veins at Kagem also contain variable quantities of beryl and emeralds (Figure 2-8d). The emeralds found within the quartz-tourmaline veins typically exhibit a bluish colour and strong habit, and are usually more transparent than the phlogopite schist emeralds. The phlogopite schist emeralds are also typically more included than those in the quartz-tourmaline veins. Despite this, the emeralds contained within the phlogopite schist are, on average, considered to be of a higher quality than those found within the quartz-tourmaline veins. This is primarily because of the greener colour of the phlogopite schist emeralds. The blue colour and increased transparency of the quartz-tourmaline emeralds is attributed to increased Fe content in the beryl crystal lattice.

Images of emerald and beryl mineralisation at the Kagem Mine are displayed in Figure 2-8, as follows:

- a) emeralds recovered from reaction zone material at the Chama Pit, increasing in quality from low quality beryl on the left, to high quality emerald on the right;
- b) a high quality premium emerald;
- c) high quality green-ish (left) and blue-ish (right) emeralds; and
- d) beryl mineralisation in a quartz-tourmaline vein.



**Figure 2-8: Emerald mineralisation at the Kagem Mine**

## **3 DATA QUANTITY AND QUALITY**

### **3.1 Exploration**

The main exploration methods being employed at the Kagem Mine include diamond drilling, and bulk sampling from trial pits, most of which has been undertaken since 1998. This key data is supplemented by geological mapping of the main operating open pit at Chama and the trial mining pits at Fibolele and Libwente, in addition to some airborne geophysical survey maps.

Diamond drilling is primarily aimed at determining the nature and geometry of the talc-magnetite schist units and pegmatite dykes / quartz-tourmaline veins at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente. Additional diamond drilling within the Kagem Mine area has been focussed on identifying and defining additional exploration targets outside of the main deposit areas. The main exploration tool used to determine emerald grade and quality is through current open-pit mining operations at Chama, and trial mining at Fibolele and Libwente. The grade of each deposit is determined through recovered emerald quantity and quality data obtained from the sort house.

### **3.2 Topography**

The highest resolution pre-mining topographic data available for the Kagem Mine area is regional airborne barometric sensing data, at a resolution of 10mX by 10mY. To ensure consistency between the topographic survey and the resource model presented in this report, this surface was projected onto the drillhole collar points, which were surveyed using either total station or differential GPS, and are known to have more accurate elevation values than the topographic survey points. This was achieved through an intelligent interpolation process in ARANZ Leapfrog software, resulting in a topographic surface which honours the more accurate elevation of the collar survey points, whilst retaining the geometry of the original topographic survey between drillholes. Figure 3-1 shows an oblique view (31° towards 342°) of the adjusted pre-mining Kagem topography surface, snapped to collar points (displayed in black) and coloured by elevation (displayed at 3 times vertical exaggeration).

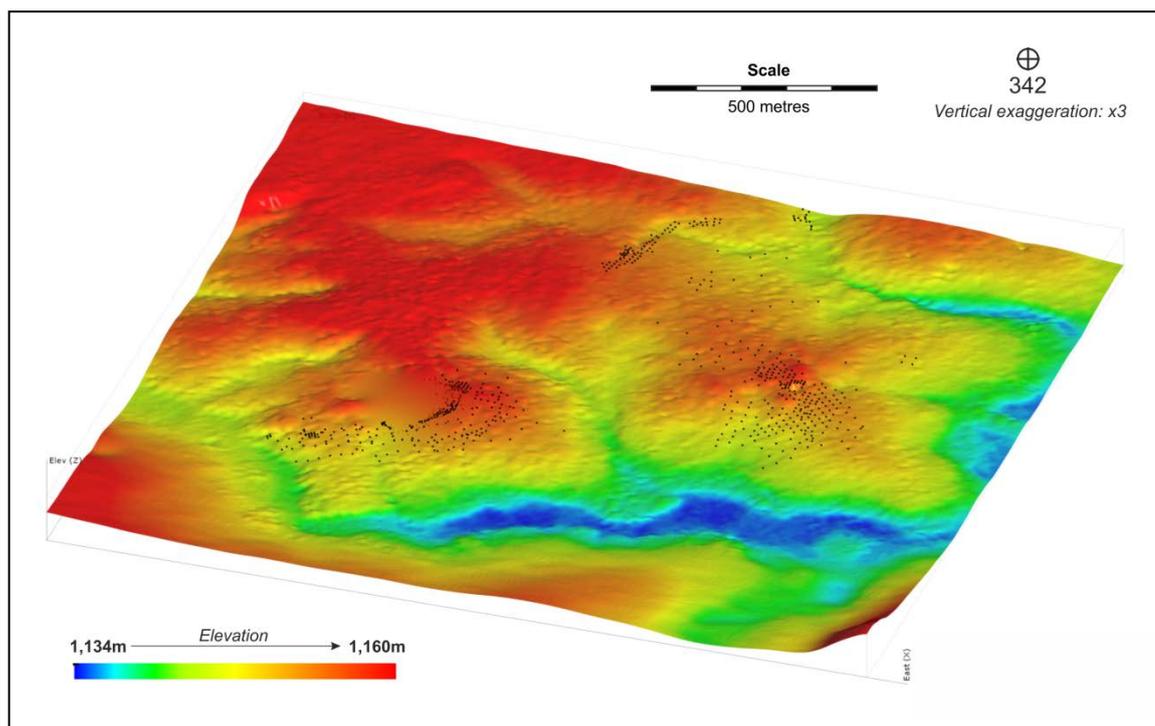
### **3.3 Geophysical Surveys**

#### **3.3.1 Airborne Geophysics**

Semi-regional airborne geophysical data was captured by New Resolution Geophysics (NRG) across much of the NRERA area in 2006. Gemfields re-commissioned NRG to conduct more detailed geophysical data capture within the Kagem licence area in 2008. The licence-scale survey was conducted on a section spacing of 40 m, with point spacing on-section at 1 to 2 m. The licence-scale data was interpreted by Vishnu Geophysics to produce a series of geophysical survey maps, including: total magnetic intensity (TMI), TMI analytic signal (TMI AS), TMI first and second derivatives, apparent susceptibility, calculated digital terrain model, potassium, thorium and uranium amongst others. The 2006 semi-regional geophysical data was interpreted by NRG, Vishnu Geophysics and Tect Geological Consulting to produce TMI, TMI AS, TMI derivatives, Euler 3D and geological interpretation maps.

#### **3.3.2 Ground Geophysics**

Ground geophysical data was collected in-house by Gemfields geologists during the first two quarters of 2015, at a 20 m section spacing and 1 m point spacing on section, in targeted areas of the Kagem licence. Vishnu Geophysics was contracted to complete interpretation of the ground geophysics data, which is on-going at the time of writing.



**Figure 3-1: Adjusted pre-mining Kagem topography surface**

### 3.4 Drilling

#### 3.4.1 Summary of the Drill Programme

For the purposes of this study, Gemfields has supplied SRK with a drillhole database for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits. Other exploration prospects within the Kagem Mine licence area have not been reviewed by SRK, and are excluded from this mandate.

Drilling to date across the three deposit areas in question, (Chama, Fibolele and Libwente) comprises a total of 707 drillholes for a total meterage of 67,457.60 m. This includes 348 holes for 35,771 m at Chama, 117 holes for 9,875 m at Fibolele and 242 holes for 21,810 m at Libwente. All drillholes are diamond core holes.

Figure 3-2 shows the pre- and post-2008 Chama collars overlain on the most recent detailed Kagem satellite imagery. Drilling at Chama is on a variably spaced grid broadly defined by close spaced drilling of approximately 25 x 25 m in a northeast trending arc around the surface expression of the TMS unit, with drill spacing decreasing down-dip. Drill spacing down-dip is highly variable, but can be loosely described in terms of a 100 x 200 m grid, decreasing to approximately 50 x 50 m in places. The majority of holes at the Chama deposit have been drilled perpendicular to the TMS unit, at an average dip of 70° to the northwest and west. A small number of holes have been drilled to assess the distribution and continuity of pegmatite veining at the Chama deposit. These holes have been drilled at approximately 55° towards the west-southwest on a rough 200 x 200 m grid.

Figure 3-3 shows the Fibolele collars overlain on the most recent detailed Kagem satellite imagery. Fibolele is drilled on 50 m sections (Figure 3-3), with an on-section collar spacing of 50 m. Most sections comprise two or three holes. Infill drilling has been completed in a small area in the south of the deposit on a 25 x 25 m grid. The majority of holes are drilled perpendicular to the TMS unit dipping at an average dip of 70° towards the west and west-

northwest, rotating to a north-northwest azimuth in the north, to reflect the change in strike of the target TMS. A total of 15 additional holes have been completed to date targeting the TMS in an area approximately 600 m northeast of the main Fibolele deposit, locally known as Sandwana. Some 20 vertically dipping exploration holes have also been completed on a relatively sporadic grid in the area between Fibolele and Libwente.

Figure 3-4 shows the Libwente collars overlain on the most recent detailed Kagem satellite imagery. Drilling at Libwente has been completed on a variable grid of 100 x 100 m, 100 x 50 m, or 50 x 50 m, decreasing to 25 x 25 m in places. Collar spacing decreases to roughly 200 x 100 m in the north-western part of the deposit. Almost all of the Libwente holes are drilled vertically to target the shallow dipping TMS unit.

All diamond drilling carried out after January 2011 has been completed in-house by two Gemfields owned Longyear LF 1000 D rigs. Most holes start at HQ core diameter, switching to NQ diameter core once into competent rock. The majority of holes extend approximately 20 m beyond the TMS unit into footwall mica schist before being terminated.

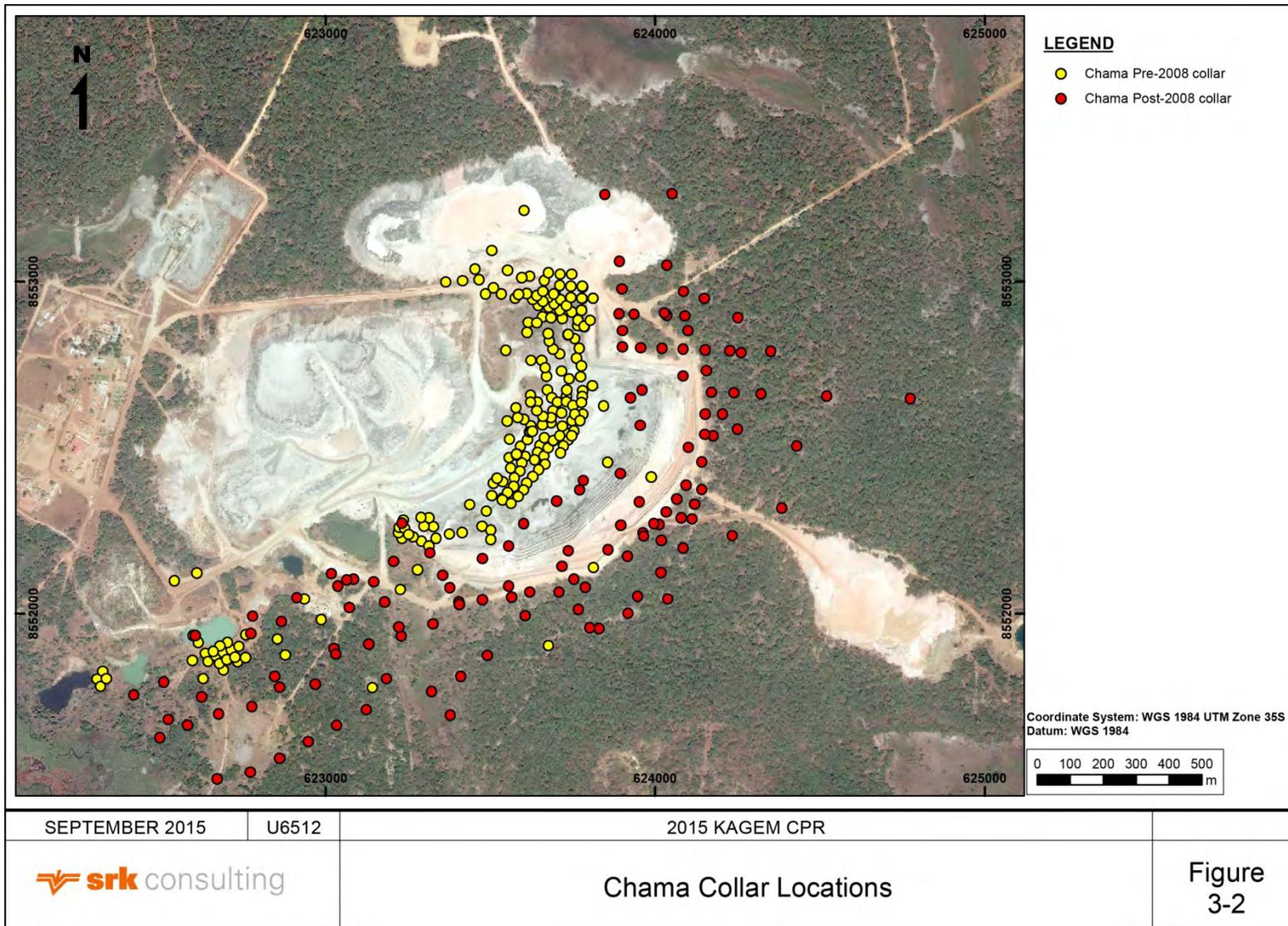
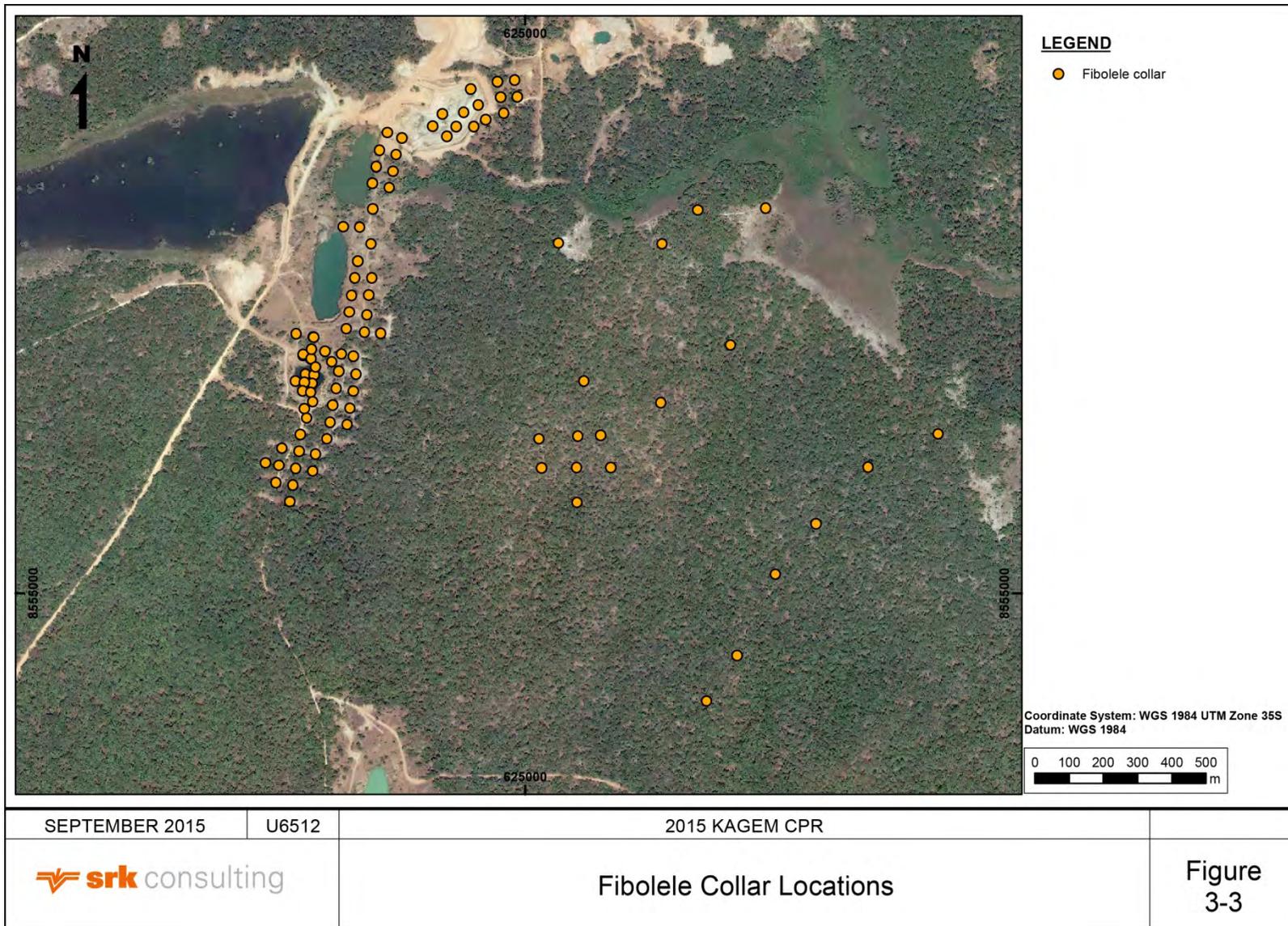
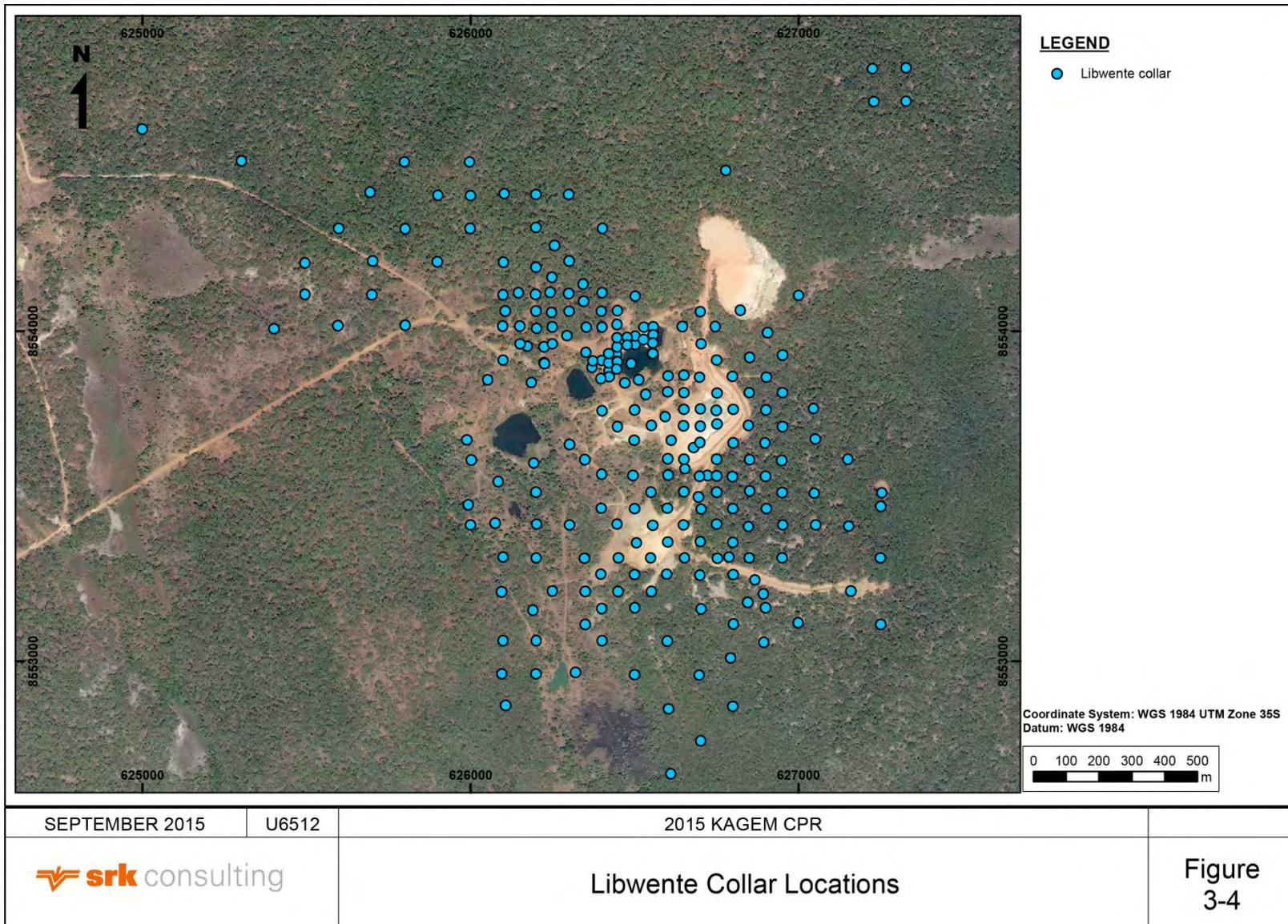


Figure 3-2: Chama Collar Locations



**Figure 3-3: Fibolele Collar Locations**



**Figure 3-4: Libwente Collar Locations**

### 3.4.2 Collar Surveys

The majority of diamond drillhole collars throughout the Kagem Mine licence were surveyed using total station theodolite. The remaining, most recent, collars have been surveyed using differential GPS.

### 3.4.3 Downhole Surveys and Core Orientation

Downhole survey data exists for a total of 246 holes throughout the Kagem Mine licence, which represents roughly 35% of the total number of holes drilled. On a deposit basis, the percentage of holes for which downhole surveying has been completed is equal to approximately 33% at Chama, 70% at Fibolele and 20% at Libwente. The holes are surveyed using a REFLEX EZ-Com 2.0.0 tool, at average downhole intervals of approximately 12 m at Chama, Fibolele, and Libwente. None of the holes has been structurally oriented.

### 3.4.4 Logging and Sampling Procedures

Gemfields has put in place a logical logging and data capture procedure for diamond drilling, to guide the on-site staff through the technical process. This aims to ensure a consistent methodology for the process of capturing data throughout the drilling campaign to allow for subsequent meaningful analysis. All logging is carried out by Gemfields geologists, and SRK considers the methodologies in place to be consistent with normal industry practice for this commodity type. That being said, SRK has made a number of recommendations to Gemfields to improve the logging process going forward, in order to ensure that the most relevant data is captured in a consistent and user-friendly format. These are documented in Section 4.12.

The current procedures for core handling, transportation, logging and sampling is:

1. Once removed from the ground, the core is placed into metal core boxes, and length tags inserted at the end of each run. The depth of each run is also marked on the inside of the core box at the position at which the tag is inserted in case any length tags are lost during transportation of the core to the core drill core yard. It is the drillers responsibility to ensure that core in the boxes is in the correct order.
2. After drilling, the core boxes are picked up from the drill site by drilling personnel and taken directly to the drill core storage facilities at camp. The core boxes are stacked and clamped before loading to minimise any disturbance and breakage caused during transportation.
3. Upon receipt at the drill core yard, the core boxes are checked to ensure that the depth tags are still in place, and then stacked as per the index catalogue in the core yard.
4. Prior to logging, the core boxes are laid out on logging tables and checked to ensure that the core is continuous and in the right order in each box. The core boxes are then cleaned to remove any extraneous contaminants such as drill mud or grease.
5. Basic geotechnical data including recovery and rock quality designation (RQD) is recorded by a geologist. RQD is defined as the core recovery percentage, only incorporating pieces of solid core >10 cm in length measured along the centre line of the core.
6. After recording core recovery, the core boxes and lids are clearly labelled with “from” and “to” depths.
7. Geological data is recorded in a detailed log spread sheet designed to capture key

geological information for each interval. This includes rock type, grain size, texture, degree of weathering, colour, intrusive features (such as veining) and major, minor and accessory minerals. A 5 cm minimum logging width applies to ensure that the reaction zone material, which has an average downhole interval length of approximately 1 m, and is often at the <10 cm scale, is appropriately accounted for in the drillhole database.

8. Handheld Niton XRF analysis is completed from 3 m above the hangingwall of the logged TMS unit to 3 m below the footwall of the TMS. A Niton reading is typically taken every 0.33 m, or at 1 m intervals in places.
9. After geological logging and Niton XRF analysis has been completed, sample positions are marked to conform with changes in lithology / alteration. Sample numbers corresponding to pre-printed sample tags are written on the inside of the core boxes. Sampling is undertaken for the TMS unit, in addition to the immediate hangingwall and footwall formations, and the standard sample length is 1 m.
10. The core axis is marked by red pencil down the centre of the core, and the boxes containing core to be sampled are moved to the cutting area.
11. The core is cut using 'Corster' diamond saw blade cutters.
12. Half core from one side of the cut line is placed into plastic sample bags for each interval. The sample bags are labelled with sample numbers on the outside and sample tags inserted inside. The boxes from which samples have been taken are then marked with red paint marker as "SAMP".
13. Standards are weighed and inserted every 10<sup>th</sup> sample. Gemfields hold samples for pegmatite, TMS, mica schist and amphibolite, generated from Kagem drill core.
14. The sample bags are closed and secured and then placed into large sacks. The sacks are labelled with the sample range and company name, and a laboratory instruction sheet included for each batch.
15. The drill core boxes are returned to the core storage facility at the core yard, and re-stacked as per the core yard index catalogue.

### 3.4.5 Sample Preparation and Analyses

It is not possible to obtain an accurate emerald carat per tonne assay values from HQ or NQ size core samples. Gemfields has instead conducted geochemical assaying of the drill core, for a suite of elements, which can be used to assist in interpreting the geometry of the TMS unit and reaction zone host to the emerald mineralisation. The bulk of geochemical assay data for the Kagem Mine is supplied by handheld Niton XRF analysis, with laboratory assays employed as a validation of the Niton data in selected drillholes. Gemfields has provided SRK with assay data for a total of 715 samples across 72 drillholes. More detail on the quantity and spatial distribution of the laboratory assay samples is given in Section 3.4.7.

Samples are sent for crushing, pulverisation and analysis to either the Alfred H Knight laboratory in Kitwe, Zambia (AHK), Shiva Analyticals in Bangalore, India (Shiva), or the SGS laboratory in Kalalushi, Zambia (SGS). For each drillhole sample batch, Quality Assurance and Quality control (QAQC) samples in the form of an internal blank and internal duplicate are added to monitor analytical precision and potential contamination. The internal blanks were obtained from quartz samples from the Chama Pit that have been crushed, pulped and

thoroughly homogenized at the AHK laboratory. External blank, duplicate and standard standards are also inserted at SGS.

The Company's exploration manager is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all quality control procedures are followed and the results regularly reviewed.

### 3.4.6 Data Received

SRK was provided with the following list of documents and files to assist with the Mineral Resource Estimate:

- Drillhole data:
  - diamond drillhole data for 707 holes including collar and survey files and detailed geological and basic geotechnical logging data;
  - handheld Niton XRF analysis for a suite of 12 elements for 136 holes at Chama and Libwente, and single element (Cr) Niton analysis for 42 holes at Fibolele; and
  - laboratory assay data for a total of 715 samples from the selected sampled holes at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente, in Excel format.
- In situ and drill core density testwork results.
- Monthly pit survey wireframes up to May 2015 for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits in Surpac format.
- Detailed monthly (when available) open-pit geology maps for the Chama, Fibolele, Libwente, Ishuko and Sandwana pits in both JPG image format and ArcGIS format.
- Detailed production data for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente operations, including mined tonnes by rock type, reaction zone tonnes, stripping ratio and run of mine (RoM) from both the Mine and the plant, all on a month-by-month basis.
- Underground working survey strings in Surpac string format.
- Detailed underground geological mapping sections and plans in both JPG image format and Surpac string format.
- Semi-regional magnetic and radiometric geophysics interpretation maps.
- Licence scale airborne geophysical survey maps including TMI, TMI AS, TMI first and second derivatives and apparent susceptibility and radiometric interpretation maps for potassium, thorium and uranium.
- Ground geophysics magnetic and radiometric data interpretation maps for the Ishuko pit area;
- Airborne licence-wide 10 x 10 m topography survey data in point format.
- High resolution geo-referenced satellite imagery for the Kagem licence area.
- Exploration plan maps including surface geology interpretations for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits.
- Kagem Mine licence boundary string (in .dxf format) and associated documentation.
- Core photographs for a total of 58 holes throughout the Chama (16 holes), Fibolele (33 holes) and Libwente (9 holes) deposits.
- In-house Surpac wireframes for the Chama TMS unit.

### 3.4.7 Quality Assurance and Quality Control - Assays

The bulk of geochemical assay data for the Kagem Mine is supplied by handheld Niton XRF analysis, with laboratory assays employed as a validation of the Niton data in selected

drillholes. Gemfields has provided SRK with laboratory assay data for a total of 715 samples from the selected sampled holes at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente. This includes assay data produced by AHK, Shiva, and SGS. The majority of downhole assay data provided incorporates the TMS unit and a few metres of the footwall and hangingwall waste rock.

The Shiva laboratory data includes analysis for a suite of 59 elements for a total of 83 samples from 9 drillholes, including three holes each at Chama, Fibolele, and Libwente. The AHK database includes a total of 160 samples analysed for Cr and V, from a total of 7 drillholes, all at Chama. The SGS dataset is the most comprehensive, including data for 472 samples analysed for a suite of 36 elements across 56 holes, including 15 holes at Chama, 15 holes at Fibolele and 26 holes at Libwente. The SGS data set also incorporates a total of 39 QAQC samples, including internal blanks, internal duplicates, external blanks, external standards and external duplicates, as documented in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1: SGS QAQC laboratory assays by QAQC type and deposit**

QAQC type	Number of Analyses		
	Chama	Fibolele	Libwente
Internal Blank	6	5	11
Internal Duplicate	6	4	10
External Blank	7	6	26
External Standard	13	12	48
External Duplicate	7	6	25

Laboratory assay data has not been used as an explicit control in the resource modelling process for this study. For this reason, it has not been considered necessary to complete a detailed analysis of the laboratory assay QAQC data provided at this time. The limited QAQC analysis conducted by SRK as part of the underground FS at Kagem in 2012, coupled with the present analysis of the ICP-MS analysis in two additional laboratories suggests a relatively strong performance of the limited QAQC sample database.

SRK considers that the frequency of QAQC sample insertion is appropriate for the current QAQC checks, and the level of resource classification in this report; however, it is noted that the supplied data is relatively limited. Based on QAQC analysis, SRK is satisfied that the quality control procedures indicate no overall bias in the sample preparation and ICP-MS procedure.

In general, it is the opinion of SRK that the results of the limited number of QAQC analysis display a reasonably good correlation to the original assays and are acceptable. That being said, it is recommended that more stringent compilation and records of QAQC procedures are kept in the future for historical review of data. It is considered possible that with a more comprehensive QAQC program, and assay database size in general, the assay data could be incorporated as an additional control in the resource modelling process, helping to improve overall resource confidence.

### 3.4.8 QAQC Niton

Gemfields has provided SRK with handheld Niton XRF data for a total of 7,088 samples from a 178 holes across Chama, Fibolele and Libwente. This includes analyses for 22 holes at Chama (approximately 6% of the Chama holes), 41 holes at Fibolele (approximately 35% of the Fibolele holes) and 115 holes at Libwente (approximately 48% of the Libwente holes). The Niton XRF data covers a suite of 12 elements at Chama and Libwente, and one element (Cr)

at Fibolele. Niton analysis is typically completed from 3 m above the hangingwall of the logged TMS unit to 3 m below the footwall of the TMS. The majority of Niton intervals are 0.33 m in length, or alternatively 1 m in places.

As a validation check, SRK has completed a high level comparison analysis of the Niton XRF data against the laboratory assays. Weighted average Cr values within the TMS unit for the Niton XRF data, in addition to the laboratory assays from SGS, AHK and Shiva are presented in Table 3-3.

**Table 3-2: Weighted average Cr values with in the TMS unit for the Niton and laboratory assay data sets**

<b>Data set</b>	<i>Weighted average TMS Cr value (ppm)</i>	<i>Total length of TMS core analysed (m)</i>
<b>Niton</b>	2,058	112.76
<b>SGS</b>	1,737	2,257.81
<b>AHK</b>	2,664	273.26
<b>Shiva</b>	2,761	26.92

Direct comparison of Niton XRF Cr grades and SGS Cr grades where down-hole crossover between the two data sets exists is presented in Figure 3-5. Similar analysis comparing the Niton XRF grades with Shiva Cr grades is presented in Figure 3-6. No cross-over exists between the Niton XRF and AHK assays. The standard laboratory assay sample length is 1 m, whilst the standard Niton interval length is 0.33 m. For this reason, the Niton XRF grades directly compared with individual SGS and Shiva laboratory assays are length weighted averages of all the Niton samples that cross over with individual laboratory assay sample intervals.

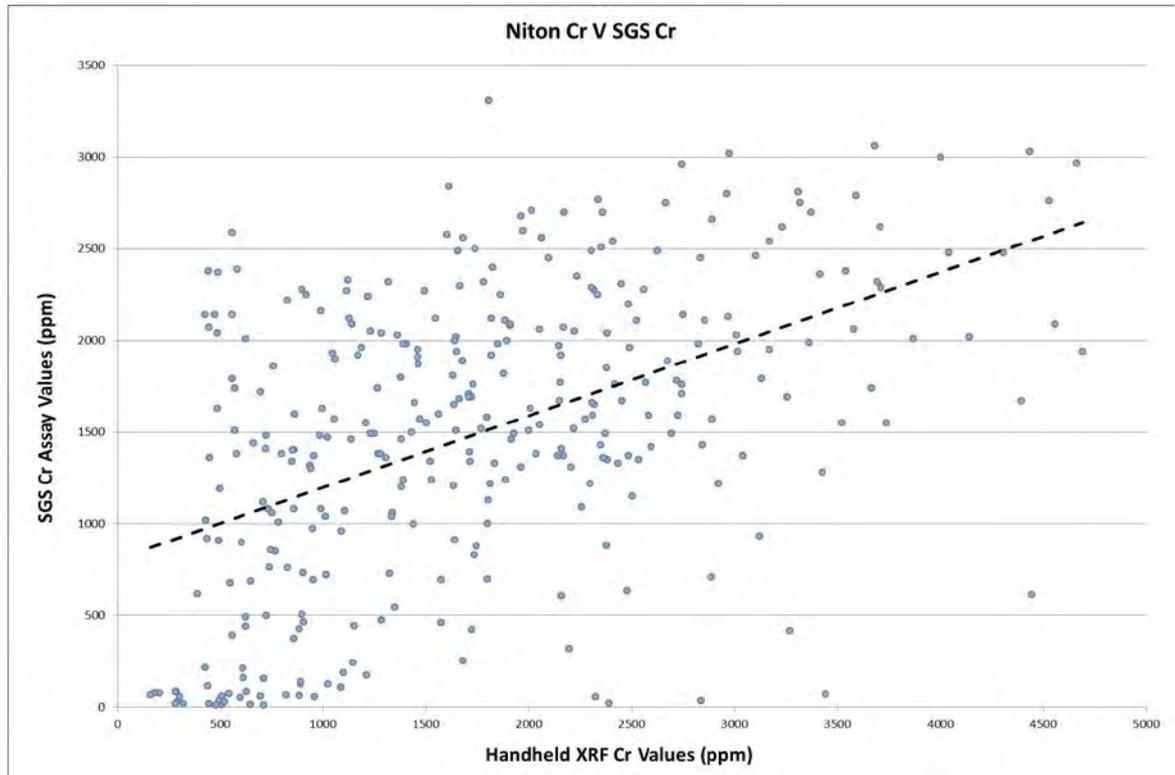
Figure 3-5 demonstrates a large discrepancy between the Niton XRF Cr values and the SGS Cr assays, with a correlation coefficient of about 0.49. This indicates a relative lack of precision in the Niton analysis, the SGS laboratory analysis, or both. In addition, other than core with very low Niton Cr values of <300 ppm, the handheld Niton typically returns higher Cr values than the SGS laboratory data. This is also evident from the weighted average Cr value in the TMS unit from the SGS assays which, at 1,737 ppm, is 321 ppm less than the weighted average value from the Niton data set.

Comparison of the Niton XRF and Shiva laboratory Cr data, also indicates a relatively poor correlation, with a correlation coefficient of about 0.55. Figure 3-6 also highlights that the Niton Cr values are typically higher than the Shiva assay Cr values, although the average Cr value within the TMS is higher for the Shiva assays than the Niton data, resulting from the effect of 1 or 2 anomalous values on the relatively small amount of data from the Shiva laboratory available for comparison.

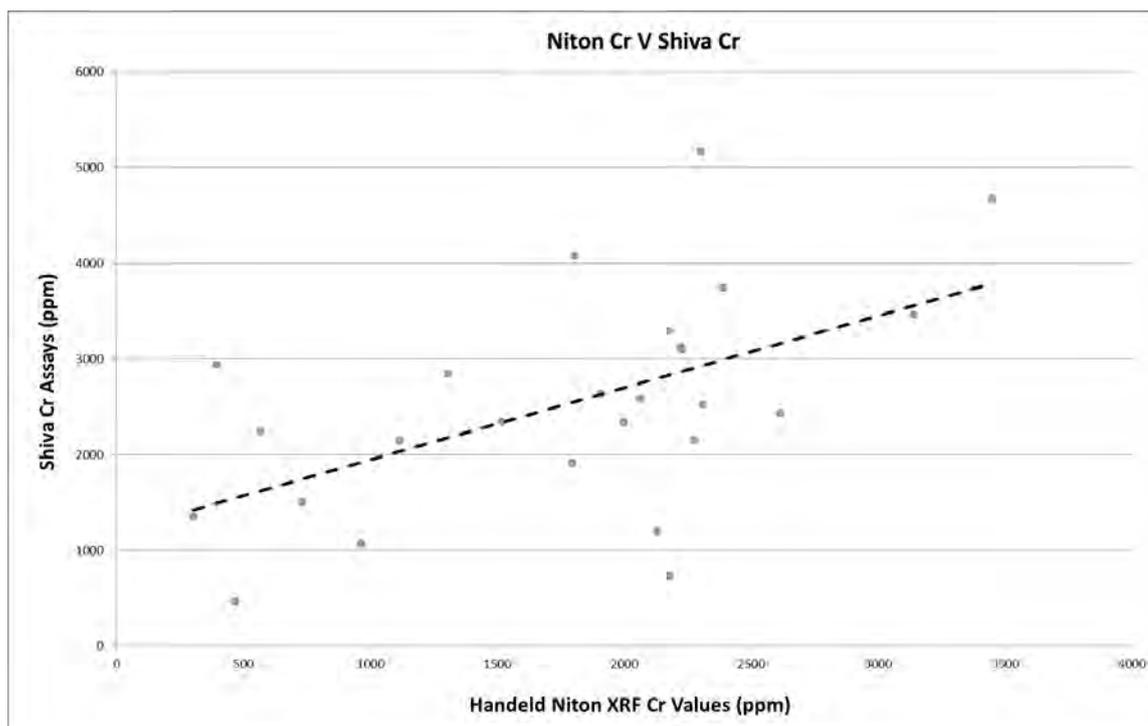
Although based on a relatively small assay dataset, the results of the QAQC analysis suggest that there is possibly a significant degree of imprecision associated with the handheld Niton XRF Cr values, and that this data should be used with caution when used to assist in geological or resource modelling. The QAQC review also indicates that the Niton XRF may be slightly over-estimating the Cr content. Although a concern, this does not have a significant impact on the resource modelling process, as the average Cr values of the various rock types and derived cut-off values used to adjust the resource model are based on Niton data alone.

At this stage, it is unclear whether the discrepancies between the laboratory assay data and the handheld Niton data are a result of imprecision in the Niton data, the laboratory data, or a

combination of both. In addition, the differences in sample length (Niton, 33 cm, and SGS, 1m), may also be introducing a level of exaggeration. Review of limited laboratory QAQC samples (Section 3.4.7) suggests a reasonable precision in the laboratory assay analysis; however, SRK recommends that Gemfields substantially adds to the laboratory assay QAQC data set, in order that a more detailed QAQC of the laboratory assays may be undertaken. This should go a long way to determining the cause of the discrepancies between the Niton and laboratory analyses.



**Figure 3-5: Direct comparison of SGS laboratory Cr assays and Niton XRF Cr values**



**Figure 3-6: Direct comparison of Shiva laboratory Cr assays and Niton XRF Cr values**

### 3.4.9 Lithological Logging Validation

SRK completed a brief review of the drillhole databases for the respective deposits and summary logging of a series of drillholes during the most recent site visit completed in June 2015. SRK's review suggests that the geological information being recorded by Gemfields geologists is of a good quality, lithological identifications are consistent and downhole contact depths have been captured to an appropriate level of accuracy.

That being said, SRK notes that there is a degree of inconsistency between the logging of the older, pre-2008 holes and more recent drilling. Most notably, the logged reaction zone thickness in the post-2008 holes is 0.76 m, approximately 67% that in the pre-2008 holes, of 1.14 m. This is considered to be a function of an improved understanding of the nature of the reaction zone material over time, rather than any geological difference in reaction zone thickness in the older drilling relative to the more recent drillholes. In general, the logging and nomenclature used during logging is generally consistent between the pre- and post-2008 holes.

As a form of validation of the lithological logging, and to identify any potential relationships between rock type and geochemical signature that may assist in the resource modelling process, SRK completed a high level analysis of the Niton XRF data with the lithological logging. Average Niton XRF values for the suite of 12 elements analysed split by lithology are presented in Table 3-3.

**Table 3-3: Average Niton XRF grades for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits, split by lithology**

<i>Lith</i>	<i>Average Niton XRF grade (ppm)</i>											
	<b>Zn</b>	<b>Mn</b>	<b>Sr</b>	<b>Ca</b>	<b>Ti</b>	<b>Fe</b>	<b>Rb</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>Cu</b>
<b>AMP</b>	1,306	910	423	29,984	1,918	60,438	118	294	1,075	38	7,399	72
<b>MS</b>	626	493	385	20,301	2,076	47,734	154	270	510	41	11,766	24
<b>TMS</b>	1,208	964	135	22,570	1,402	69,459	96	236	2,125	34	5,710	64
<b>RZ</b>	5,443	1,128	201	17,966	1,802	65,325	530	255	914	59	17,354	71
<b>PEG</b>	1,871	802	221	26,364	1,228	31,900	157	222	797	47	8,568	69
<b>QT</b>	3,854	866	294	19,202	1,957	50,851	220	248	880	59	12,934	38

On this basis, the most notable geochemical differentiator between the amphibolite and TMS units is a significant increase in Cr content within the TMS, from an average of 1,075 ppm in the logged amphibolite unit, to an average of 2,125 ppm within the TMS (Figure 3-7). Visual analysis of the Cr grades alongside the downhole lithological logging indicates a sharp increase in Cr grade at the TMS – amphibolite contact, rather than a gradational change. This increase in chromium content within the TMS unit is considered most likely to be a result of differentiation of chromium within the original komatiite melt into the lower, more ultramafic protolith to the TMS unit, and explains why emerald mineralisation is only associated with the TMS, and not also the adjacent amphibolite unit. The contact between the TMS and amphibolite units is also marked by a pronounced decrease in strontium content from an average of 423 ppm within the amphibolite, to 135 ppm within the TMS unit (Figure 3-7).

Key geochemical differentiators between the TMS unit and the reaction zone material are a marked increase in both rubidium and potassium content within the reaction zone, relating to the influx of K and Rb during the transformation of metabasic rock into phlogopite. Average Rb content in the TMS unit is 96 ppm, which compares to an average Rb content of 530 ppm in the reaction zone material, whilst average K in the TMS of 5,710 ppm compares to an average reaction zone K grade of 17,354 ppm (Figure 3-7). Reaction zone material is also characterised by a pronounced increase in zinc grade, from an average of 1,208 ppm within the TMS unit, to 5,443 ppm in the reaction zone material (Figure 3-7), probably relating to increased tourmaline content within the reaction zone.

Notably none of the key lithologies, including TMS and reaction zone material, shows any great variation in vanadium content (Figure 3-7), which suggests that vanadium does not have a significant role to play in the formation of emerald mineralisation within the tested Kagem deposits.

SRK notes that although this high level review of the Niton XRF data offers a useful insight into the geochemical characteristics of the key lithological units at the Kagem Mine, clearly more detailed data and analysis is required to derive any firm conclusions on the chemical composition of the local units (and particularly reaction zone material) that can be used as an explicit control for resource modelling. That being said, taking geological continuity into consideration, SRK has carefully utilised certain aspects of the Niton XRF data to assist in constructing the resource model where possible (see Section 4.2.1).

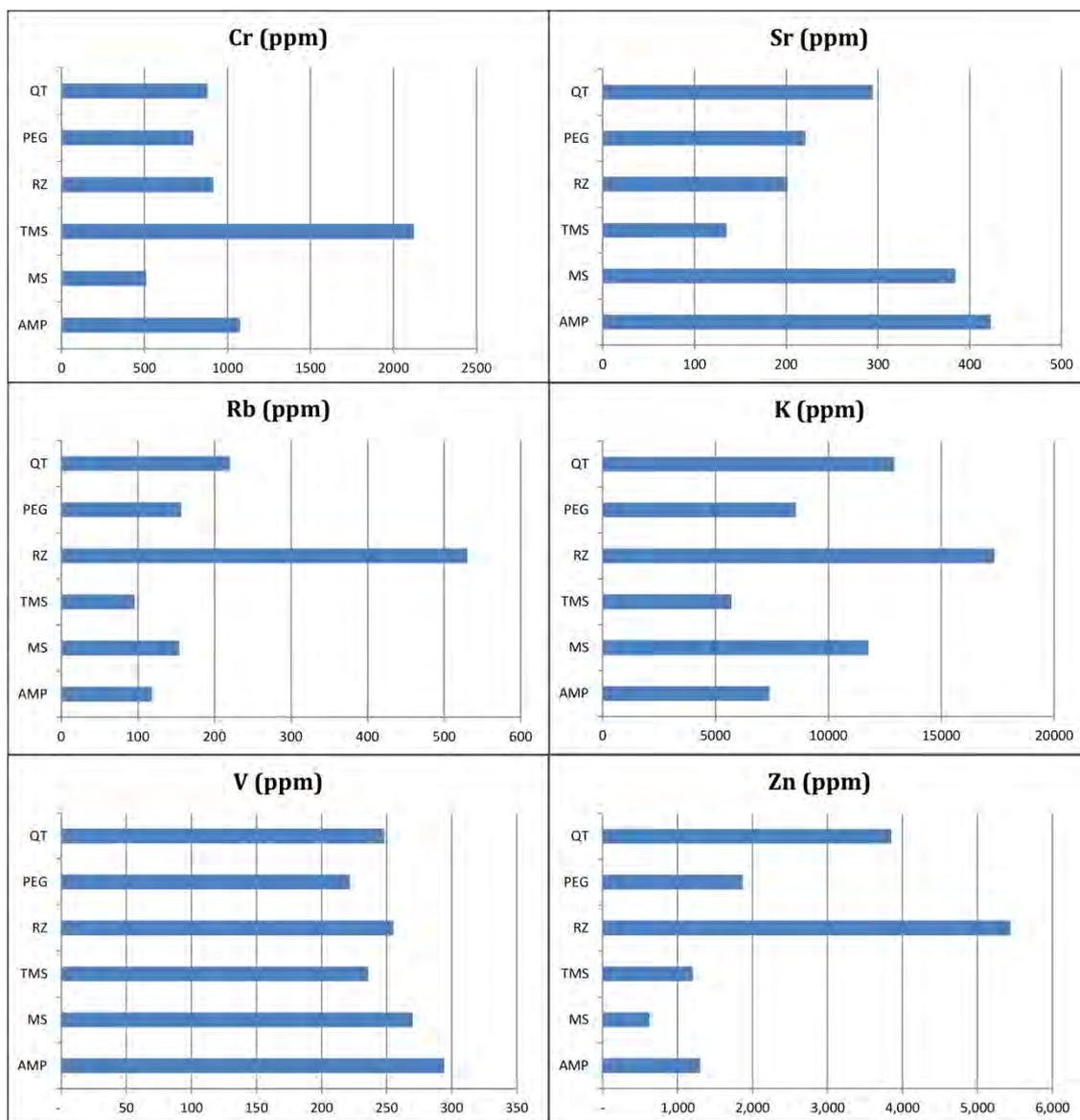


Figure 3-7: Average Niton XRF values for selected key elements split by lithology

### 3.4.10 Core recovery

Core recoveries have been recorded for all new drillholes. Core recoveries in available drillhole data average 80.8%. Recovery in the pegmatite ranges from 5 to 100% and averages at 82.5%, whilst recovery in the TMS is more consistent, ranging from 8.4% to 100% and averaging at 91.1%. Good core recovery in the pegmatites and TMS intersections is particularly important.

Core recovery was not routinely recorded in the pre-2008 drilling campaigns. Where available, excepting expected low recoveries in the soil horizon, average values range from 57.6% to 98.5% with the latter value being in the TMS unit and the former in kaolinised pegmatite areas. Reduced recovery in the pegmatites is a concern as it renders thickness measurements, and assessment as to whether pegmatites are conformable or discordant, more difficult.

### 3.5 Density

Historically, specific gravity measurements were only available from a 2009 Rocklab report from AMC. Subsequent to the underground Feasibility Study, the Company undertook density testwork from both in situ and core sources. In addition, the Company also benchmarked the density testwork results against the production records derived from the Mine. This is a significant improvement on the data available historically, and has improved confidence in the tonnage estimates. The density values per lithology are detailed in Table 3-4.

**Table 3-4: Density values derived from testwork and production records, as applied for tonnage estimation**

Lithology	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
TMS	2.85
Pegmatite / QT Veins	2.60
Reaction Zone	2.85
Undifferentiated waste, including amphibolite	2.40
Weathered waste rock to a depth of 1,160mRL	2.20

### 3.6 Pit Mapping

The on-site geologists complete detailed pit mapping of the operating open pits (namely Chama, Fibolele, Libwente South and Ishuko) on a regular on-going basis. The data from this mapping is regularly imported into ArcGIS software and incorporated with pre-existing mapping data to produce an updated digital geological map of each pit on a monthly basis. Figure 3-8 shows a detailed geological map of the Chama open pit completed by Kagem geologists, sourced from the Gemfields mapping library. The geological pit maps are generated at a scale of 1:1,000 at Chama (production contacts are mapped at a scale of 1:200) and Libwente, and 1:500 at Fibolele. Units incorporated into the final maps include mica schist, amphibolite, talc-magnetite schist, transitional talc-magnetite schist, footwall mica schist, pegmatite, quartz-tourmaline veins and reaction zone. In addition to the current operating pits, Kagem has also partially de-watered and mapped the two Sandwana pits in the far north of the Fibolele deposit area. Here, mapping is based on a combination of observations made directly from the exposed pit, and the extrapolation of logged TMS in the drill database to surface in areas of the pit that are still flooded. The Sandwana pits are mapped at a scale of 1:800.

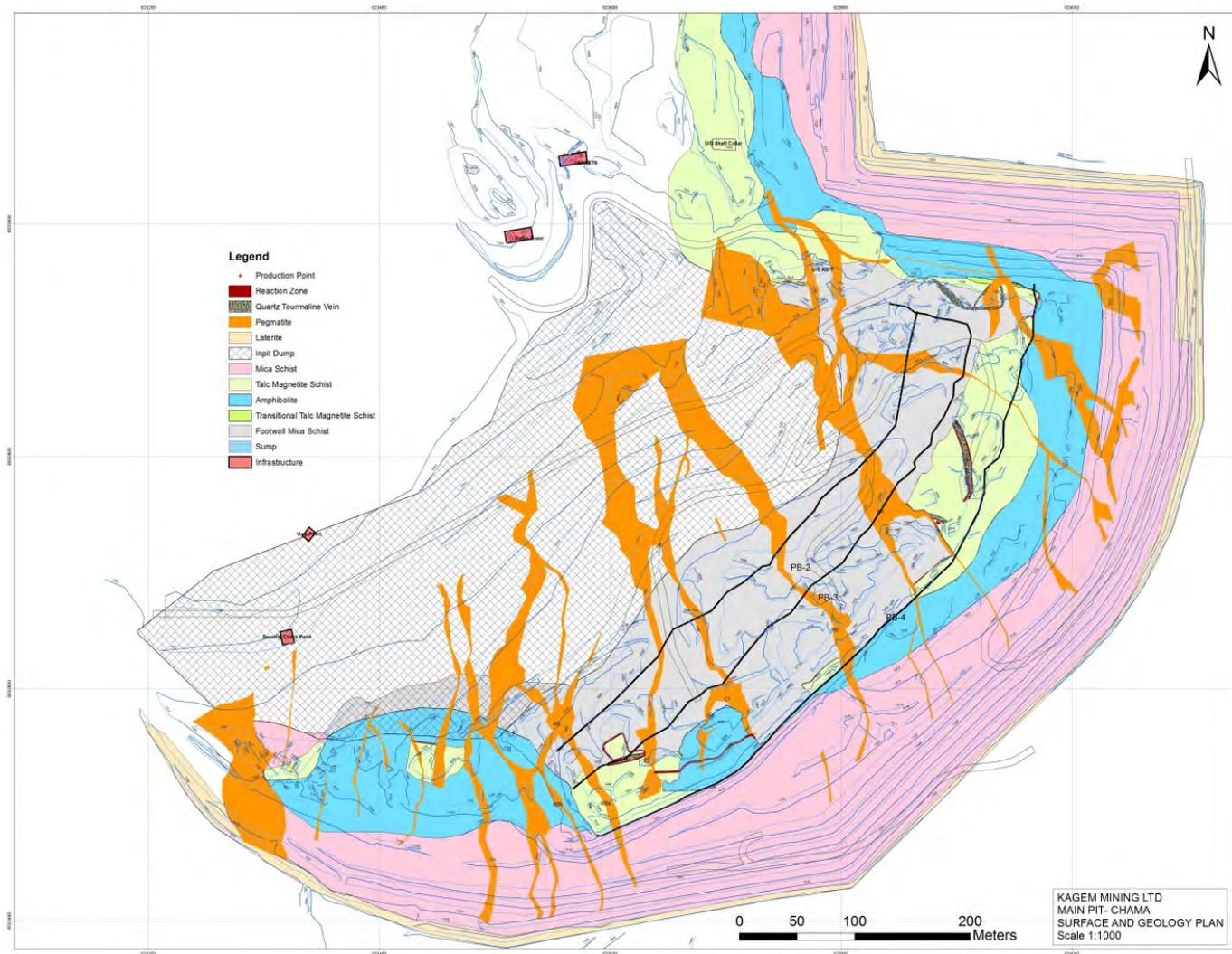


Figure 3-8: Detailed geological map of the Chama open pit completed by Kagem geologists. Source: Gemfields mapping library

### 3.7 Bulk Sampling and Production Data

The main exploration tool used to determine emerald and beryl grade and quality at the Fibolele and Libwente deposits is through bulk sampling from trial mining pits. Grade and quality data for Chama comes from production data the open-pit mining operation, which has been Gemfields main operations focus since acquiring the Kagem licence in 2008. The areas which have been mined, either historically by third parties, or by Gemfields, are illustrated in Figure 3-9.

Available production data for Fibolele comes from a single main bulk sampling pit, which has been in operation since August 2012, and from which, to date more than 2,000,000 tonnes of material has been removed. At least 9 historic bulk sampling pits of variable size border the main Fibolele pit to the north and south; however, no production analysis is available for these. Most are currently flooded, although the two Sandwana pits in the far north of the Fibolele deposit area have recently been partially de-watered and mapped.

Two bulk sampling pits are currently in operation in the Libwente deposit area: Libwente South and Ishuko. At least five historic trial mining pits exist in the area surrounding the two currently operating pits, however, as at Fibolele, these are mostly flooded and have no associated production data. Of the two currently operating pits, production data is only presently available for Libwente South, from which more than 1,350,000 tonnes of material has been removed since July 2014. At the time of writing, the Ishuko pit is still at the waste stripping stage.

The material recovered from the bulk sampling pits at Fibolele and Libwente and the open pit mining operation at Chama is passed through a wash plant to isolate the gemstones, and subsequently sorted by hand to provide emerald grade and quality values for each pit. Upon receipt at the sort house, the mined material is passed through a tumbler and screens in order to remove any clay material prior to sorting. Any schist or other waste rock still attached to the gemstones is then removed, either by using pliers to remove the host rock in a process known as “cobbing” (Figure 3-10), or by cleaning with a hand-held drill for some of the higher quality gemstones (Figure 3-11).

After cleaning, the gemstones are sorted by hand into 4 broad quality designations, before being further subdivided (resulting in a total of 181 quality splits) as outlined below:

- **Premium Emerald:** Emeralds of a very pleasant green or blue-green colour with a secondary hue of yellow or blue and a medium to dark tone. Saturation is vivid to medium, with even colouring throughout, and very good clarity with very few minor inclusions, such as insignificant fractures. The Premium Emerald gemstones have a bright vitreous lustre and high brilliance, especially when polished, and good to excellent competency with very high carat yield once cut.

The Premium Emerald gemstones are divided into green and blue-green fractions and then further subdivided into various quality designations (A-E). These are then split into 6 size categories resulting in a total of 60 Premium grades.

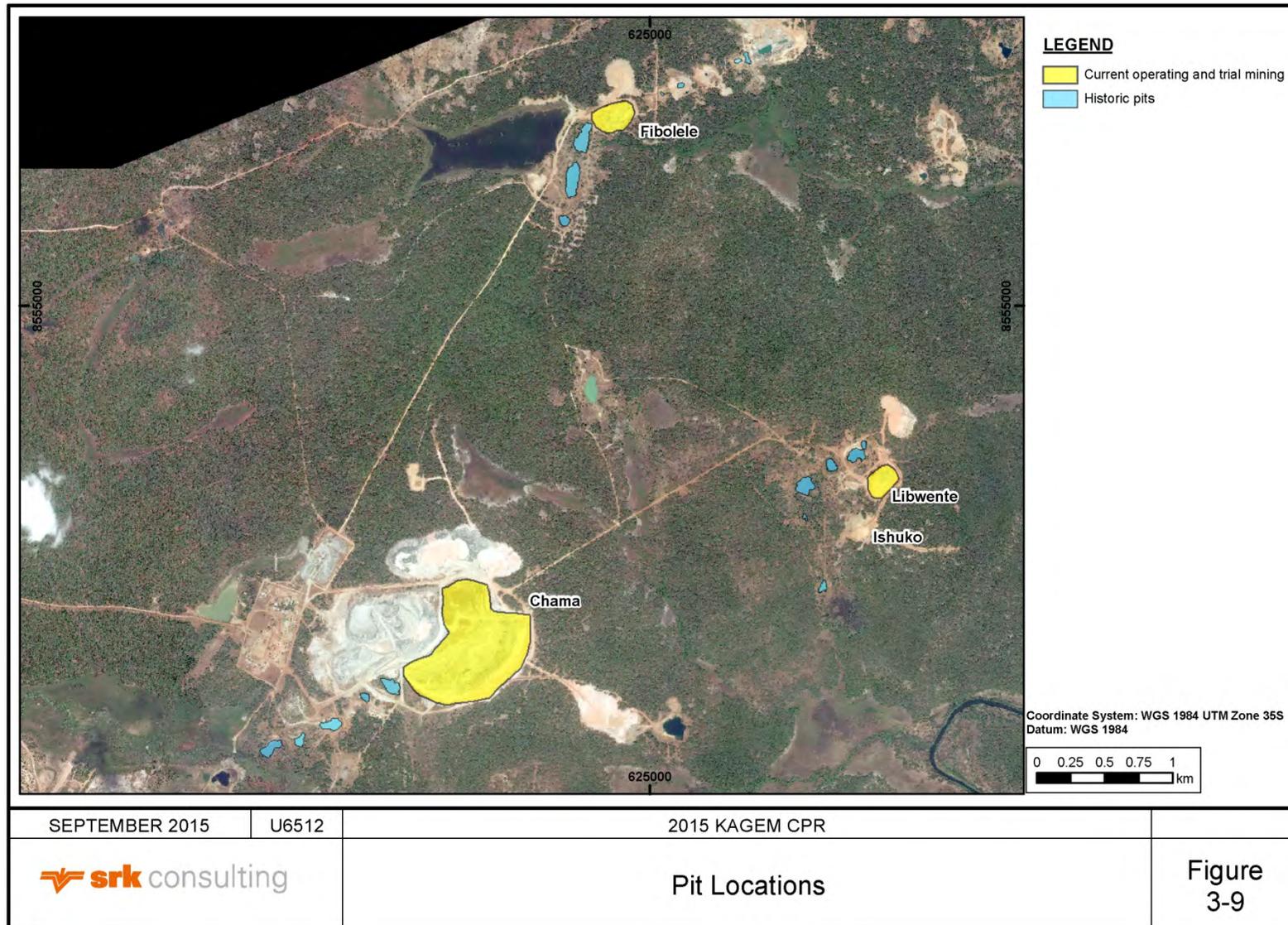
- **Emerald:** The Emerald split designation represents a wide range of emerald qualities. Emerald grade gemstones retain a green or blue-green colour with a secondary hue of green or blue and a light to medium tone. Clarity is variable, ranging from transparent to highly included or opaque. Yield after cutting is also variable, from very low to moderate.

Similar to the Premium Emerald designation, the Emerald gemstones are divided

into green and blue-green fractions and then further subdivided into various quality designations (F-M for green stones and Fc-Nc for blue-green gemstones). These are then split into a number of size categories resulting in a total of 118 Emerald grades.

- **Beryl-1:** Gemstones of a bluish colour that range in clarity from translucent to opaque and are generally highly included, giving a low recovery in the cut. The Beryl-1 gemstones are divided into two sizes: -16mm and +16mm.
- **Beryl-2:** Greyish or Brownish gemstones with no lustre or transparency resulting in a very low yield. The Beryl-2 grade gemstones are not subject to any further sorting.

Gemfields holds three reference sets, which define each quality designation and are held at the sort house at the Kagem Mine, in London and in India. The reference sets were built from production at various locations throughout the main Chama open-pit over a number of years. The use of these reference sets helps to ensure consistent grading of the emerald gemstones over time and as production moves forwards.



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**Figure 3-9: Location of operating and historic pits at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente**



**Figure 3-10: Kagem sort house worker “cobbing” host rock from emerald gemstones**



**Figure 3-11: Kagem sort house worker removing waste material from a high quality emerald**

## **4 MINERAL RESOURCES**

### **4.1 Introduction**

Resource models were constructed, estimated and classified independently for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente areas, using all available data. The following section describes the modelling methodology applied. All geological modelling was undertaken in ARANZ Leapfrog Geo software, with grade and tonnage estimates being completed in either GEMS or Datamine as stated.

### **4.2 Chama Geological Modelling**

#### **4.2.1 TMS model**

A talc-magnetite schist model (including reaction zone material) for the Chama deposit was constructed in Leapfrog Geo through sectional polyline interpretations of the TMS footwall and hangingwall. The footwall and hangingwall strings were snapped to drillhole contacts, using the TMS, TBS and reaction zone logging codes as an explicit control on the model. A 3D TMS solid was then generated below the hangingwall and above the footwall surfaces. The model was subsequently checked against downhole XRF chromium grades, and the contact surfaces modified where appropriate to reflect the chromium distribution. Considering the average downhole XRF grade of the TMS material documented in Section 3.4.9, this typically involved adjusting the TMS model to incorporate external material grading at >1,500 ppm Cr adjacent to the modelled TMS contact, or conversely the removal of internal material <1,500 ppm Cr in the contact zone.

#### **4.2.2 Pegmatite model**

As the local stratigraphy is intruded by both concordant and discordant pegmatitic dykes, it was necessary to divide the logged pegmatite intervals into concordant and discordant pegmatite groups for modelling purposes. This was achieved by visual assessment of all downhole PEG, QV, QF, QT and TOUR intervals in 3D space, looking down-dip, parallel to the TMS model. Manual selections were then created for any logged pegmatites forming consistent trends in pegmatite intervals of similar thickness parallel to the TMS unit. Figure 4-1 shows the concordant dyke selections in the Chama pit area, with key dyke selections labelled and shown relative to a NE-SW section of the TMS model (in green). A total of 37 discrete concordant pegmatite bodies were identified (the most prominent of which being a relatively continuous pegmatite dyke at the FWL of the TMS unit) and ranked according to confidence (Table 4-1).

**Table 4-1: Confidence ranking for the Chama concordant pegmatite dyke units identified through visual assessment and interval selection**

Dyke No.	Confidence Ranking	Number of holes intersected	Average thickness per hole (m)	Dyke No.	Confidence Ranking	Number of holes intersected	Average thickness per hole (m)
98	1	4	0.93	26	20	16	2.04
99	2	201	2.26	14B	21	9	2.87
23	3	5	4.32	16	22	11	4.84
6	4	7	4.51	18	23	9	6.13
4	5	8	5.13	27	24	7	4.21
22	6	8	5.74	17	25	9	1.04
7	7	17	1.44	9	26	9	3.22
8	8	8	4.16	24	27	11	2.57
29	9	10	2.11	25	28	5	1.57
34	10	8	3.52	32	29	11	6.08
2B	11	15	2.80	13	30	10	3.15
14	12	6	4.98	10	31	14	1.67
20	13	8	4.68	11	32	13	4.14
3	14	9	3.56	31	33	13	3.46
5	15	9	3.89	19	34	18	3.81
35	16	6	3.31	15	35	12	4.43
33	17	10	1.75	21	36	19	3.78
12	18	6	0.96	30	37	10	2.72
28	19	10	4.82	-	-	-	-

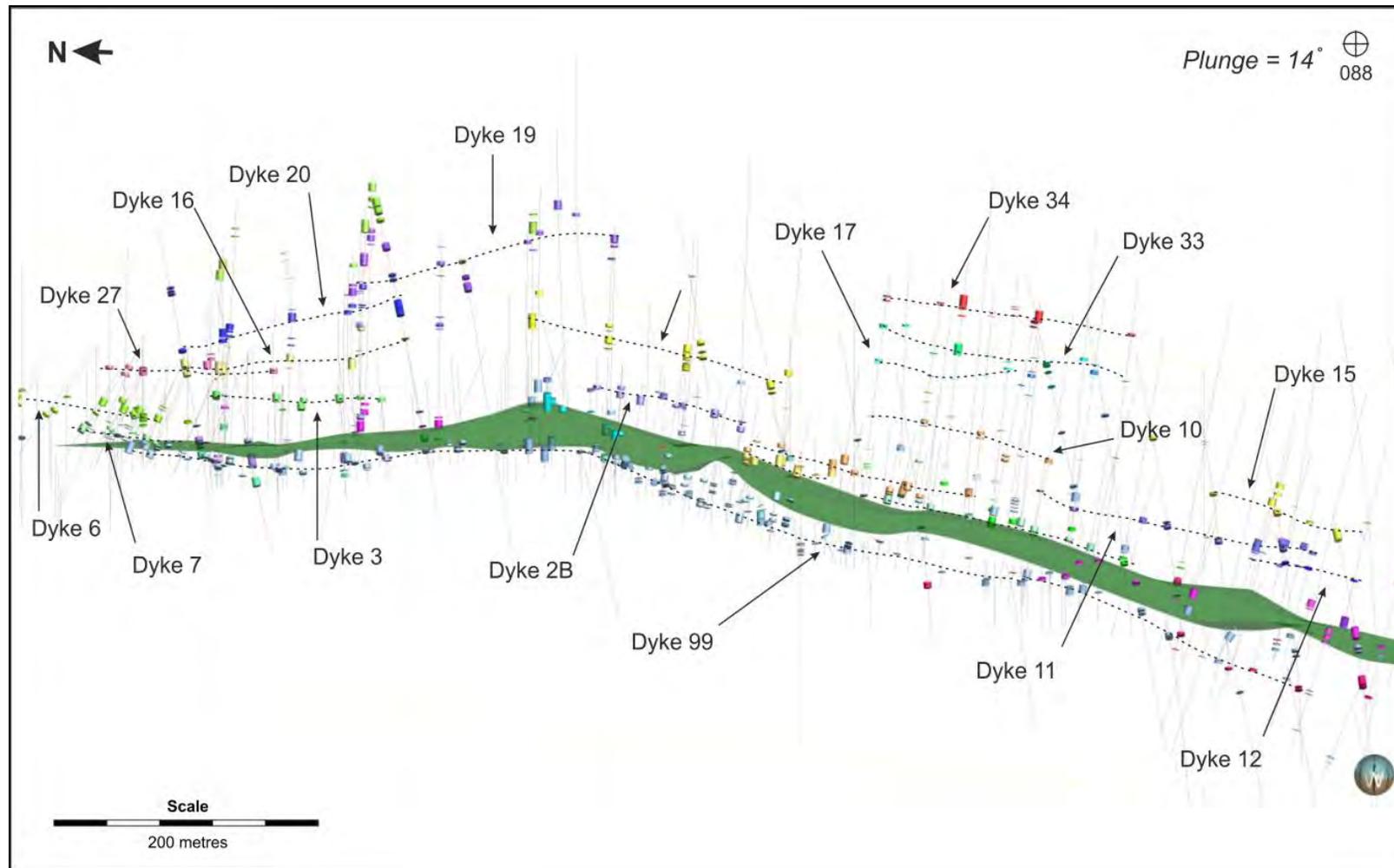


Figure 4-1: Key concordant dyke interval selections at Chama

After completing the concordant pegmatite interval selection, all remaining PEG, QV, QT, QF and TOUR intersections were coded as discordant pegmatite intervals. A discordant pegmatite model was then generated using a Leapfrog Geo indicator interpolation. The Leapfrog indicator interpolation uses a radial basis function, similar to dual Kriging, to define a volume that encloses values likely to be above a given cut-off. In this instance, all discordant pegmatite intervals were assigned a value of 1, and all other intervals (including the concordant pegmatite interval selections) assigned a value of 0.01. The pegmatite model is based on a cut-off iso-value of 0.5.

Figure 4-2 shows the pegmatite trend surfaces (in grey) based on the discordant pegmatite selections and pegmatites (in orange) mapped in the open pit (shown behind the slice plane). The indicator interpolation was guided by a structural trend, which defines a search anisotropy that varies in direction according to a series of defined surfaces. The structural trend applied in this instance was defined by surfaces generated on the basis of mapped pegmatites in the Chama open pit, and outside of the pit by visual trends in the downhole discordant pegmatite intervals. This allowed the interpolation honour the multiple discordant pegmatite trends observed and recorded in the Chama Pit. In order to fully encapsulate the mapped pegmatites in the Chama Pit into the pegmatite model, the indicator interpolation was edited using contour polylines digitised along the centre of the mapped pegmatites in the open-pit map. These contour polylines are assigned a value of 1, and added to the downhole data used to derive the indicator interpolant. In this sense, the mapped pegmatites are not only used as a trend to guide the interpolation, but also as an explicit control on the model geometry.

The resulting pegmatite model was domained within the modelled TMS volume and subsequently used to cut the TMS to produce a post-pegmatite TMS model. Figure 4-3 shows the Chama pegmatite model domained within the TMS model, relative to the downhole discordant pegmatite intersections and pit mapping.

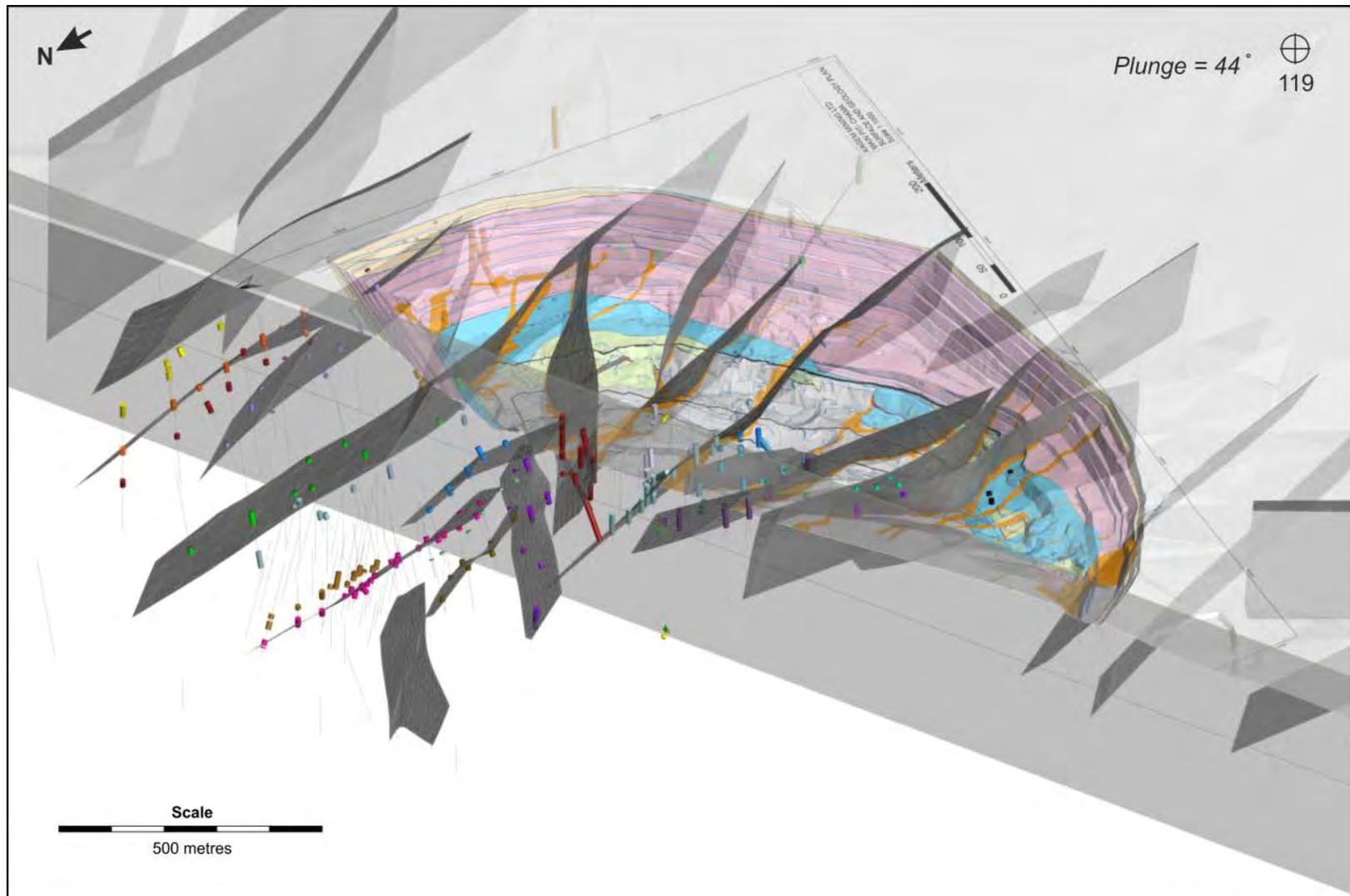


Figure 4-2: Discordant Pegmatite Selections and Trends in the Chama Pit Area



### 4.2.3 Reaction zone model

Three main styles of mineralisation are recognised within the TMS unit, namely concordant reaction zones along the footwall (and occasionally the hangingwall) of the TMS, discordant reaction zones at the contacts between pegmatite dykes / QT veins and the TMS unit, and along brittle structures within the TMS. High level analysis of the downhole logging indicates that approximately 90% of the logged reaction zone material is located either on the TMS footwall (and occasionally hangingwall) contacts, or is in contact with a pegmatite dyke or quartz-tourmaline vein. For this reason, and to avoid over-complication of the reaction zone resource model, two reaction zone domains were constructed: one to define the TMS footwall reaction zone; and another based on areas where the pegmatite model is in contact with the TMS model.

#### *Footwall reaction zone:*

To define the basis for the footwall reaction zone model, all logged reaction zone (RZ and BPS) intervals at the base of the Chama TMS model were manually selected and assigned a footwall reaction zone code. This was supplemented by CBS, BS and QT intervals at the base of the TMS model where reaction zone is not logged, but where adjacent drillholes all include logged footwall reaction zone.

Analysis of downhole Niton XRF data (Section 3.4.9) indicates a significant spike in average rubidium grade within core logged as reaction zone. Therefore, where available, the downhole Niton rubidium grades were checked against the footwall reaction zone interval selection, which was edited to include Rubidium spikes >300 ppm at the TMS footwall where no reaction zone is logged, but adjacent drillholes include logged footwall reaction zone. In such instances, the downhole log was edited to include a footwall reaction zone interval of the average thickness (0.81 m) of the intersections in the footwall reaction zone interval selection.

Comparison of the average footwall reaction zone thickness (0.81 m) in holes drilled after 2008, with those drilled before this date (1.58 m) indicates that the logged footwall reaction zone thickness in the earlier holes is on average approximately 1.95 times the average thickness logged in more recent drilling programmes. This is considered to be a reflection of an improved understanding of the deposit, and specifically the nature and characteristics of the reaction zone material, by the on-site geology team with time, rather than any actual difference in reaction zone thickness in the older drilling relative to the more recent drillholes. For this reason, the footwall reaction zone interval selections in the pre-2008 drillholes were altered to reflect the average thickness (0.81 m) of the footwall reaction zone material in the post-2008 drillholes.

A reaction zone hangingwall surface was generated from the hangingwall points of the footwall reaction zone interval selection, using the TMS footwall surface as a framework to guide the trend of the model. A 3D solid was then generated below the modelled reaction zone hangingwall surface and below the TMS footwall surface to define a footwall reaction zone volume. Figure 4-4 shows a plan view looking up at the base of the Chama footwall reaction zone (in red) and TMS unit (in green), both cut by the pegmatite model. The model was manipulated to pinch pit to a zero thickness at holes with no reaction zone at the TMS footwall (excluding where the TMS footwall is marked by discordant pegmatite).

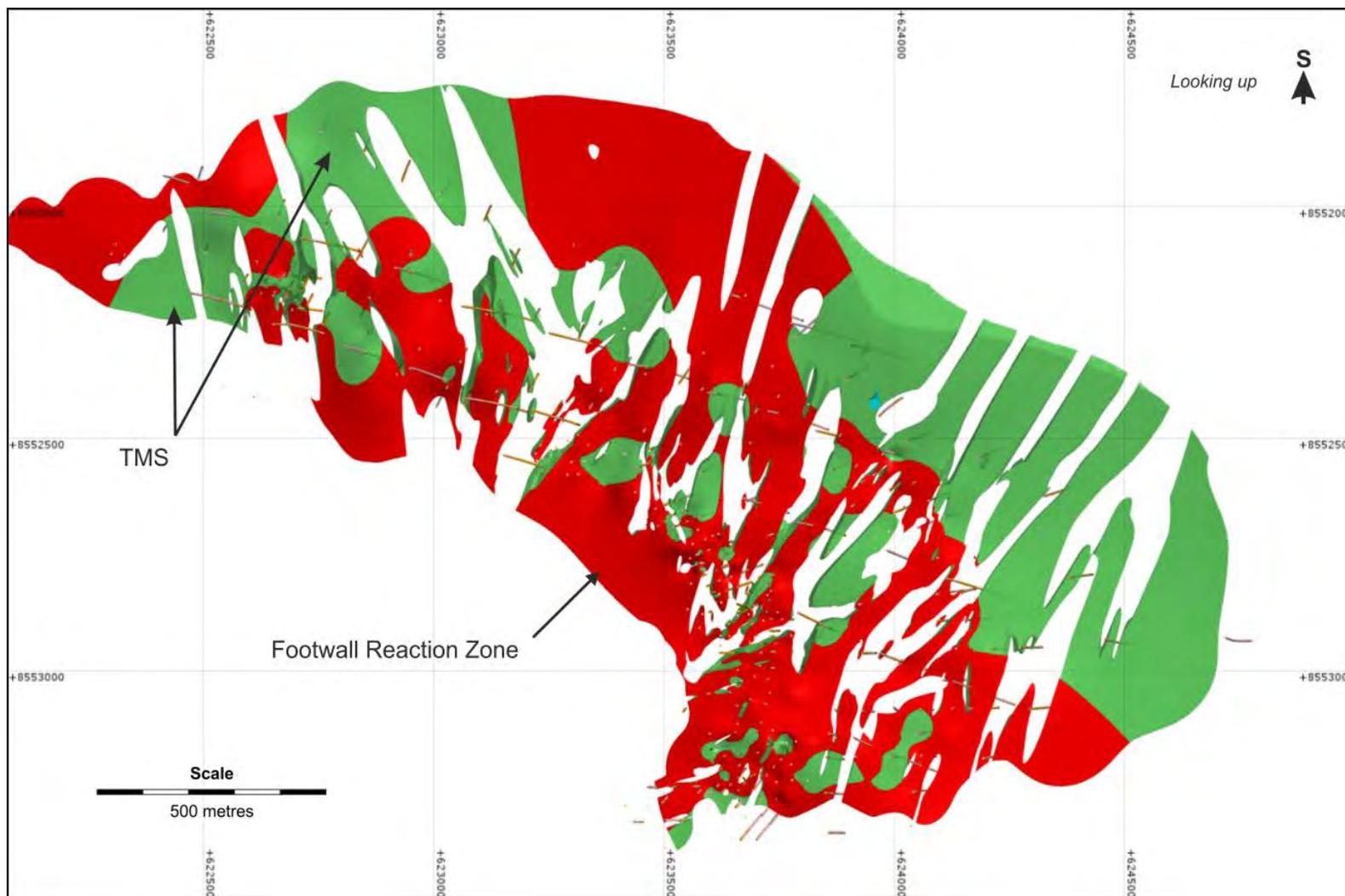


Figure 4-4: Chama footwall reaction zone and TMS models

*Discordant reaction zone:*

Gemfields' production analysis data from the Chama Pit to date indicates that reaction zone material is equal to 12.9% of the tonnage of the mined waste TMS. To reflect this, but also to account for dilution of the reaction zone material during the mining process, SRK generated a combined reaction zone model equating to 10.5% of the modelled waste TMS above the most recent (May 2015) pit survey wireframe. Above this pit survey wireframe, the modelled footwall reaction zone volume equates to 3.4% of the total modelled waste TMS volume. A discordant reaction zone model was generated to account for the remaining 7.1% (as a proportion of the modelled waste TMS) of reaction zone material.

The discordant reaction zone model was created by re-running the pegmatite indicator interpolation (see Section 4.2.2) at a series of cut-off iso-values. The resulting iso-surfaces were cut within the TMS unit and outside of the pegmatite model, to generate a "skin" around the outside of the pegmatite. This was repeated at various cut-off values until, through an iterative process, a cut-off value was established which resulted in a pegmatite "skin" volume equal to 7.1% of the waste TMS model volume above the pit survey wireframe (resulting in a combined concordant and discordant reaction zone volume equating to 10.5% of the TMS waste above the open pit wireframe). The final indicator interpolation cut-off iso-value is 0.43, which compares to a cut-off of 0.5 used to generate the pegmatite model. The geological model completed for Chama is illustrated in Figure 4-5 and Figure 4-6. Figure 4-5 shows a plan view of the Chama footwall reaction zone, discordant reaction zone, TMS unit, and pegmatite domained within the TMS unit model. Figure 4-6 shows the Chama pegmatite model relative to the TMS model, with enlarged views of the pegmatite and discordant reaction zone model in the open pit area (a), and the pegmatite and discordant reaction zone models in detail (b).

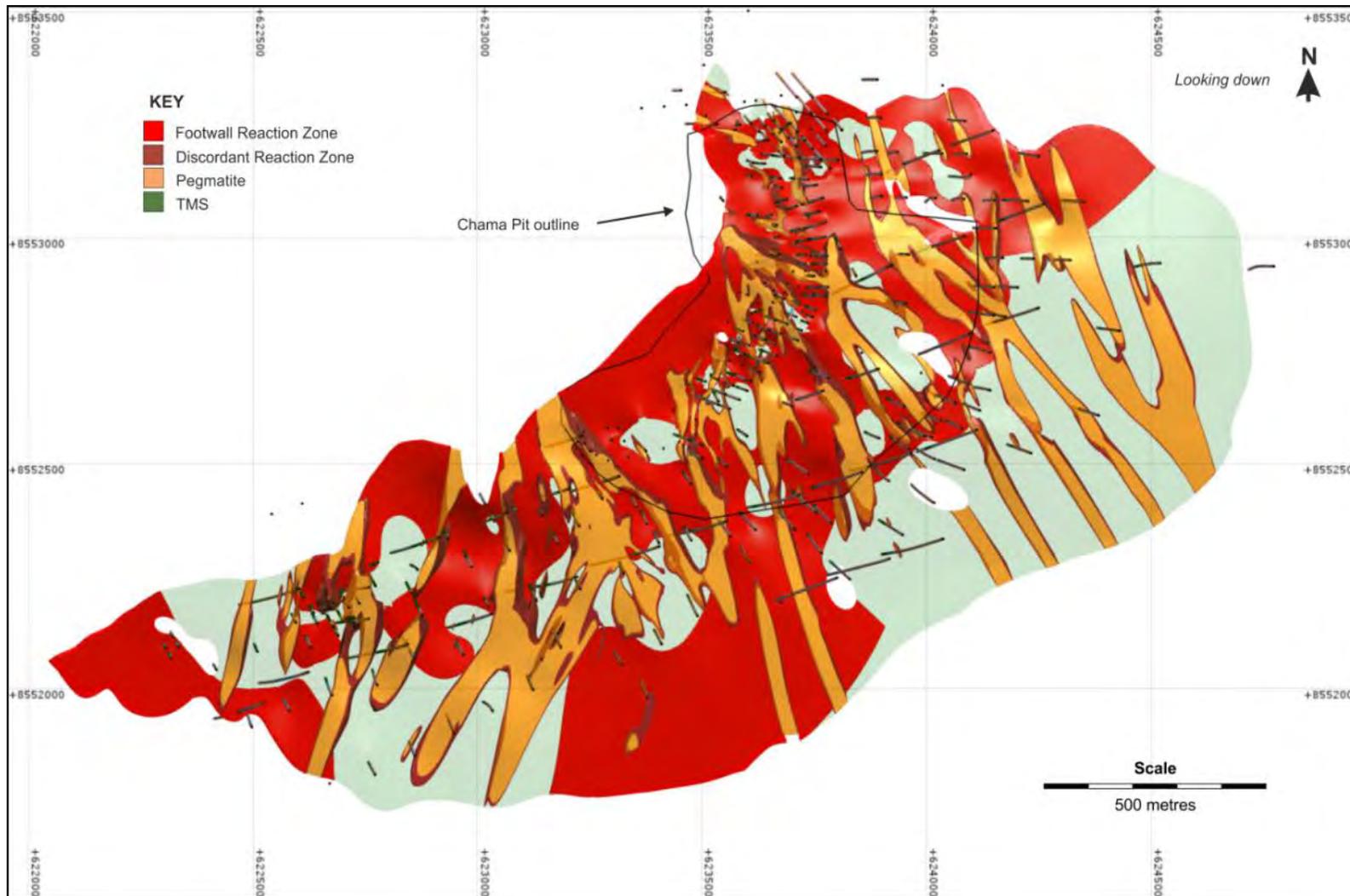


Figure 4-5: Chama TMS, pegmatite and reaction zone models

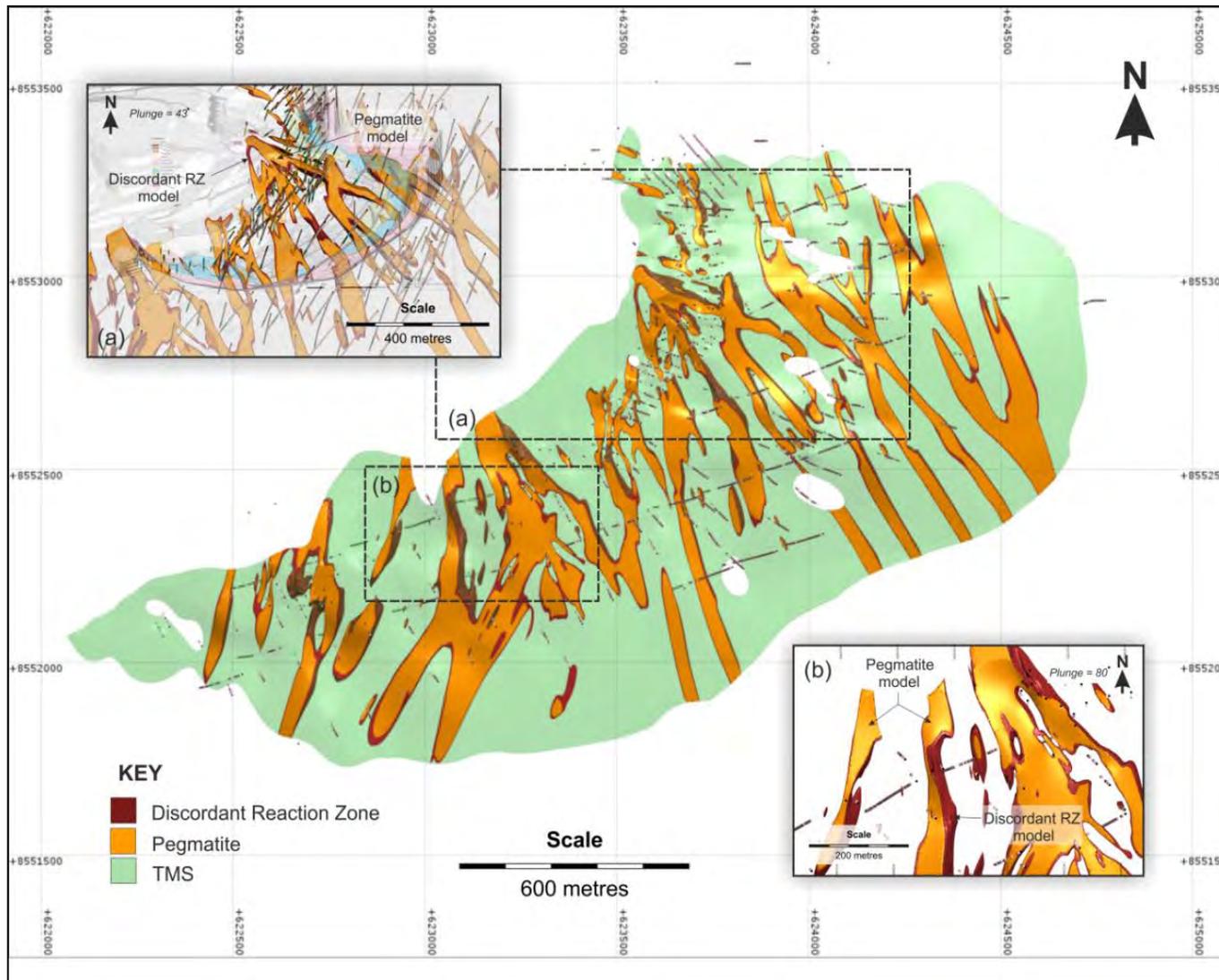


Figure 4-6: Chama TMS, pegmatite and discordant reaction zone models

### 4.3 Chama Grade and Tonnage Estimation

The reaction zone model, whether discordant and related to the modelled pegmatites, or the footwall reaction zone, were used as the basis for the grade and tonnage estimation. SRK used a block model to quantify the volume, tonnage, and grade of the modelled reaction zones, as this could also be used as a basis for the subsequent mine planning exercise. The block model used is defined in Table 4-2.

**Table 4-2: Chama: block model parameters**

Coordinate	Minimum	Maximum	Block Size (m)	Number of Blocks
X	621,500	625,500	20	200
Y	8,551,250	8,553,850	20	130
Z	800	1275	5	95

The volume of the discordant and concordant reaction zones were defined from the geological model. The tonnage was estimated using an average density value of 2.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Section 3.5).

SRK has assumed that all emerald and beryl (B&E) mineralisation is hosted by the modelled reaction zones, although SRK notes that the model has been adjusted to reflect the historical production. This results in a model of the volume of reaction zones which reflects the historical production, but may result in the spatial location of the reaction zones being less well defined. Historical information for this has been taken from data recorded for financial years 2008 to 2014, the data for which can be seen in Table 4-3. The data is reported using the Gemfields financial year, which is from 30 June to 1 July. The 2014 figures reflect 11 months production to the end of May 2015.

**Table 4-3: Chama: historical production data**

Statistic	Unit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Average Or Total
<b>Mining</b>									
Reaction Zone	(kt)	80.3	61.2	64.3	99.6	84.3	66.7	97.5	554
Waste TMS	(kt)	726.3	584.8	482.5	534.3	980.5	616.1	679.0	4,604
Waste non-TMS	(kt)	3,269.4	1,940.4	2,938.6	7,768.0	8,122.0	5,708.3	10,060.3	39,807
Total Rock	(kt)	4,075.9	2,586.3	3,485.4	8,401.9	9,186.8	6,391.2	10,836.8	44,964
RZ:WST TMS%	(%)	11	10	13	19	9	11	14	12
<b>Gemstones Recovered</b>									
Premium Emerald	(kg)	135.2	52.0	161.1	43.0	31.6	19.6	23.3	465.7
Emerald	(kg)	1,148.3	524.3	1,701.2	982.9	1,628.1	1,347.3	1,279.3	8,611.4
Beryl-1	(kg)	4,322.4	1,916.1	2,929.8	1,836.6	2,594.2	1,567.6	1,999.7	17,166.2
Beryl-2	(kg)	1,293.7	953.1	1,798.2	1,334.7	1,591.0	1,073.3	1,838.2	9,882.2
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kg)	1,291.2	288.4	385.4	45.0	29.8	10.7	2.0	2,052.5
B&E	(kg)	813.1	1,111.5	1,237.9	617.9	960.9	1,135.3	1,089.1	6,965.7
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kct)	1,283.5	576.3	1,862.2	1,025.9	1,659.7	1,366.9	1,302.6	9,077.1
B&E	(kct)	6,899.5	3,445.5	6,590.2	4,197.2	5,844.9	4,007.7	5,140.5	36,125.5
<b>Grade</b>									
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(g/t)	16.0	9.4	29.0	10.3	19.7	20.5	13.4	16.4
B&E	(g/t)	85.9	56.3	102.6	42.1	69.4	60.1	52.7	65.2
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(ct/t)	80	47	145	52	98	102	67	82
B&E	(ct/t)	430	282	513	211	347	300	264	326
Rolling B&E Grade	(ct/t)	430	366	412	346	346	335	322	-

The anticipated grade of emerald and beryl and their relative importance, is based on the extrapolation of the recovery of these minerals from the tonnage of reaction zone processed during the period covered by the historical mining production statistics. This includes mineral obtained from in-pit chiselling as well as that obtained from the processing plant. Accordingly given the complexity associated with estimate of individual reaction zone tonnage as well as the concentration of emerald and beryl within such reaction zones, SRK has based the current Mineral Resource estimate on what is effectively a large scale bulk sample combined with the geological interpretation of the TMS, pegmatite and reaction zone lithological units as described above.

In order to account for anticipated dilution when mining the reaction zone material, SRK has calculated an in situ grade. The Company reports that approximately 15% dilution is planned, and this is reflected in the in situ grade applied to the reaction zone model. SRK has also adjusted the in situ grade to reflect the fluctuating grade as seen between 2008 and 2014, including a decrease in the rolling mean grade. This is illustrated in Figure 4-7.

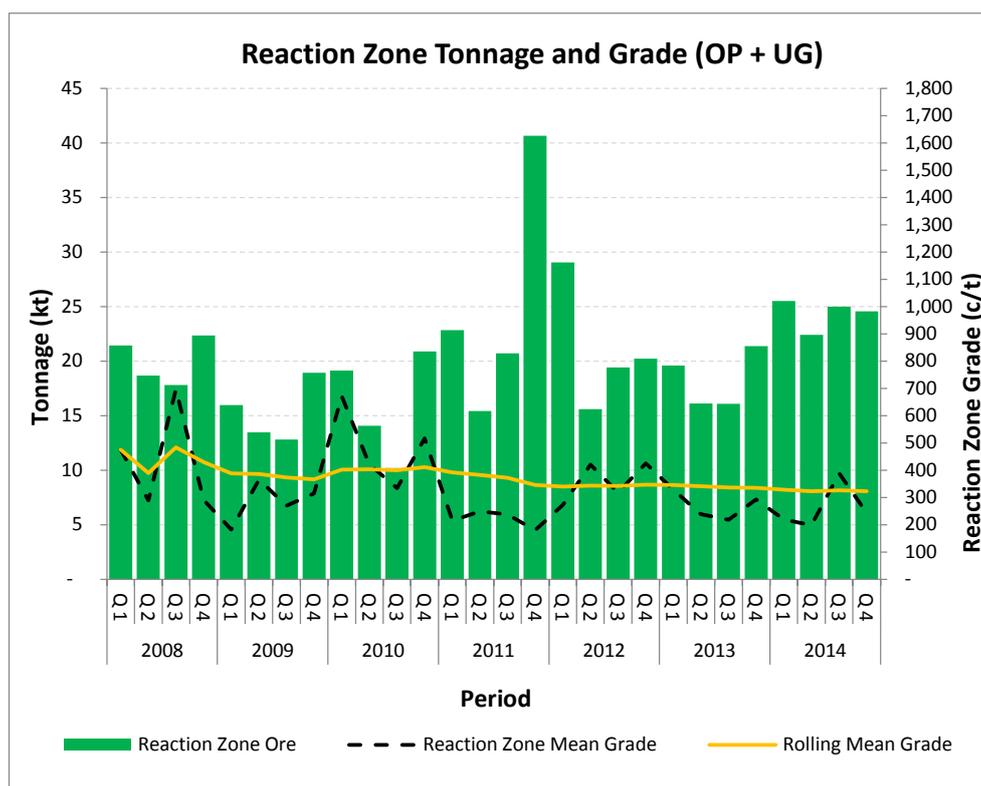


Figure 4-7: Variability of production grade from Chama, on a quarterly basis

Table 4-4: Chama: derivation of in situ grade

Statistic	Unit	Value
Average production B&E grade	(ct/t)	326
Average production grade since 2011	(ct/t)	278
Factor applied to average grade to reflect decreasing grade	(%)	9%
Factored production grade	(ct/t)	300
Anticipated dilution	(%)	15%
In situ B&E grade	(ct/t)	345

The in situ grade shown in Table 4-4 was used coded into the block model, and also forms the basis of the Mineral Resource estimate. As production grades are recorded by Kagem as a combination of beryl and emerald, SRK has used the same approach for the predicted grade, and so has not differentiated between beryl and emerald in either the Mineral Resource Statement, or the block model.

## 4.4 Fibolele Geological Modelling

The controls on emerald mineralisation at the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente deposits are largely the same, and for this reason a similar modelling approach was taken for all three deposits. This section includes a description of the methodology as applied to the Fibolele deposit.

### 4.4.1 TMS model

Similar to the Chama modelling, the Fibolele talc-magnetite schist model was constructed through sectional polyline interpretations of the hangingwall and footwall, using the TMS, TBS and reaction zone logging codes as an explicit control on model geometry. A 3D TMS solid was then generated below the hangingwall and above the footwall surfaces. The model was

checked against downhole XRF chromium grades, and modified to remove any material <1,500 ppm Cr and incorporate any material >1,500 ppm Cr at the TMS contact.

In addition to the main Fibolele TMS unit, an additional TMS body, potentially representing continuation of the Fibolele TMS trend was modelled based on a total of 11 drillholes (five with TMS intersections), and pit mapping of two historic pits in the Sandwana area, extending approximately 800 m ENE of the main Fibolele Pit.

#### 4.4.2 Quartz-Tourmaline vein model

Consistent with the other deposits, and most notably Chama, Fibolele is characterised by both concordant and discordant vein populations. At Fibolele, the majority of these intrusions are logged as quartz-tourmaline veins, being characterised by increased tourmaline content, and decreased feldspar input relative to the coarser pegmatites intersected at the other deposits at the Kagem Mine. These quartz-tourmaline veins are also generally narrower than the Chama pegmatites.

Visual analysis of logged vein intervals at Fibolele in 3D, suggests that the most prominent and continuous concordant quartz-tourmaline veins are intruded along the immediate hangingwall and footwall of the TMS unit. An interval selection was generated for both the hangingwall and footwall veins (Table 4-5), based on all QT, TOUR, QV, PEG and QF intervals at the TMS contacts.

**Table 4-5: Number of intervals and average thickness of the Fibolele concordant veins**

Vein	Number of holes intersected	Average thickness per hole (m)	% of TMS holes with vein at contact
TMS FWL Vein	34	0.62	47%
TMS HWL Vein	18	0.95	25%

After completing the concordant vein interval selection, all remaining vein intersections were coded as discordant. These were then modelled manually, using the Leapfrog vein modelling tool. A total of 25 discrete discordant QT veins were modelled at the Fibolele deposit (Table 4-6). The modelled veins are mostly sub-vertical, striking broadly N-S, consistent with the trend of the veins mapped in the open pit, and also with limited surface structural data collected by SRK on-site. The most recent version of the Fibolele open pit geology map was also used as an explicit control on the discordant QT vein model where appropriate. Veins mapped in the open pit between drill sections where no drilling data is available were modelled based on mapping alone. Figure 4-8 shows the Fibolele TMS (in green) and quartz-tourmaline vein (in orange) models shown relative to the Fibolele Pit survey wireframe.

**Table 4-6: Dip, azimuth and basis for modelling the Fibolele discordant QT veins**

Vein	Average Dip (°)	Average Dip Azimuth (°)	Basis for Modeling	Vein	Average Dip (°)	Average Dip Azimuth (°)	Basis for Modeling
QT1	85	83	Drill Data	QT14	85	85	Drill Data
QT2	82	82	Drill Data	QT15	85	87	Drill Data
QT3	89	262	Drill Data	QT16	85	85	Drill Data
QT4	66	261	Drill Data	QT17	85	82	Drill Data
QT5	82	251	Drill Data	QT18	80	282	Pit Mapping & Drill Data
QT6	87	252	Drill Data	QT19	67	281	Drill Data
QT7	84	157	Pit Mapping & Drill Data	QT20	66	275	Drill Data
QT8	86	158	Drill Data	QT21	84	290	Drill Data
QT9	81	280	Pit Mapping & Drill Data	QT22	64	263	Pit Mapping & Drill Data
QT10	77	244	Drill Data	QT23	81	269	Pit Mapping
QT11	88	289	Pit Mapping & Drill Data	QT24	82	293	Pit Mapping
QT12	80	79	Drill Data	QT25	81	256	Pit Mapping
QT13	87	86	Drill Data	-	-	-	-

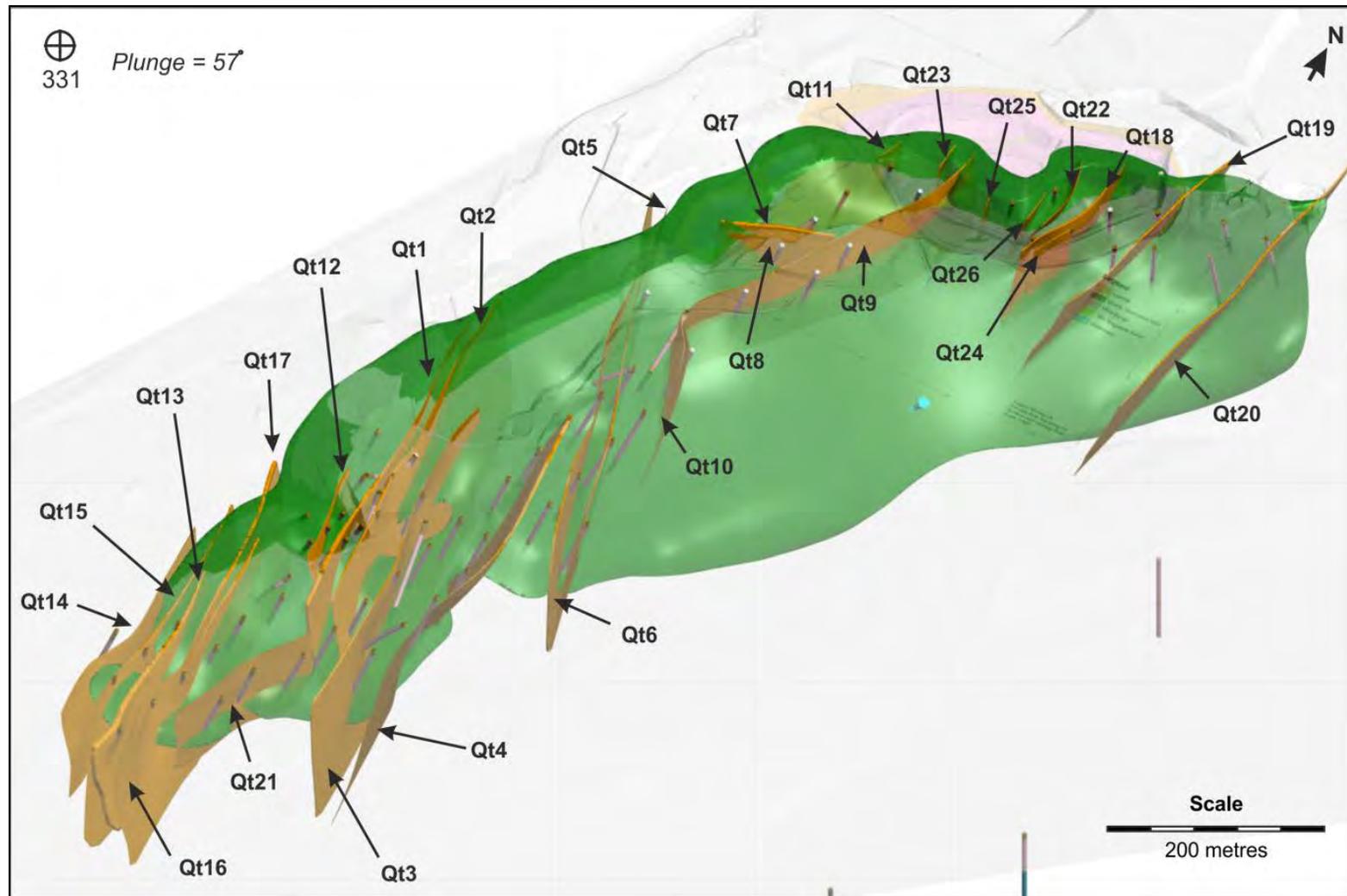


Figure 4-8: Fibolele TMS and quartz-tourmaline vein models

### 4.4.3 Reaction zone model

#### *Footwall and hangingwall reaction zones:*

Both the footwall and hangingwall TMS contacts at Fibolele are marked by discontinuous horizons of reaction zone material. The footwall reaction zone is intersected by 42 holes, whilst the hangingwall reaction zone is intersected by 28 holes, which represents 57% and 39% respectively of the total number of holes that intersect the main Fibolele TMS unit.

Both the footwall and hangingwall reaction zone models are based on RZ and BPS intervals at the TMS contacts. This was supplemented by CBS, BS and QT intervals where reaction zone is not logged, but where adjacent drillholes all include logged reaction zone at the TMS footwall or hangingwall respectively.

Figure 4-9 shows a plan view of the hangingwall reaction zone (top image) and upwards facing plan view of the footwall reaction zone (bottom image) shown relative to the TMS unit (in green) and cut by the modelled QT veins. The footwall reaction zone model was generated by running a surface interpolation on the footwall reaction zone hangingwall points, using the modelled TMS footwall as a trend surface to guide the interpolation. A solid wireframe was then generated below the reaction zone surface and above the TMS footwall surface. The model was manipulated to pinch out to a zero thickness at holes with no reaction zone at the TMS footwall. This process was repeated for the hangingwall reaction zone model.

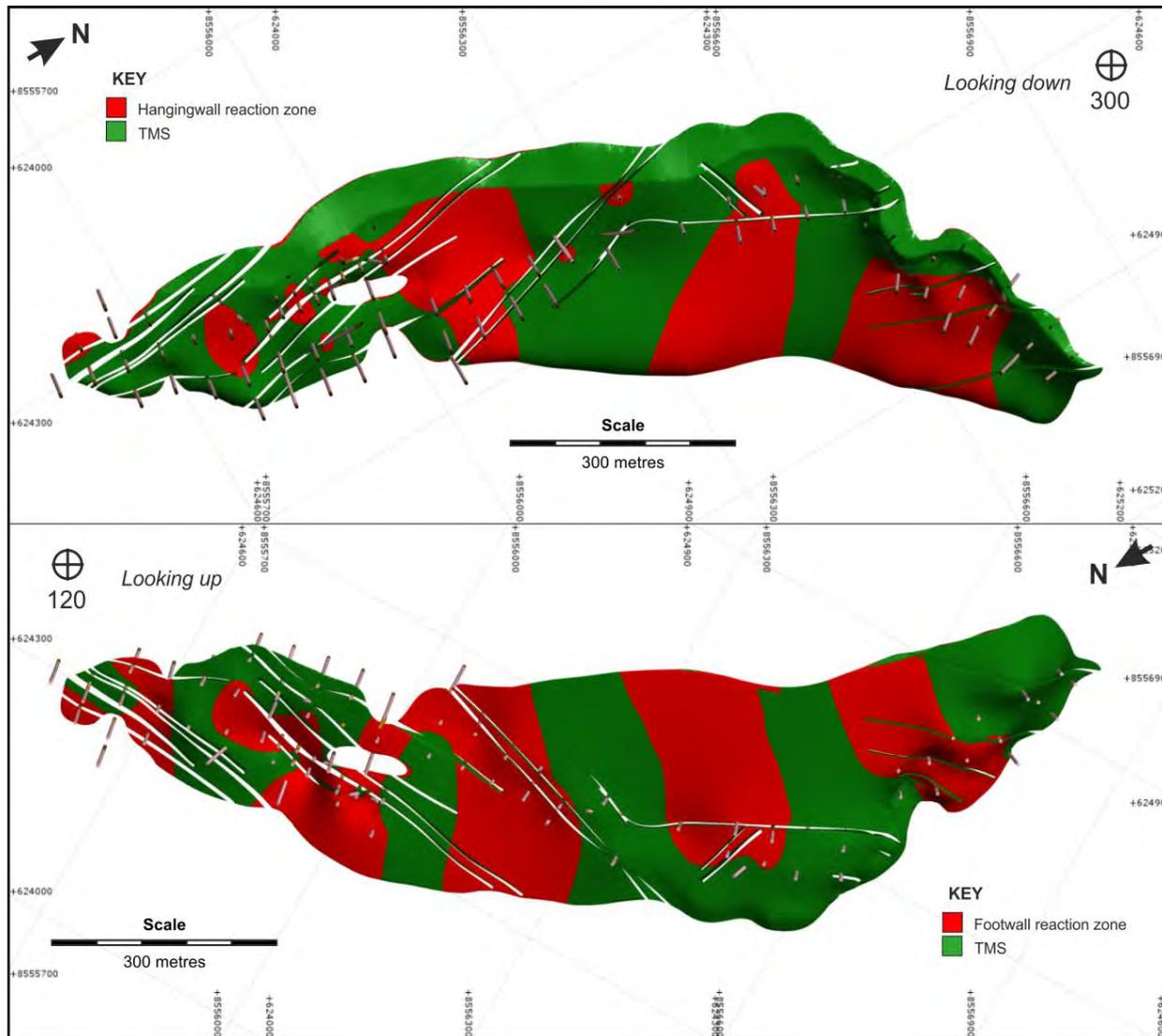


Figure 4-9: Fibolele hangingwall and footwall reaction zone models

*Discordant reaction zone:*

To date, reaction zone material equates to 8.1% of the waste TMS removed from the Fibolele Pit, according to Gemfields production analysis. Comparison of the modelled footwall and hangingwall reaction zone volumes with the modelled waste TMS volume above the most recent pit survey wireframe indicates that, above the pit, the footwall and hangingwall reaction zone models are equal to 1.56% and 0.44% of the waste TMS model volume respectively. A discordant reaction zone model was generated to account for the remaining reaction zone material, at a ratio of 5.87% relative to the modelled waste TMS above the open pit wireframe. Figure 4-10 shows the Fibolele concordant and discordant reaction zone models displayed alongside the modelled QT veins and TMS unit. The discordant reaction zone model was generated by running a series of distance buffers and various distances around the quartz-tourmaline vein model. These were then cut outside the quartz-tourmaline model and inside the TMS model to generate a “skin” around the veins at various thickness values. These “skin” wireframes were then evaluated above the pit to calculate volume. This iterative process was repeated until a vein buffer distance (1.715 m) was established which resulted in a vein “skin” volume equal to 5.87% of the waste TMS model volume above the pit survey wireframe.

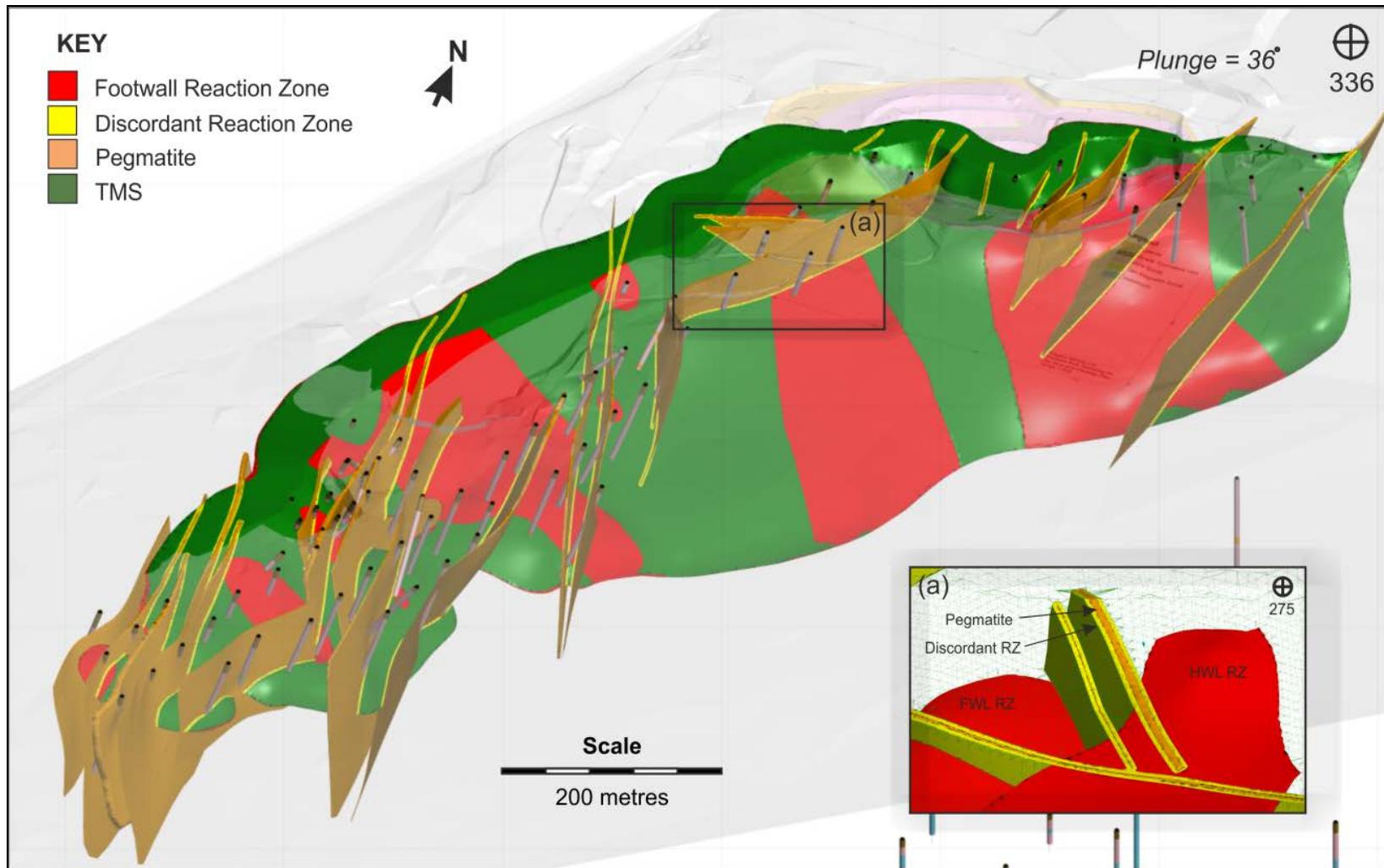


Figure 4-10: Fibolele TMS, quartz-tourmaline vein and concordant and discordant reaction zone models

## 4.5 Fibolele Grade and Tonnage Estimation

As with Chama, SRK has produced a block model, based on the modelled reaction zones. The block model was used in the subsequent pit optimisation exercise. The block model parameters are included in Table 4-7. As with Chama, the density value applied was 2.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Section 3.5).

**Table 4-7: Fibolele: block model parameters**

Coordinate	Minimum	Maximum	Block Size (m)	Number of Blocks
X	623,500	625,500	20	100
Y	8,555,000	8,557,260	20	113
Z	900	1,250	5	70

SRK has assumed that all B&E mineralisation is hosted by the modelled reaction zones. As at Chama, the amount of reaction zone in the geological model reflects the amount of reaction zone recorded during the bulk sampling operation. The bulk sampling production data is summarised in Table 4-8. Bulk sampling at Fibolele was conducted in three phases, with Phase 1 between August 2012 and July 2013, Phase 2 between October 2013 and November 2014, and finally, Phase 3 between December 2014 and June 2015.

**Table 4-8: Fibolele: bulk sampling production data**

Statistic	Unit	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Ph1+Ph2	All
<b>Mining</b>						
Reaction Zone	(kt)	15.1	10.7	4.2	25.8	30.0
Waste TMS	(kt)	184.5	138.8	45.3	323.2	368.5
Waste non-TMS	(kt)	249.8	603.9	781.2	853.7	1,634.9
Total Rock	(kt)	449.4	753.3	830.7	1,202.7	2,033.4
RZ:WST TMS%	(%)	8.2%	7.7%	9.2%	8.0%	8.1%
<b>Gemstones Recovered</b>						
Premium Emerald	(kg)	0.15	0.07	0.04	0.21	0.25
Emerald	(kg)	44.9	79.1	12.7	124.0	136.8
Beryl-1	(kg)	65.4	160.9	30.7	226.3	257.0
Beryl-2	(kg)	55.3	126.3	33.1	181.7	214.7
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kg)	45.1	79.2	12.8	124.2	137.0
B&E	(kg)	165.8	366.3	76.6	532.1	608.7
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kct)	225	396	64	621	685
B&E	(kct)	829	1,832	383	2,661	3,044
<b>Grade</b>						
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(g/t)	3.0	7.4	3.1	4.8	4.6
B&E	(g/t)	11.0	34.4	18.3	20.6	20.3
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(ct/t)	15	37	15	24	23
B&E	(ct/t)	55	172	92	104	102

The recovered grade at Fibolele is based on both the in-pit recovery, and from the wash plant. In order to account for anticipated dilution when mining the reaction zone material, SRK has calculated an in situ grade. SRK has assumed a dilution factor of 15%, which is consistent with that anticipated by the Company at Chama. The derivation of the in situ grade is shown in Table 4-9. Due to some operational considerations, the Company requested SRK to use production data from Phase 1 and Phase 2 only to derive the in situ grade.

**Table 4-9: Fibolele: derivation of in situ grade**

Statistic	Unit	Value
Average production B&E grade	(Ct/t)	104
Anticipated dilution	(%)	15%
In situ B&E grade	(Ct/t)	119

The in situ grade shown in Table 4-9 was used coded into the block model, and also forms the basis of the Mineral Resource estimate. As production grades are recorded by the Company as a combination of beryl and emerald, SRK has used the same approach for the predicted grade, and so has not differentiated between beryl and emerald in either the Mineral Resource Statement, or the block model.

## **4.6 Libwente Geological Modelling**

### **4.6.1 TMS model**

A TMS model (including reaction zone material), comprising four, apparently stratigraphically distinct horizons, was constructed for the Libwente deposit, using Leapfrog Geo software. Figure 4-11 shows a plan view of the Libwente modelled TMS units with drillhole locations indicated in black. Footwall and hangingwall contact points were extracted from drillhole contacts using the TMS, TBS and reaction zone logging codes and then used to construct bounding footwall and hangingwall surfaces. A 3D TMS solid, for each horizon, was then generated below the hangingwall and above the footwall surfaces. Figure 4-12 shows a long section (2x vertical exaggeration) of the Libwente modelled TMS units looking southwest (azimuth 235) with drillholes coloured by intersected TMS units.

The model was subsequently checked against downhole XRF chromium grades (where available), and the contact surfaces were modified where appropriate to reflect the chromium distribution. Considering the average downhole XRF grade of the TMS material documented in Section 3.4.9, this typically involved adjusting the TMS model to incorporate external material grading at >1,500 ppm Cr adjacent to the modelled TMS contact, or conversely the removal of internal material <1,500 ppm Cr in the contact zone.

Finally, the TMS units were further constrained by surface mapping information from the 8 pits located in the deposit area. In all cases, where TMS exposures were mapped in the pits, the hangingwall and/or footwall surfaces of the appropriate TMS horizon are locally constrained by this information.

In most cases, the drilled TMS intersections appear to correlate well for the individual TMS horizons, particularly for the TMS1 and TMS2 units. But, for the TMS3 and TMS4 units there is less continuity and the resulting model for these are more irregular. Also, several TMS intersections could not be included in the models as they did not form any continuous zone. The apparent low continuity, in some of the areas of the deposit, may be exacerbated by the presence of faulting. It is suspected that the deposit may be affected by northeast trending, post-mineralization age, faulting. Since the dip of the TMS units in the Libwente deposit are very shallow (generally less than 10°), significant lateral offsets of the TMS units (in the order of tens of metres) could be manifested by even small (sub-metre or metre scale) fault offsets.

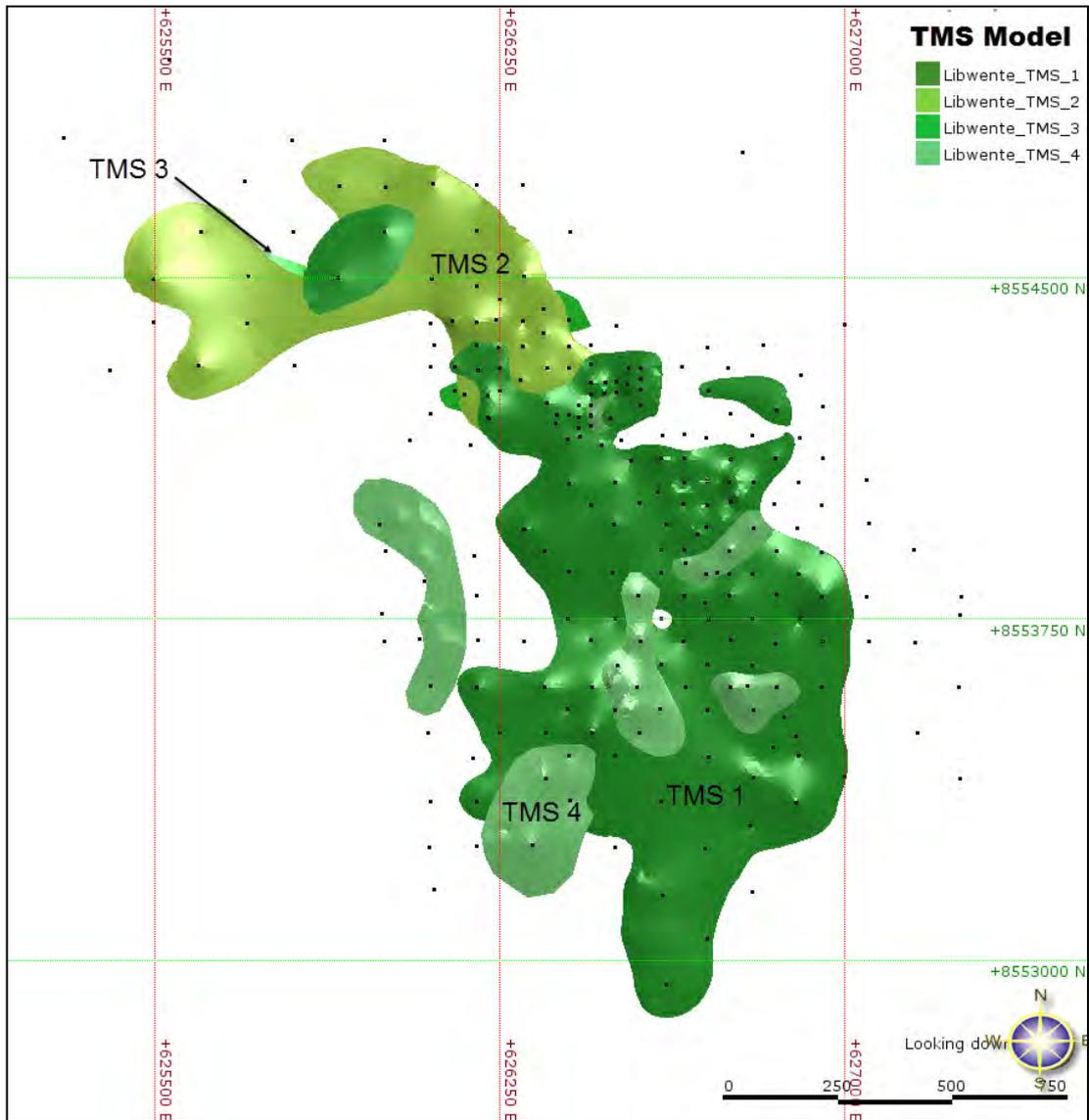


Figure 4-11: Plan view of the modelled TMS units at Libwente

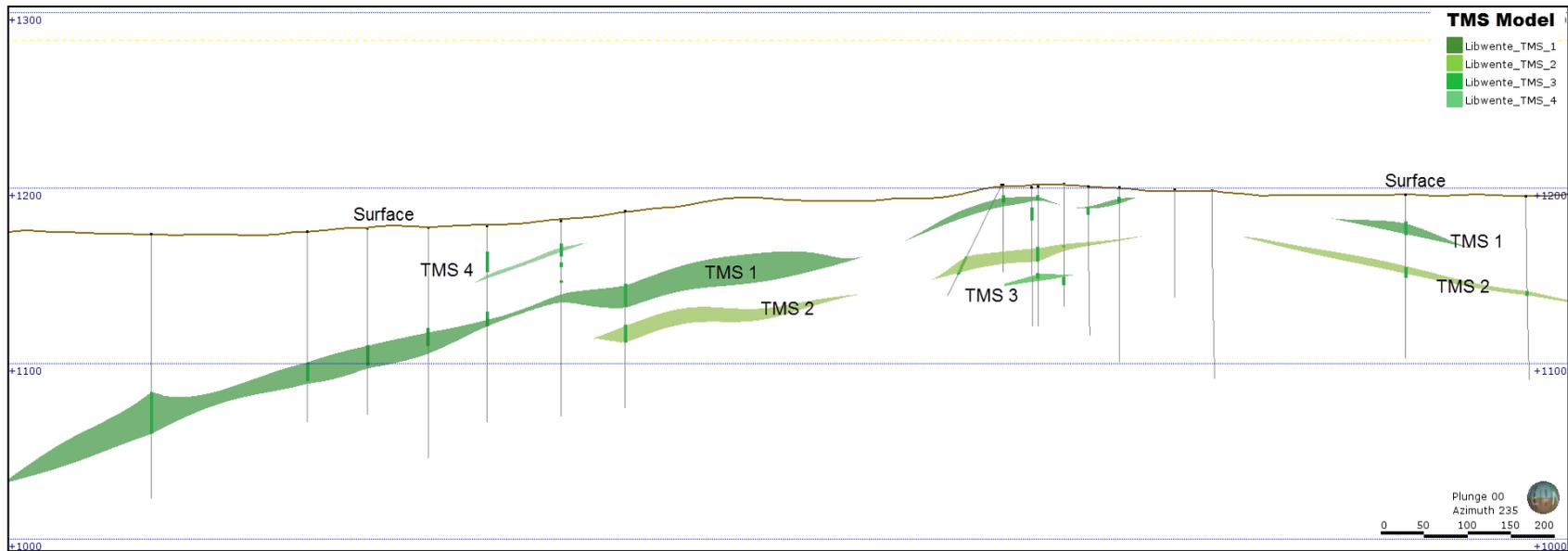


Figure 4-12: Southwest facing long section of the modelled Libwente TMS units

#### 4.6.2 Pegmatite Model

As the local stratigraphy is intruded by both concordant and discordant pegmatitic dykes, it was necessary to divide the logged pegmatite intervals into concordant and discordant pegmatite groups for modelling purposes. This was achieved by visual assessment of all downhole PEG, QV, QF, QT and TOUR intervals in 3D space, looking down-dip, parallel to the TMS model. Manual interval selections were then created for any logged pegmatites forming consistent trends in pegmatite intervals of similar thickness parallel to the TMS horizons. A total of 8 discrete concordant pegmatite bodies were identified (the most prominent of which being a relatively continuous pegmatite dyke at the footwall of the TMS1 unit) and a concordant pegmatite model was then generated using the Leapfrog Geo 'Vein System' modeller (Figure 4-13). The 'Vein System' modeller uses the identified intervals to define the hangingwall and footwall points of each individual vein which are used to model surfaces for each. These surfaces are then constrained by the lateral extent of the intersections to create the final model volumes.

After completing the concordant pegmatite interval selection, all remaining PEG, QV, QT, QF and TOUR intersections were considered to be potential discordant pegmatite intervals. Manual interval selections were then created for any logged pegmatites forming consistent trends at similar orientations to those mapped in the 8 pit exposures in the deposit area, with the focus on including pegmatite intervals of >5 m (as these intersections are most likely to be sub-vertical, discordant pegmatites). Some 28 discordant pegmatite bodies were identified in this manner and a discordant pegmatite model was then generated using the Leapfrog Geo Vein System modeller. Figure 4-13 shows a plan view of the Libwente modelled pegmatites with the TMS units with drillhole locations indicated in black.

The discordant vein models were further constrained by surface mapping information from the 8 pits located in the deposit area. In all cases, where pegmatite exposures were mapped in the pits, the hangingwall and/or footwall surfaces of the appropriate pegmatite model are locally constrained by this information.

The resulting pegmatite model (Figure 4-14) was constrained within the modelled TMS volume and subsequently used to cut the TMS, to produce a post-pegmatite TMS model volume.

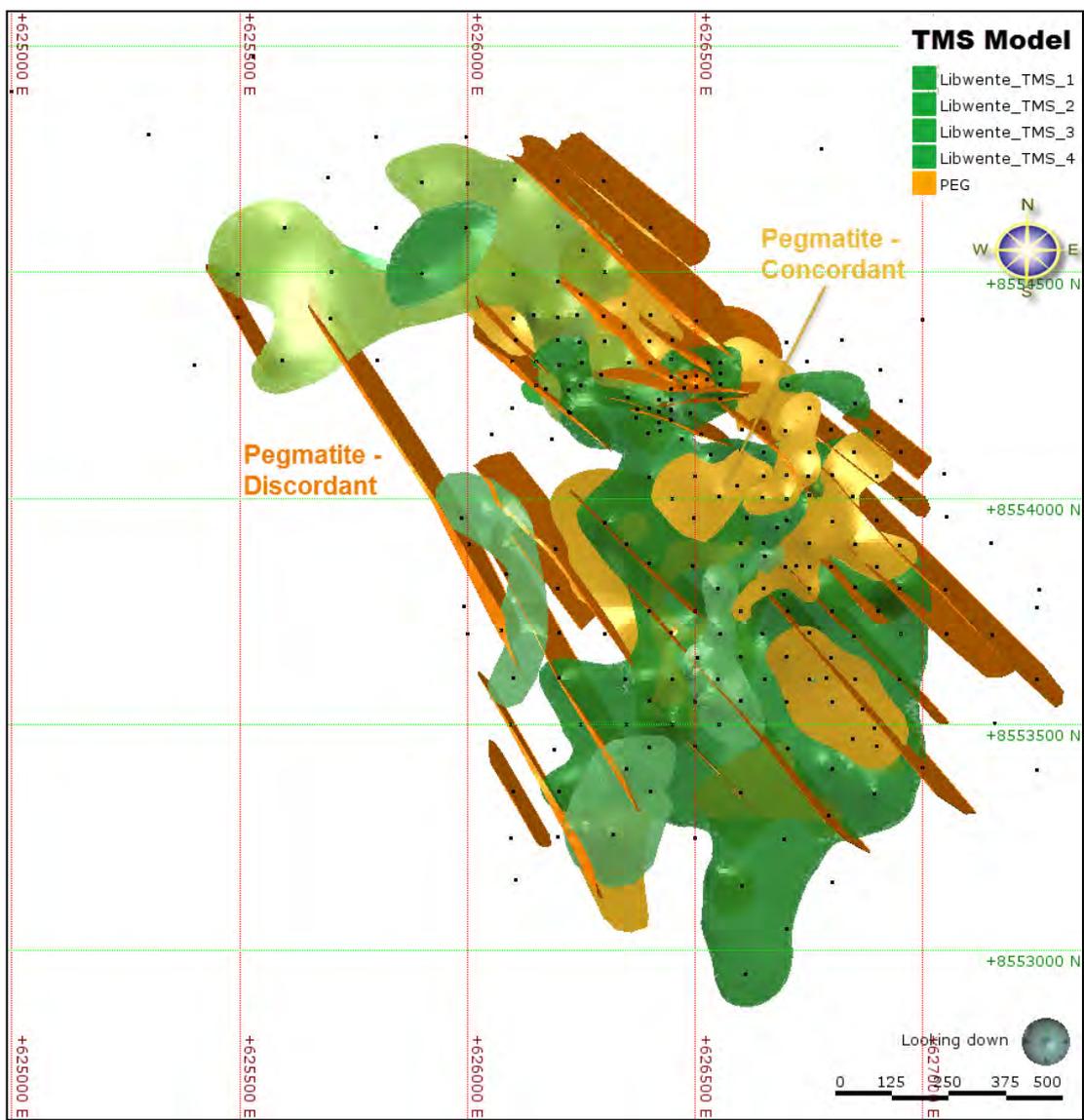


Figure 4-13: Plan view of the Libwente modelled pegmatites with the TMS units

### 4.6.3 Reaction Zone Model

Gemfields production analysis data from the Libwente Pit to date indicates that reaction zone material is equal to 4.5% of the tonnage of the mined waste TMS. To reflect this, but also to account for dilution of the reaction zone material during the mining process, SRK generated a reaction zone model, based on a 1.18 m offset contact zone between modelled pegmatites (discordant and concordant) and the TMS equating to 4.0% of the modelled waste TMS above the most recent (May 2015) pit survey wireframe. Above this pit survey wireframe, the modelled concordant reaction zone volume equates to 2.3% of the waste TMS volume, while the discordant reaction zone model equates to 1.7%.

With the 1.18 m offset reaction zone applied to the entire Libwente model, the total reaction zone volume comprises 3.6% of the modelled waste TMS. Figure 4-14 shows a plan view of the Libwente modelled reaction zone and pegmatites within the TMS units with drillhole locations indicated in black.

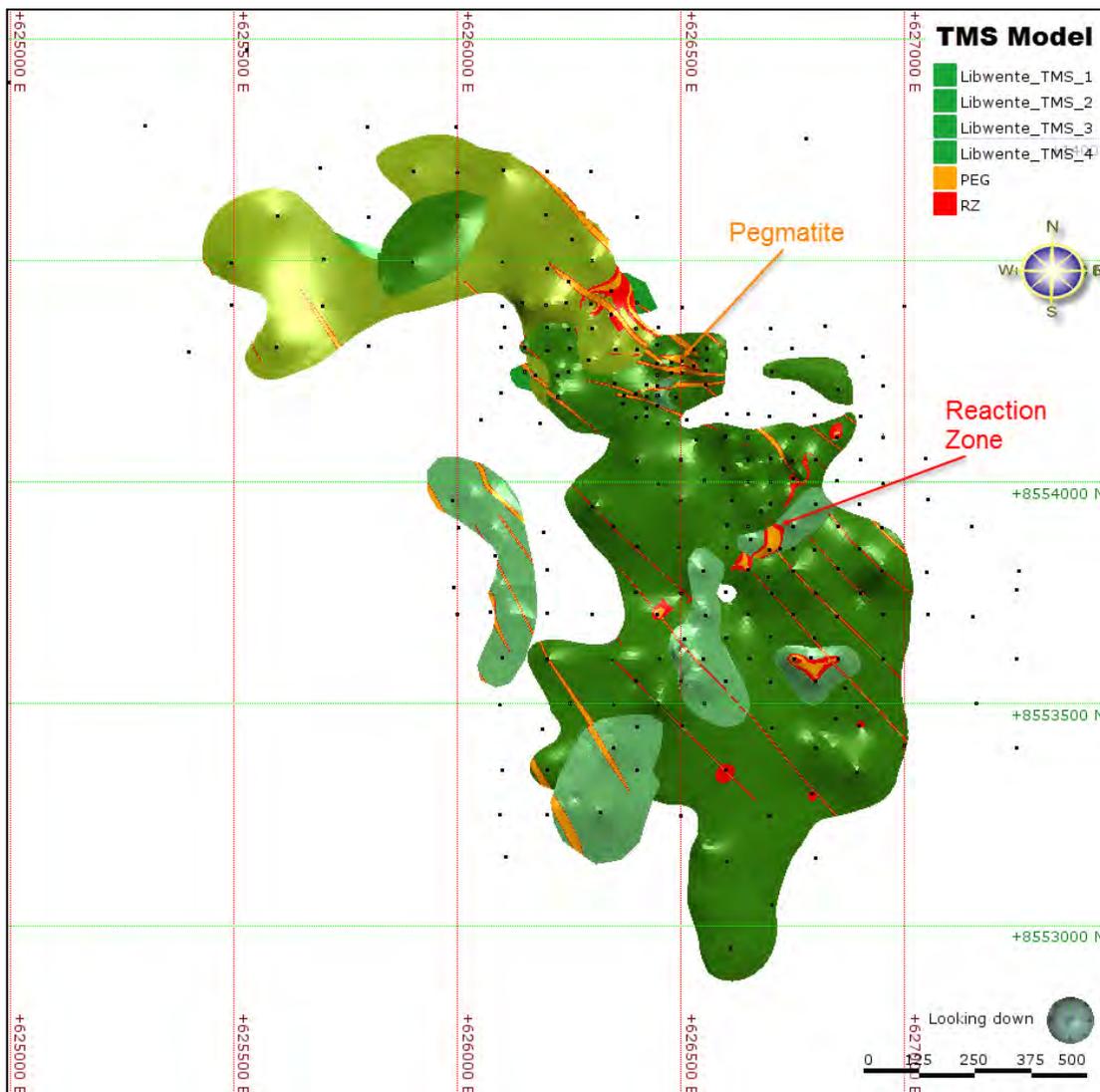


Figure 4-14: Plan view of the Libwente modelled reaction zone and pegmatites within the TMS units

## 4.7 Libwente Grade and Tonnage Estimation

As with Chama and Fibolele, SRK has produced a block model, which is based on the modelled reaction zones. The block model was used in the subsequent pit optimisation exercise. The block model parameters are included in Table 4-10. As with the other deposits, the density value applied was 2.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Section 3.5).

**Table 4-10: Libwente: block model parameters**

Coordinate	Minimum	Maximum	Block Size (m)	Number of Blocks
X	625,000	628,000	20	150
Y	8,552,000	8,556,000	20	200
Z	800	1,275	5	95

SRK has assumed that all B&E mineralisation is hosted by the modelled reaction zones. As with the other deposits, the amount of reaction zone in the geological model reflects the amount of reaction zone recorded during the bulk sampling operation. The bulk sampling production data is summarised in Table 4-11. Bulk sampling at Libwente has been continuous since July 2014. The production data is split into calendar year, with the most recent data collected in June 2015.

**Table 4-11: Libwente: bulk sampling production data**

Statistic	Unit	2014	2015	Total
<b>Mining</b>				
Reaction Zone	(kt)	1.5	2.9	4.3
Waste TMS	(kt)	22	73	95.4
Waste non-TMS	(kt)	821	435	1,256.0
Total Rock	(kt)	844	512	1,355.8
RZ:WST TMS%	(%)	7%	4%	5%
<b>Gemstones Recovered</b>				
Premium Emerald	(kg)	0.00	0.03	0.0
Emerald	(kg)	0.94	5.03	6.0
Beryl-1	(kg)	2.71	8.75	11.5
Beryl-2	(kg)	5.22	9.45	14.7
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kg)	0.94	23.25	6.00
B&E	(kg)	8.87	23.25	32.12
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(kct)	5	116	30
B&E	(kct)	44	116	161
<b>Grade</b>				
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(g/t)	0.6	8.1	1.4
B&E	(g/t)	6.0	8.1	7.4
Premium Emerald + Emerald	(ct/t)	3	41	7
B&E	(ct/t)	30	41	37

As at the other deposits, the recovered grade at Libwente is based on both the in-pit recovery, and from the wash plant. In order to account for anticipated dilution when mining the reaction zone material, SRK has calculated an in situ grade. SRK has assumed a dilution factor of 15%, which is consistent with that anticipated by the Company at Chama. The derivation of the in situ grade is shown in Table 4-12.

**Table 4-12: Fibolele: derivation of in situ grade**

Statistic	Unit	Value
Average production B&E grade	(Ct/t)	37
Anticipated dilution	(%)	15%
In situ B&E grade	(Ct/t)	46

The in situ grade shown in Table 4-12 was used coded into the block model, and also forms the basis of the Mineral Resource estimate. As production grades are recorded by the Company as a combination of beryl and emerald, SRK has used the same approach for the predicted grade, and so has not differentiated between beryl and emerald in either the Mineral Resource Statement, or the block model.

## 4.8 Mineral Resource Classification

### 4.8.1 Introduction

SRK notes that the exploration and production activities completed by Gemfields since the underground feasibility study have significantly improved the geological knowledge and understanding of the deposits; however, the derivation of Mineral Resources is largely dependent on the availability of the results of bulk samples or equivalent such as historical production statistics. This provides the confidence in the grade of the individual deposit, and therefore the contained gemstones in the estimate.

This section describes the data analysis and considerations taken into account by SRK when deriving the classification of the Mineral Resources at each of the deposits.

### 4.8.2 Reporting Code Definitions

The following are taken from the JORC Code (2012), for reference:

**An ‘Inferred Mineral Resource’ is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity and grade (or quality) are estimated on the basis of limited geological evidence and sampling. Geological evidence is sufficient to imply but not verify geological and grade (or quality) continuity. It is based on exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drillholes.**

**An Inferred Mineral Resource has a lower level of confidence than that applying to an Indicated Mineral Resource and must not be converted to an Ore Reserve. It is reasonably expected that the majority of Inferred Mineral Resources could be upgraded to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration.**

Where the Mineral Resource being reported is predominantly an Inferred Mineral Resource, sufficient supporting information must be provided to enable the reader to evaluate and assess the risk associated with the reported Mineral Resource.

In circumstances where the estimation of the Inferred Mineral Resource is presented on the basis of extrapolation beyond the nominal sampling spacing and taking into account the style of mineralisation, the report must contain sufficient information to inform the reader of:

- the maximum distance that the resource is extrapolated beyond the sample points
- the proportion of the resource that is based on extrapolated data
- the basis on which the resource is extrapolated to these limits
- a diagrammatic representation of the Inferred Mineral Resource showing clearly the extrapolated part of the estimated resource.

*The Inferred category is intended to cover situations where a mineral concentration or occurrence has been identified and limited measurements and sampling completed, but where the data are insufficient to allow the geological and grade continuity to be confidently interpreted. While it would be reasonable to expect that the majority of Inferred Mineral Resources would upgrade to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration, due to the uncertainty of Inferred Mineral Resources, it should not be assumed that such upgrading will always occur.*

*Confidence in the estimate of Inferred Mineral Resources is not sufficient to allow the results of the application of technical and economic parameters to be used for detailed planning in Pre-Feasibility (Clause 39) or Feasibility (Clause 40) Studies. For this reason, there is no direct link from an Inferred Mineral Resource to any category of Ore Reserves (see Figure 1).*

*Caution should be exercised if Inferred Mineral Resources are used to support technical and*

*economic studies such as Scoping Studies (refer to Clause 38).*

**An ‘Indicated Mineral Resource’ is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade (or quality), densities, shape and physical characteristics are estimated with sufficient confidence to allow the application of Modifying Factors in sufficient detail to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit.**

**Geological evidence is derived from adequately detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drillholes, and is sufficient to assume geological and grade (or quality) continuity between points of observation where data and samples are gathered.**

**An Indicated Mineral Resource has a lower level of confidence than that applying to a Measured Mineral Resource and may only be converted to a Probable Ore Reserve.**

*Mineralisation may be classified as an Indicated Mineral Resource when the nature, quality, amount and distribution of data are such as to allow confident interpretation of the geological framework and to assume continuity of mineralisation.*

*Confidence in the estimate is sufficient to allow application of Modifying Factors within a technical and economic study as defined in Clauses 37 to 40.*

**A ‘Measured Mineral Resource’ is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade (or quality), densities, shape, and physical characteristics are estimated with confidence sufficient to allow the application of Modifying Factors to support detailed mine planning and final evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit.**

**Geological evidence is derived from detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drillholes, and is sufficient to confirm geological and grade (or quality) continuity between points of observation where data and samples are gathered.**

**A Measured Mineral Resource has a higher level of confidence than that applying to either an Indicated Mineral Resource or an Inferred Mineral Resource. It may be converted to a Proved Ore Reserve or under certain circumstances to a Probable Ore Reserve.**

*Mineralisation may be classified as a Measured Mineral Resource when the nature, quality, amount and distribution of data are such as to leave no reasonable doubt, in the opinion of the Competent Person determining the Mineral Resource, that the tonnage and grade of the mineralisation can be estimated to within close limits, and that any variation from the estimate would be unlikely to significantly affect potential economic viability.*

*This category requires a high level of confidence in, and understanding of, the geological properties and controls of the mineral deposit.*

*Confidence in the estimate is sufficient to allow application of Modifying Factors within a technical and economic study as defined in Clauses 37 to 40.*

*Depending upon the level of confidence in the various Modifying Factors it may be converted to a Proved Ore Reserve (high confidence in Modifying Factors), Probable Ore Reserve (some uncertainty in Modifying Factors) or may not be converted at all (low or no confidence in some of the Modifying Factors; or no plan to mine, e.g. pillars in an underground mine or outside economic pit limits).*

**The choice of the appropriate category of Mineral Resource depends upon the quantity, distribution and quality of data available and the level of confidence that**

**attaches to those data. The appropriate Mineral Resource category must be determined by a Competent Person.**

*Mineral Resource classification is a matter for skilled judgement and a Competent Person should take into account those items in Table 1 that relate to confidence in Mineral Resource estimation.*

*In deciding between Measured Mineral Resources and Indicated Mineral Resources, Competent Persons may find it useful to consider, in addition to the phrases in the two definitions relating to geological and grade continuity in Clauses 22 and 23, the phrase in the guideline to the definition for Measured Mineral Resources: ‘... any variation from the estimate would be unlikely to significantly affect potential economic viability’.*

*In deciding between Indicated Mineral Resources and Inferred Mineral Resources, Competent Persons may wish to take into account, in addition to the phrases in the two definitions in Clauses 21 and 22 relating to geological and grade continuity, that part of the definition for Indicated Mineral Resources: ‘**sufficient confidence to allow the application of Modifying Factors in sufficient detail to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit**’, which contrasts with the guideline to the definition for Inferred Mineral Resources: ‘Confidence in the estimate of Inferred Mineral Resources is not sufficient to allow the results of the application of technical and economic parameters to be used for detailed planning in Pre-Feasibility (Clause 39) or Feasibility (Clause 40) Studies’ and ‘Caution should be exercised if Inferred Mineral Resources are used to support technical and economic studies such as Scoping Studies (refer to Clause 38)’.*

*The Competent Person should take into consideration issues of the style of mineralisation and cut-off grade when assessing geological and grade continuity for the purposes of classifying the resource.*

*Cut-off grades chosen for the estimation should be realistic in relation to the style of mineralisation and the anticipated mining and processing development options.*

### **4.8.3 Classification strategy and assumptions**

As with the underground feasibility study, SRK has made a series of assumptions with the mineralising system at all of the deposits. SRK has assumed that characteristics of the TMS unit remains constant to extents of the modelled unit with no changes in geology or mineralogy. Similarly, it is assumed that there is no changing in the mineralising system with depth and no change due to weathering with depth. The pegmatites were modelled using a combination of the regional scale interpretation, in-pit mapping, and available drillhole intersections. The reaction zones were modelled either directly (footwall / hangingwall) or from the intersection of the modelled pegmatites with the TMS unit. In the case of the discordant zones, the morphology of the reaction zones was derived from the modelled pegmatites, with the assumed thicknesses based on the percentage of reaction zone mined, in relation to the TMS.

Grade data is sourced from historical production data so no direct grade estimate can be undertaken. Grade estimates are therefore entirely dependent on historical data for validation. The actual historical reaction zone grade has been applied globally to all reaction zone in the model; SRK has not attempted to model local variations in the reaction zone grade. However the reaction zone tonnage per block does vary locally according to SRK's wireframe models.

In order to develop a classification scheme for the Mineral Resources at Kagem, SRK has taken the following factors into account:

1. quantity and quality of the underlying data, the level of geological understanding for each

- deposit, and across the property as a whole;
2. confidence in the geological continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zone;
  3. confidence in the grades, as derived from the production/bulk sampling, and the understanding of the grade variation at a given production scale;
  4. the stage of development for each deposit (such as exploration, production, care and maintenance, etc.); and
  5. the perceived level of risk associated with deviations from the assumptions made. This aspect is specifically noted in the JORC Code (2012) in the “..... *any variation from the estimate would be unlikely to significantly affect potential economic viability*” clause for Measured Mineral Resources.

#### 4.8.4 Classification guidelines

In order to classify the Mineral Resources at Kagem,, SRK has used to following broad guidelines:

##### Measured Mineral Resources

1. Extremely high quality mapping of all available outcrop, along with drilling, logging, sampling and analysis of all available drillhole data. Excellent understanding of the location of the TMS, the spatial distribution of reaction zones within the TMS, and of the orientation of pegmatites. Drillhole spacing and orientation is sufficient to accurately predict the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zones were relevant. Development and demonstration of suitability through testing of a conceptual mineralising model which underpins the ability to predict the location, geometry and tenor of the reaction zones.
2. A high degree of confidence in the continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, discordant and footwall and hangingwall reaction zones. Individual pegmatites can be easily traced between multiple drillholes, indicating a high degree of confidence of the discordant reaction zones, which are dependent on the pegmatite locations. The footwall and hangingwall reaction zones should be easily traced between drillholes, with consistency in the geometry and spatial location. The confidence in the geological and grade continuity is based extrapolation of the knowledge of the deposit from known areas, to unknown areas. The distance of extrapolation is based on the amount of material already mined from the individual deposit, as well as incorporating other factors (for example, grade continuity, modelling approach, etc.). The level of extrapolation was derived for each deposit individually.
3. High degree of confidence in the global grade of the reaction zones. This is demonstrated through the ability to predict, plan, and reconcile grade estimates to within 15% error, at a 90% confidence limit on an annual basis. This needs to be consistent over a prolonged period of time, analogous to the anticipated mine plan. This provides a level of understanding as to the level of variability in the grade estimates, and how these are likely to change in the short term, as required for short term mine planning.
4. The project needs to be at an advanced stage of development, with appropriate production procedures in place for the deposit in question. The procedures need to be shown to be suitable and to be gathering the relevant information over a reasonable period of time. A high confidence that all conditions necessary to form emeralds during the ore forming process were present, achieved by extrapolating confidence a relatively short distance from the known emerald bearing parts of the deposit (that is, the mine

workings).

5. SRK considers that in order for a Mineral Resource to be classified as Measured, the economic viability of the project also needs to be highly insensitive to changing parameters, such as selling price, grade, strip ratio etc.

#### **Indicated Mineral Resources**

1. High quality mapping, drilling, logging, sampling and analysis of available drillhole data. Understanding of the location of the TMS, the spatial distribution of reaction zones within the TMS, and of the orientation of pegmatites. Drillhole spacing and orientation is sufficient to accurately predict the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zones were relevant.
2. A high to reasonable degree of confidence in the continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, discordant and footwall/hangingwall reaction zones. Individual pegmatites can be easily traced between drillholes, indicating a high to reasonable degree of confidence of the discordant reaction zones, which are dependent on the pegmatite locations. The footwall and hangingwall reaction zones should be easily traced between drillholes, with consistency in the geometry and spatial location.
3. High to reasonable degree of confidence in the grade of the reaction zones. This is demonstrated through the ability to predict, plan, and reconcile grade estimates to within 15% error, at a 90% confidence limit on an annual basis. This provides a level of understanding as to the level of variability in the grade estimates, and how these are likely to change in the short to medium term, as required for medium to long term mine planning.
4. The project needs to be at an advanced stage of development, with appropriate production procedures in place for the deposit in question. The procedures need to been shown to be suitable and to be gathering the relevant information.
5. SRK considers that in order for a Mineral Resource to be classified as Indicated, the economic viability of the project also needs to be insensitive to changing parameters, such as selling price, grade, strip ratio etc.

#### **Inferred Mineral Resources**

1. High quality mapping, drilling, logging, sampling and analysis of available drillhole data. Understanding of the location of the TMS, the spatial distribution of reaction zones within the TMS, and of the orientation of pegmatites. Drillhole spacing and orientation is sufficient to infer the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zones were relevant.
2. A reasonable to low degree of confidence in the continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, discordant and footwall/hangingwall reaction zones. Individual pegmatites can be inferred between drillholes, indicating a reasonable to low degree of confidence of the discordant reaction zones, which are dependent on the pegmatite locations. The footwall and hangingwall reaction zones should be inferred to occur between drillholes.
3. Reasonable to low degree of confidence in the grade of the reaction zones. There is a high degree of uncertainty regarding the ability to predict, plan, and reconcile the grade.
4. The project needs to be at an advanced stage of development, with appropriate production procedures in place for the deposit in question. Alternatively, the deposit should have been subjected to a systematic and tightly controlled period of bulk sampling. The methods and data gathered need to been shown to be suitable for the deposit in

question.

When classifying the individual deposits within Kagem, these broad criteria will be considered as a whole.

#### 4.9 Mineral Resource Reporting

In order to derive the proportions of the modelled deposits which fulfil the "...reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction" criteria required for reporting in accordance with the JORC Code (2012), SRK has completed a pit optimisation exercise.

The optimised pits were based on the same parameters used for the mining study, except with a 30% mark up on the anticipated price, to reflect an optimistic view. The pit shells were derived from the block models discussed previously, and the classification applied. The resultant shells were used to report the tonnage and grade for each deposit. SRK has been provided copies of written approval of the large scale gemstone mining licence currently in place at the Kagem Mine, and is valid for 10 years commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010. All reported resources are contained within the extent of the Kagem Licence boundary. In addition, copies of the current operating permits and annual area charge invoices were provided to SRK.

#### 4.10 Mineral Resource Statements

The Mineral Resource Statements for Chama, Fibolele and Libwente are included in Table 4-13. The Competent Person with overall responsibility for reporting of the Mineral Resource is Dr Lucy Roberts, MAusIMM (CP), a Principal Consultant (Resource Geology) with SRK. Dr Roberts has the relevant experience in reporting Mineral Resources on various coloured gemstone projects. SRK considers that the Mineral Resource Statements, as presented in Table 4-13 are reported in accordance with the JORC Code (2012).

In reporting the Mineral Resources for the Kagem area, SRK notes the following:

- Mineral Resources are quoted at appropriate in situ economic cut-off grades which satisfy the requirement of 'potentially economically mineable' for open-pit mining.
- In addition, SRK has also completed a pit optimisation exercise which quantifies the amount of material which is likely to be mined using open pit methods. The optimised pits were derived using the same input parameters as those in the mining study (Section 6), but with a commodity price which reflects an optimistic view. In the case of the Kagem Mine deposits, a price of USD3.90/ct was applied.
- All Mineral Resources are quoted at 100%, and derivation of attributable Mineral Resources would necessitate application of the Company's 75% equity interest.
- All grades quoted reflect beryl and emerald combined, expressed as carats per tonne. One carat is defined as 0.2 g. Conversely, this equates to a conversion factor of 5 carats per gram.

As at 31 May 2015, SRK notes that the Chama beryl and emerald deposit has Measured Mineral Resources, of 800 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 345 ct/t B&E, and an Indicated Mineral Resource of 3,800 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 345 ct/t B&E. At Fibolele, the declared Mineral Resources comprise 170 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 119 ct/t B&E, classified as Indicated, and 1,450 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 119 ct/t B&E, classified as Inferred Mineral Resources. At Libwente, the Inferred Mineral Resources consist of 200 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 46 ct/t B&E.

**Table 4-13: SRK Mineral Resource Statements, as of 31 May 2015, for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente beryl and emerald deposits**

Deposit	Classification	Tonnage (kt)	Grade (ct/t)	Contained Carats (ct ,000)
<b>Chama</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	800	345	290,000
	Indicated Mineral Resources	3,800	345	1,310,000
	Inferred Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>Fibolele</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Indicated Mineral Resources	170	119	20,300
	Inferred Mineral Resources	1,450	119	172,100
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>20,300</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>192,400</b>
<b>Libwente</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Indicated Mineral Resources	-	-	-
	Inferred Mineral Resources	200	46	9,100
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9,100</b>
<b>Total</b>	Measured Mineral Resources	800	345	290,000
	Indicated Mineral Resources	3,970	335	1,330,300
	Inferred Mineral Resources	1,650	110	181,200
	<b>Measured + Indicated</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1,620,300</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1,801,500</b>

#### 4.11 Conclusions

SRK has generated a Mineral Resource estimate for the Chama, Libwente and Fibolele deposits of the Kagem Mine, using all available and valid data as at 31 May 2015.

It is the opinion of Dr Lucy Roberts, MAusIMM (CP), that adequate work has been undertaken at the Project to report Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). The open pit mining, trial mining, drilling, sampling, logging and other data gathering methods used by Gemfields are appropriate and have yielded suitable data for use in the subsequent geological and grade modelling. In total SRK has derived a Measured Mineral Resource Estimate of 800 kt of reaction zone material grading at 345 ct/t B&E, an Indicated Mineral Resource Estimate of 3,970 kt of reaction zone material grading at 335 ct/t B&E, and an Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate of 1,675 kt of reaction zone material grading at 281 ct/t B&E.

Measured material is confined to the Chama deposit, which has Measured Mineral Resources, of 800 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 345 ct/t B&E, and an Indicated Mineral Resource of 3,800 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 345 ct/t B&E. The Fibolele deposit comprises 170 kt of Indicated reaction zone material grading at 119 ct/t B&E, and 1,450 kt of Inferred reaction zone material, grading at 119 ct/t B&E. Libwente is classified as Inferred, comprising 200 kt of reaction zone material, grading at 46 ct/t B&E.

The Mineral Resource Statement generated by SRK is constrained within a Whittle shell representing a metal price of USD3.90/ct. This represents the material which SRK considers has reasonable prospect for eventual economic extraction.

## 4.12 Recommendations

SRK recommends the following, in order to provide data that will assist in improving the geological understanding and confidence in any future MRE updates:

- Complete a programme of drilling at both Libwente and Fibolele perpendicular to the main pegmatite / quartz-tourmaline vein trend to target the felsic intrusives. Targeted pegmatite / QT vein drilling is of equal importance to drilling focussed on the TMS unit, as the felsic intrusives are known to be a key control on the discordant reaction zone geometries.
- Complete additional drilling at Fibolele to test the down-dip extent of the TMS unit in the central and northern areas of the currently defined TMS model, where little drillhole data is available at depth.
- Routinely complete downhole surveying on all future diamond drillholes.
- Structurally orientate any future diamond drillholes to allow for the capture of key downhole structural data to provide a more robust basis for the interpretation of the TMS unit, and particularly the pegmatites and quartz-tourmaline veins, which are of variable orientation.
- Once sufficient oriented diamond drilling has been completed, commission a structural geology review, with particular emphasis on the Libwente deposit, which at present is the least well understood and potentially most structurally complex of the three main Kagem deposits.
- Routinely take thickness measurements and structural readings from all pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins as part of the existing open pit mapping procedure.
- Where possible, de-water and conduct geological mapping of historic pits.
- Complete Niton XRF analysis on the entire length of drillholes, rather than just the TMS unit and 3m into the hangingwall and footwall waste. This is essentially “free” data which, when coupled with sound geological logging and understanding, can help to provide a highly robust basis for geological interpretations.
- Where and when possible, complete handheld Niton XRF analysis along the entire length of historic holes to add to the Niton database.
- Routinely complete core photography on all new drillholes. Photographs should be taken as soon as the drill core arrives at the core facility, with depth markers clearly displayed. The core should be photographed wet and dry, ideally using a purpose built frame that allows a constant angle and distance from the camera.
- Lithological logging data should be input into a fixed data input system that only allows the input of the agreed upon codes into the logging database. This should avoid the input of erroneous codes into the drillhole database and negate the need for time consuming database clean-up prior to use for modelling or analysis purposes.
- There is currently a degree of discrepancy between the geo-location of the open pit survey wireframes and the geo-referenced satellite imagery. This should be checked and rectified as soon as possible to ensure the spatial consistency and accuracy of all data sources.

## 5 GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES

### 5.1 General

The purpose of the geotechnical study is to assess the engineering characteristics of the rock mass that will form the highwall of the Chama Pit and use this information to carry out kinematic and rock mass stability analyses to develop overall slope design parameters for the ultimate pit that satisfy specific stability and failure probability criteria. The data used for this study has been gathered from the following sources:

1. Pit slope stability study carried out by African Mining Consultants (AMC) in 2008.
2. Underground scoping study carried out by SRK in 2008.
3. Programme of laboratory testing carried out to support the AMC and SRK 2008 studies
4. Underground feasibility study carried out by SRK in 2013.
5. Geotechnical site visit carried out in June 2015 which included detailed pit inspections, the collection of discontinuity data for existing pit wall exposure and geotechnical logging of a selection of cored resource boreholes.

As the pit walls are currently located in rock masses with the same geotechnical characteristics as those described and tested in 2008, geotechnical characterisation for this study was based on a synthesis of the historical geotechnical data in addition to data collected in 2015.

### 5.2 Geotechnical Characterisation

#### 5.2.1 Pit Lithology

The main lithological units that form the current Chama Pit are:

- Weathered quartz mica schist (QMS or MS);
- Fresh QMS;
- Amphibolite (AMP); and
- Talc Mica Schist (TMS).

These units as exposed in the current pit highwall are shown in Figure 5-1. Sub-vertical, east-west striking pegmatite (PEG) intrusions are visible as lighter coloured lithologies in the highwall. Thin, sheared reaction zones (RZ) within which the gemstones are found occur at the base of the TMS (concordant reaction zones) or at the contact between the TMS and the pegmatite intrusions (discordant reaction zones).

#### 5.2.2 Geotechnical Logging

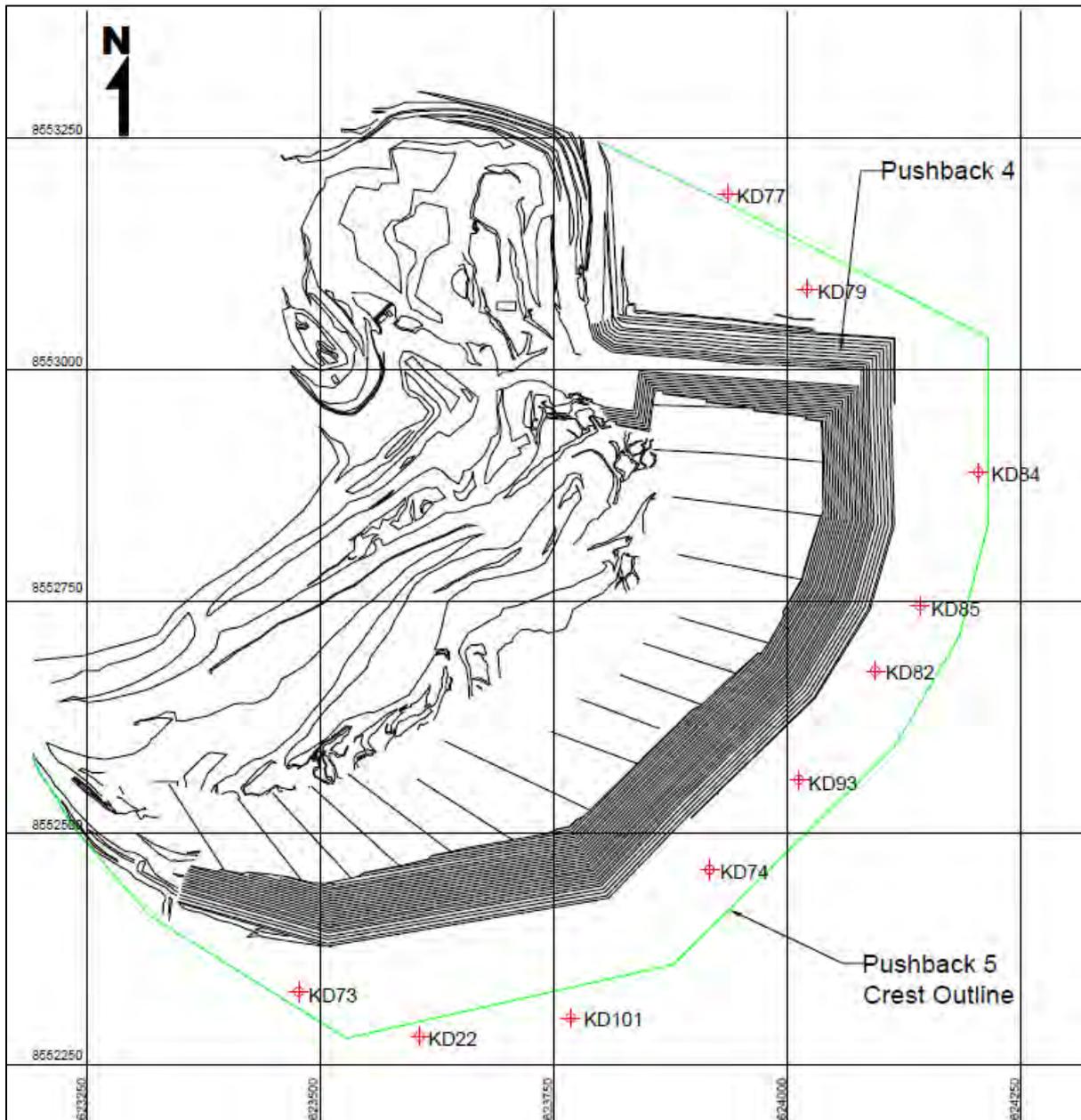
Kagem has carried out a comprehensive geological drilling programme to define a gemstone resource eastwards, down dip of the current Chama Pit. Geological and RQD logging was available for all boreholes (687 in total) through the simplified geology files which provided the basis for developing a geotechnical waste model. Whilst face mapping provided geotechnical context for the rock mass currently exposed in the Chama Pit, SRK selected 10 resource boreholes that had been drilled behind the current Pushback 4 pit to provide geotechnical characterisation data for future mining stages. The 10 boreholes, totalling over 1,600 m of core were logged on site by a Kagem intern with check photographic logging being done by SRK. Table 5-1 lists the holes logged whilst their location in relation to the current pit and future Pushback 5 pit is shown in Figure 5-2. Detailed geotechnical logs are presented in Appendix A.



**Figure 5-1: Pit Highwall Showing Main Lithologies**

**Table 5-1: Geotechnical logging boreholes**

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)
ZD22	0	154.5
KD93	0	180.1
KD85	0	164.5
KD84	0	164.5
KD82	0	158.5
KD79	0	142.5
KD77	0	134.5
KD74	0	191.5
KD73	0	131.4
KD101	0	200.7



**Figure 5-2: Location of the geotechnically logged resource boreholes**

The geotechnical logging was undertaken on a domain basis which primarily used the lithology logs with structure, fracture frequency and alteration as additional parameters.

Table 5-2 shows the percentage of each domain logged in the 10 boreholes. This domaining forms the basis for the geotechnical waste model and subsequent finite element analysis (FEA).

**Table 5-2: Percentage of GT Domains Logged**

Geotechnical Domain	Percentage Logged
Laterite	2%
MS	63%
AMPH	12%
TMS	4%
PEG	18%
RZ	1%

### 5.2.3 Structural Logging

Orientated core was not available from the geotechnical holes therefore kinematic analysis was based on pre-existing discontinuity data generated from face mapping and additional face mapping data collected in 2015.

### 5.2.4 Weathered Material

Weathered materials are described as those which are completely or heavily weathered host lithologies and logged as either soil (SOIL) or laterite (LAT). A reduction in weathering grade is expected within this zone from the surface from completely weathered (Depth: 0 to 10-20 m) through highly weathered (Depth: 20 to 30 m) into moderately then slightly weathered (Depth: 60 to 70 m), as shown in Figure 5-3.

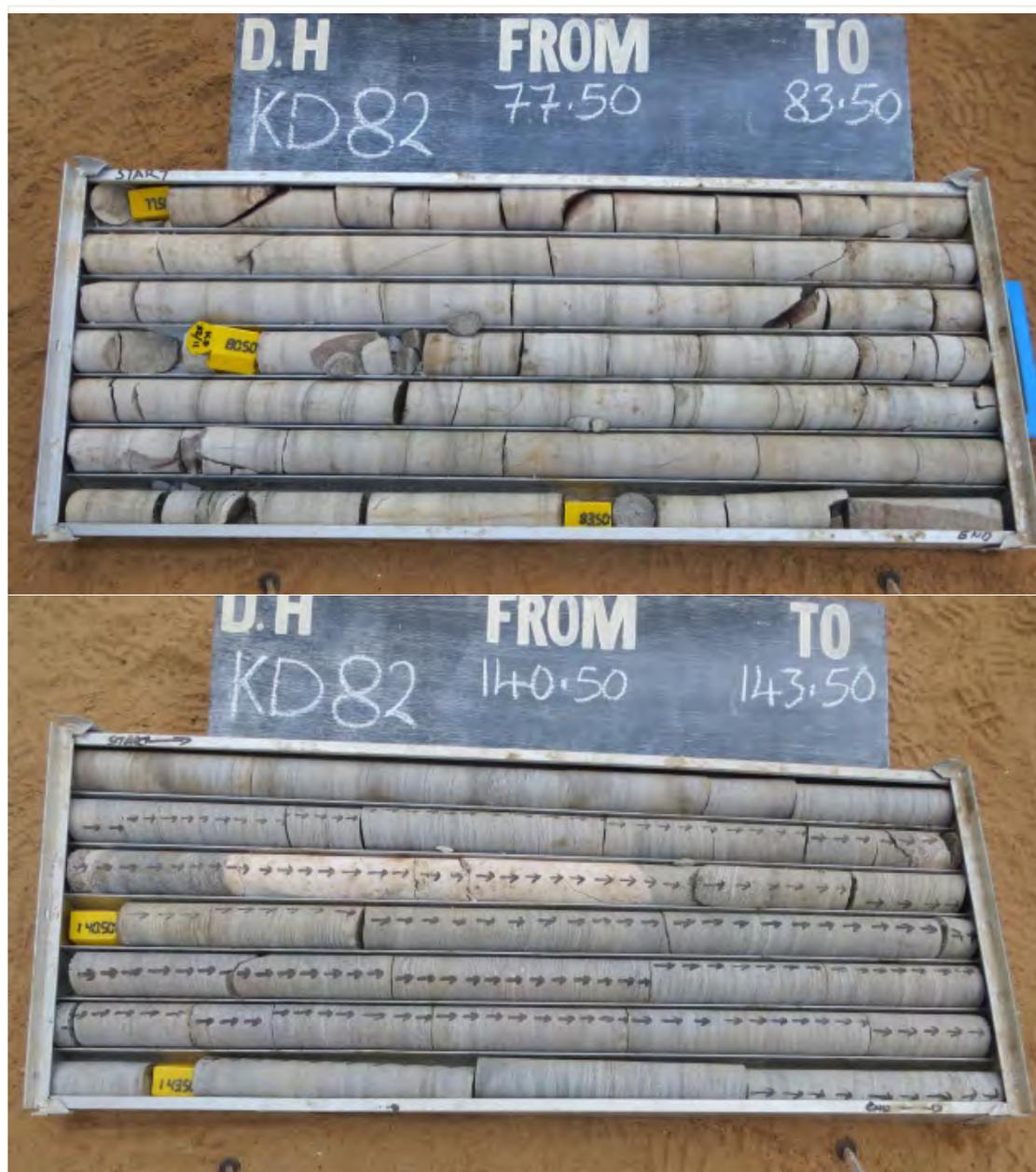


Figure 5-3: Weathered material in KD82 (MS)

**5.2.5 Mica Schist (MS)**

The mica schist (MS) is the dominant waste materials at Kagem. The material is described as: *Strong to very strong, light green to green fine grained SCHIST. Material has a slight geological schistose fabric which does not significantly affect geotechnical properties. Discontinuities are straight to slightly undulating, planar smooth to undulating rough, stained in the upper zones (<100 m) and clean below. The rock is a dark grey, fine grained, moderately strong rock. It contains at least three moderately spaced joint sets of moderate persistence and a closely spaced foliation. The rock mass is generally blocky, slightly weathered and damp. The average rock mass rating of the MS is 50 characterising it as a fair quality rock mass.*

Figure 5-4 presents representative examples of mica schist.



**Figure 5-4: Core Logged as mica schist**

### 5.2.6 Amphibolite (AMP)

Amphibolite (AMP) is described as:

*Strong to very strong green to dark grey fine grained AMPHIBOLITE. Material is generally without internal fabric or structures. Discontinuities are straight to slightly undulating, planar smooth to undulating rough, stained in the upper zones and clean below.*

The amphibolite contains at least three joint sets of moderate persistence together with a poorly developed foliation. The rock mass is generally blocky and competent and is fresh to slightly weathered and dry. Figure 5-5 shows photographs of core logged as Amphibolite whilst Figure 5-6 shown an exposure of amphibolite within the pit highwall.



Figure 5-5: Core Logged as amphibolite (AMP)



Figure 5-6: Hangingwall exposure of amphibolite

### 5.2.7 Pegmatite (PEG, QF, QT, QV, TOURM, TOUR)

The pegmatite (PEG) or associated quartz dominated lithologies are intrusive and associated with the main mineralisation and resource. These materials are described as:

*Weak (highly weathered) to very strong (fresh) light cream coarse texture PEGMATITE. Material is phenocrystic in part, without internal fabric or structures. At least one discontinuity set, straight to slightly undulating, undulating rough to stepped rough, stained in the upper zones and clean below.*

The pegmatite intrusions vary in dip from about 15° where they occur along the base of the TMS to sub-vertical where they cut through the TMS. The sub-vertical pegmatites are orientated in an east-west direction and dip towards the north. The shape of the pegmatites can be irregular and vary in thickness from centimetres to tens of metres. The pegmatites carry significant quantities of groundwater. When exposed to the atmosphere they tend to degrade very rapidly through weathering or alteration which can heavily affect the integrity of the material causing a loss in drilling recovery as it becomes an unconsolidated sand.

Figure 5-7 shows core logged as pegmatite.



**Figure 5-7: Borehole core logged as pegmatite (PEG)**

### 5.2.8 Talc Mica Schist (TMS)

The talc mica schist (TMS) is associated with the main mineralisation and resource, as shown as core in Figure 5-8 and TMS outcrop within the western end of the pit in Figure 5-9. These materials are described as:

*Strong to very strong medium grey to green fine grained TMS. Material is generally without internal fabric or structures. Three discontinuity sets are widely spaced, moderate persistence, straight to slightly undulating, planar smooth to undulating rough, stained in the upper zones and clean below, generally blocky to massive.*



**Figure 5-8: Borehole core logged as TMS**



**Figure 5-9: TMS at base of highwall**

### 5.2.9 Reaction Zone (RZ)

The reaction zones, which contain the emeralds, are located between the TMS and the pegmatite intrusions. The reaction zone along the base of the TMS is termed the Concordant Reaction Zone (CRZ). Those adjacent to the pegmatite intrusions that cross cut the TMS are termed the Discordant Reaction Zones (DRZ). The reaction zones are essentially weak metasomatic zones which vary in thickness from 1-2 cm to up to 2 m. The RZ is described as:

*Very weak to weak, dark grey to black moderately to highly weathered (a product of alteration) highly foliated biotitic/phlogopitic reaction zone. Disintegrated rock mass, crushed to three to four discontinuity sets, tight to narrow spacing, low persistence, planar polished to smooth, straight to slightly undulating profile, soft fine infill to gouge in part.*

The rock mass is closely foliated with foliation being highly contorted in places. The reaction zones are generally moderately to highly weathered and contain groundwater that probably originates from the pegmatites. Figure 5-10 illustrates the concordant reaction zone at the footwall of the TMS.



**Figure 5-10: Concordant Reaction Zone on Footwall of TMS**

### 5.2.10 Laboratory Testing

Laboratory testing was undertaken by RockLab (South Africa) in 2009 on rock samples to ascertain a series of parameters for numerical modelling as shown in Table 5-3, Table 5-4 and Table 5-5.

SRK considers that these tests represent the minimum number and variety of testing for analysis and geotechnical design for the current slope height. The laboratory data should be supplemented with additional field and laboratory testing to assess the potential variability in properties as the pit deepens.

**Table 5-3: Summary of Density Testing Results**

Material	Count	Average Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Amphibolite	7	2.91
Pegmatite	9	2.59
Reaction Zone	9	2.90
TMS	6	2.84

**Table 5-4: Summary of Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) Results**

Material	Count	Minimum UCS (MPa)	Maximum UCS (MPa)	Average UCS (MPa)	StdDev UCS (Mpa)
Amphibolite	4	32.3	113.4	72.4	46.3
Pegmatite	3	56.3	154.8	101.0	49.8
Reaction Zone	3	6.0	67.2	32.9	31.3
TMS	3	59.3	124.2	84.0	35.1

**Table 5-5: Summary of Young's Modulus and Poisson's Ratio Results**

Material	Count	Tangent Young's Modulus (GPa)	Secant Young's Modulus (GPa)	Tangent Poisson's Ratio	Secant Poisson's Ratio
Reaction Zone	3	13.8	17.1	0.4	0.3
TMS	3	44.5	51.4	0.3	0.2

### 5.2.11 Hydrogeological Conditions

It is the understanding of SRK that no hydrogeological testing has been undertaken at the Chama Pit either for dewatering or depressurisation of the pit slopes. The geotechnical analysis will therefore focus on the mechanical properties of the rock mass and infers a phreatic surface from observations made during the site visit. These observations noted seepage on the face occurring approximately 6 benches or 60m below the slope crest (Figure 5-11). A phreatic surface will therefore be created in the numerical modelling located 60m from the topographical surface and located close behind the face at this point and exiting at the toe of the slope.



**Figure 5-11: Site photographs of face seepage (June 2015)**

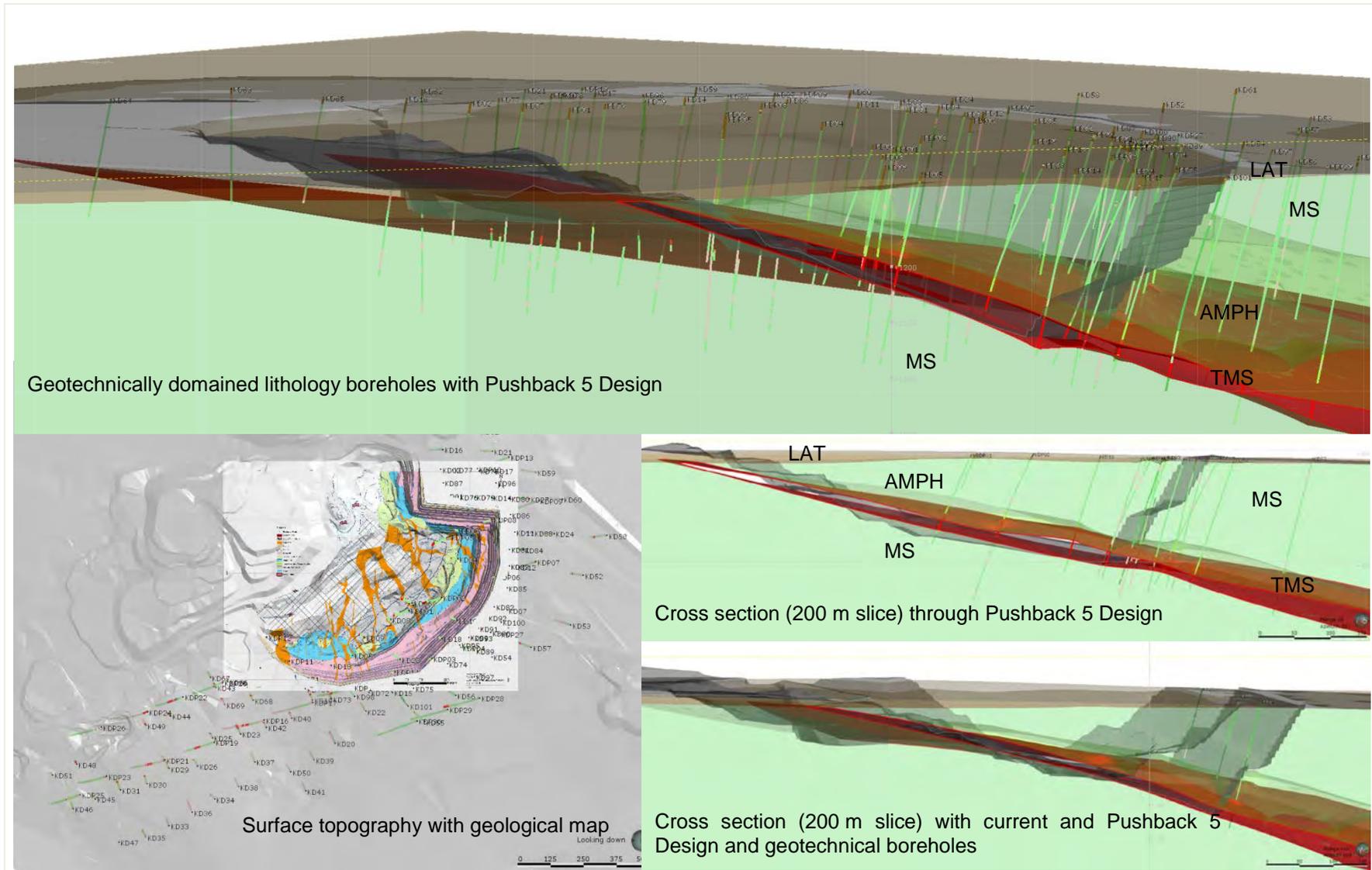
### **5.2.12 Geotechnical Waste Rock Mass Model**

A geotechnical waste rock mass model was created from the geotechnical dominated lithologies to enable kinematic assessment and rock mechanics modelling. The model was based on lithological logging as opposed to rock mass classification system due to the limited spatial coverage of the geotechnical boreholes or other geomechanical logging/mapping. This prevented the construction of a more detailed numerical model for Chama. If spatial coverage of geotechnical parameters increased a higher accuracy model could be developed for analysis.

Development of the waste rock model was undertaken in Leapfrog Geo based on the

domaining in Table 5-1 and shown in Figure 5-12. Pegmatites were not geotechnically modelled as they run parallel to any cross sections cut through the pit model. In addition, the width and persistence of the pegmatites it makes them extremely difficult to create numerical modelling domains. It was understood that the interaction of the TMS-PEG zones culminating in the RZ domains do possess a lower class rock mass zone than the MS, AMPH and TMS. The RZ was inferred in the modelling as a 2 m zone below the TMS as modelling based on the intercepts produced a non-geologically viable surface.

The rock mass classification is provided later in the report in Section 5.4.



Geotechnically domained lithology boreholes with Pushback 5 Design

Cross section (200 m slice) through Pushback 5 Design

Surface topography with geological map

Cross section (200 m slice) with current and Pushback 5 Design and geotechnical boreholes

**Figure 5-12: Geotechnical waste rock mass model**

### 5.3 Kinematic Analysis

Kinematic analysis determines the likelihood of planar, wedge and toppling instability on a bench scale to allow for the definition of bench-berm configurations that feed into inter-ramp and overall slope angles.

To undertake the kinematic analysis, discontinuity sets were defined on the basis of the discontinuity data collected from each of the field mapping campaigns and an assessment of the potential for planar, toppling and wedge failure made using stereographic software. Detailed berm width assessments were undertaken using the SBlock software to define appropriate batter and berm requirements.

#### 5.3.1 Discontinuity Sets

Kinematic analysis was based on the field mapping of the bench faces undertaken over two separate mapping programmes. The number of discontinuity records totalled 162 poles. Due to the limited volume of mapping data, however, it was not possible to accurately determine the presence of defined structural domains within the pit slopes and as a result, the pit slopes have been defined as being within a single structural domain. This methodology likely simplifies the rock mass structure. As a result, localised failures may occur when the bench faces are developed at orientations that adversely intersect the existing structure. To increase confidence in the kinematic analysis further pit mapping will be required as the pit develops.

**Table 5-6: Main joint sets**

ID	Dip (°)	Dip Direction (°)	Standard Deviation (°)	Lithology
J1	75	235	9	AMP
J2	51	330	19	AMP,TMS
J3	90	82	8	AMP,TMS
J4	90	1	8	MS, AMP,TMS
Fol	23	87	7	MS, AMP

Not all joint sets are present in all of the main hangingwall lithologies. Within the mica schist foliation is the dominant discontinuity whilst J1, J2 and J3 are missing. Within the amphibolite J1 is the dominant joint set whilst foliation is poorly developed and within the TMS, J2 is the dominant joint set whilst J1 and foliation are missing.

Spacing and persistence values for the discontinuities were taken from the field data and summarised in Table 5-7. This permitted the SBlock and Toppling analysis for failure volumes was based on the true spacing of discontinuities and their persistence.

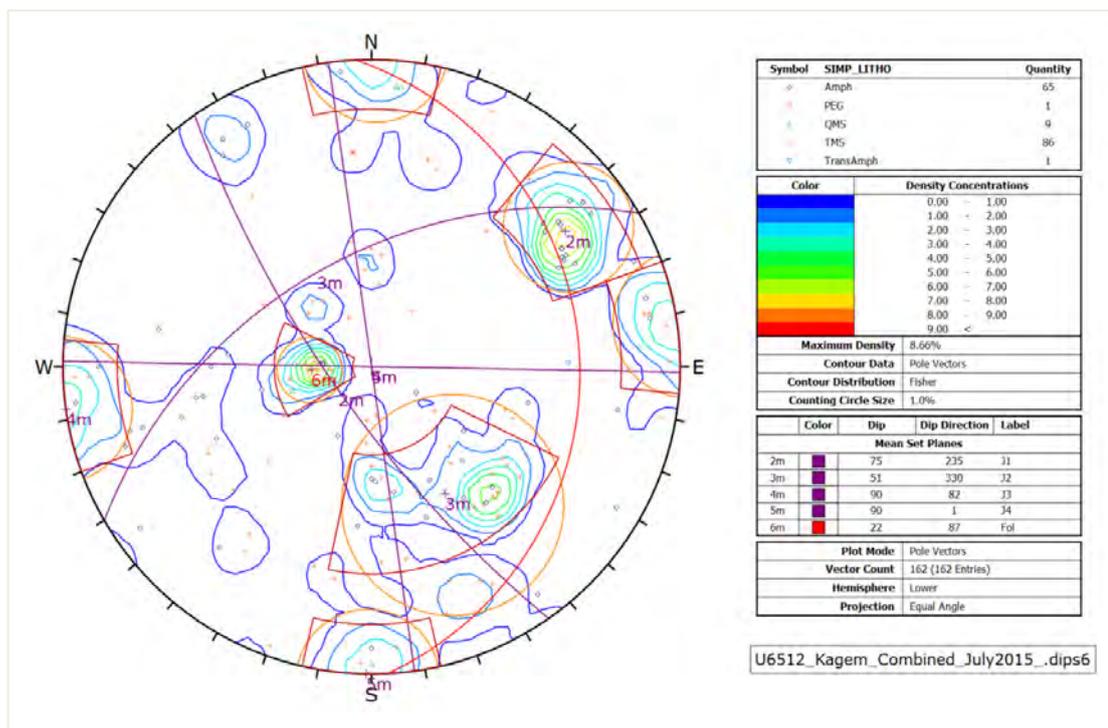


Figure 5-13: Chama Pit Major Discontinuity Sets

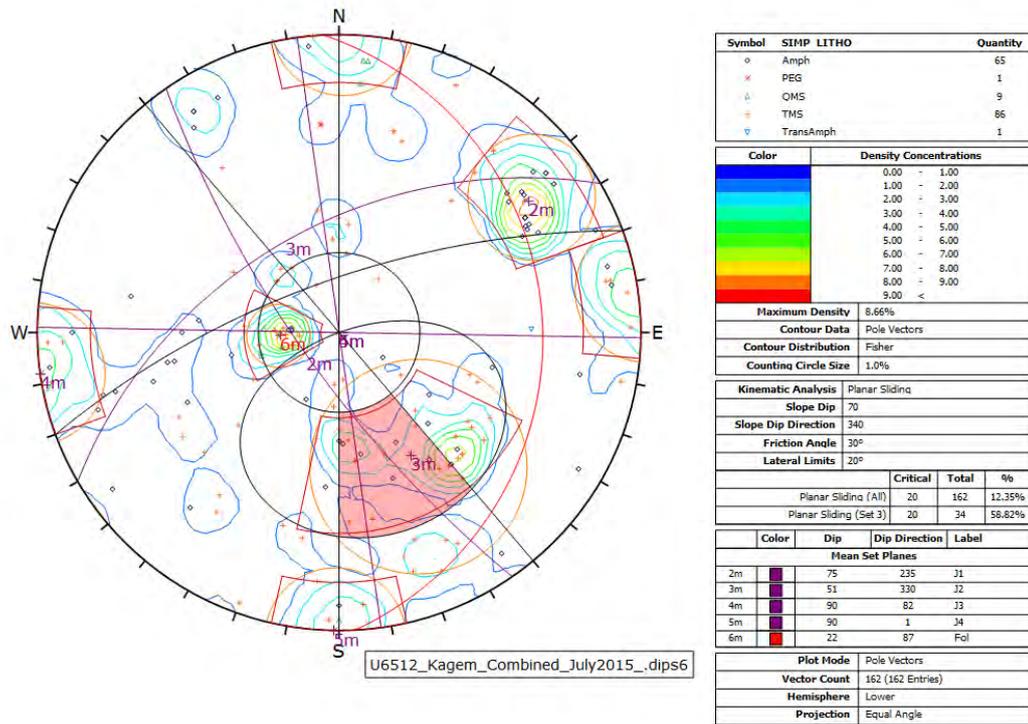
Table 5-7: Discontinuity spacing and persistence

Lithology	True Spacing (m)	Persistence (m)			
		1-3	3-10	10-20	>20
Amphibolite	0.1-0.5			1	2
	0.5-1			4	
	1-2		1	17	
TMS	1		5		
	0.75-2	2	13	2	
	1-1.5		4	3	
	1-2		3		
	not recorded		3	10	2

### 5.3.2 Planar and Toppling Risk Analysis

Planar and toppling failure risks were assessed in Dips, Wedge instability was assessed in SBlock which is described in the following section. The stereonet presented in Figure 5-13 was used to carry out this assessment. Both 70° and 75° bench face angles were analysed and an estimated joint friction angle of 30° used.

Planar failure analysis is undertaken by employing a friction cone and a daylight envelope to test for combined frictional and kinematic scenarios where planar sliding is possible. Any poles falling within the envelope are kinematically free to slide, if frictionally unstable. Any pole falling outside of the frictional cone represents a plane that could slide if kinematically possible. The crescent shaped zone formed by the daylight envelope and the pole friction circle therefore encloses the region of planar sliding, where planes are free to slide both frictionally and kinematically. Figure 5-14 illustrates the planar failure assessment, for a slope direction of 340°. Approximately 59% of the joints belonging to joint set 3 are plotted in the instability region as described above, hence there a high planar failure risk along joint set 3.



**Figure 5-14: Planar failure assessment**

Toppling analysis involves plotting a plane, representing the bench face slope angle and a slip limit; the latter is defined as a plane with a dip direction parallel to the pit slope, and a dip equal to the bench face angle, minus the joint friction angle (for example, 70° (BFA) – 30° (friction angle) = 40° (slip limit)). The confined toppling region indicates where toppling failure is likely located. By comparing the number of joint and major structure poles within the confined zone with the total number of poles in the parent cluster, it is possible to determine the qualitative probability for toppling failure for a given pit slope orientation. Figure 5-15 illustrates the toppling risk associated with a slope dip direction of 060°. Most of the joints belonging to joint set 2 are plotted within the instability zone, hence the high risk for toppling failure for a 060° slope. Summaries of planar and toppling failure assessments are presented in Table 5-8 and Table 5-9.

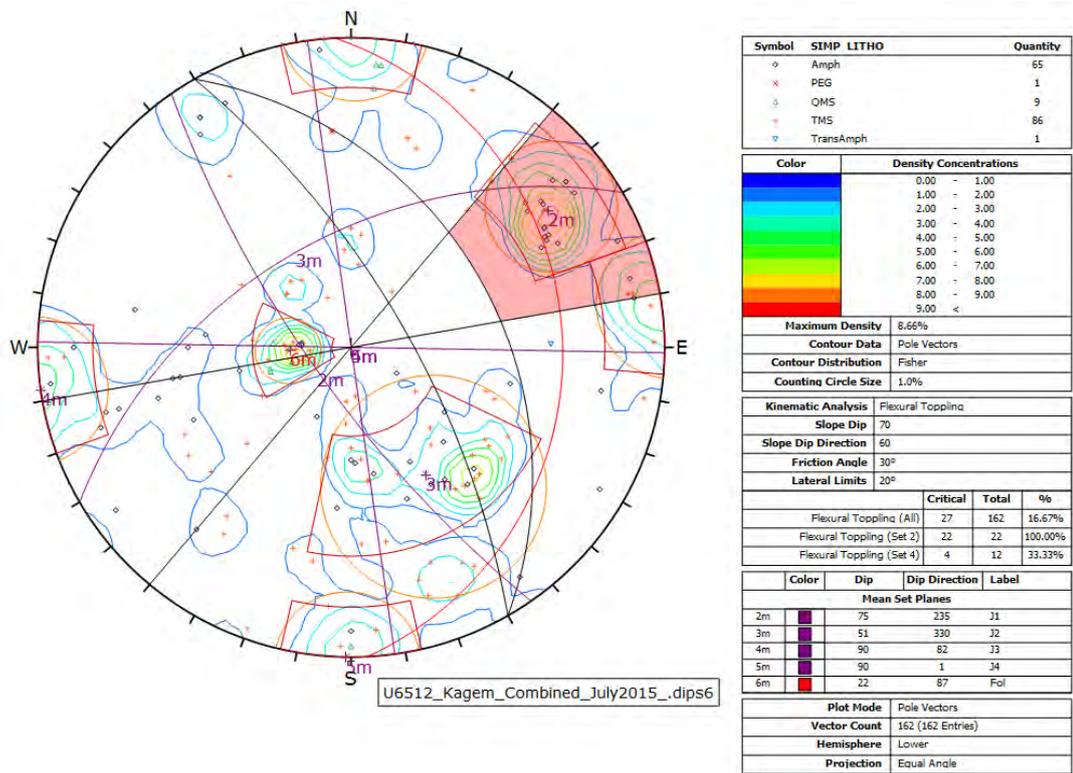


Figure 5-15: Toppling failure assessment

**Table 5-8: Planar failure assessment summary**

	Face dip direction	Joint Set 1	Joint Set 2	Joint Set 3	Joint Set 4	Foliation
	Lithology	AMP	AMP,TMS	AMP,TMS	MS, AMP,TMS	MS, AMP
70° BFA	180	-	-	-	-	-
	200	-	-	-	-	-
	220	Very Low	-	-	-	-
	240	Very Low	-	-	-	-
	260	Very Low	-	-	-	-
	280	-	Very Low	-	-	-
	300	-	Moderate	-	-	-
	320	-	High	-	-	-
	340	-	High	-	-	-
	0	-	Moderate	-	-	-
	20	-	Very Low	-	-	-
	40	-	-	-	-	-
	60	-	-	-	-	Very Low
75° BFA	180	-	-	-	-	-
	200	Very Low	-	-	-	-
	220	Moderate	-	-	-	-
	240	High	-	-	-	-
	260	Low	-	-	-	-
	280	-	Very Low	-	-	-
	300	-	Moderate	-	-	-
	320	-	High	-	-	-
	340	-	High	-	-	-
	0	-	Moderate	-	-	-
	20	-	Very Low	-	-	-
	40	-	-	-	-	-
	60	-	-	-	-	Very Low

Note: The dominant joint set in each lithology is indicated in BOLD in the lithology row.

**Table 5-9: Toppling failure assessment summary**

	Face dip direction	Joint Set 1	Joint Set 2	Joint Set 3	Joint Set 4	Foliation
	Lithology	AMP	AMP,TMS	AMP,TMS	MS, AMP,TMS	MS, AMP
70° BFA	180	-	Very Low	-	High	-
	200	-	Very Low	-	High	-
	220	-	-	-	-	-
	240	-	-	Very Low	-	-
	260	-	-	High	-	-
	280	-	-	Moderate	-	-
	300	-	-	-	-	-
	320	-	-	-	-	-
	340	-	-	-	Low	-
	0	-	-	-	High	-
	20	Very Low	-	-	Low	-
	40	Very High	-	-	-	-
	60	Very High	-	Moderate	-	-
75° BFA	180	-	Low	-	High	-
	200	-	Very Low	-	High	-
	220	-	-	-	-	-
	240	-	-	Very Low	-	-
	260	-	-	High	-	-
	280	-	-	Moderate	-	-
	300	-	-	-	-	-
	320	-	-	-	-	-
	340	-	-	-	Low	-
	0	-	-	-	High	-
	20	Very Low	-	-	Low	-
	40	Very High	-	-	-	-
	60	Very High	-	Low	-	-

Note: The dominant joint set in each lithology is indicated in BOLD in the lithology row.

The results of the kinematic analysis indicate that:

- For the mica schist where the dominant discontinuity set is foliation there is very little potential for planar failure and no potential for toppling failure.
- For the amphibolite where Joint Set 1 is the dominant joint set the potential for planar failure is generally very low to low. There is toppling failure potential for the slopes in the southern end of the pit.
- For the TMS where Joint Set 2 is the dominant joint set there is potential for planar failure whilst the potential for toppling is generally very low.
- For the minor joint sets, J3 and J4, there is no potential for planar failure whilst there is some potential for toppling failure.
- There is greater potential for either planar or toppling failure when benches are cut at 75° rather than for those cut at 70°.

In relation to the current observed behaviour of the slopes, the Chama Pit analysis confirms the behaviour of the mica schist slope where little if no instability was noted. The amphibolite and TMS slopes are still in the process of being excavated and final slopes in these units have yet to be formed.

### 5.3.3 SBlock Analysis

SBlock was used to calculate failure volumes and depth of failures and also provides a probability of failure of planar and wedge failure. SBlock makes use of the keyblock method developed by Goodman & Shi (1985) to calculate the removability of blocks from a slope face. This allows blocks of any convex shape to be evaluated. SBlock can evaluate blocks with up to 8 facets. Once removability has been established, the program uses vector methods to determine the sliding direction, normal and shear forces on the sliding planes and the factor of safety (FoS) of the block. A FoS of greater than 1.0 indicates a stable block. Sliding can occur along a single plane (planar failure) or along two planes (wedge failure) and sometimes along three planes. The program identifies blocks and finds whether they can slide out of the face and the associated sliding mode automatically. The program repeatedly selects joint surfaces from the provided joint statistics (collected during logging and face mapping) and tests whether a block is formed. This process is repeated ten times to acquire average values. The failure volume and other statistics are accumulated and a summary is provided at the end of each run. The program assumes that every joint truncates against another joint. The program uses trace length together with dip/dip direction. Joint spacing and trace length is assumed to follow a truncated negative exponential distribution. Joint orientation and strength properties are assumed to follow a normal distribution.

SBlock analysis was undertaken utilising the discontinuity data (Table 5-6) and spacing and persistence parameters (Table 5-7). Discontinuity strength parameters were estimated from literature sources, engineering judgement and experience. The initial values used in the SBlock analysis were  $c=0\text{kPa}$ ,  $\phi=30^\circ$ . These values could be considered conservative in approach due to the lack of laboratory test data but were validated against site visit observations. A sensitivity analysis was undertaken with an increase in  $c$  and  $\phi$ ,  $c=25\text{kPa}$ ,  $\phi=35^\circ$  to account for potential rock bridges, roughness changes and orientation variance. The results of the analyses are presented in Figure 5-16 and Figure 5-17. The maximum bench width required is 2.7 m for a 70° bench face angle and 3.1 m for a 75° face angle in the slope sectors with a dip direction of 300°, that is north-west facing slopes. The case with higher joint shear strength gives minor failed block volumes.

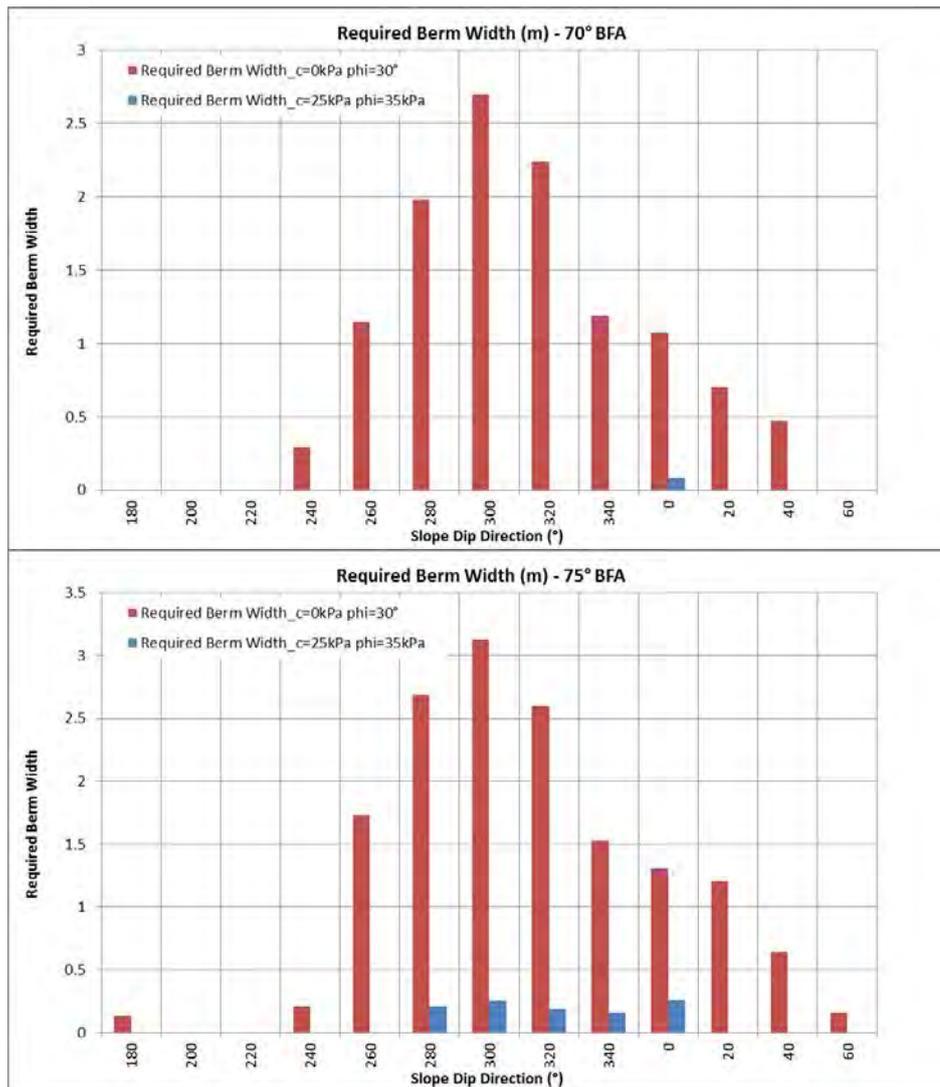


Figure 5-16: Minimum required berm width per slope direction

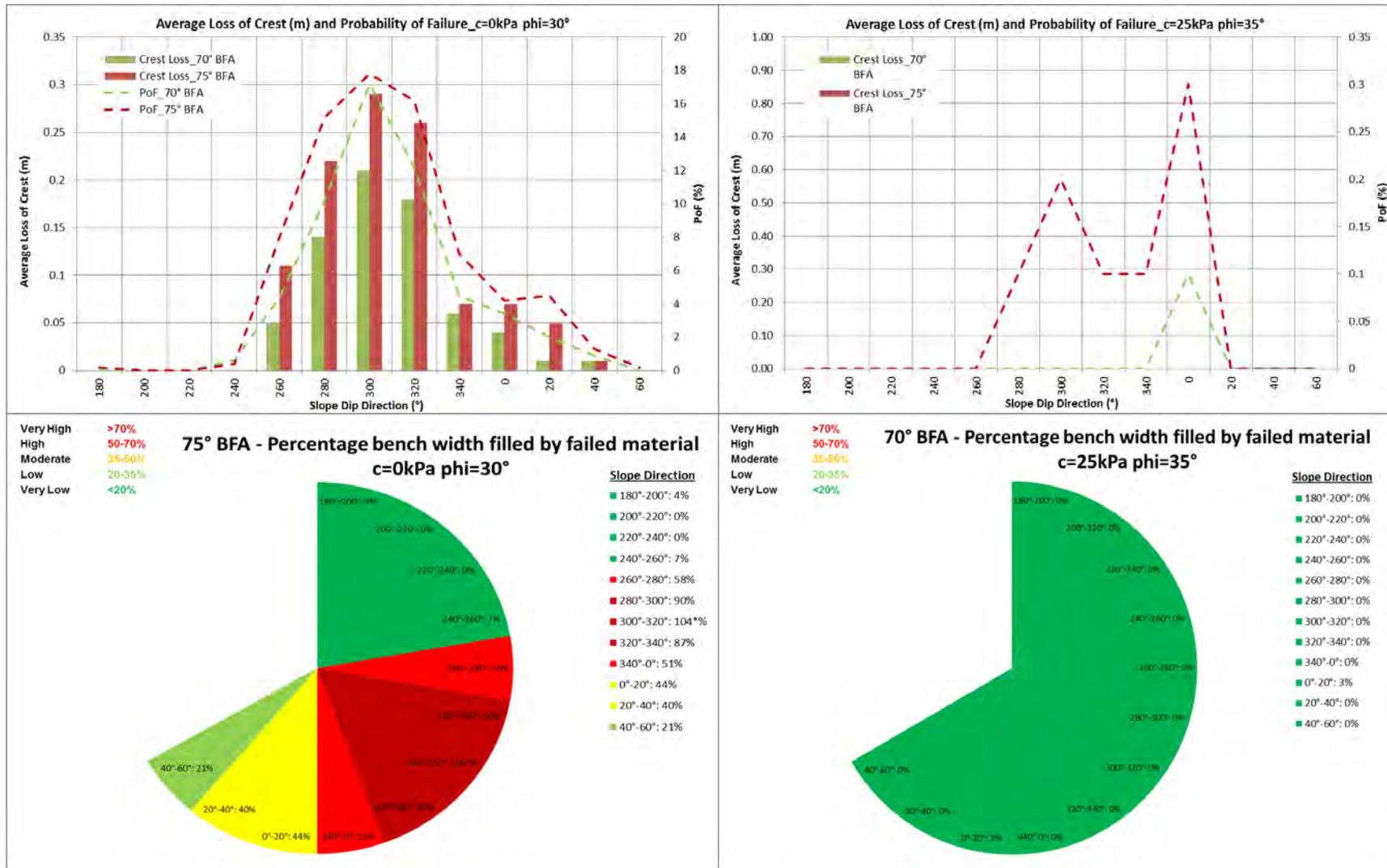


Figure 5-17: SBLOCK analysis for crest loss, probability of failure and berm width for changing pit face direction

## 5.4 Rock Mass Analysis

### 5.4.1 Rock Mass Ratings

The main lithological domains that will influence the performance of the open pit are the TMS, MS/QMS, pegmatite, reaction zone and amphibolite. Each unit has been characterised with respect to Bieniawski's (RMR<sup>89</sup>)<sup>1</sup> and Hoek's Geological Strength Index (GSI<sup>13</sup>)<sup>2</sup>. The RMR<sup>89</sup> requires the quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a number of geotechnical parameters that will control the engineering behaviour of the rock mass. These are:

- Intact rock strength (Rating Range: 0 – 15);
- Rock Quality Designation (RQD) (Rating Range: 0 – 20);
- Joint spacing (Rating Range: 0 -20);
- Joint condition in terms of persistence, aperture, infill, roughness and weathering (Rating Range: 0 – 30); and
- Ground water condition (Rating Range: 0 – 15).

Each of these parameters is assigned a rating in the range given above and the sum of these parametric ratings is the RMR for the rock mass. This value will lie in the range 0 to 100. An RMR of 0 characterises a very poor rock mass, whilst an RMR of 100 characterises a very good rock mass. The GSI value is calculated through the RMR<sup>89</sup> components of RQD which is divided by a constant (2) and joint condition parameters multiplied by a constant (1.5).

Rock Mass Rating values for the slightly weathered and fresh rock core of the 10 geotechnical boreholes were calculated. Moderately to completely weathered materials are considered to be soft rock or soil for which RMR values cannot be applied.

Previous studies have indicated the RMR values from mapping as those shown in Table 5-10 which were to be compared with the geotechnical borehole logging. The relationships between the different photographed logged and field data parameters obtained during the June 2015 site visit can be seen in Table 5-11 and summarised graphically in Figure 5-18 and Figure 5-19. These results show a relationship between depth and RMR<sup>89</sup>/GSI<sup>13</sup>; above 50 m depth values range between 30 to 50 from >50 m depth the values improve with average values above 50 which will form an additional domain for numerical modelling.

**Table 5-10: Historical RMR values from mapping**

Geotechnical Domain	RMR
MS	50
AMPH	65
TMS	65
PEG	65
RZ	30

<sup>1</sup> Bieniawski, Z. T. 1989. Engineering rock mass classifications: a complete manual for engineers and geologists in mining, civil, and petroleum engineering. Wiley-Interscience. pp. 40–47

<sup>2</sup> Hoek, E., Carter, T.G. and Diederichs, M.S. 2013. Quantification of the Geological Strength Index Chart. 47th US Rock Mechanics / Geomechanics Symposium, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Table 5-11: Geotechnical logging parameters

Lithology	Interval length (m)	Average Strength (MPa)	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Strength Rating	Average RQD (%)	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Spacing Rating	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Persistence Value	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Roughness Value	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Aperture Value	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Infill Strength Value	Average RMR <sup>89</sup> Joint Weathering Value	Average RMR <sup>89</sup>	StDev RMR <sup>89</sup>	Average GSI <sup>13</sup>	StDev GSI <sup>13</sup>
<b>AMPH</b>														
FR	178.06	71.2	7.0	95.8	8.7	4.0	2.5	2.2	5.9	5.8	70.1	3.8	69.7	4.3
SW	14.54	54.0	5.5	95.5	9.7	4.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	5.5	69.0	1.1	71.0	2.8
<b>MS</b>														
FR	228.97	69.0	6.8	91.3	9.0	4.0	2.4	2.5	5.8	5.8	68.7	6.2	69.1	6.7
SW	370.98	47.8	4.9	72.5	8.2	4.0	2.5	1.0	3.9	4.6	57.0	6.3	58.4	9.7
<b>PEG</b>														
FR	79.23	71.8	7.0	98.9	6.2	4.0	4.2	1.6	5.7	5.7	68.3	9.6	64.5	12.1
SW	48.07	48.1	5.0	55.6	6.0	4.0	4.6	1.2	4.5	4.7	54.8	10.9	50.6	17.5
<b>RZ</b>														
FR	8.8	63.4	6.3	92.7	8.0	4.0	3.8	1.3	6.0	5.6	61.3	9.7	57.7	17.6
<b>TMS</b>														
FR	65.9	61.0	6.1	85.1	9.7	4.0	3.7	1.4	6.0	5.8	67.9	8.2	66.9	8.6
SW	3.15	15.0	2.2	63.0	7.8	4.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	54.6		61.0	

FR = Fresh

SW = Slightly Weathered

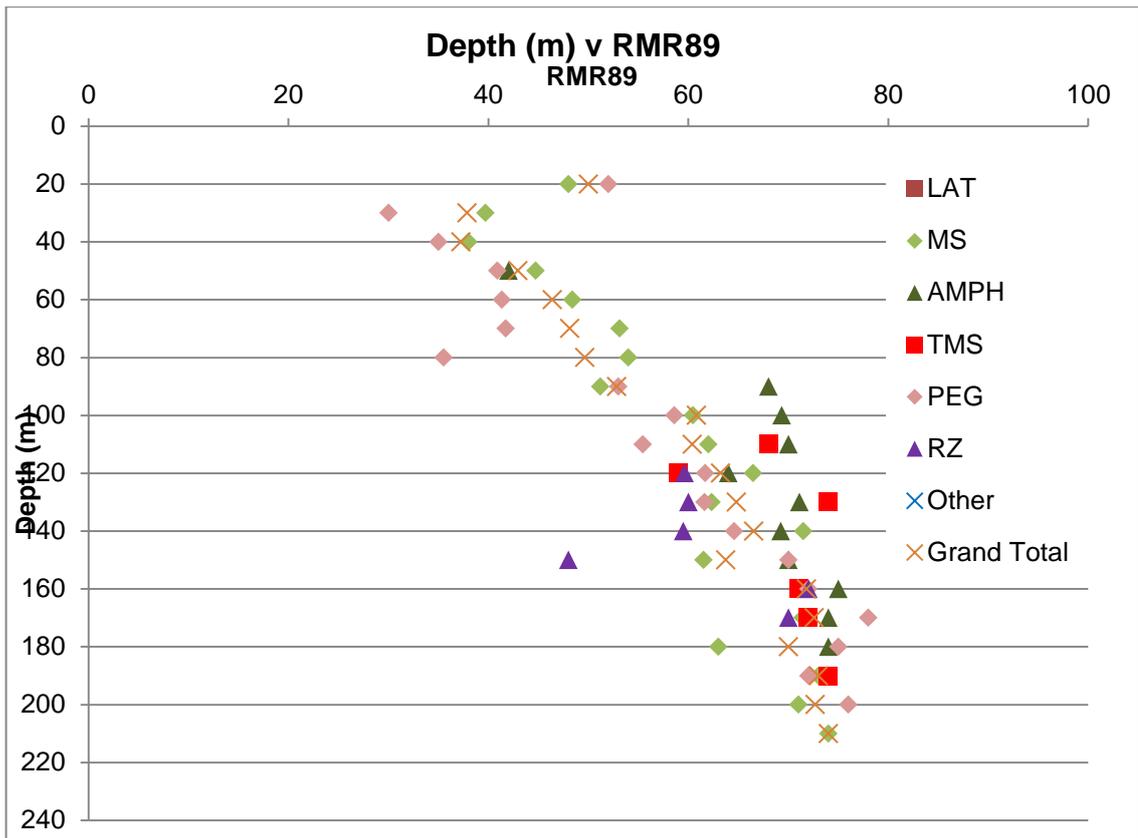


Figure 5-18: RMR<sup>89</sup> v depth (m)

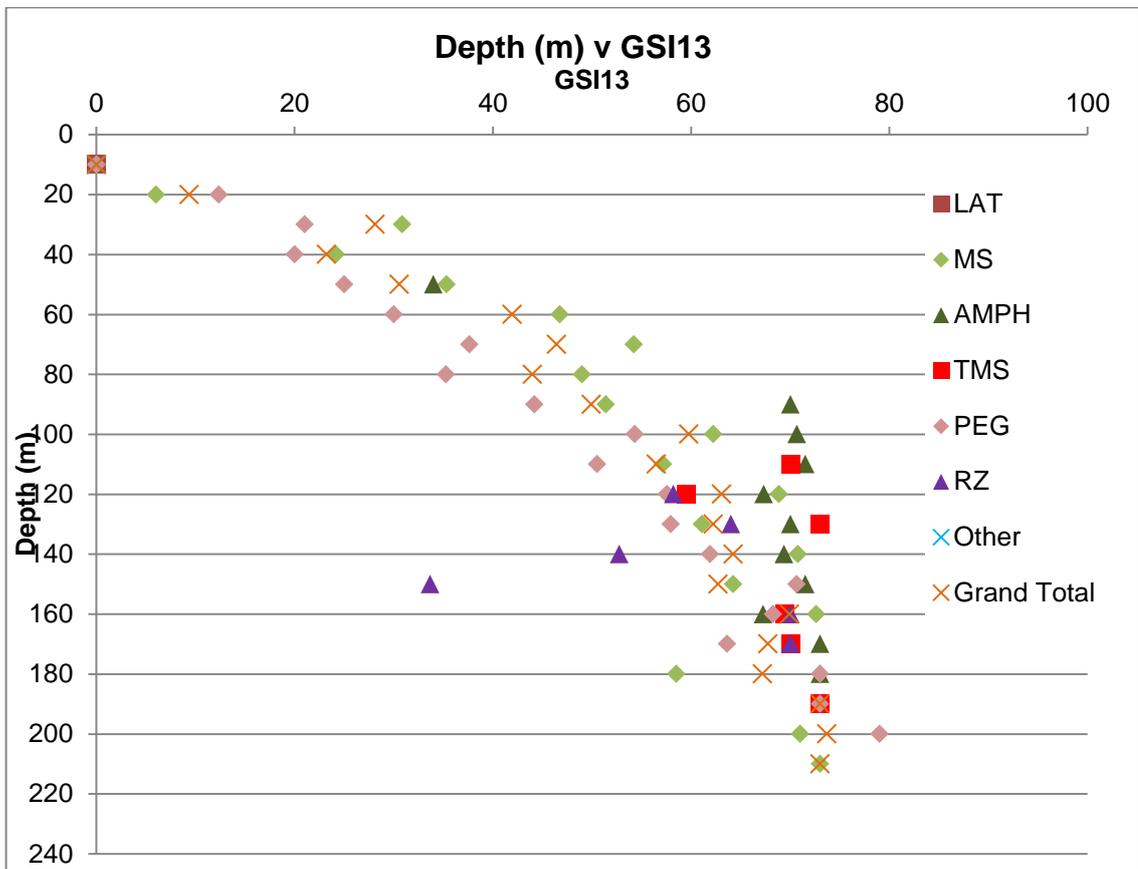


Figure 5-19: GSI<sup>13</sup> v depth (m)

## 5.4.2 Finite Element Modelling (FEM)

Finite element modelling (FEM) was undertaken to understand the rock mass instability mechanisms for the Chama Pit at Kagem. The photograph logging, field assessments, lithological domaining and laboratory testing data were collated along with literature and engineering experience to compile a table of modelling parameters, as shown in Table 5-12.

Characteristic GSI values for numerical modelling were based on the rock mass classification values shown in Table 5-11, but utilising a 1 standard deviation value below the mean value with an upper boundary of 50. These values are lower than previous assessment of the rock mass (Table 5-10) for initial conservatism in approach prior to slope sensitivity analysis and potential optimisation.

Numerical modelling was undertaken using the RocScience programme PHASE<sup>2</sup> using a Generalised Hoek-Brown constitutive model for the rock mass, with a “D” factor of 0.7, and a Mohr-Coulomb constitutive model for the soil/weathered materials. Note that the D factor or disturbance factor is used in the Hoek-Brown criterion to account for degradation in the rock mass due to excavation, stress release and weathering processes.

Four cross sections were cut through the geotechnical model, as shown in Figure 5-20, with Cross Section 4 illustrating the detail of the model construction.

Sensitivity analyses were undertaken by varying the input parameters, which were:

- change in the average UCS and GSI value by  $\pm 1$  standard deviation to provide a probability of failure (P(f)) calculated using the bivariate point estimate method;
- Slope angles were varied between the current final Pushback 5 which is designed at an overall angle of 60° overall slope angle (OSA) decreasing to 46° for potential closure slopes; and
- Two phreatic surfaces, 6 m and 40 m from the face, were modelled on Cross Section 4 for two additional 100, 200 and 400 m pushbacks.

**Table 5-12: Numerical modelling input parameters**

Domain	Constitutive Model	UCS MPa	UCS St Dev	GSI	GSI St Dev	Mi (from RocScience)	Young Modulus (Tangent) GPa	Poisson's Ratio (Tangent)	YM/PR Source	
MS <50m	Gen. Hoek-Brown	45	7	35	10	26	20.15	0.198	Estimated	
MS >50m	Gen. Hoek-Brown	72	11	50	10	26	20.15	0.198	Estimated	
AMPH	Gen. Hoek-Brown	72	11	50	10	26	20.15	0.319	Estimated	
TMS	Gen. Hoek-Brown	84	13	50	10	26	44.5	0.198	Lab Testing	
RZ	Gen. Hoek-Brown	32	5	40	10	7	13.8	0.198	Lab Testing	
SOIL	Mohr-Coulomb	C = 50kPa, $\phi = 35$								
DUMP	Mohr-Coulomb	C = 0kPa, $\phi = 40$								

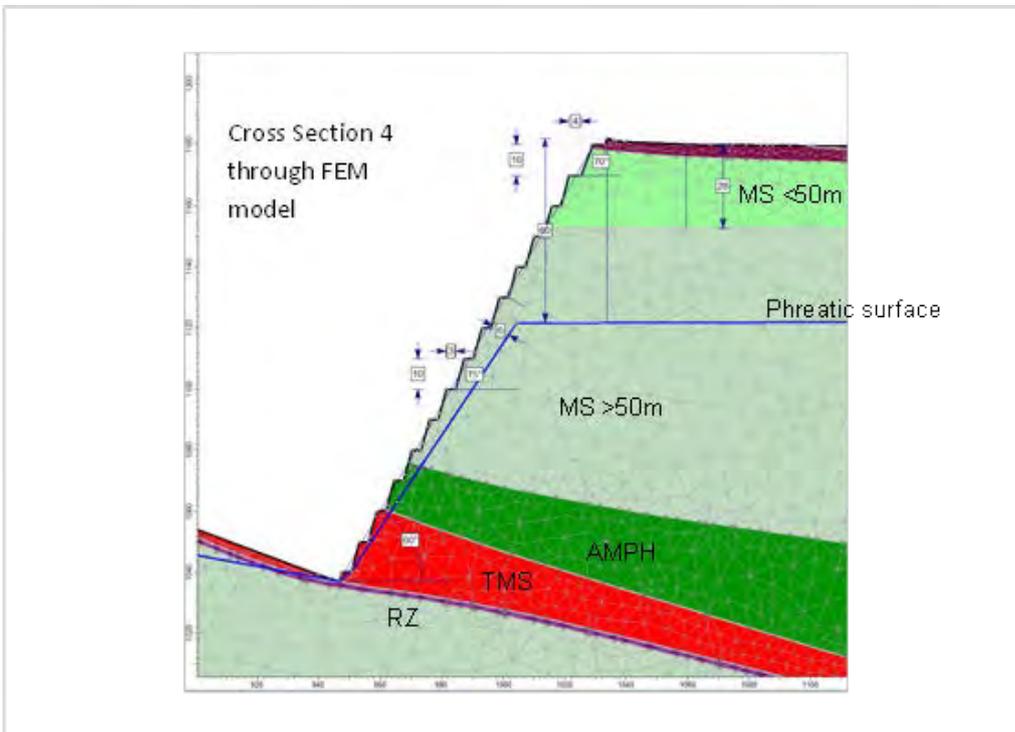
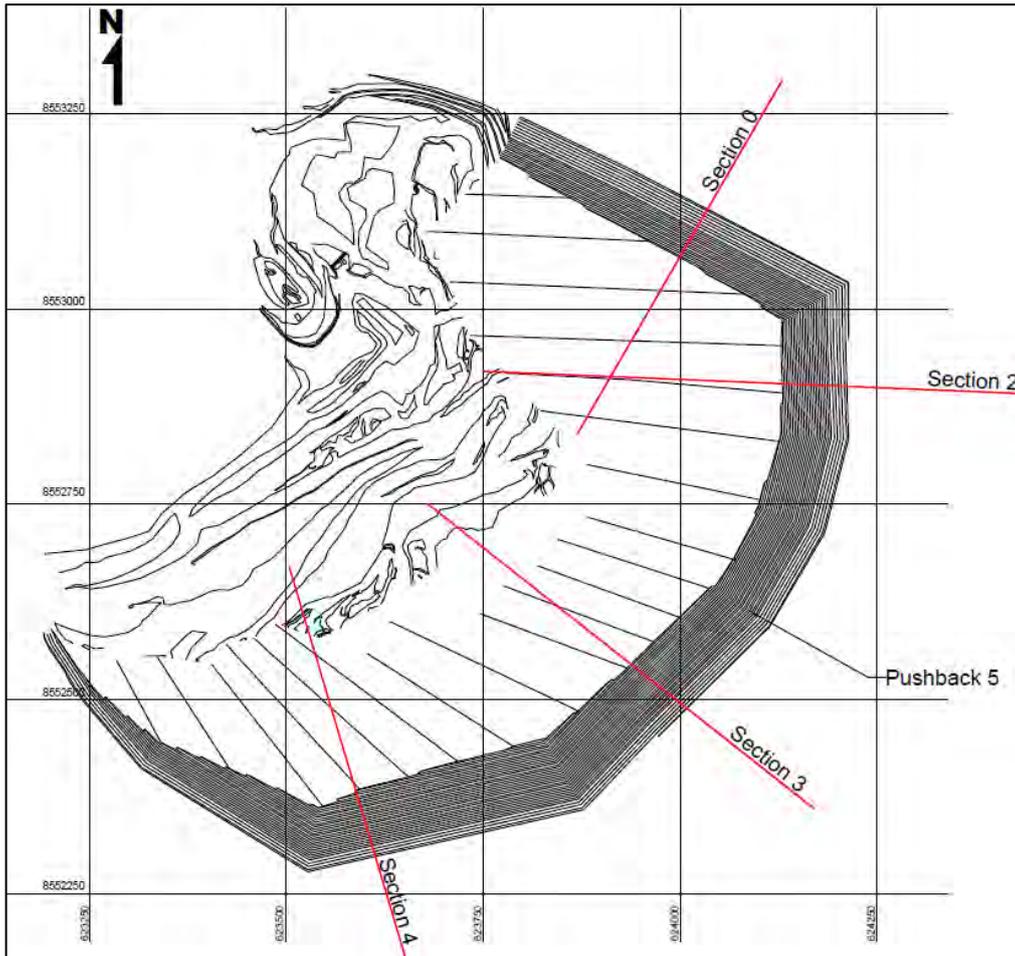


Figure 5-20: FEM sections through geotechnical model

The results of the analyses are summarised and discussed below. Modelling output is presented in Appendix B.

For assessing slope stability, a number of criteria have been published, based on FoS and P(f). For the purpose of this study, SRK has chosen the following criteria to define stable slopes:

- Operating Slopes: FoS > 1.3 P(f) < 15%; and
- Closure Slopes: FoS >1.5 P(f) < 8%.

Table 5-13 presents the results of the FEM analyses of Pushback 5 which has been designed with a 60° overall slope angle to a maximum vertical height of around 150 m. As discussed in Section 5.2.11 a phreatic surface has been inserted into the model 60 m below ground surface at a distance of about 6m back from the slope face as shown in Figure 5-20. This phreatic surface has been estimated from observations of seepage on the slope face and on the pit floor.

**Table 5-13: FEM results Pushback 5**

Section	Slope Height (m)	Slope Angle (°)	FoS	P(f)	Phreatic surface
Section 0	115	60	1.74	7%	6m
Section 2	130	60	1.13	29%	6m
Section 3	147	60	1.06	33%	6m
Section 4	144	60	1.12	29%	6m

The results indicate that whilst all of the slope cross sections analysed are stable, only the northern and southern slope profiles which form the flanks of the pit highwall meet the defined stability criteria for both FoS and P(f). The slope cross sections that form the main eastern highwall do not meet the stability criteria and, based on these results, SRK considers that the Pushback 5 design may be slightly too steep if the overall slope angle of 58° is achieved. This is discussed further in Section 5-5.

One of the main requirements of this study is to determine the ultimate pit footprint. Due to the dipping nature of the orebody as the pit is extended, particularly to the east and south, the vertical height of the highwall increases. As the vertical slope height is increased, it will be necessary to reduce the overall slope angle to maintain adequate slope stability. In order to determine the relationship between stable slope angle and vertical slope height, a number of additional analyses have been run on Cross Sections 3 and 4 where the TMS dips at 15°, by creating slopes located up to 400 m beyond the current Pushback 5 slope. (Note that the TMS is horizontal along Cross Sections 0 and 2.)

The results of these analyses are presented in Table 5-14 and show that:

- slopes cut at 60° are potentially unstable above a vertical height of 180 m;
- slopes lower than 180 m would need to be mined at between 55° and 60° to meet the stability criteria
- slopes between 180 m and 200 m would need to be mined at between 50° and 55° to meet the stability criteria; and
- slopes over 200 m would need to be mined at between 45° and 50° to meet the stability criteria.

**Table 5-14: FEM Results Ultimate pit slopes**

Section	Slope Height (m)	Slope Angle (°)	FoS	P(f)	Water surface
Section 3 – 100 m pushback	165	60	1.37	28%	6m
	165	55	1.39	17%	6m
Section 3 – 200 m pushback	190	60	0.85	66%	6m
	190	55	1.33	33%	6m
	190	50	1.39	12%	6m
Section 4 – 200 m pushback	184	60	1.08	53%	6m
	184	55	1.13	42%	6m
	184	50	1.63	3%	6m
Section 4 – 400 m pushback	220	60	0.61	80%	6m
	220	50	1.51	19%	6m
	220	45	1.84	4%	6m

Given that the groundwater location behind the slope is uncertain the assumed groundwater table was adjusted on the Cross Section 4 from 6 m behind the face, based on seepage observations, to 40 m behind the face. The results, which are presented in Table 5-15, indicate significant sensitivity of groundwater location to slope stability with improvements in FoS of from 11% to over 100%.

**Table 5-15: FEM Results Groundwater Sensitivity Analysis**

Section	Slope Height (m)	Slope Angle (°)	Water surface	FoS	P(f)	FoS Improvement
Section 4 – Pushback 5	144	60	6m	1.12	29%	53%
			40m	1.71	1%	
Section 4 – 200 m pushback	184	60	6m	1.08	53%	36%
			40m	1.47	1%	
Section 4 – 400 m pushback	220	60	6m	0.61	80%	126%
			40m	1.38	7%	
Section 4 – 400 m pushback	220	50	6m	1.51	19%	11%
			40m	1.67	1%	

## 5.5 Geotechnical Slope Design Criteria

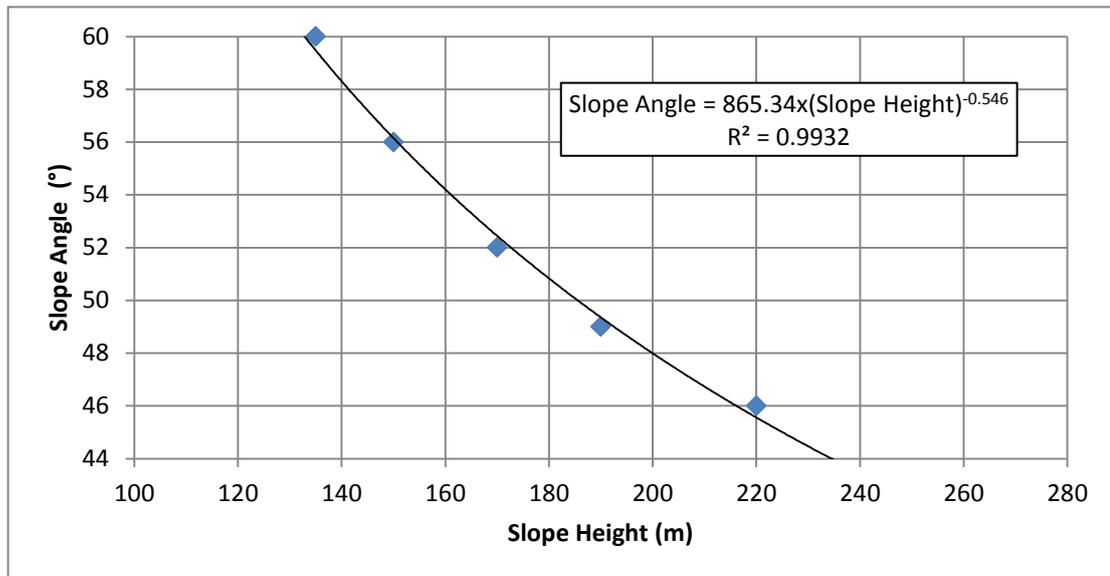
### 5.5.1 Operational Design Criteria

The Chama pit stability analysis indicates that the stability of the slope is governed by the rock mass conditions rather than structural conditions. Although no major structures that could give rise to major slope instability were noted during the 2015 site visit, the potential for a large scale ramp or overall slope instability on unknown structures cannot be discounted.

For an operating slope, the normally accepted design criteria are FoS >1.3 and P(f) <15%. Stability analyses carried out on cross sections through the Pushback 5 slope configuration yield a minimum FoS of 1.1 and a P(f) of greater than 20%. The Pushback 5 design is therefore considered to require modification to ensure that design criteria are met.

When considering an optimised pit that extends further to the east than the current pit limit the

dip of the TMS results in progressively higher pit walls which according to the results of the analyses requires the overall pit slope angle to be reduced. The stability analysis results shown in Tables 5-13 and 5-14 have therefore been synthesised to develop a slope angle : slope height design chart that can be used for pit optimisation and detailed engineering design. This is shown in Figure 5-21. The modelling carried out indicated that the Pushback 5 design slope, at an overall height of 150 m and overall angle of 58°, is slightly steeper than the design recommendation. However the achieved angles of the interim slopes are generally slightly flatter than designed, particularly when incorporating the hangingwall ramp and therefore conform to the design recommendation.

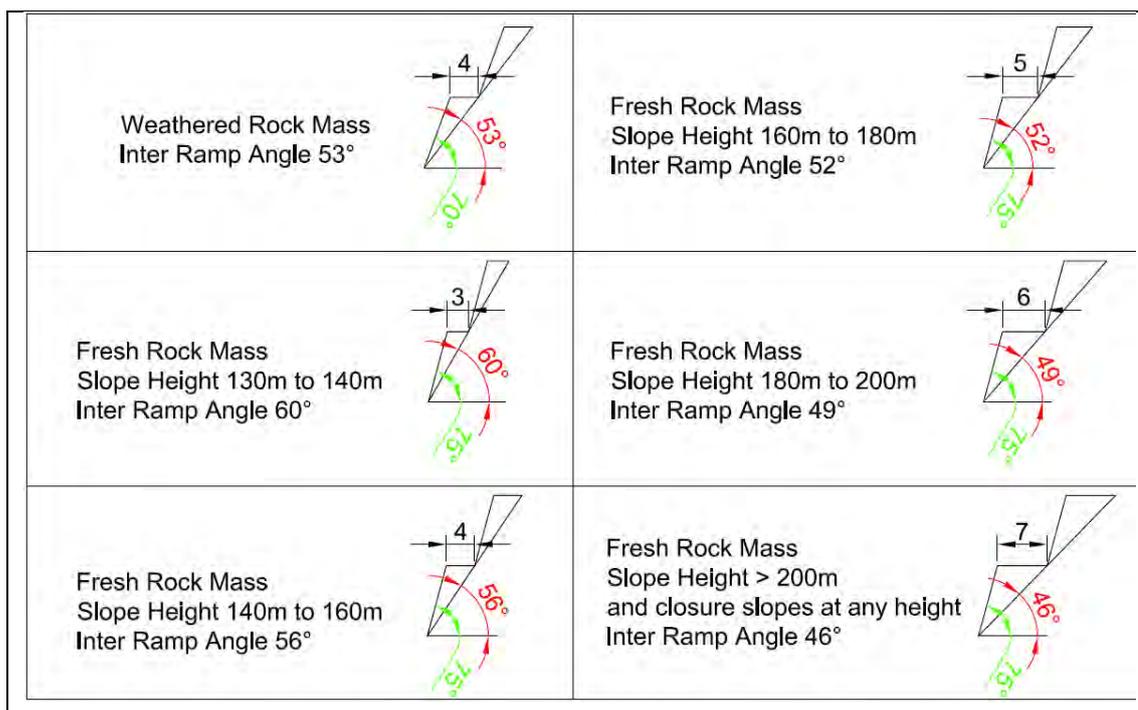


**Figure 5-21: Inter-Ramp slope design chart for FoS >1.3**

Based on this chart the limiting slope angles are 60° for vertical slope heights of 130 m or lower and 46° for vertical slope heights of 220 m or higher. Between these limiting heights the graph or equation may be used to estimate slope angles for specific vertical slope heights.

The kinematic analyses have indicated that the berm width of 3 m currently being used for pit design is appropriate for the prevailing rock mass discontinuity conditions; however, because the stability of the slopes has been shown to be controlled by the rock mass rather than structure there will be a requirement to adjust the berm width to allow the slope angle to conform to the design slope angle requirement presented in Figure 5-21.

It will be difficult to design and mine a pit with continually varying slope angles so from a pragmatic and operational point of view bench : berm configurations have been developed for different slope height ranges based on the design chart. These are presented in Figure 5-22.



Note: Bench height is 10 m

**Figure 5-22: Bench berm configurations**

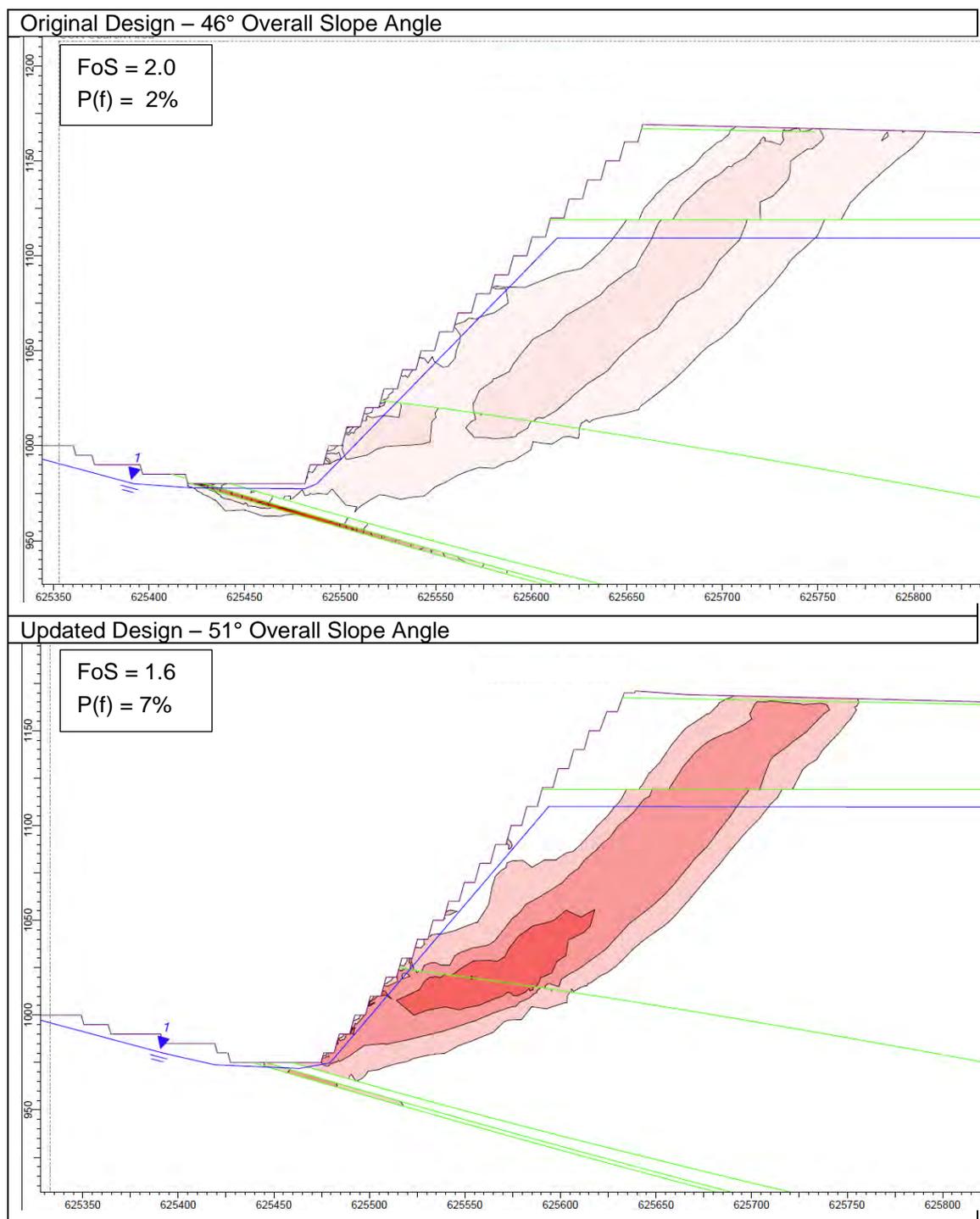
The current pit design configuration has the weathered rock mass forming the top 30 m of the pit slope cut at 53°. This comprises a 10 m high bench cut at an angle of 70° with a berm width of 4 m. For the fresh rock slopes, which comprise 10 m high benches cut at a 75°, the berm width is increased by 1 m for every 20 m increase in vertical slope height, starting with a 3 m wide berm for a slope height in the range 130 m to 140 m and increasing to a 7 m wide berm for a slope height in excess of 200 m as shown in Figure 3-22. Note that when the slope height reaches and exceeds 160 m, the weathered rock mass slope should be cut at the same angle as the fresh rock slopes.

### 5.5.2 Closure Design Criteria

For the purpose of closure, the normally accepted design criteria are FoS >1.6 and P(f) <8%. A normal requirement for closure is to be able to access all benches for the purpose of rehabilitation. In relation to this requirement an inter-ramp slope angle for closure of 46°, comprising 7 m wide catch berms, is suggested, as shown in the bottom right hand cell of Figure 5-22.

## 5.6 Slope Verification Analyses

The approach used for the pit optimisation analysis was to determine the maximum economic open pit footprint based on the suggested overall closure slope angle of 46°. Once the optimised pit shell had been identified sensitivity analyses were carried out with respect to overall slope angle by increasing the overall angle from 46° to 50°. The results showed that the pit footprint was not sensitive to overall slope angle. On completion of the optimisation and sensitivity analyses an optimised engineered pit design was prepared. A finite element model was created through the highest part of the pit wall which was located in the south east sector of the pit. The pit slope height at this location is between 190 m and 195 m. The results of the verification analyses are presented in Figure 5-23.



**Figure 5-23: Verification Analyses of Engineered Pit Design**

It can be seen that the 46° overall slope angle design produces an FoS and P(f) that exceeds the slope design criteria for closure slopes (FoS 1.6, P(f) 8%). By increasing the slope angle to 51°, achieved by reducing the berm width from 7 m to 5.5 m, the FoS reduces to 1.6 and the P(f) becomes 7%.

Based on this analysis, the final engineered pit has been designed using a 51° overall slope angle for all pit slope sectors. From the current interpretation of geotechnical conditions at the Chama Pit, this slope angle should provide appropriate security against large scale rock mass controlled pit instability. Note also that should the inferred phreatic surface be located further

into the rock mass than shown in the analysis, the FoS will be higher.

That said, however, there is always some uncertainty regarding slope stability and usually some form of slope stability monitoring is carried out to provide early warning of the onset of potential instability. Methods of slope monitoring are discussed in the following section.

## **5.7 Slope Management Recommendations**

### **5.7.1 Slope Stability Monitoring**

The current state-of-art practice for open pit slopes is moving towards reliance on slope management, in which the monitoring of slope performance is used as a basis for modification of designs as the slopes are excavated. Tools and techniques for slope monitoring and management are well developed. In the context of slope management, a definition of failure becomes a critical issue. Many live with moving slopes, with very little impact on the efficiency or economics of the operation. Alternatively, even a relatively small failure in the wrong location can have a very serious impact even on a large operation. Understanding the significance of potential failures is critical, particularly in large open pit mines.

One of the threats in open pit mining is the potential for gradual deformation of a large slope to develop into a fast moving slide. This is a relatively poorly understood process as there are no reliable documented case histories, but it has to be considered a potential threat where large deforming slopes occur in an open pit mine. Numerical modelling of slopes for possible combinations of structural and rock mass failure, and comparison of the results of these models with observations and measurements of actual slope behaviour, is currently the most appropriate approach to understanding these types of failure mechanisms.

A significant factor in mitigating the risks of deforming slopes and the risks associated with slope instability in any open pit mining operation is an appropriate monitoring system that provides both early warning of the onset of instability and the progress of movement once it has started. Early warning becomes critical as the slope height increases, since remedial measures can take longer to develop. As such, the system must include both surveillance and tracking functions for both large scale and local failures, with rapid response in the latter case. The rapid response in terms of providing data efficiently and quickly is a key factor in ensuring the safety of operating crews.

Of the numerous slope stability monitoring devices available, SRK suggests that Kagem considers the following:

1. Survey Monitoring (using the Leica system); and
2. Radar Monitoring (using Ground Probe SSR or a similar type system).

### **5.7.2 Survey Monitoring**

Many open pits around the world rely on quantitative methods to augment visual inspections for detecting large scale movements. The definition of 'large scale' varies depending upon the pit and the importance of the slope (for example, above a critical ramp, below a major facility, etc.), but slope movement involving a face length of 100 m or more is generally considered to be serious.

A survey monitoring system relies on the establishment of a high level pit wide survey monitoring network of base stations, transfer stations and survey monitoring points. A high level survey monitoring network allows the determination of high quality qualitative displacement data for points located around the pit (Read and Stacey 2009). The capabilities of the available prism monitoring system enable accurate monitoring of slope displacements over large distances, which in a large open pit is critical. This capability has not been

surpassed by any other proven cost effective alternative monitoring technology.

This approach is adopted in the majority of large open pit mining operations (Table 5-16). In some cases, the survey prisms monitoring system is fully automated and linked to a dispatch system. The establishment of an appropriate displacement trigger level for various slope areas allows the implementation of an automatic alarm system through a control tower.

**Table 5-16: Example of quantitative monitoring system currently in use at other large open pit mining operations**

Mine	System	Equipment	Robotic/Manual	Comments
Chuquicamata	Surveying Inclinometers	Leica	Robotic – 6 stations	Approximately 550 prisms
Escondida	Surveying	Leica	Robotic – 2 stations	
Highland Copper Valley	Surveying Inclinometers	Leica	Robotic – 2 stations in each pit	
Kumtor	Surveying and TDR Inclinometers	Leica	Robotic – 2 stations	
Barrick Goldstrike	Surveying	Leica	Robotic – 3 stations	
Nchanga	Surveying	Leica	Manual	Approximately 150 prisms

*Note: Data collected by SRK in 2004*

The Leica system is available in manual and automated options. The manual system would have a lower initial cost, but would require additional staff to collect the data. With the automated unit, initial cost would be higher, but operating cost over time would not be as high.

### 5.7.3 Radar Monitoring

Slope Stability Radar (SSR) is considered a critical management tool in areas of potential slope movement below which mining is being undertaken. It has the significant advantage that it is capable of monitoring displacement of a whole slope rather than just the locations at which prisms would be installed. There are numerous advantages associated with SSR over other monitoring systems, which include:

- improved production optimisation;
- increased production in geotechnical risk areas;
- reduction of post blast production delays; and
- improved management of wet weather production risk.

The system is mobile and can be moved to suit the changing slope geometry as the Mine develops. It does not require any special surveying or site preparation. Geo-referencing of each radar location combined with the appropriate software allows real time displacement/stability monitoring to be achieved. The current maximum range is approximately 2800 m. As the system does not require the installation of reflectors or instrumentation within or on the slopes, there is no need for mine personnel to access potentially hazardous locations for installation and maintenance of critical slope monitoring equipment.

### 5.7.4 Summary and Recommendations for Slope Monitoring

It will be critical that the slope monitoring strategy adopted for enabling the management of a design approach based upon 'controlled instability' is able to function well over a range of

potential failure types. The selected combination of techniques, both observational and qualitative, must be able to handle all variations and combinations of potential failure size and rate.

Based on the experience and current levels of knowledge, the suitability of each of the monitoring techniques for varying failure sizes and rates are summarised in Table 5-17. It is noted that all the qualitative data acquisition systems do not have the capability of detecting rapid, small-scale surficial failures. For the detection of larger volumes in all areas of the open pit, a widespread survey prism network is currently considered to be the proven technique. By augmenting this system with other techniques such as radar, the management of potential instability in the operating areas of the pit is expected to be substantially enhanced.

**Table 5-17: Summary of monitoring methods by potential failure size and implication**

Block Size (m <sup>3</sup> )	Speed of failure	Implications	Monitoring for detection	Typical remedial
1-10	Immediate	Rockfall – safety	<b>Visual</b>	<b>Catchment</b>
10-1000	Very rapid to rapid	Safety	<b>Visual</b> Radar Visual	<b>Catchment</b>
1000-100,000	Rapid to slow	Operational	Surveying <b>Radar</b> Seismic (?) <b>Surveying</b>	<b>Manage</b> Modify slope (step-out)
100,000-1,000,000	Moderate to slow	Operational/financial	<b>Radar</b> TDR/inclinometer Seismic <b>Surveying</b>	<b>Manage</b> Modify slope (step-out) Re-cut
> 1,000,000	Slow to moderate	Force majeure	TDR/inclinometer Seismic Radar	<b>Modify slope (re-cut)</b> Mine closure (>10 Mn <sup>3</sup> ) Manage

*Note: Bolding denotes most common approach for given block size*

SRK recommends Kagem considers using a Leica based survey system for the main component of the monitoring programme. This could start out as a manual system, but could be converted to an automated system with a number of prisms installed on the pit slopes faces; the requirement and extent of which would depend on the predicted risk. In addition, an SSR based system for monitoring slope performance near active production areas would be invaluable as a real time warning system for any potential instability.

### 5.7.5 Additional Data Collection Recommendations

In addition to the use of a survey system or SSR, the following is also required ensure appropriate pit slope management:

#### Structural Data Collection and Materials Testing

Detailed structural and geological mapping using regular line mapping or a remote mapping system will be required as benches are continually excavated. Further material strength

testing should also be undertaken as mining advances. This early information will be used to calibrate the proposed slope designs based on 3D exposure and the structures and the rock mass.

#### Televiever Logging

In relation to structural data collection given that Kagem has an active drilling programme consideration should be given to the use of televiever logging for the collection of accurate spatially orientated data from borehole core. Televiever tools (both acoustic “ATV” and optical “OTV”) provide rapid and accurate high resolution oriented images of the borehole walls and are generally used as a replacement for manual core orientation techniques. The processed ATV/OTV image logs are compared against the drill core to identify any natural, open or weakly cemented structures such as joints or faults. Fractures in the core are logged as open, natural joints if these are also found in the televiever log. This method ensures that only natural discontinuities are logged and any artificial mechanical breaks caused by the drilling and handling of core are omitted. This approach is of particular importance as the number of discontinuities reduces the rock mass strength. The determination of suitable slope angles is directly related to the rock mass strength hence accounting for artificial joints in the rock mass characterisation is likely to reduce slope angles.

#### Hydrogeological Investigation and Monitoring

Given the sensitivity of slopes to variation in groundwater level it is important to understand the groundwater conditions around the pit through a programme of hydrogeological investigation and monitoring. If it is shown that pit economics is sensitive to slope angle then there may be merit in investigating in more detail the hydrogeological conditions of the deposit with a view to developing a better understanding of the impact of groundwater on slope stability.

## 6 OPEN PIT MINING

### 6.1 Introduction

The following section includes discussion and comment on the mining engineering related aspects of the Mine. Accordingly, focus is in respect of the historical mining operations, open-pit optimisation analysis; mining methods; mine design, production scheduling, equipment selection, operating expenditure and capital expenditure.

Historical sales, production and cost information as presented in this section are sourced from the Company and Kagem; this information is reported to assess the validity of the various technical aspects which support the LoMp developed for Kagem as part of this CPR.

For developing the LoMp, Kagem has indicated its intention to ramp up open pit production at the Chama Pit from the current production rate of 90 ktpa ore to an increased throughput rate of 150 ktpa ore over a 3-year period. The principal strategic targets for Chama comprise mining a number of additional cutbacks up to a practical and economic open pit limit, to provide a significant mine life and improve the confidence in the mineralisation along strike of the orebody in lower strip ratio zones.

A key issue facing the operation in recent years has been the increasing stripping ratio in the open pit. As part of the CPR, SRK's objectives have been to determine the viability of continuing the open pit operations and determine an appropriate life of mine plan for the Chama mine.

In addition, Kagem has indicated intention to expand the current Fibolele bulk sampling pit to a production rate of 30 ktpa ore, which will be included as ore feed to the Kagem Mine wash plant. This production will focus on the Indicated region of the deposit, whilst additional exploration is completed on the deeper parts.

SRK notes that in 2012, an underground feasibility study was completed which supported the transition to an underground mine. Since that time decisions have been made to continue with the open pit operation. SRK notes that management made the decision based on the following points:

- The economics of the underground operation are similar to the open pit in that both make significant cashflow margins.
- The open pit operation is substantially easier to manage from an operational perspective. It is easy to observe the open pit operation from a single location. Underground workings can be more disparate and harder to control.
- The trial underground workings completed on the north end of the pit have shown some positive results, but issues related to the geometry of the reaction zones make extraction difficult when the precise location of the ore zone has not been determined in advance. Underground workings need to be directed towards the ore, whereas the open pit operation mines down through all of the country rock surrounding the deposits. The open pit approach therefore facilitates higher recovery of the orebody in a safer working environment. Underground mining in the complex geological environment represents a challenge for adequate rock support measures and has therefore been suspended for the time being.

## 6.2 Historical Mining Operating Statistics

### 6.2.1 Historic Production Statistics

Kagem has provided the historic mining production and processing physicals from July 2008 to May 2015 on a quarterly basis. Table 6-1 presents the historic open pit and underground total material movement, RoM ore tonnage from the Mine, sort house physicals, recovered gemstones and reaction zone grade.

SRK notes that there is a 984 kg (0.5 %) discrepancy between the RoM tonnages from the Chama Pit physicals and the sort house physicals. SRK recommends that the discrepancy in the data is investigated; however, as the difference is relatively small when considering the time span of the data, SRK does not consider this as a significant reconciliation issue for the CPR.

Figure 6-1 shows the historic total material movements, reaction zone tonnage and grade, and open pit and underground RoM processing. Figure 6-2 shows the historic recovered gemstones for the open pit and underground mine, the proportion of recovered gemstones by product type, and a summary of the total recovered gemstones from the Chama Pit. SRK notes the periods are reported on Kagem's financial year, running from July through to June of each year. The key findings from the historic production data are summarised below and in Table 6-1:

- Total of 45.4 Mt of rock has been mined from Chama (open pit and underground), at an average strip ratio of 80  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ .
- 560 kt of reaction zone has been mined from Q1 2008 to Q2 2015 at an average of 20 kt per quarter (minimum 10 kt per quarter, maximum 41 kt per quarter).
- The weighted mean grade of the reaction zone mined since Q1 2008 is 322 c/t (considering only premium emerald, emerald and beryl).
- When considering the historic production data from Q1 2008 to date, the rolling mean grade of the reaction zone ore has been gradually decreasing.
- The product types recovered from the ore are relatively consistent, and the following general trends can be noted:
  - a slight decrease in the proportion of recovered premium emeralds since Q1 2008, with the proportion remaining relatively stable from 2012 to date, at approximately 0.5% of total product;
  - a general increase in the proportion of recovered emerald can be seen since Q1 2010, and has remained relatively stable from 2012 to date, at approximately 28% of total product; and
  - the proportions of recovered beryl-1 and beryl-2 have remained relatively stable from 2012 to date, at approximately 41% and 30% respectively.
- Total recovered products since Q1 2008 of 466 kg premium emerald, 8,611 kg emerald, 17,166 kg beryl-1 and 9,882 kg of beryl-2.

Table 6-1: Kagem Historic Mining Production and Processing Physicals

	Units	Period Total	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012				2013				2014			
			Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
<b>Chama Pit Mining Physicals</b>																														
Total Material Movement	(kt)	<b>45,399</b>	1,758	1,016	783	519	540	668	646	733	843	725	663	1,254	1,995	2,024	1,611	2,771	2,527	2,065	2,169	2,425	1,874	1,732	852	2,369	2,686	3,208	3,205	1,739
Reaction Zone Ore	(kt)	<b>560</b>	21	19	18	22	16	13	13	19	19	14	10	21	23	15	21	41	29	16	19	20	20	16	16	21	26	22	25	25
Waste TMS	(kt)	<b>4,640</b>	299	236	78	113	164	117	131	174	145	122	120	96	78	42	146	268	202	219	281	277	146	183	134	190	171	193	214	101
Waste Non TMS	(kt)	<b>40,199</b>	1,437	761	687	384	360	538	502	540	679	589	533	1,137	1,895	1,967	1,444	2,463	2,296	1,830	1,869	2,127	1,708	1,533	702	2,157	2,489	2,992	2,966	1,613
Strip Ratio	( <sup>waste</sup> / <sub>ore</sub> )	<b>80</b>	81	53	43	22	33	49	49	38	43	51	64	59	86	130	77	67	86	131	111	119	95	106	52	110	104	142	127	70
Total RoM Ore	(kg)	<b>198,852</b>	8,919	5,699	8,440	6,911	5,602	6,900	5,053	6,903	12,648	5,475	3,100	9,053	5,795	4,195	4,839	6,814	8,011	6,816	6,709	10,542	6,916	4,388	4,770	7,968	7,469	6,442	15,008	7,468
Washing Plant RoM	(kg)	<b>106,734</b>	3,303	2,171	3,456	3,381	2,885	3,157	2,490	3,177	5,567	3,570	1,566	5,121	4,173	2,778	2,183	3,747	5,342	4,749	4,158	5,130	4,239	2,976	3,646	5,795	5,123	3,466	5,018	4,367
Pit RoM	(kg)	<b>92,118</b>	5,616	3,529	4,984	3,530	2,717	3,743	2,564	3,726	7,081	1,905	1,534	3,932	1,621	1,417	2,656	3,067	2,669	2,067	2,551	5,413	2,677	1,412	1,124	2,174	2,346	2,975	9,990	3,101
<b>Sort House Physicals</b>																														
<b>Total Processing of RoM (Open Pit + Underground)</b>																														
Total RoM Tonnage	(kg)	<b>199,836</b>	8,919	5,699	8,440	6,911	5,602	6,900	5,045	6,830	12,648	5,475	3,321	9,133	5,795	4,195	4,839	6,814	8,128	7,136	6,740	10,565	6,986	4,466	4,808	8,040	7,486	6,442	15,008	7,468
Total Recovered Gemstones	(kg)	<b>42,969</b>	2,039	1,080	2,482	1,298	952	1,430	873	1,590	3,355	1,585	837	2,437	1,114	893	1,154	1,693	1,814	1,524	1,427	1,994	1,756	1,074	823	1,518	1,351	1,071	2,410	1,395
Premium Emerald	(kg)	<b>466</b>	58	22	32	22	10	14	9	20	97	21	12	31	13	3	19	8	10	8	11	3	10	3	1	5	4	2	11	7
Emerald	(kg)	<b>8,611</b>	587	221	213	127	71	152	102	199	706	354	224	417	148	180	310	344	422	394	311	501	470	269	191	416	265	173	478	364
Beryl-1	(kg)	<b>17,166</b>	1,234	825	1,216	1,049	373	646	421	477	1,245	525	271	890	453	356	379	649	700	590	577	727	466	312	258	532	384	287	852	476
Beryl-2	(kg)	<b>9,882</b>	159	13	1,021	101	126	172	158	496	517	286	173	822	365	230	273	466	448	320	338	485	338	187	252	297	463	430	597	349
Specimen	(kg)	<b>718</b>	-	-	-	-	120	86	1	81	230	123	4	28	0	-	26	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Fines	(kg)	<b>6,126</b>	-	-	-	-	252	360	182	318	559	277	153	249	134	124	147	225	235	212	190	261	473	303	121	267	235	179	472	199
PE + Em + Be	(kg)	<b>36,125</b>	2,039	1,080	2,482	1,298	580	984	690	1,191	2,565	1,185	680	2,160	979	769	981	1,468	1,580	1,312	1,237	1,716	1,283	771	703	1,251	1,116	892	1,938	1,195
Gemstone Yield	(%)	<b>22</b>	23	19	29	19	17	21	17	23	27	29	25	27	19	21	24	25	22	21	21	19	25	24	17	19	18	17	16	19
<b>Total Recovered Products (Open Pit + Underground)</b>																														
PE + Em	(kg)	<b>9,077</b>	646	243	245	149	81	166	111	219	803	375	236	448	162	183	329	352	432	402	322	504	480	273	193	422	269	174	489	371
PE + Em + Be	(kg)	<b>36,125</b>	2,039	1,080	2,482	1,298	580	984	690	1,191	2,565	1,185	680	2,160	979	769	981	1,468	1,580	1,312	1,237	1,716	1,283	771	703	1,251	1,116	892	1,938	1,195
% PE + Em	(%)	<b>25</b>	32	23	10	11	14	17	16	18	31	32	35	21	17	24	34	24	27	31	26	29	37	35	27	34	24	20	25	31
Reaction Zone Mean Grade	(ct/t)	<b>322</b>	475	289	696	291	182	365	269	315	671	421	334	517	215	249	237	181	272	420	319	424	328	239	219	293	219	199	388	243
Rolling Mean Grade	(ct/t)	<b>475</b>	475	389	483	430	389	386	374	366	402	404	400	412	392	383	372	346	340	343	342	346	345	341	337	335	329	323	326	322
<b>Product Proportions</b>																														
Total Recovered Product (PE+Em+Be1+ Be2)	(%)	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Premium Emerald	(%)	<b>1</b>	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Emerald	(%)	<b>24</b>	29	20	9	10	12	15	15	17	28	30	33	19	15	23	32	23	27	30	25	29	37	35	27	33	24	19	25	30
Beryl-1	(%)	<b>48</b>	61	76	49	81	64	66	61	40	49	44	40	41	46	46	39	44	44	45	47	42	36	40	37	43	34	32	44	40
Beryl-2	(%)	<b>27</b>	8	1	41	8	22	18	23	42	20	24	25	38	37	30	28	32	28	24	27	28	26	24	36	24	41	48	31	29

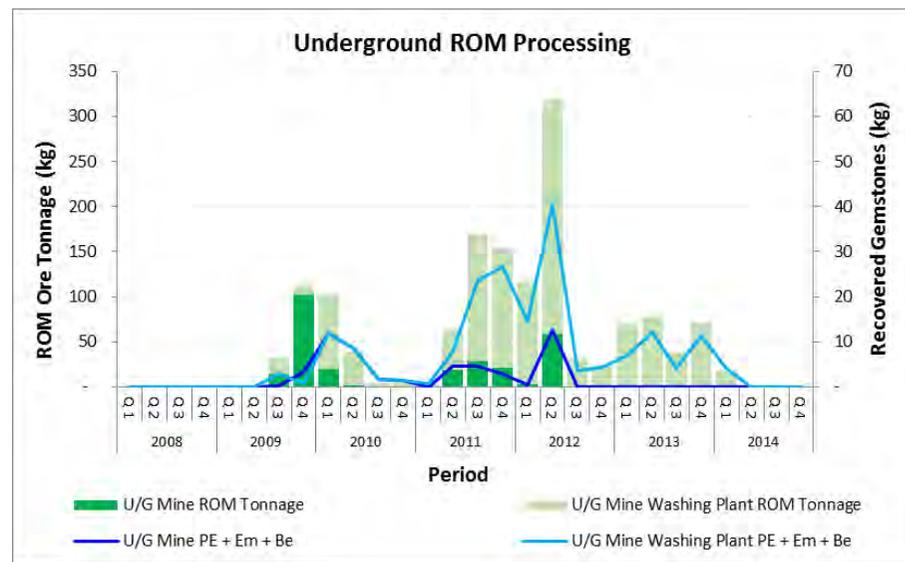
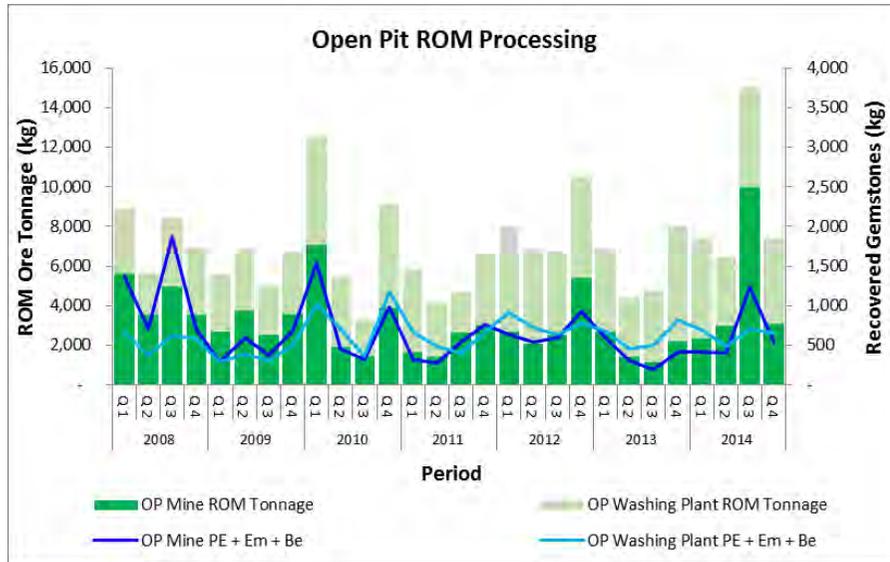
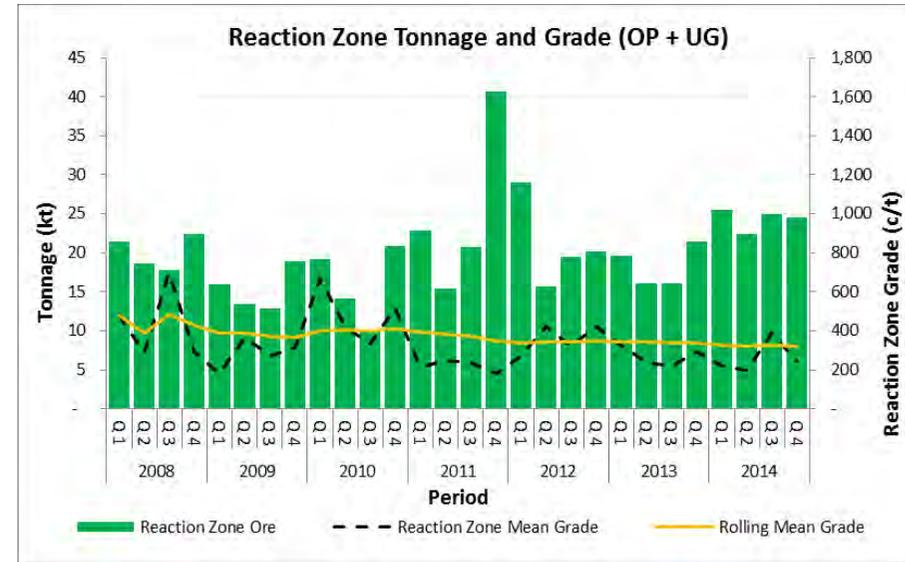
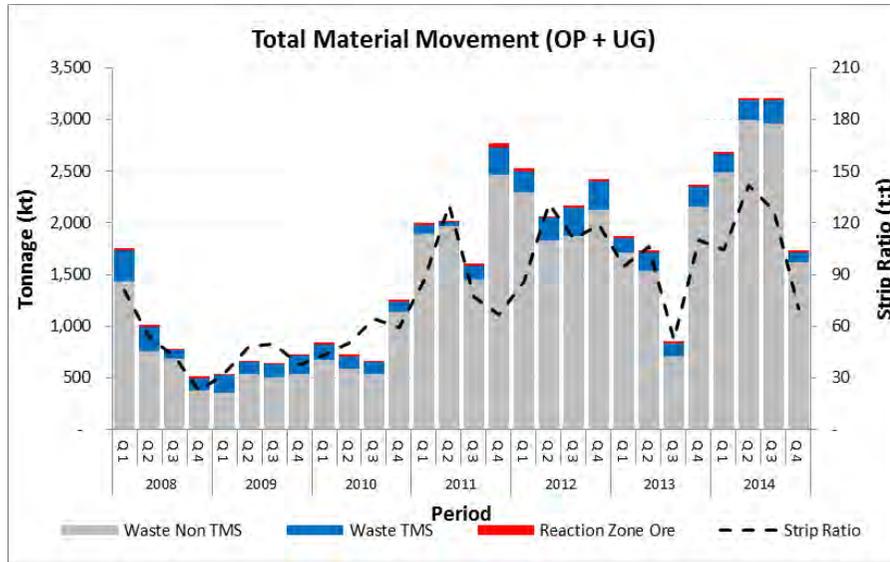


Figure 6-1: Total Material Movement, Reaction Zone Tonnes & Grade, Open Pit and Underground RoM Ore Processing

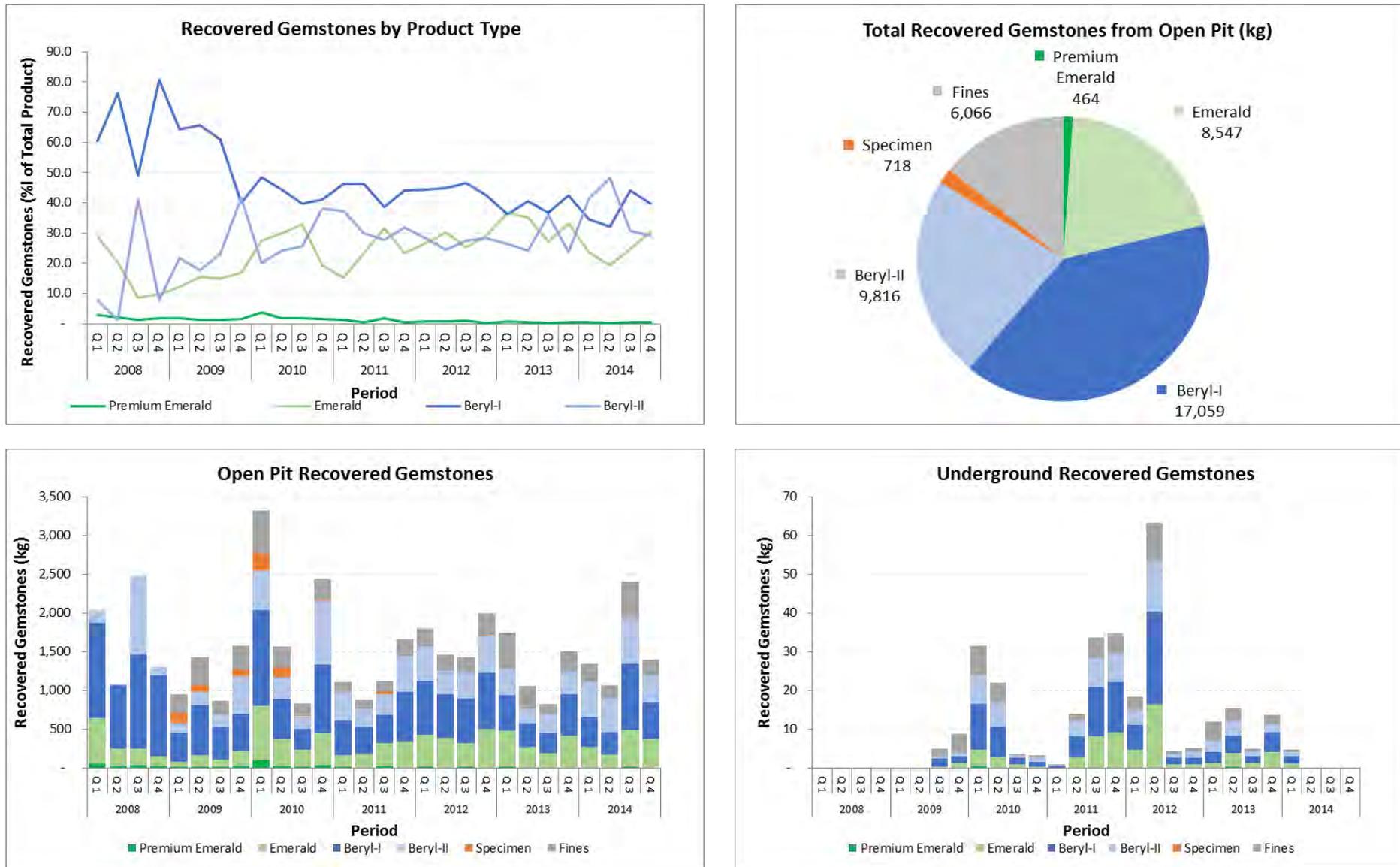


Figure 6-2: Open Pit, Underground and Total Recovered Gemstones Summary

## 6.2.2 Historic Operating Costs

SRK has been advised by the Client that the contractor mining operating cost is USD3.16/t rock mined, and has been used in the CPR. SRK understands this cost includes all drilling, blasting, loading and hauling costs and the associated labour costs.

The in-house operating costs used for the CPR are based on the actual historical operating costs provided by the Client.

SRK was advised by the Client that the efficiency of the in-house mining operations at the Chama Pit have improved after July 2014 compared to the operations before this point. The in-house operating costs from July 2014 to May 2015 were therefore taken as representative of the likely costs to be incurred in the future.

Based on the operating costs provide by the Client from July 2014 to May 2015, a total mining and processing operating cost for this period of USD17.5M was incurred to mine a total of 7.67 Mt of rock, resulting in an average in-house mining cost of USD2.28 /t rock mined.

Table 6-2 provides a breakdown of the estimated in-house mining and processing costs based on historic production and cost data provided by the Client from July 2014 to May 2015.

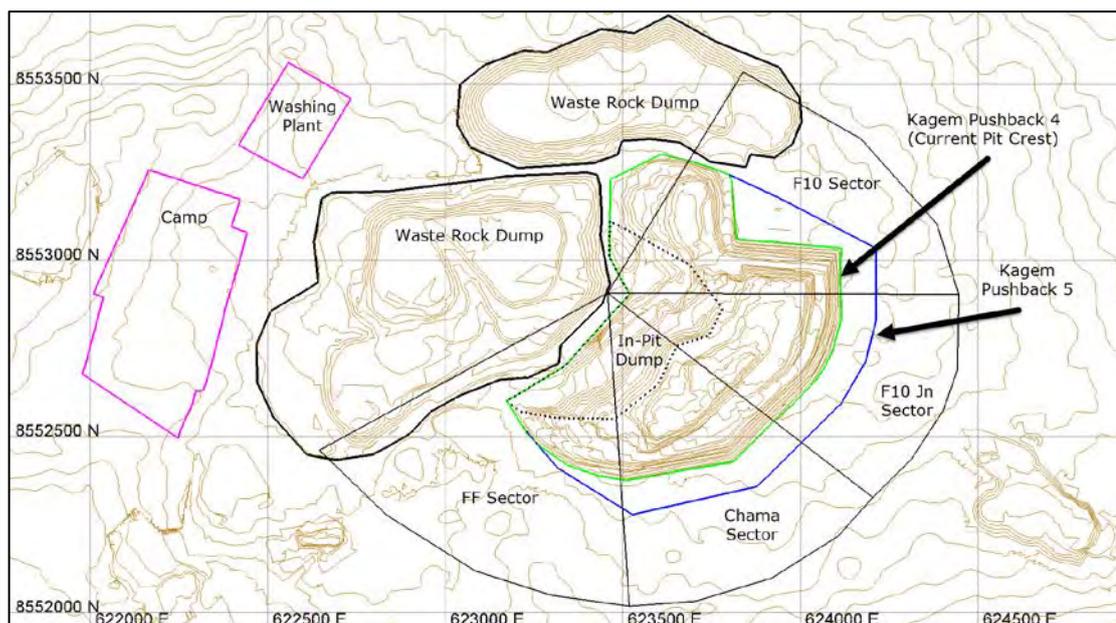
**Table 6-2: Kagem In-House Mining Cost Estimate**

			Basis
In-House Mined Tonnages	(Mt)		
Total In-House Mined Quantity (July 2014-May 2015)	7.67	Client in-house production quantities.	
Mining & Processing Costs	(USDM)	(USD/t rock)	
<b>Total In-House Mining &amp; Processing Costs (July 2014-May 2015)</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>2.28</b>	Sum of cost components.
Labour Costs	8.3	1.08	Client historic data. Includes mining, processing and security labour costs.
Fuel Costs	3.7	0.49	Client historic data.
Repair and Maintenance	2.4	0.32	Client historic data.
Camp Costs	0.6	0.08	Client historic data.
Blasting Costs	1.0	0.13	Client historic data.
Security Costs	0.2	0.03	Client historic data.
Capitalised In House Waste Stripping	1.02	0.13	Assumption based on remaining capitalised stripping after deducting contractor cost at USD3.16/t from total cost as reflected in quarterly market update.
Other Mining and Processing Costs	0.11	0.01	Client historic data.

## 6.3 Current Mining / Bulk Sampling Operations

### 6.3.1 Site Layout and Mining Locations

The mining operations at Kagem comprise a number of historically mined open-pits as well as the current open-pit operations situated mainly in the Chama Pit area and the bulk sampling operations at the Libwente and Fibolele areas. Figure 6-3 shows the Kagem Mine site layout and location of the operations.



**Figure 6-3: Current Chama Pit Layout and Topography with 5 m contours**

### 6.3.2 Chama Open Pit Operations and Internal Plans

Kagem is currently operating in two pushbacks at the main Chama Pit, which are based on pit designs and a mine planning block model developed by Kagem. Based on the pit designs and planning block model, Kagem has developed a 9 year internal mine plan for April 2015 to June 2024. SRK notes that the Kagem internal mine plan is based on the assumption that the reaction zone volume is 10% of the TMS volume. SRK notes that this has reconciled well against production figures.

Schedules are reported in line with Kagem's financial year, which runs from June through to July. The internal mine plan for the Chama Pit comprises a total material movement of 48.23 Mt, consisting of 809 kt of Reaction Zone and 47.4 Mt of waste overburden material. The annualised planned total rock handling ranges from 0.9 to 10.8 Mtpa. The planned strip ratio ranges from 9 to 125  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ , and the average is estimated to be 59  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ . For internal mine planning purposes, the Chama Pit is split into four key sectors, namely Chama, F10, F10 Junction, and FF. Figure 6-3 shows the layout of the Chama Pit, and is summarised below:

- pit survey as of May 2015, shown contoured at 5 m intervals;
- Chama Pit is currently 115 m deep and 1,020 m in strike length (NE to SW);
- crest of current operating pushbacks, namely Pushback 4 and Pushback 5;
- waste haulage access via ramps on hanging wall side of pit;
- ore haulage access via ramps on footwall side of pit;
- in-pit dumping on the footwall side of the pit as outlined;
- ex-pit waste rock dumps located to the north and west of the Chama Pit; and
- camp and washing plant located to the west of the waste rock dumps.

In addition, Kagem has developed an internal mine plan for expanding production at the Fibolele bulk sampling pit to 30 ktpa ore production. SRK has used Kagem's internal mine plans as the basis for the Fibolele production schedule.

## 6.4 Mining Method

The mining method comprises conventional open-pit operations: drill and blast, excavate and load and haul to in-pit backfill, waste rock dump locations and the various ex-pit stockpiles and a stockpile at the wash plant facility. Free dig techniques are employed in the weathered zones at the Mine. Free dig techniques are possible in the upper 20-30 m where weathering is present. The open pit mining activities are undertaken by a combination of in-house and contractor mining fleets. Currently, the contractor fleet mines approximately 50% non-TMS waste, and does not mine the upper 30 m, TMS or reaction zone ore. The in-house fleet mines the upper 30 m, all remaining waste rock and reaction zone ore. No significant changes from the current mining method are planned for the LoMp developed as part of this CPR.

Figure 6-4 shows a schematic overview of the open pit mining activities, described below:

- The in-house mining fleet strips the top 30 m of material to an approximate depth of 1,160 mRL. The majority of this material is free-dig, with the remaining overburden requiring drilling and blasting.
- The in-house and contract mining fleets mine waste material from 1,160 mRL to the top of the TMS, the majority of which requires drilling and blasting. Access for the waste stripping is provided by haul ramps located on the hanging wall side of the pit.
- The in-house mining fleet mines from the top of the TMS to 2 m below the base of the TMS to recover as much reaction zone material as practical. Mining of the TMS requires drilling and blasting, and care is taken to not damage the reaction zones during blasting.
- Once the reaction zones are exposed, manual labour is used to remove the gemstones by hand directly from the in situ ore, and also from machine excavated material. Mining at a single exposed reaction zone is referred to as a production point. The number of simultaneously operating production points is limited to three to four for production rate and security purposes.

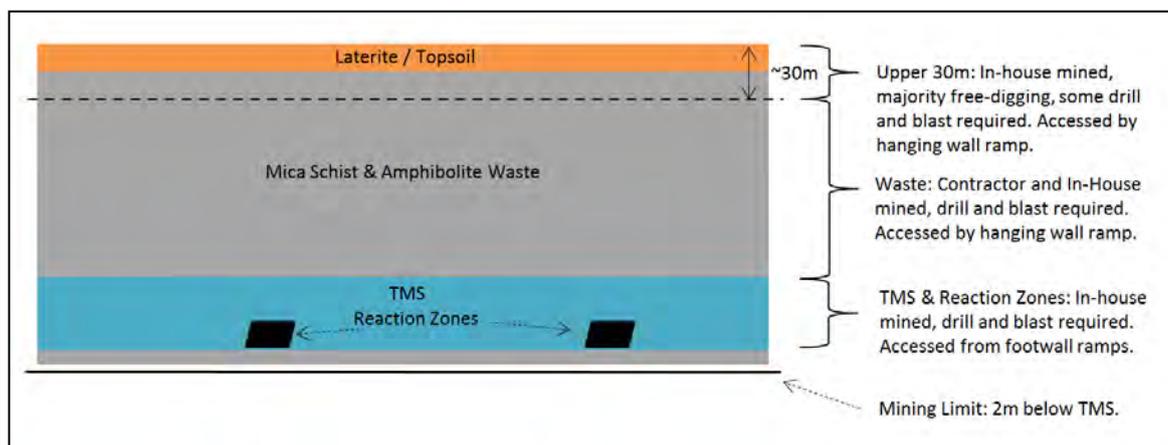


Figure 6-4: Mining Activity Overview

### 6.4.1 Grade Control

Grade control is practically constrained to visual inspection and mining of the mineralised zones is only undertaken during daylight hours. Historical and current practice in respect of reconciliation is to record production on a mined, washed and recovered basis on a pit by pit basis.

#### **6.4.2 Excavatability**

Based on discussions with the Kagem staff and observations made at site, the top 20-30 m of weathered material from surface is free-dig, and does not require blasting. Below the upper 20-30 m the waste rock becomes more competent and is un-weathered (fresh). The fresh rock requires drilling and blasting prior to excavation.

The reaction zone material is generally quite soft and able to be excavated using mechanical backhoe excavators or by hand with picks. The TMS material in the immediate vicinity of the reaction zone is more competent, and is drilled by hand held pneumatic drills and blasted with cartridge explosives. This blasting method provides relatively 'light' blasting of the reaction zone which enables easier excavation, whilst preventing excessive damage to the reaction zone and gemstones.

#### **6.4.3 Waste Rock Dumps**

At Kagem, external waste dumps are used for the majority of the upper 30 m and non-TMS waste; however, the majority of the TMS waste rock is dumped in-pit on the footwall side of the pit. The in-pit dumping face progresses towards the hanging wall. The waste rock is used to construct the footwall haul ramps, and ramps are widened and shifted where required to maintain footwall access.

Backfilling of the Chama Pit is only possible in mined out areas and areas which do not prohibit the mining operations, and consequently on-going use of external waste rock dumps will be required. SRK has developed ex-pit and in-pit waste dump designs as part of the CPR, which could be integrated as part of Kagem's long term waste dumping strategy.

Laterite and Pegmatite material is stockpiled at multiple locations near the pit crest for use as road construction material. Topsoil material is stockpiled at specific dumps separate from other waste rock, and is planned to be used for rehabilitation.

#### **6.4.4 Ore Stockpiles**

Current operational practices include an ore stockpiling strategy, where ore is stockpiled near the wash plant facility to manage the expected variability in the gemstone grading distribution and the impacts of the wet season on productivity.

#### **6.4.5 Open Pit Dewatering**

Ground water and rainfall contribute to the water in-flow to the Chama Pit, with high rainfall levels in the wet season. Areas at the pit bottom are utilised as sumps, which are utilised mostly during the wet season, where the water is collected and pumped ex-pit.

SRK notes that as the pit increases in size, the quantity of ground and surface water run-off into the pit is likely to increase. Therefore appropriate operational planning for in-pit sumps and surface waste diversion will be required to achieve effective pit water management.

#### **6.4.6 Trafficability**

Based on discussions with Kagem staff and observations at site, the haul road and pit floor trafficability is generally good during the dry and wet season. The use of articulated dump trucks mitigates some of the issues related to operating in wet conditions, which could otherwise significantly reduce productivity of larger rigid body trucks.

Discussions with the Kagem staff and the historic mining production physicals show that the mining rate is not significantly affected during the wet season; however, mining activities do cease during heavy downpours.

Below the upper 20-30 m, the in situ rock mass is generally of high strength and acts a good quality sub-grade material. In-pit haul roads are constructed from pit-run waste rock, with the

pegmatite historically being especially good for haul road construction. Laterite material mined as part of the waste stripping is stockpiled at various locations near the pit crest and used for haul road construction and maintenance.

Based on the abundant availability of hard rock and laterite as pit-run material, SRK is confident that sufficient suitable road construction material is available for the in-pit and ex-pit haul roads. Kagem currently operates a number of graders and water trucks for road maintenance. The current approach for haul road construction and maintenance is envisaged to be suitable for future Kagem operations.

#### **6.4.7 Mining Equipment**

At the Kagem Mine, the in-house mining fleet consist of a waste mining and production fleet. The waste mining fleet mines only waste rock and the production fleet mines reaction zone ore and some of the waste rock when required. The fleets consist of diesel hydraulic backhoe excavators (2.4 m<sup>3</sup> to 4.6 m<sup>3</sup> buckets) and are used in conjunction with a fleet of 40 t and 30 t capacity articulated dump trucks (ADT).

Where blasting is required adjacent to or within the ore, hand-held drilling is employed to limit the potential damage to gemstones. The steeply dipping reaction zones are mined using manually intensive methods using picks and shovels with the assistance of hydraulic excavators under close supervision. Mining of Reaction Zones is only undertaken in daylight hours under constant security supervision with material mined and loaded into trucks accompanied by additional security vehicles on their journey to the Kagem Plant. All large and high grade emerald stones that are hand sorted at the mining face are placed in a drop safe type container which is numbered, tagged, and closed with security controlled locks.

The current mining fleet is supported by a number of ancillary equipment including wheel loader, track dozers, graders and water trucks. The current in-house rock handling rate is approximately 440 kt per month, and the contractor mining rate is approximately 580 kt per month.

The in-house owner mining fleet operating at the Chama Pit and Fibolele bulk sampling pit as of June 2015 is given in Table 6-3. SRK understands that Kagem has sufficient numbers of loading and hauling equipment to achieve the current internal mining plans. SRK notes that Kagem owns additional mining equipment which is being utilised at other bulk sampling sites separate from Chama and Fibolele.

**Table 6-3: Current In-House Chama Open Pit Equipment Fleet**

Equipment Type	Make/Model	Number of Units (#)
<b>Chama Pit</b>		
Excavator	CAT 374D	3
Excavator	CAT 365C	1
Excavator	CAT 336D	5
Excavator	CAT 428F Backhoe	1
ADT	CAT 730	13
ADT	CAT 740	4
ADT	BELL B40	11
<b>Fibolele Pit</b>		
Excavator	CAT 336D	2
ADT	CAT 730	6
ADT	CAT 740	2
<b>Ancillary</b>		
Dozer	CAT D10T	1
Dozer	CAT D9R	3
Drill	Atlas Copco ROC D7	3
Drill	Atlas Copco ROC T35	2
Drill	Atlas Copco CS 1000 Core Drill	2
FEL	CAT 950H	1
Grader	CAT 140H	1
Water Truck	CAT/BELL	2
Service Truck	CAT/BELL	2

#### 6.4.8 Fleet Management

To provide security and ensure control of the movement of materials within and ex-pit, the in-house and contractor mining fleets are kept spatially separate. In general, the in-house and contractor waste mining fleets access the pit via haul ramps on the hanging wall, and do not operate on the footwall ramps. The in-house ore mining fleet access the pit via footwall ramps, and the ore haul trucks do not interact with the waste haulage fleet.

For security purposes, three to four reaction zone production points are simultaneously exposed and operational. The waste mining is coordinated in order to maintain sufficient ore exposure for the appropriate number of production points.

#### 6.5 Open Pit Optimisation

SRK has undertaken open pit optimisation for the Chama and Fibolele deposits to demonstrate the principal of potentially economically mineable. This assessment includes consideration of the following technical and economic factors:

- long term commodity prices and macro-economics;
- revenue based deductions include royalties, production taxes and auction fees;
- operating expenditures; and
- modifying factors.

The key objectives of the open pit optimisations were to develop a practical and economic ultimate pit shells to form the basis of the mine design and production scheduling for the Kagem LoMp.

##### 6.5.1 Mining Block Model

A mining block model was produced from the 2015 SRK Chama Resource Model to be used in mine planning for the Chama pit. The resulting mining block model is called "PPMOD\_0723\_minmod\_v02\_depl.dm", and was developed in the following key steps:

- coding each 20 x 20 x 5 m block with a rock type based on what rock type makes up the greatest proportion of the block volume; SRK notes that any blocks containing reaction zone are coded as ore bearing;
- where the blocks are ore bearing, an ore tonnage fraction is coded; this represents what proportion, by mass, of the block is reaction zone ore, the remainder of which is regarded as waste;
- coding an average grade for each block, based on its constituent rock types; and
- re-limiting the block model to below the recent mined topography as of May 2015, using the block centroids to determine if the block is above or below the topography.

The resulting mining block model global inventory is given in Table 6-4. SRK notes that, due to the effect of coding the rock type based on the majority of waste in each block, there is a reduction in resolution within the waste material quantities and hence the waste quantities reported from the global mining model are slightly different compared to the in situ Resource Model. Resolution is retained in the reaction zone ore quantities by the use of the ore percentage field, and therefore the model is deemed suitable for mine planning purposes.

**Table 6-4: Mining Model Inventory**

Mining Model "PPMOD 0723_minmod_v02_depl.dm"						
Rock Type	Volume (MBCM)	Density (t/BCM)	Tonnage (Mt)	Ore Grade (ct/t)	Contained Product (Mct)	Basis
<b>Total Rock</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>9,365</b>			Global Model
Cake	186.5	2.20	410.9	0	0	Majority coded waste blocks.
Pegmatite	72.8	2.61	189.8	0	0	Majority coded waste blocks.
Non-TMS Waste	3,611.4	2.40	8,672.0	0	0	Majority coded waste blocks.
TMS Waste	11.2	2.80	31.3	0	0	Majority coded waste blocks.
Ore Bearing Rock	23.4	2.63	61.5	0	0	Blocks that contain reaction zone ore.
Reaction Zone Ore	2.0	<b>2.63</b>	5.2	322	1,660	Ore bearing blocks x ore percentage. 322 ct/t is the average in situ grade, where some ore blocks have the grade set to 0.0 ct/t under the backfill waste. In situ grades for RZ ore is 345 ct/t.
Waste in Ore Bearing Rock	21.4	<b>2.63</b>	56.3	0	0	Ore bearing blocks x (1 - ore percentage)

SRK notes that all mineralisation within the mining block model is classified as either Measured or Indicated Mineral Resource, and therefore the pit optimisation included all mineralisation.

SRK has used the Fibolele Resource Model for pit optimisation and mine planning, and has not developed a mining model for Fibolele. SRK notes that only Indicated classified mineralisation was included in the pit optimisation for Fibolele. SRK recommends that a mine planning block model is developed for Fibolele as part of future work.

### 6.5.2 Pit Optimisation Parameters

The pit optimisation parameters are given in Table 6-5, the basis of which is summarised in the following section.

The Chama and Fibolele pit optimisations used mostly the same parameters, the only difference being Chama using a 46° overall slope angle, compared to Fibolele using 50° due to its shallower depth.

**Table 6-5: Pit Optimisation Parameters**

Parameters	Units	Base Case	Basis
<b>Production</b>			
Production Rate - RZ Ore	(tpa)	90,000 Chama 30,000 Fibolele	Client Provided Data.
<b>Geotechnical</b>			
Overall Slope Angle	(Deg)	46-50	SRK Geotech Memo, closure slope angle.
<b>Mining Factors</b>			
Dilution	(%)	15.0	Historic Reconciliation of RZ to TMS %, 345 ct/t in situ grade, resulting in 300 ct/t diluted.
Recovery	(%)	100.0	Highly controlled selective mining.
<b>Processing</b>			
Recovery	(%)	100.0	Grade in Resource Model is Process Recovered Grade.
<b>Operating Costs</b>			
In-House Mining Cost	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	2.28	2014-2015 Historic Mining & Processing Costs.
Proportion Mined In-House	(%)	72	Client Forecast.
Contractor Mining Cost	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	3.16	Client Provided Data.
Proportion Mined by Contractor	(%)	28	Client Forecast.
Mining Cost Applied	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	2.53	Weighted Average of In-House and Contractor Mining Costs.
Incremental Mining Cost	(USD/bench)	0.00	No Incremental Mining Cost Applied.
Bench Height	(m)	5	Resource Model Parent Block Height.
Reference Level	(Z Elevation)	NA	No Incremental Mining Cost Applied.
Processing Cost	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	0.00	Assumed to be included in mining cost.
Rehabilitation Cost	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	0.00	No additional rehabilitation cost assumed.
G&A	(USDM/Year)	4.5	
	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	49.56	2014-2015 Historic G&A Costs.
Total Selling Costs	(USD/carat)	0.65	
Mineral Royalties	(%)	9.0	Government royalty on gemstone sales revenue, Client provided data.
	(USD/carat)	0.27	
Management & Auction Fees	(%)	12.5	12.5% on Auction Revenues, Client Provided Data.
	(USD/carat)	0.38	
Marketing & Advertising	(USD/carat)	0.005	2014-2015 Historic Marketing & Advertising Costs.
<b>Product Price</b>			
PE+Em+Be	(USD/ct)	3.00	Average assumed price for PE+Em+Be.
	(USD/g)	15.00	
<b>Other</b>			
Discount Rate	(%)	10	
<b>Cut-Off Grade</b>			
Marginal Cut-Off	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	49.56	
	(ct/t)	18.15	

### *Geotechnical Slope Angles*

Based on discussions with Kagem staff, the geotechnical parameters used in determining the ultimate pit extents are suitable for mine closure, with the appropriate pit slopes for long term stability and rehabilitation.

Based on SRK's initial geotechnical assessment, overall slope angles for closure of 46° and 50° were selected for the Chama and Fibolele pit optimisations respectively. SRK notes that based on the SRK's geotechnical assessment, the operational overall slope angle of the interim cutbacks can be 49°-60° depending on an overall slope height range of 130-200 m.

### *Mining and Processing Cost*

The mining cost used in the optimisation is based on historic production and cost data provided by Kagem from July 2014 to May 2015, and includes the processing costs. The

historic cost data provided to SRK by Kagem does not provide a detailed split between mining and processing, and therefore the processing cost has been included in the mining cost. The majority of the processing costs are included within the labour, repair and maintenance, and other mining and processing costs.

Mining is undertaken by a combination of contractor and in-house fleets, and therefore the mining cost used for optimisation has been estimated as the weighted average unit cost based on the Client forecast contractor and in-house split. The weighted average mining cost is estimated at USD2.53/t rock mined, as shown in Table 6-6. No depth related mining cost increase has been applied in the optimisation.

**Table 6-6: Optimisation Mining & Processing Cost Estimate**

	Unit		Basis
In-House Mining & Processing Cost	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	2.28	2014-2015 Historic Mining & Processing Costs.
Proportion Mined In-House	(%)	72	Client Business Plan Forecast.
Contractor Mining Cost	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	3.16	Client Provided Data.
Proportion Mined by Contractor	(%)	28	Client Business Plan Forecast
Mining Cost Applied	(USD/t <sub>rock</sub> )	2.53	Weighted Average of In-House and Contractor Mining Costs

SRK notes the 2012 SRK FS assumed a processing cost of USD12.0 t/ore processed. Based on this cost and historic strip ratios, the processing costs are likely to be in the region of USD0.12 /t rock mined, but have not been differentiated from the mining costs in the pit optimisation. The majority of the processing costs are included within the labour, repair and maintenance, and other mining and processing costs.

#### G&A Cost

A general and administrative cost of USD49.56 t/ore is used in the optimisation. A breakdown of the G&A cost is presented in Table 6-7 and is based on the historic production and cost data provided by the Client from July 2014 to May 2015.

**Table 6-7: Kagem G&A Cost Estimate**

			Basis
<b>In-House Mined Tonnages</b>	<b>(kt)</b>		
Assumed Annual Ore Production Rate	90		Client Forecast.
<b>G&amp;A Costs</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>(USD/t ore)</b>	
<b>Total G&amp;A Costs (July 2014-May 2015)</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>49.56</b>	Client historic data.
Labour - G&A	1.6	19.76	Client historic data.
Rent and rates	0.1	1.11	Client historic data.
Travel and Accommodation	0.4	5.17	Client historic data.
Professional and consultancy	0.6	6.91	Client historic data.
Office expenses	0.0	0.22	Client historic data.
Other administrative expenses	1.4	16.39	Client historic data.

#### Selling Costs

A selling cost of USD0.65/carat has been used in the optimisation, and is based on Client provided data as presented in Table 6-8.

**Table 6-8: Kagem Selling Cost Estimate**

	(%)	(USD/carat)	
<b>Total Selling Cost</b>		<b>0.65</b>	Based on USD3.00 /ct selling price.
Mineral royalties	9.0	0.27	Client Provided Data.
Management & Auction Fees	12.5	0.38	12.5% on Auction Revenues.
Selling, marketing and Advertising	-	0.005	Client historic data. USD131,000 spent and 28.0 Mct recovered product.

### *Modifying Factors*

SRK has estimated the planned and operational mining dilution and ore recovery based on the current operating practice at the Kagem Mine and historic reconciliation data.

The estimated modifying factors are given in Table 6-9 and are summarised below:

- Planned dilution and ore losses estimated to be 0%:
- the reaction zones are quite continuous and generally do not contain internal waste;
- this allows the waste to be planned distinctly separate from the ore; and
- all reaction zones that are encountered are planned to be mined.
- Operational reaction zone dilution estimated to be 15%, based on the following historic tonnage reconciliation:
- historic reconciliation shows that the diluted reaction zone ore is consistently approximately 11-12% of the TMS by tonnage;
- the 2015 SRK Chama Resource Model in situ tonnages show the reaction zone to be 9.5% of the TMS by tonnage; and
- a 15% dilution increases the 2015 Resource Model in situ tonnages (9.5% of TMS) to close to the historic diluted reaction zone to TMS proportions of 11-12%.
- Operational mining loss is 0%:
- no reaction zone is left behind in the pit, and is easily identifiable by the production geologists and equipment operators.

**Table 6-9: Kagem Modifying Factors**

	Unit	Value	Basis
<b>Planned Modifying Factors</b>			
Planned Mining Dilution	(%)	0	Reaction zones are continuous and do not contain areas of internal waste, therefore no diluting material is planned to be mined.
Planned Mining Losses	(%)	0	Grade is variable within reaction zones, and therefore 100% of reaction zone volume is planned to be mined when encountered, therefore there are no planned mining losses.
<b>Operational Modifying Factors</b>			
Operational Mining Dilution	(%)	15	Historic RZ to TMS % reconciliation.
Operational Mining Losses	(%)	0	100% of reaction zone material encountered is loaded into haul trucks for processing, therefore no reaction zone is lost during operations.

### **6.5.3 Pit Optimisation Footprint Constraints**

Based on the current infrastructure and site layout of the Kagem Mine, no specific optimisation footprint constraints have been applied.

### **6.5.4 Pit Optimisation Results**

The product price sensitivity charts are presented in Figure 6-5 and Figure 6-6 for Chama and Fibolele respectively, and excerpts from the pit optimisation results are given in Table 6-10 and Table 6-11. The key results of the pit optimisation are summarised below:

- Chama:
- a rapid increase in best and worst case DCF from pit shell 1 (RF USD0.30/ct) to 5 (RF USD0.70/ct), after which point the rate of increase in best case DCF slows;
- the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile DCF between worst and best case mining scenarios peaks at shell number 10 (RF USD1.20 /ct), and remains relatively level until shell 15 (RF USD1.70 /ct), after which point it steadily decreases;
- a relatively high operating margin is achieved at the full range of pit shells; and
- a relatively linear increase in strip ratio; however, a small step increase can be seen between shells 14 (RF USD1.60/ct) and 15 (RF USD1.70/ct), which in turn provides a step increase in ore tonnage and contained product.
- Fibolele:
- a rapid increase in best and worst case DCF from pit shell 1 (RF USD1.30/ct) to 8 (RF USD2.00/ct), after which point the rate of increase in best case DCF slows;
- the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile DCF between worst and best case mining scenarios peaks at shell number 14 (RF USD2.60 /ct), and remains relatively level onwards.
- a relatively high operating margin is achieved at the full range of pit shells; and
- a relatively linear increase in strip ratio; however, a small step increase can be seen between shells 11 (RF USD2.30/ct) and 12 (RF USD2.40/ct), which in turn provides a step increase in ore tonnage and contained product.

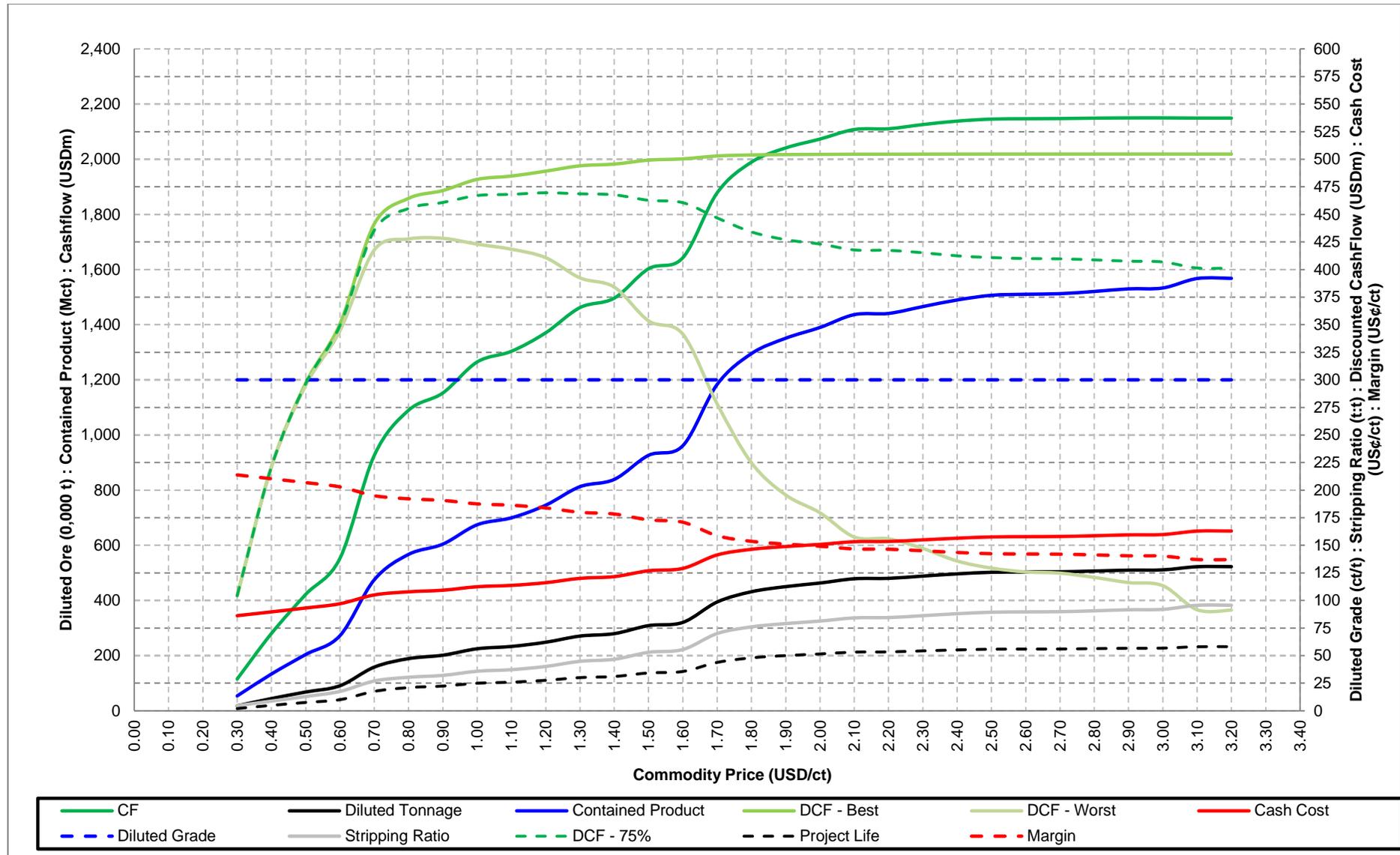


Figure 6-5: Chama Product Price Sensitivity Chart

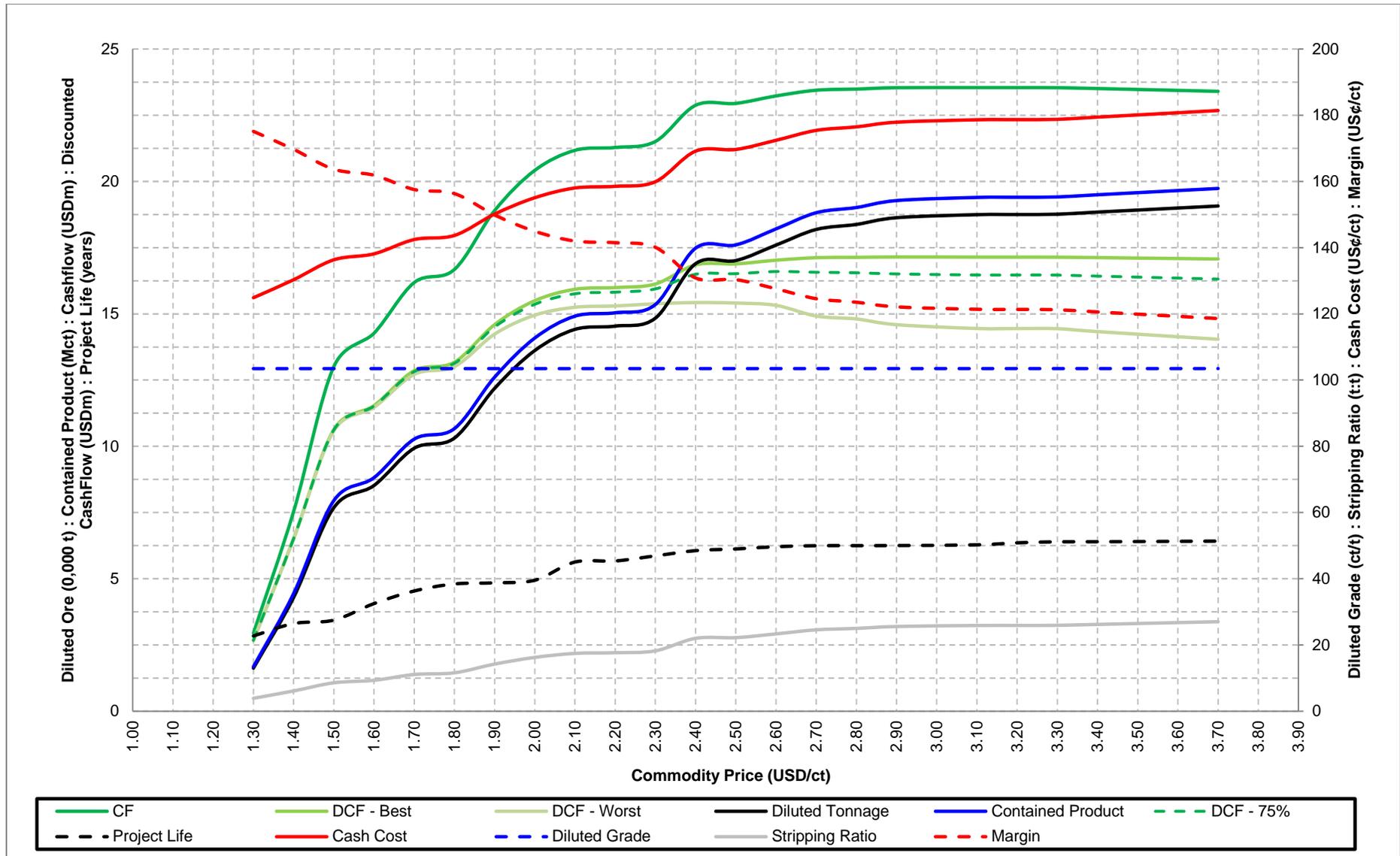


Figure 6-6: Fibolele Product Price Sensitivity Chart

**Table 6-10: Excerpt from Chama Pit Optimisation Results**

Pit # (Phase)	Revenue Factor (USD/ct)	Total Rock (t)	Strip Ratio (t <sub>waste</sub> :t <sub>ore</sub> )	Total Waste (t)	Ore RoM			Recovered Product (ct)	MC USD	PC USD	Selling Cost USD	Revenue USD	CF USD	DCF - Best USD	DCF - Worst USD	DCF - 75% USD
					(t)	(ct/t)	(ct)									
Pit 1 (4)	0.30	994,197	4.7	838,072	179,543	300.00	53,862,937	53,862,937	2,515,317	8,898,157	35,010,909	161,588,812	115,164,429	104,275,048	104,275,048	104,275,048
Pit 2 (5)	0.40	4,283,531	8.8	3,897,255	444,217	300.00	133,265,231	133,265,231	10,837,335	22,015,416	86,622,400	399,795,692	280,320,541	221,278,479	220,857,968	221,173,351
Pit 3 (6)	0.50	9,410,789	13.0	8,819,189	680,340	300.00	204,102,017	204,102,017	23,809,297	33,717,653	132,666,311	612,306,052	422,112,791	297,086,368	294,899,716	296,539,705
Pit 4 (7)	0.60	16,724,585	17.5	15,934,758	908,302	300.00	272,490,516	272,490,516	42,313,201	45,015,433	177,118,835	817,471,550	553,024,081	350,824,875	344,537,322	349,252,987
Pit 5 (8)	0.70	44,146,465	27.0	42,769,657	1,583,328	300.00	474,998,546	474,998,546	111,690,555	78,469,760	308,749,055	1,424,995,638	926,086,268	441,425,591	417,760,480	435,509,313
Pit 6 (9)	0.80	59,046,506	30.4	57,402,552	1,890,547	300.00	567,164,172	567,164,172	149,387,660	93,695,521	368,656,712	1,701,492,517	1,089,752,624	464,539,112	427,758,886	455,344,056
Pit 7 (10)	0.90	66,399,741	32.1	64,647,768	2,014,769	300.00	604,430,559	604,430,559	167,991,344	99,851,928	392,879,863	1,813,291,677	1,152,568,542	471,614,359	428,338,247	460,795,331
Pit 8 (11)	1.00	82,499,110	35.8	80,544,152	2,248,201	300.00	674,460,240	674,460,240	208,722,747	111,420,831	438,399,156	2,023,380,720	1,264,837,986	481,743,105	423,049,079	467,069,599
Pit 9 (12)	1.10	88,965,538	37.3	86,937,464	2,332,285	300.00	699,685,368	699,685,368	225,082,811	115,588,023	454,795,489	2,099,056,104	1,303,589,781	484,745,132	418,439,591	468,168,747
Pit 10 (13)	1.20	101,982,202	40.2	99,821,474	2,484,837	300.00	745,451,212	745,451,212	258,014,970	123,148,540	484,543,288	2,236,353,635	1,370,646,837	489,206,095	410,766,447	469,596,183
Pit 11 (14)	1.30	123,824,859	44.8	121,469,429	2,708,781	300.00	812,634,324	812,634,324	313,276,893	134,247,190	528,212,311	2,437,902,972	1,462,166,578	494,040,013	392,439,992	468,640,008
Pit 12 (15)	1.40	133,034,377	46.7	130,602,596	2,796,584	300.00	838,975,259	838,975,259	336,576,973	138,598,713	545,333,918	2,516,925,775	1,496,416,171	495,605,467	384,071,409	467,721,953
Pit 13 (16)	1.50	166,373,102	53.0	163,687,873	3,088,050	300.00	926,415,156	926,415,156	420,923,949	153,043,784	602,169,851	2,779,245,467	1,603,107,883	499,188,499	353,484,666	462,762,541
Pit 14 (17)	1.60	180,775,192	55.5	177,988,635	3,204,579	300.00	961,373,433	961,373,433	457,361,237	158,818,891	624,892,731	2,884,120,298	1,643,047,439	500,344,125	341,371,357	460,600,933
Pit 15 (18)	1.70	279,595,753	70.0	276,165,587	3,944,754	300.00	1,183,426,110	1,183,426,110	707,377,256	195,501,993	769,226,972	3,550,278,330	1,878,172,109	502,972,586	278,213,989	446,782,937
Pit 16 (19)	1.80	332,082,057	76.1	328,328,095	4,317,118	300.00	1,295,135,585	1,295,135,585	840,167,604	213,956,398	841,838,130	3,885,406,756	1,989,444,624	503,882,746	224,836,103	434,121,085
Pit 17 (20)	1.90	359,854,962	79.0	355,939,344	4,503,023	300.00	1,350,906,826	1,350,906,826	910,433,054	223,169,807	878,089,437	4,052,720,478	2,041,028,180	504,214,907	195,664,404	427,077,281
Pit 18 (21)	2.00	380,765,022	81.3	376,736,426	4,632,948	300.00	1,389,884,291	1,389,884,291	963,335,505	229,608,885	903,424,789	4,169,652,873	2,073,283,694	504,397,669	179,471,638	423,166,161
Pit 19 (22)	2.10	407,340,245	84.2	403,176,583	4,788,273	300.00	1,436,482,186	1,436,482,186	1,030,570,820	237,306,857	933,713,421	4,309,446,557	2,107,855,459	504,556,190	157,511,456	417,795,007
Pit 20 (23)	2.20	409,988,457	84.5	405,812,113	4,802,858	300.00	1,440,857,275	1,440,857,275	1,037,270,796	238,029,622	936,557,229	4,322,571,824	2,110,714,177	504,569,865	155,896,842	417,401,609
Pit 21 (24)	2.30	425,438,542	86.2	421,190,221	4,885,631	300.00	1,465,689,325	1,465,689,325	1,076,359,511	242,131,876	952,698,061	4,397,067,974	2,125,878,526	504,632,301	147,118,670	415,253,893
Pit 22 (25)	2.40	441,219,036	88.0	436,901,227	4,965,541	300.00	1,489,662,474	1,489,662,474	1,116,284,160	246,092,240	968,280,608	4,468,987,422	2,138,330,414	504,678,118	135,781,649	412,454,001
Pit 23 (26)	2.50	453,033,561	89.3	448,666,442	5,022,249	300.00	1,506,674,705	1,506,674,705	1,146,174,909	248,902,661	979,338,558	4,520,024,114	2,145,607,986	504,703,191	129,356,127	410,866,425
Pit 24 (27)	2.60	455,745,374	89.6	451,367,300	5,034,847	300.00	1,510,454,141	1,510,454,141	1,153,035,796	249,527,024	981,795,192	4,531,362,423	2,147,004,411	504,708,258	125,891,581	410,004,089
Pit 25 (28)	2.70	457,325,665	89.8	452,941,500	5,041,852	300.00	1,512,555,681	1,512,555,681	1,157,033,933	249,874,198	983,161,193	4,537,667,042	2,147,597,718	504,710,405	124,787,958	409,729,793
Pit 26 (29)	2.80	463,710,999	90.6	459,303,454	5,068,740	300.00	1,520,621,910	1,520,621,910	1,173,188,828	251,206,739	988,404,242	4,561,865,729	2,149,065,920	504,715,138	120,925,943	408,767,839
Pit 27 (30)	2.90	471,510,215	91.6	467,075,358	5,100,149	300.00	1,530,044,493	1,530,044,493	1,192,920,844	252,763,350	994,528,920	4,590,133,477	2,149,920,363	504,717,135	116,220,011	407,592,854
Pit 28 (31)	3.00	474,240,891	91.9	469,796,750	5,110,824	300.00	1,533,247,312	1,533,247,312	1,199,829,454	253,292,456	996,610,753	4,599,741,935	2,150,009,272	504,717,316	113,400,574	406,888,131
Pit 29 (32)	3.10	504,162,743	95.6	499,619,109	5,225,241	300.00	1,567,572,274	1,567,572,274	1,275,531,739	258,962,939	1,018,921,978	4,702,716,821	2,149,300,165	504,699,949	91,537,722	401,409,392
Pit 30 (33)	3.20	504,619,015	95.7	500,073,927	5,226,913	300.00	1,568,074,047	1,568,074,047	1,276,686,108	259,045,832	1,019,248,131	4,704,222,139	2,149,242,068	504,699,773	91,272,387	401,342,927

Table 6-11: Excerpt from Fibolele Pit Optimisation Results

Pit #	Revenue Factor (USD/ct)	Total Rock (t)	Strip Ratio (t <sub>waste</sub> :t <sub>ore</sub> )	Total Waste (t)	Ore RoM			Recovered Product (ct)	MC USD	PC USD	Selling Cost USD	Revenue USD	CF USD	DCF - Best USD	DCF - Worst USD	DCF - 75% USD
					(t)	(ct/t)	(ct)									
1	1.30	79,489	3.9	63,242	16,247	103.45	1,680,743	1,680,743	201,107	805,211	1,092,483	5,042,229	2,943,428	2,675,722	2,675,722	2,675,722
2	1.40	305,482	6.1	262,556	42,926	103.46	4,441,100	4,441,100	772,869	2,127,415	2,886,715	13,323,300	7,536,301	6,515,212	6,503,589	6,512,306
3	1.50	735,651	8.6	658,838	76,813	103.46	7,946,737	7,946,737	1,861,197	3,806,857	5,165,379	23,840,211	13,006,778	10,627,368	10,579,975	10,615,520
4	1.60	879,086	9.3	793,879	85,207	103.46	8,815,358	8,815,358	2,224,088	4,222,856	5,729,983	26,446,074	14,269,147	11,537,645	11,467,998	11,520,233
5	1.70	1,199,424	11.1	1,100,150	99,274	103.46	10,270,947	10,270,947	3,034,543	4,920,007	6,676,115	30,812,841	16,182,176	12,855,005	12,714,644	12,819,915
6	1.80	1,297,918	11.6	1,194,808	103,110	103.46	10,668,036	10,668,036	3,283,733	5,110,139	6,934,224	32,004,109	16,676,013	13,175,219	13,008,889	13,133,637
7	1.90	1,855,645	14.2	1,733,776	121,869	103.47	12,609,264	12,609,264	4,694,782	6,039,825	8,196,022	37,827,792	18,897,163	14,593,188	14,234,742	14,503,577
8	2.00	2,347,872	16.2	2,211,720	136,152	103.47	14,087,202	14,087,202	5,940,116	6,747,691	9,156,681	42,261,606	20,417,118	15,497,542	14,950,371	15,360,749
9	2.10	2,659,348	17.5	2,515,210	144,138	103.47	14,913,380	14,913,380	6,728,150	7,143,457	9,693,697	44,740,139	21,174,835	15,928,907	15,249,170	15,758,973
10	2.20	2,711,360	17.7	2,565,993	145,367	103.47	15,040,569	15,040,569	6,859,741	7,204,383	9,776,370	45,121,706	21,281,212	15,993,280	15,297,654	15,819,374
11	2.30	2,851,906	18.2	2,703,534	148,372	103.47	15,351,793	15,351,793	7,215,322	7,353,309	9,978,665	46,055,378	21,508,082	16,128,431	15,382,244	15,941,884
12	2.40	3,886,142	22.0	3,717,200	168,942	103.47	17,480,427	17,480,427	9,831,939	8,372,760	11,362,278	52,441,281	22,874,304	16,850,407	15,426,452	16,494,418
13	2.50	3,948,908	22.2	3,778,775	170,133	103.47	17,603,651	17,603,651	9,990,737	8,431,806	11,442,373	52,810,952	22,946,036	16,887,289	15,407,875	16,517,436
14	2.60	4,283,371	23.3	4,107,415	175,956	103.47	18,206,099	18,206,099	10,836,929	8,720,367	11,833,965	54,618,298	23,227,037	17,026,008	15,321,393	16,599,854
15	2.70	4,649,921	24.6	4,468,063	181,858	103.47	18,816,919	18,816,919	11,764,300	9,012,860	12,230,997	56,450,758	23,442,601	17,121,672	14,918,540	16,570,889
16	2.80	4,778,011	25.0	4,594,257	183,754	103.47	19,013,294	19,013,294	12,088,368	9,106,843	12,358,641	57,039,881	23,486,029	17,134,418	14,807,033	16,552,572
17	2.90	4,952,078	25.6	4,765,784	186,294	103.47	19,276,216	19,276,216	12,528,757	9,232,743	12,529,540	57,828,647	23,537,607	17,147,318	14,591,010	16,508,241
18	3.10	5,038,131	25.9	4,850,689	187,442	103.47	19,394,877	19,394,877	12,746,471	9,289,623	12,606,670	58,184,631	23,541,867	17,142,592	14,447,340	16,468,779
19	3.20	5,043,009	25.9	4,855,510	187,499	103.47	19,400,878	19,400,878	12,758,813	9,292,473	12,610,570	58,202,633	23,540,777	17,141,695	14,445,684	16,467,692
20	3.30	5,053,056	25.9	4,865,442	187,614	103.47	19,412,793	19,412,793	12,784,232	9,298,172	12,618,315	58,238,379	23,537,660	17,140,096	14,440,539	16,465,207
21	3.40	5,126,425	26.2	4,938,012	188,413	103.47	19,495,413	19,495,413	12,969,855	9,337,726	12,672,018	58,486,239	23,506,640	17,124,294	14,329,460	16,425,586
22	3.70	5,344,266	27.0	5,153,551	190,715	103.47	19,733,567	19,733,567	13,520,993	9,451,828	12,826,818	59,200,701	23,401,062	17,071,699	14,040,752	16,313,962

### 6.5.5 Ultimate Pit Shell Selection

The ultimate pit shell selection was driven by the following key objectives:

- Chama:
  - provide a significant mine life;
  - target an average strip ratio in the region of 65-75  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ ;
  - maximise the in situ ore inventory whilst maintaining economic viability of the open pit operations;
  - contain rock from both higher and lower strip ratio mining areas, to enable a mining sequence which balances strip ratio; and
  - allow additional cutbacks past the current planned and operating pushbacks, with a minimum cutbackback with of 100 m.
- Fibolele:
  - maximise the in situ ore inventory whilst maintaining economic viability of the open pit operations.

Based on the optimisation results and the key strategic objectives, pit shell 15 (RF USD1.70 /ct) and pit shell 17 (RF USD2.90 /ct) were selected as the ultimate pit shells for Chama and Fibolele mine planning respectively. Details of the pit optimisation results for these selected shells are given in Table 6-12.

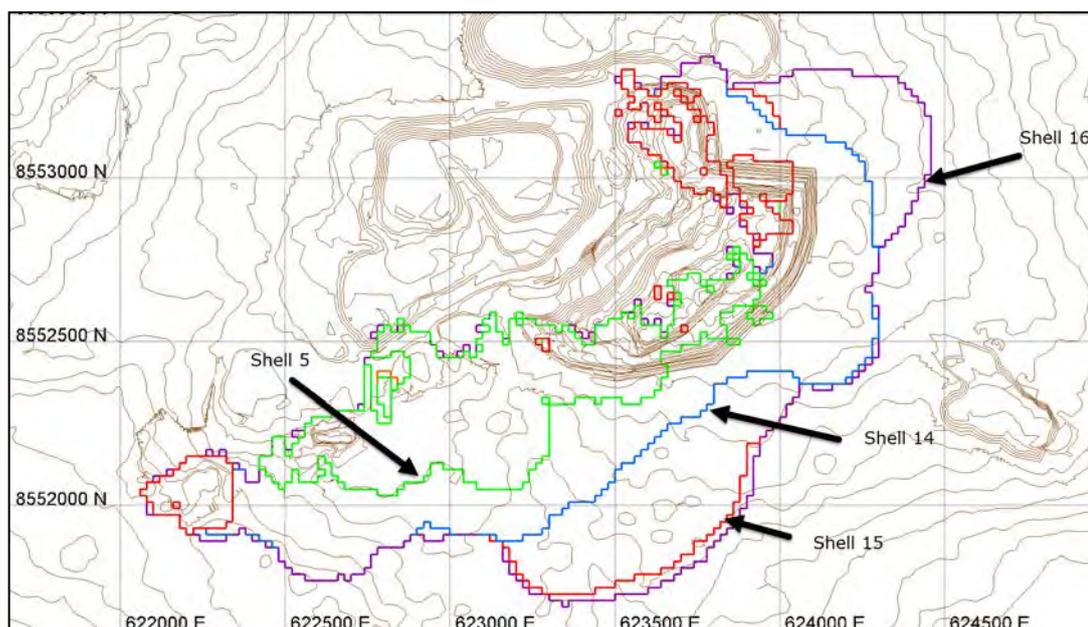
**Table 6-12: Selected Ultimate Pit Shells**

Optimisation Results	Units	Chama Selected Ultimate Pit Shell	Fibolele Selected Ultimate Pit Shell
<b>In Situ Ore</b>			
Inventory	(Mt)	3.4	0.16
	(ct/t)	345.0	119.0
	(kct)	1,183,426	19,276
<b>Modifying Factors</b>			
Mining Dilution	(%)	15.0	15.0
Dilutant Grade	(ct/t)	0.0	0.0
Mining Recovery	(%)	100.0	100.0
Process Recovery	(%)	100.0	100.0
<b>Diluted &amp; Recovered Ore</b>			
Inventory	(Mt)	3.9	0.19
	(ct/t)	300.0	103.5
	(kct)	1,183,426	19,276
<b>Diluted &amp; Recovered Quantities</b>			
Total Rock	(Mt)	280.1	5.0
Mineral Inventory	(Mt)	3.9	0.2
Waste	(Mt)	276.2	4.8
Stripping Ratio	(t:t)	70.0	25.6
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>			
Mining + Processing	(USD/t <sub>mined</sub> )	2.53	2.53
	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	179.32	67.25
	(USD/ct)	0.60	0.65
Rehabilitation Cost	(USD/t <sub>ore rejected</sub> )	0.00	0.00
	(USD/ct)	0.0	0.0
G&A	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	49.56	49.56
	(USD/ct)	0.17	0.48
Selling Cost	(USD/ct)	0.65	0.65
Total Cash Cost	(USD/ct)	1.41	1.78
<b>Product</b>			
Recovered Product	(kct)	1,183,426	19,276
<b>Economic Summary</b>			
Product Price	(USD/ct)	3.00	3.00
Revenue	(USDM)	3,550	58
Mining + Processing Costs	(USDM)	707	13
G&A Costs	(USDM)	196	9
Selling Costs	(USDM)	769	13
Rehab + Other Costs	(USDM)	0	0
Cashflow	(USDM)	1,878	24
Discount Rate	(%)	10.0	10.0
Mill Rate	(Mtpa)	0.090	30
DCF - Best Case	(USDM)	503	17.1
DCF - Worst Case	(USDM)	278	14.6
DCF - 75th Percentile	(USDM)	447	16.5
Project Life	(years)	43.8	6.2
<b>Cut-Off Grade</b>			
Break Even Operating COG - OPEX	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	228.88	116.81
Marginal COG - OPEX	(USD/t <sub>ore</sub> )	49.56	49.56
Break Even Operating COG	(ct/t)	97.40	49.71
Marginal COG	(ct/t)	21.09	21.09
In Situ Break Even Operating COG	(ct/t)	112.01	57.16
In Situ Marginal COG	(ct/t)	24.25	24.25

SRK notes that Chama pit shell 15 has an increased strip ratio and a slightly reduced 75<sup>th</sup> percentile DCF compared to the immediately smaller pit shell 14. Pit shell 15 is therefore regarded as a slightly higher risk shell compared to shell 14; however, it still achieves a healthy operating margin (USD1.59/ct) and provides a 20% increase in contained product.

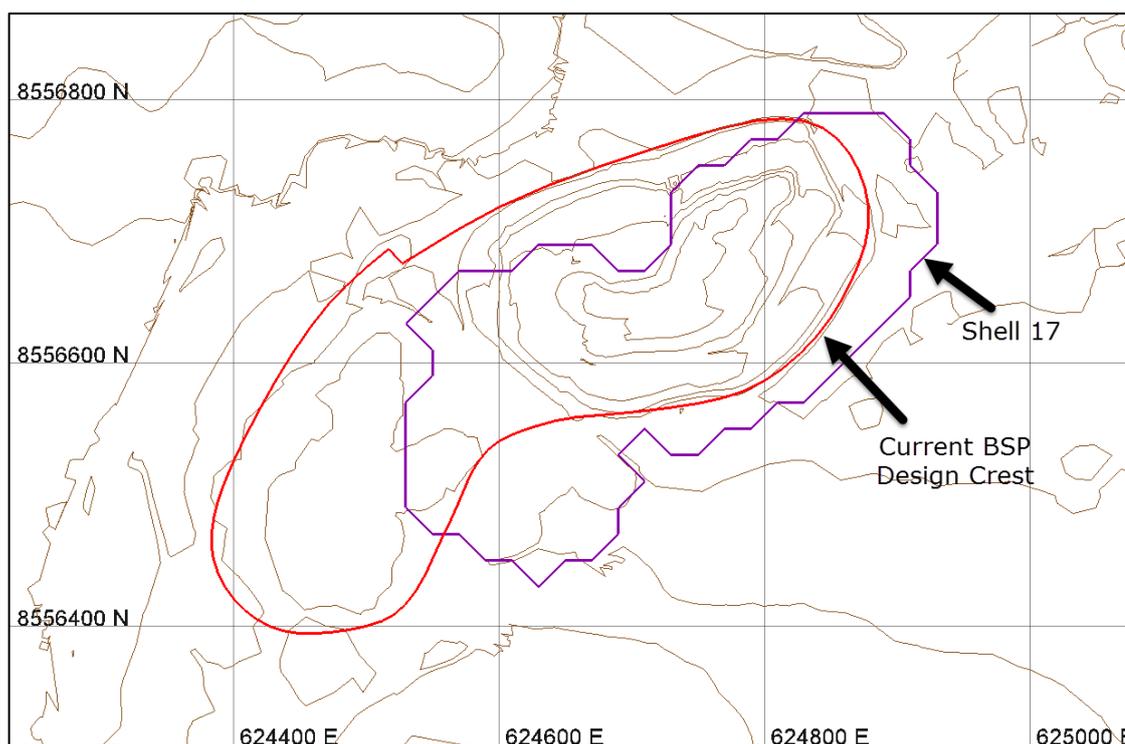
Figure 6-7 shows pit crests of Chama shell numbers 5, 14, 15 and 16, and provides an indication of the special sensitivity of the optimisation at a number of revenue factors. The direction of pit expansion between the shells 14 and 15 is such that the majority of higher strip ratio area in the south region of pit shell 15 can be planned as a separate cutback, mined at the later stages of the mine life and could be excluded from the mining sequence if desired.

SRK notes a sensitivity of the pit shells to the north, where pit shell 16 expands. This area is a higher strip ratio area, and was not deemed practical to include as part of the ultimate pit shell.



**Figure 6-7: Chama Pit Optimisation Results Spatial Sensitivity and Selected Ultimate Shell**

Figure 6-8 shows the pit crest of Fibolele shell number 17, shown with the topography contoured at 5 m intervals and the current Kagem bulk sampling pit design crest. SRK notes that the pit shell is offset to the south-east compared to the pit design. SRK recommends that the pit design is modified to extend towards the south-east to account for this shift.



**Figure 6-8: Fibolele Pit Optimisation Results Selected Ultimate Shell**

## 6.5.6 Conclusions and Recommendations

### *Conclusions*

SRK has undertaken open pit optimisation for the Chama deposit using the Kagem Mining Block Model and the Fibolele deposit using the 2015 SRK Fibolele Resource Model, and utilised historic operating costs and closure slope angles. Based on the optimisation results and the Client's strategic objectives, SRK selected pit shell 15 (RF USD1.70/ct) for Chama and pit shell 17 (RF USD2.90/ct) for Fibolele as the ultimate pit shells for the LoMp. The Chama pit shell contains a total of 3.9 Mt of diluted and recovered reaction zone ore at a RoM grade of 300 ct/t, at a strip ratio of 70  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ . The Fibolele pit shell contains a total of 0.19 Mt of diluted and recovered reaction zone ore at a RoM grade of 103.5 ct/t, at a strip ratio of 25.6  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ .

The Chama shell was selected as it provides a significant mine life and gives the flexibility of multiple simultaneous cutbacks, and a minimum mining width of 100 m from the current operating pushback.

The Fibolele shell was selected as it maximises the in situ ore inventory whilst maintaining economic viability of the open pit operations.

### *Recommendations*

SRK recommends the following is undertaken as part of further study:

- Kagem to undertake a review of the historic operating costs, and develop a more detailed breakdown of the in-house mining and processing operating costs for use in future study;
- periodic (annual) review of the selected ultimate pit shell to ensure it is suitable given the market conditions; and
- undertake further pit optimisations when additional geological information is gathered.

## 6.6 Strategic Assessment

Based on discussions and in cooperation with the Client, SRK has developed a strategic cutback strategy for Kagem. SRK notes that due to the variability in grade and product type through the mineralisation, a key strategic driver for Kagem is to provide sequential cutbacks which provide a balance of high strip ratio – higher confidence ore, with lower strip ratio – lower confidence ore. The cutback strategy is based on the following key objectives:

- develop multiple simultaneously operating cutbacks which provides flexibility in the mining locations;
- the initial cutbacks should target the higher strip ratio - higher confidence zone immediately behind the current hanging wall, alongside a lower strip ratio – lower confidence zone to the south west of the current pit area;
- allow a minimum width between cutbacks of 80-100 m; and
- provide a cutback sequence with increasing strip ratio.

Based on the ultimate pit geometry and the strategic objectives, SRK developed six conceptual cutback shells within the ultimate pit which are shown in Figure 6-9 and summarised below:

- Cutback 1: the remaining rock within the current “Pushback 4”, planned internally by Kagem;
- Cutback 2: Higher strip ratio – higher confidence zone, based on the current “Pushback 5”, planned internally by Kagem;
- Cutback 3: Lower strip ratio – lower confidence zone, to be mined in combination with the higher strip ratio – higher confidence zones;
- Cutback 4: Planned to be mined after increased confidence is gained by mining of Cutback 1;
- Cutback 5: Higher strip ratio zone to be mined in combination with Cutback 3; and
- Cutback 6: Higher strip ratio zone, final cutback. The geometry of this cutback means it could be removed from the mine plan if the market conditions are deemed unfavourable.

The size and orientation of the Fibolele selected shell lends itself to be mined as a single pit, and therefore no intermediate cutbacks have been planned. This approach aligns with Kagem’s current plan for Fibolele.

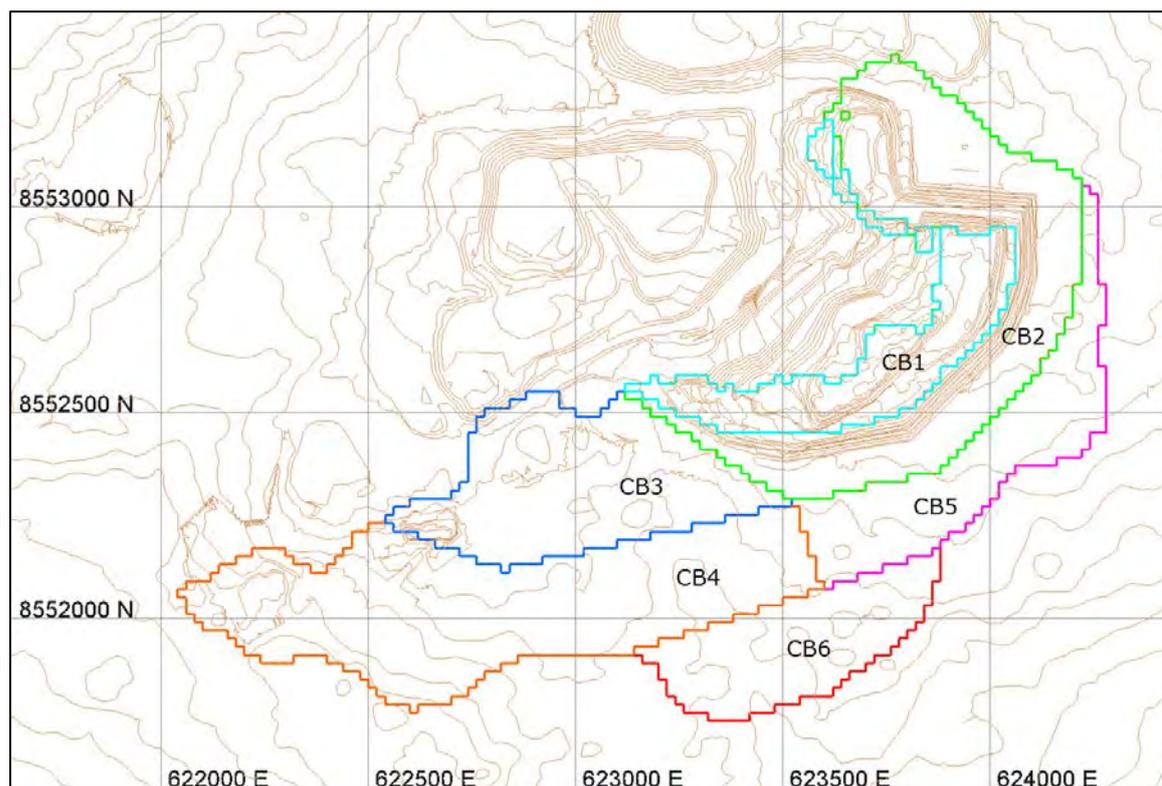


Figure 6-9: Strategic Cutback Sequence

## 6.7 Mine Design

### 6.7.1 Design Parameters

SRK has undertaken engineered pit design for the Chama Mine. Pit design was undertaken in Vulcan design software. SRK has not undertaken engineered pit design for the Fibolele pit; however, an 8% waste increase and 5% ore loss adjustments have been made to the optimised pit shell quantities to account for likely design ore losses and waste increases.

The geotechnical and operational pit design parameters for the Chama Mine design are given in Table 6-13 and Table 6-14 respectively.

SRK notes that based on an iterative process of pit design and geotechnical analysis, it was determined that the berm widths could be reduced from 7 m (as was used in the pit optimisation) to 5.5 m whilst still maintaining an appropriate slope FoS. This allowed for some reduction in waste material in the hanging wall when moving from the optimised pit design to the engineered pit design.

SRK notes that the operational design parameters are based on the use of CAT 777 class rigid dump trucks, which are currently not being operated at the mine; however, the Kagem staff requested for the design to have the flexibility to accommodate larger mining equipment if desired in the future.

**Table 6-13: Geotechnical Open Pit Design Parameters**

Parameter	Unit		Basis
<b>Slope Configuration</b>			
<b>Weathered Rock (0 to 30m depth)</b>			
Bench Height	(m)	10	Current bench height.
Batter Angle	(deg)	70	SRK geotech recommendations.
Berm Width	(m)	5.5	Access width for berm at closure.
<b>Fresh Rock (below 30m depth)</b>			
Bench Height	(m)	10	Current bench height.
Batter Angle	(deg)	75	SRK geotech recommendations.
Berm Width	(m)	5.5	Access width for berm at closure.

**Table 6-14: Operational Open Pit Design Parameters**

Parameter	Unit		Basis
Truck Width	(m)	6.7	Cat 777 Truck Specs
Dual Lane Multiplier	(-)	3.5	Cat Operating Handbook
Bund Wall Width	(m)	3.0	SRK Estimate
Toe Drain Width	(m)	3.0	SRK Estimate
Ramp Width - Dual Lane	(m)	29	Ramp width including safety bund & toe drain.
Single Lane Multiplier	(-)	2.0	SRK Estimate
Ramp Width - Single Lane	(m)	19	Ramp width including safety bund & toe drain.
Switchback Diameter	(m)	29	Turning Circle Clearance Diameter for CAT 777.
Minimum Mining Width	(m)	40	SRK Estimate

It is current operational practice at the Mine to extract the final hanging wall ramp and, based on discussions with site staff, this is planned to continue in future cutbacks. The ultimate pit design therefore does not have a final hanging wall ramp, as it is assumed this will be mined out.

Currently, access to the pit floor and ore mining areas is provided by temporary ramps on the footwall side of the pit, constructed from a combination of in situ and pit-run waste rock. These footwall access ramps change location over time and are planned to move as the in-pit waste backfill develops, therefore the ultimate pit design does not have footwall ramps, as it assumes they are temporary and will be constructed as needed.

SRK has undertaken reasonable checks on potential hanging wall and footwall ramp locations at a 10% ramp gradient within each cutback stage, and is satisfied that practical ramps can be located within the cutbacks and ultimate pit to allow waste stripping and ore production.

## 6.7.2 Engineered Pit Design

The engineered ultimate pit is shown in Figure 6-10. The ultimate pit design inventory and inventories within the conceptual cutbacks are given in Table 6-15.

SRK notes that the ultimate pit design and cutback inventories were reporting from the NPVS scheduling software. SRK is aware that a small amount of toe-crest resolution is lost when the pit design is imported, and therefore the pit design inventories are slightly higher (within a few %) when reported from the Vulcan design software. SRK does not view this to be a material issue for the reporting of the pit design inventory or scheduling process.

SRK has not undertaken detailed engineered cutback designs within the ultimate pit shell. SRK has however undertaken reasonable checks with regard to potential ramp locations and, due Company's proven historic performance on mining sequential cutbacks successfully, this lack of engineered cutback designs is not envisaged as a material issue for the CPR.

SRK has utilised the strategic cutback sequence to develop practical cutback shells which

form the basis of the cutback inventories for scheduling. The cutback shells within used for the LoMP scheduling are shown in Figure 6-11. The Fibolele planned pit quantities, adjusted for likely design factors, are given in Table 6-16, and form the basis of the production schedule quantities.

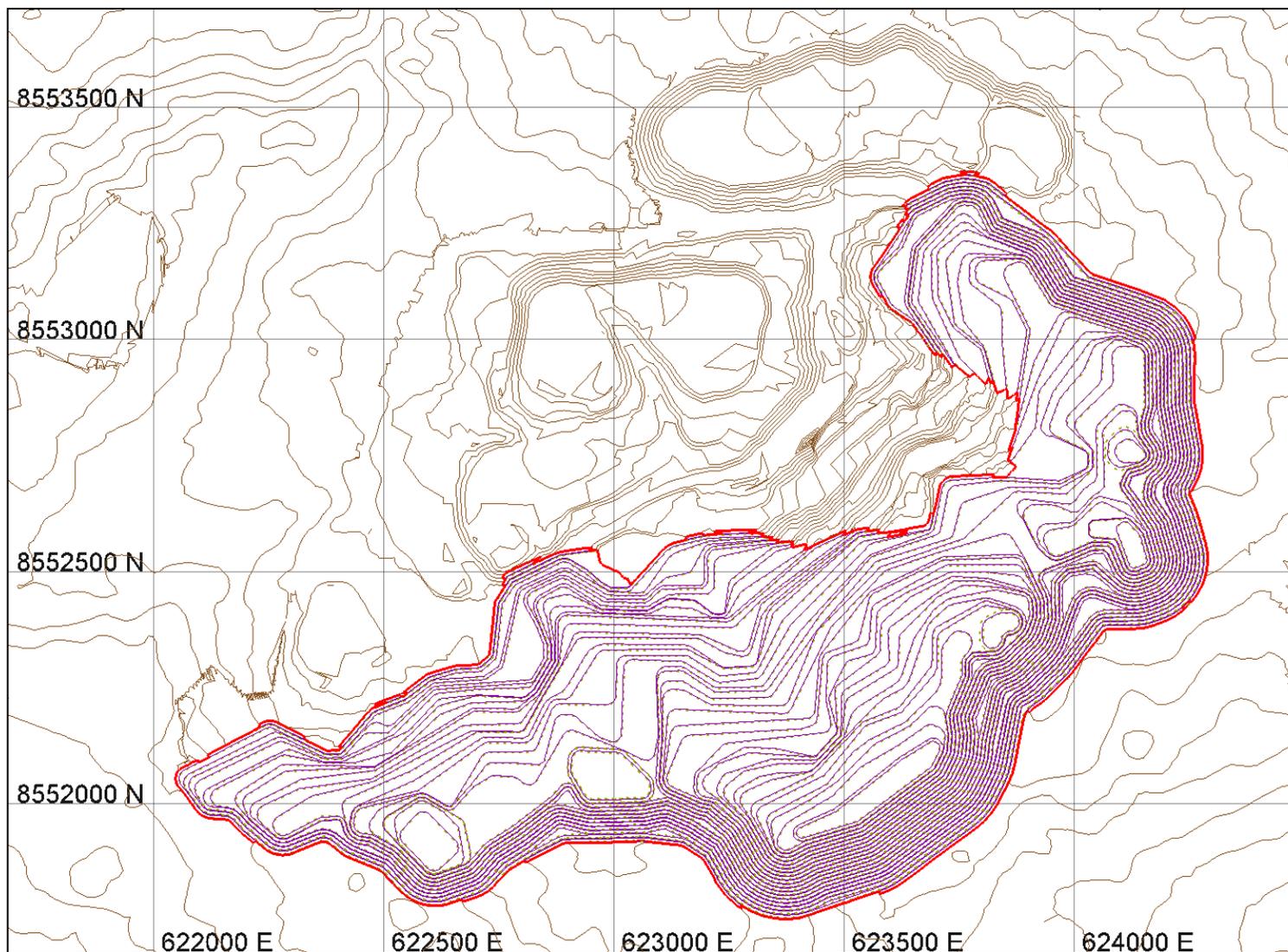


Figure 6-10: Chama Ultimate Pit Design

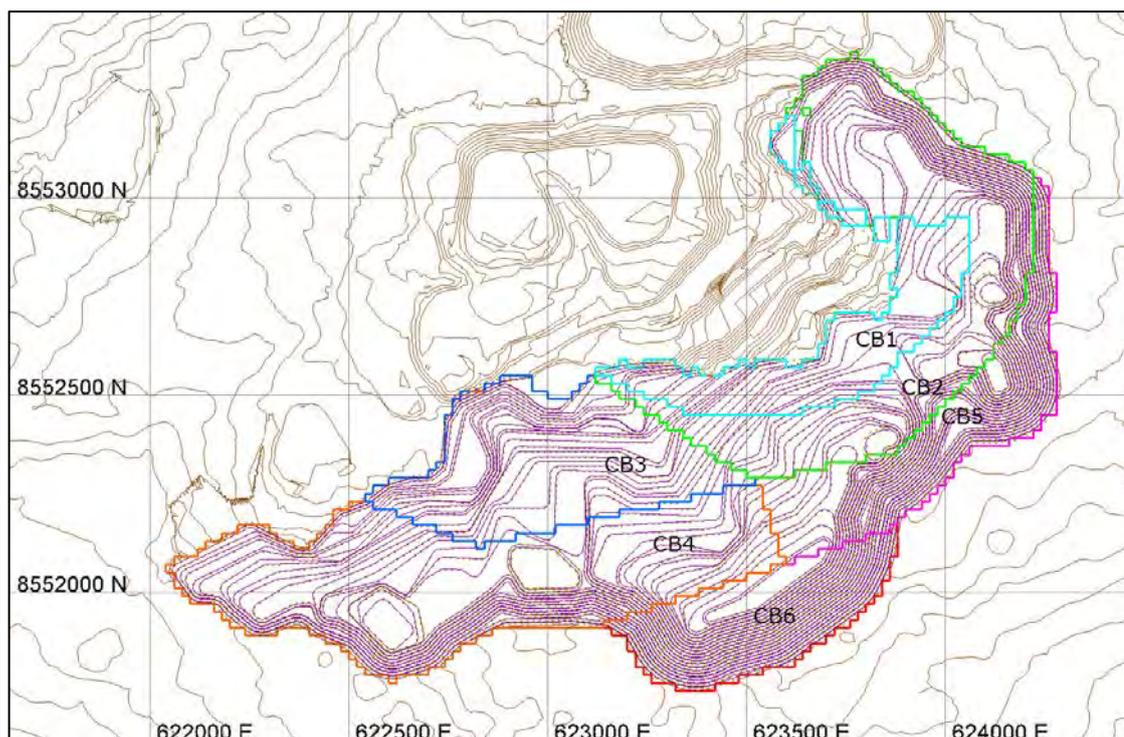


Figure 6-11: Chama Scheduling Cutback Sequence

Table 6-15: Ultimate Pit Design & Cutback In situ and Diluted Inventories

	Units	Total	Cutback 1	Cutback 2	Cutback 3	Cutback 4	Cutback 5	Cutback 6
<b>Total Rock</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>284,082</b>	<b>7,997</b>	<b>57,314</b>	<b>31,972</b>	<b>75,339</b>	<b>59,322</b>	<b>52,138</b>
Waste	(kt)	280,415	7,759	56,645	31,257	74,169	58,840	51,744
Cake	(kt)	41,612	80	15,169	6,150	8,794	7,924	3,495
Non-TMS Waste	(kt)	150,540	2,335	24,947	8,791	40,230	34,730	39,507
Pegmatite	(kt)	42,817	1,894	8,612	3,449	12,510	10,979	5,373
TMS Waste	(kt)	45,445	3,449	7,917	12,867	12,636	5,208	3,369
TMS Waste Blocks	(kt)	13,815	551	1,566	5,676	3,801	1,283	938
Ore Block Waste (TMS)	(kt)	31,630	2,898	6,351	7,190	8,834	3,926	2,430
RZ Ore (Diluted & Recovered)	(kt)	3,667	238	669	715	1,170	481	394
RZ Ore Grade (Diluted & Recovered)	(ct/t)	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Contained Product (Diluted & Recovered)	(Mct)	1,100	71	201	214	351	144	118
	(kg)	220,029	14,297	40,131	42,886	70,171	28,885	23,660
Strip Ratio	( $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ )	76.5	33	85	44	63	122	131

Table 6-16: Fibolele Pit Quantities

	Unit	
<b>Total Rock</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>5,326</b>
Waste	(kt)	5,149
Reaction Zone Ore (Diluted & Recovered)	(kt)	177
Reaction Zone Ore Grade (Diluted & Recovered)	(ct/t)	103.5
Contained Product (Diluted & Recovered)	(kct)	18,312
	(kg)	3,855
Strip Ratio	( $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ )	33.5

### 6.7.3 Comparison with Optimised Pit Shell

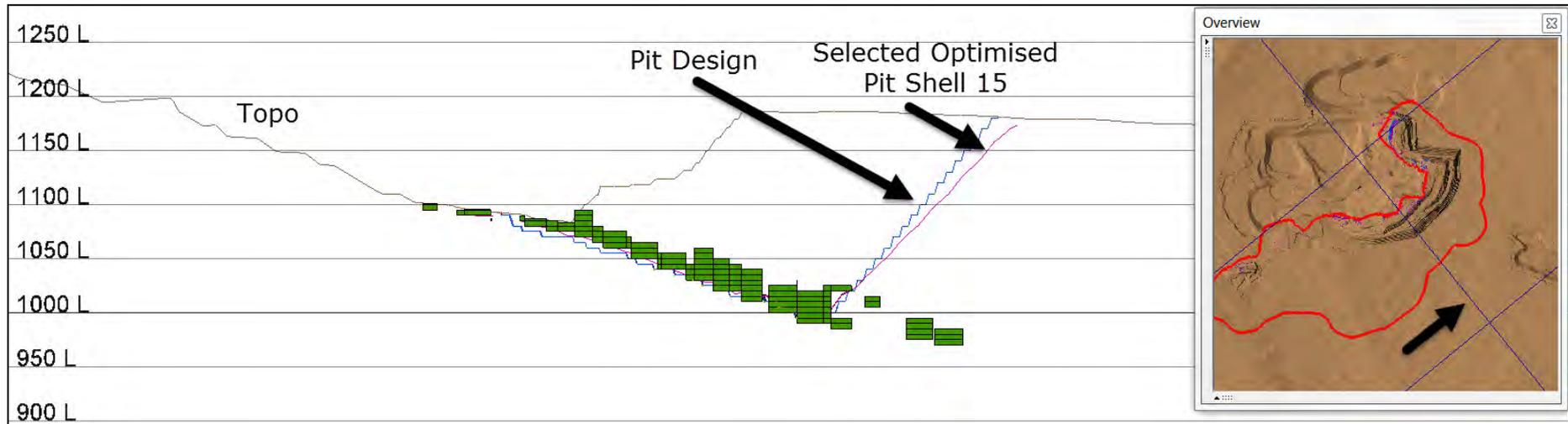
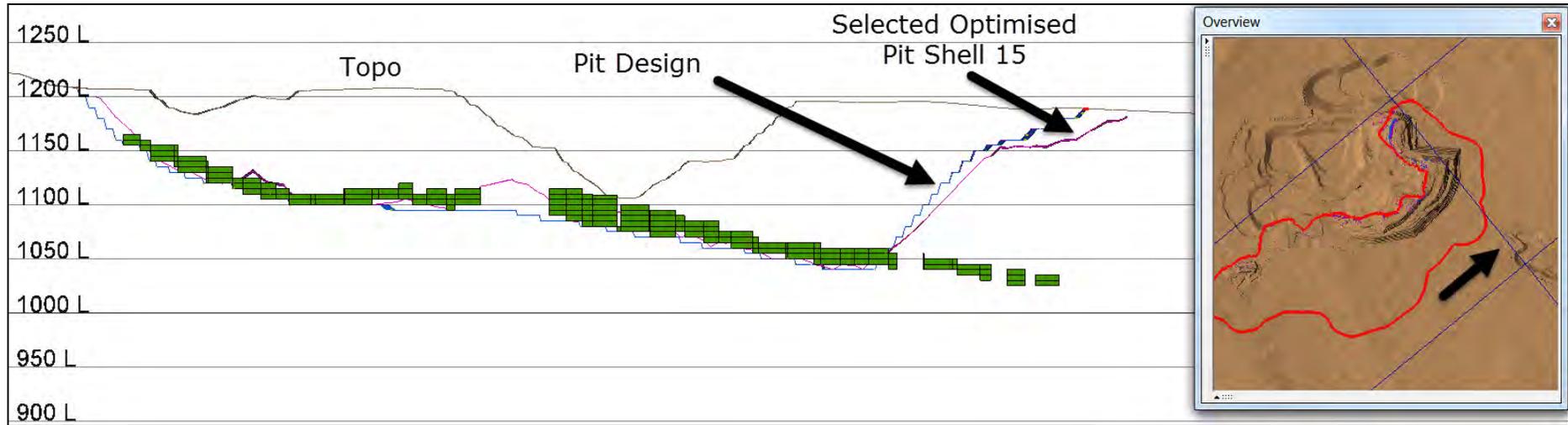
The comparison of the ultimate pit design and the selected optimised pit shell is given in Table 6-17. SRK notes that moving from the optimised pit shell to the engineered design has resulted in a 7% loss in reaction zone ore, and a 1.5% increase in waste rock, and is deemed

to be within reasonable design tolerance. The main cause of the ore losses was the application of the minimum mining width in the design.

**Table 6-17: Chama Final Pit Design Comparison with Optimised Pit Shell**

	Unit	Engineered Ultimate Pit Design	Selected Optimised Pit Shell	Difference	(%)
<b>Total Rock</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>284,082</b>	<b>280,110</b>	<b>3,972</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Waste	(kt)	280,415	276,166	4,249	1.5
Reaction Zone Ore (Diluted & Recovered)	(kt)	3,667	3,945	-278	-7.0
Reaction Zone Ore Grade (Diluted & Recovered)	(ct/t)	300	300	0	0.0
Contained Product (Diluted & Recovered)	(Mct)	1,100	1,183	-83	-7.0
	(kg)	220,029	236,685	-16,656	-7.0
Strip Ratio	( $t_{\text{waste}}/t_{\text{ore}}$ )	76.5	70	6	9.2

A number of representative cross sections through the ultimate pit design and optimised pit shell are shown in Figure 6-12, and are shown with the Mining Block Model colour coded with the ore bearing blocks.



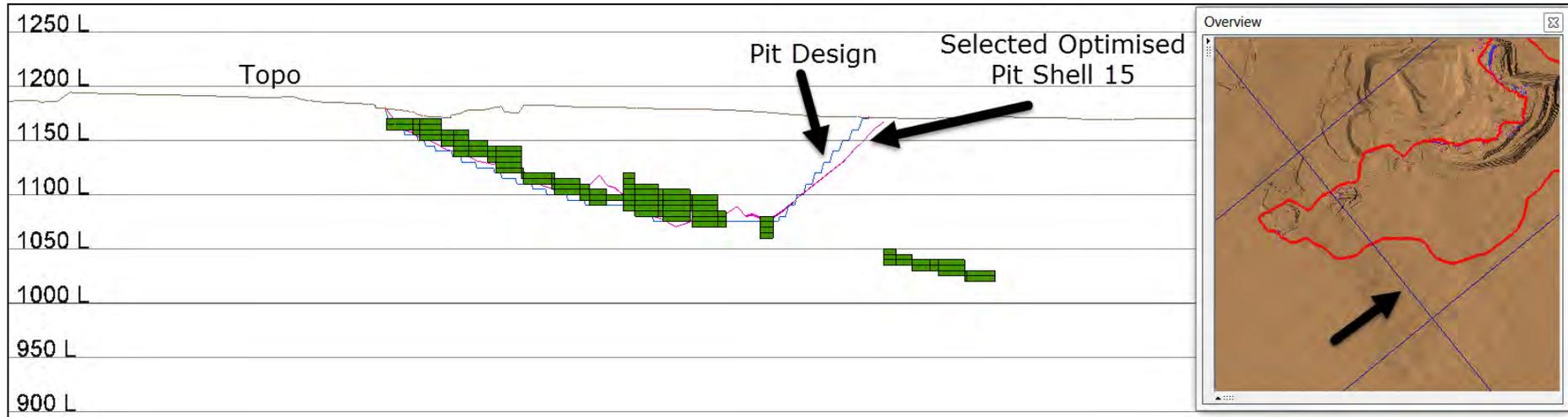
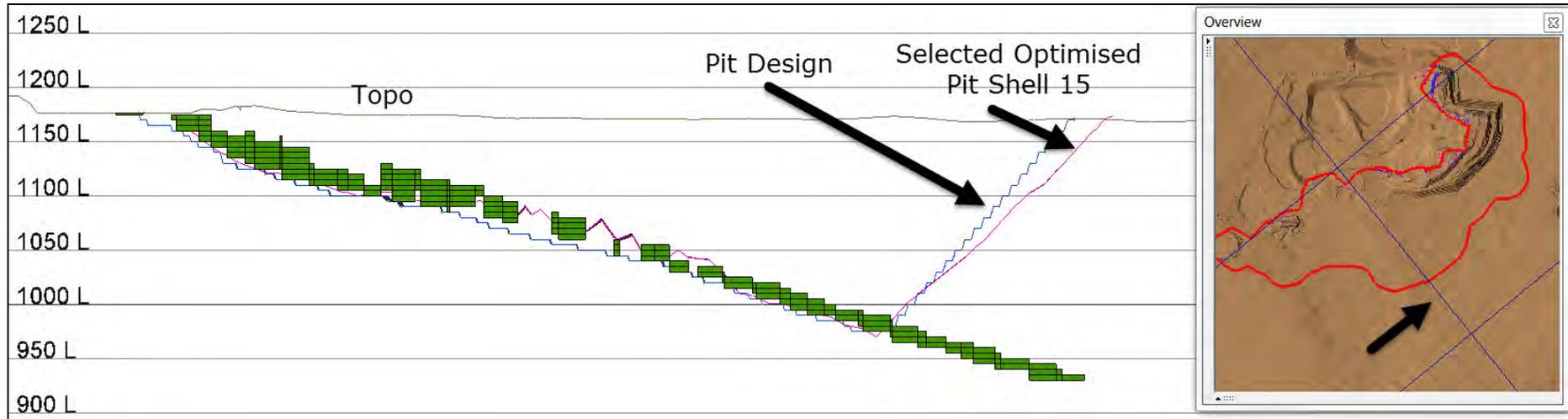


Figure 6-12: Ultimate Pit Design, Optimised Pit Shell and Mining Block Model Ore Bearing Blocks Cross Sections

## 6.7.4 Conclusions and Recommendations

### *Conclusions*

The following key conclusions are made for the Chama pit design:

- the Chama design consists of a single open pit, with an approximate total strike length of 2.4 km, pit crest perimeter of 8.2 km, maximum depth of 200 m (975 mRL), and a maximum crest to crest width perpendicular to strike of 865 m;
- ultimate pit design inventory of 3,667 kt of diluted and recovered reaction zone ore at a RoM grade of 300 ct/t, at a strip ratio of 76.5  $t_{\text{waste}}:t_{\text{ore}}$ ;
- total rock of 280 Mt, and total contained product of 1,100 Mct B&E; and
- the results of the strategic assessment lead to the development of six conceptual cutback shells within the ultimate pit design for use in mine scheduling.

SRK has used adjusted optimised pit shell quantities for the basis of the mine planning quantities for Fibolele.

### *Recommendations*

SRK recommends the following is undertaken as part of further study:

- undertake engineered cutback designs to improve upon the conceptual cutback shells;
- review the use of 5 m bench resolution on the footwall contact, and refine pit design if deemed suitable; and
- undertake engineered pit design for the Fibolele pit.

## 6.8 Waste Rock Dump Design

The current ex-pit waste rock dump locations are planned to be extended to accept waste rock from the Chama open pit. In addition, existing and future in-pit waste dumping capacity is planned to be utilised predominantly for the TMS waste material, which should provide a shorter haul distance for this material compared to dumping at the ex-pit waste dumps. SRK has undertaken designs for extending the current ex-pit and in-pit waste dumps at Chama.

SRK has not undertaken engineered waste dump designs for Fibolele; however, SRK understands that the current planned waste rock dumps are suitable for Kagem's internal mine plan, which is similar in scale to the LoMp quantities at Fibolele. SRK recommends that engineered waste dump designs are developed for Fibolele as part of future work.

### 6.8.1 Design Parameters

Kagem management is planning to construct the waste rock dumps with pit closure in mind, which is in line with the 2014 Kagem Environmental Management Plan. The EMP states that reclamation of waste rock dumps will be achieved by combining good construction practice according to engineering design and progressive re-vegetation of dump slopes and upper surfaces.

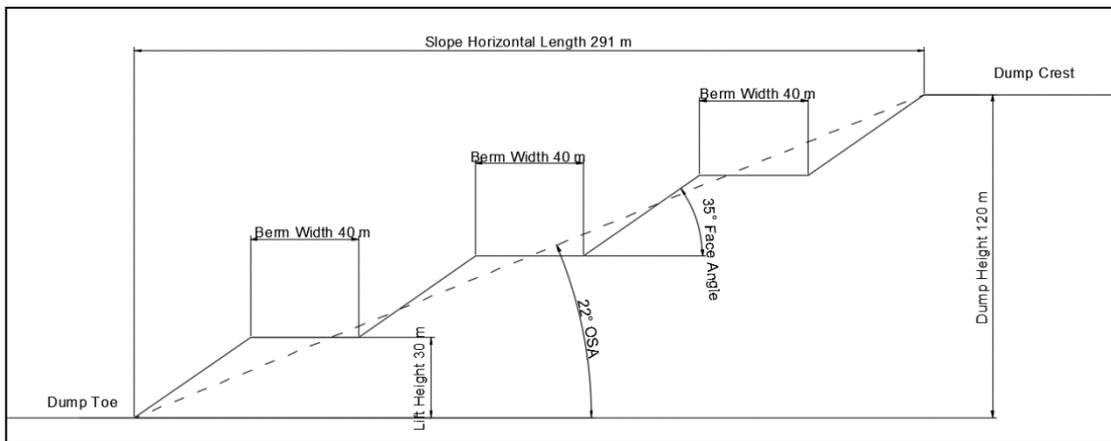
Based on discussions with Kagem staff and the above environmental management plan objectives, SRK has undertaken designs for the ex-pit and in-pit dumps to facilitate progressive and practical closure. The design approach assumes that the waste dumps will be constructed at an operational slope configuration during the operational phase of the Project, and the majority of the slope re-contouring will be undertaken during the mine life.

The slope configuration and operational waste rock dump design parameters are given in Table 6-18, and schematic cross sections of the ex-pit waste dump slope operational and closure slope configurations are shown in Figure 6-13 and Figure 6-14 respectively.

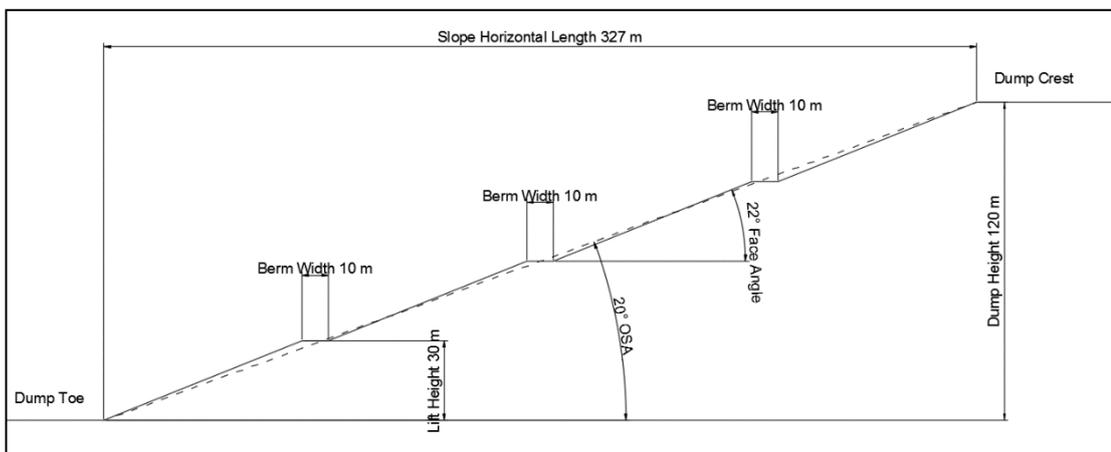
Based on the relatively high strength characteristics of the waste rock and low proposed overall slope angle, SRK does not envisage geotechnical stability to be an issue for the waste rock dumps at the Kagem Mine.

**Table 6-18: Waste Rock Dump Design Parameters**

	Unit	Operational Slope	Closure Slope	Basis
<b>Geotechnical Parameters</b>				
Maximum Dump Height	(m)	120	120	Discussion with Kagem.
Overall Slope Angle	(Deg)	22	20	Appropriate operational and closure overall slope angle.
Inter-Berm Slope Angle	(Deg)	35	24	Angle of rill and practical closure inter-berm slope angle.
Berm Width	(m)	40	10	Operational berm and erosion control and closure.
Lift Height	(m)	30	30	Current practical lift heights.
<b>Operating Parameters</b>				
Ramp Width	(m)	29	29	Ramp width including safety bund & toe drain.



**Figure 6-13: Waste Rock Dump Operational Slope Configuration Schematic**



**Figure 6-14: Waste Rock Dump Closure Slope Configuration Schematic**

## 6.8.2 Engineered Waste Rock Dump Design

SRK has undertaken the waste dump designs using the closure slope configuration, as this provides the best representation of the ultimate footprint and dump profile at the end of the mine life. Based on discussion with the Client, the current swell factors achieved at site are in the region of 15-20%. In order to estimate the required waste dump capacities, SRK has assumed a swell factor of 20% for the waste material, and the estimated swollen densities are given in Table 6-19. SRK has made assumptions on the proportion of waste rock to be dumped in the ex-pit and in-pit dumps, and the proportions are provided in Table 6-20.

**Table 6-19: Waste Swell Factor and Densities**

	Units		Basis
<b>Swell Factor</b>	(%)	20	Discussion with Client on current site swell factor estimate.
<b>In Situ Rock Densities</b>			
Cake	(t/BCM)	2.20	SRK Resource Model.
Pegmatite	(t/BCM)	2.65	SRK Resource Model.
Non-TMS Waste	(t/BCM)	2.40	SRK Resource Model.
TMS	(t/BCM)	2.85	SRK Resource Model.
<b>Swollen Rock Densities</b>			
Cake	(t/LCM)	1.83	
Pegmatite	(t/LCM)	2.21	
Non-TMS Waste	(t/LCM)	2.00	
TMS	(t/LCM)	2.38	

**Table 6-20: Waste Dump Material Proportions**

	Unit	Total Waste	Cake	Pegmatite	Non-TMS Waste	TMS
<b>Total</b>	(%)		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
	(Mt)	<b>280.4</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>150.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>
	(MBCM)	<b>113.7</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>15.9</b>
	(MLCM)	<b>136.5</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Ex-Pit Waste Dump	(%)		100	100	100	20
	(Mt)	<b>244.1</b>	41.6	42.8	150.5	9.1
	(MBCM)	<b>101.0</b>	18.9	16.2	62.7	3.2
	(MLCM)	<b>121.2</b>	22.7	19.4	75.3	3.8
In-Pit Waste Dump	(%)		0	0	0	80
	(Mt)	<b>36.4</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.4
	(MBCM)	<b>12.8</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8
	(MLCM)	<b>15.3</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3

The engineered ex-pit and in-pit waste rock designs are shown in Figure 6-15 along with the engineered pit design, and the design capacities are given in Table 6-21 and are summarised below:

- Ex-Pit Waste Dump:
  - maximum height of 100 m from topography;
  - volume capacity of 135.7 MLCM; capacity for 100% of cake, pegmatite, non-TMS waste and 20% of TMS waste; and
  - maximum total length of 2.6 km, maximum total width of 1.8 km and surface area of 2.58 km<sup>2</sup>.
- In-Pit Waste Dump:
  - pit floor dump toe limited to toe of cutback shell 4 and 5 for practical in-pit dumping limit;
  - maximum height of approximately 145 m, measured from dump tow to crest;
  - volume capacity of 17.6 MLCM; capacity for 80% of TMS waste; and

- the dump is designed over the full strike of the pit to provide dumping location flexibility over the mine life and maximise in-pit capacity.

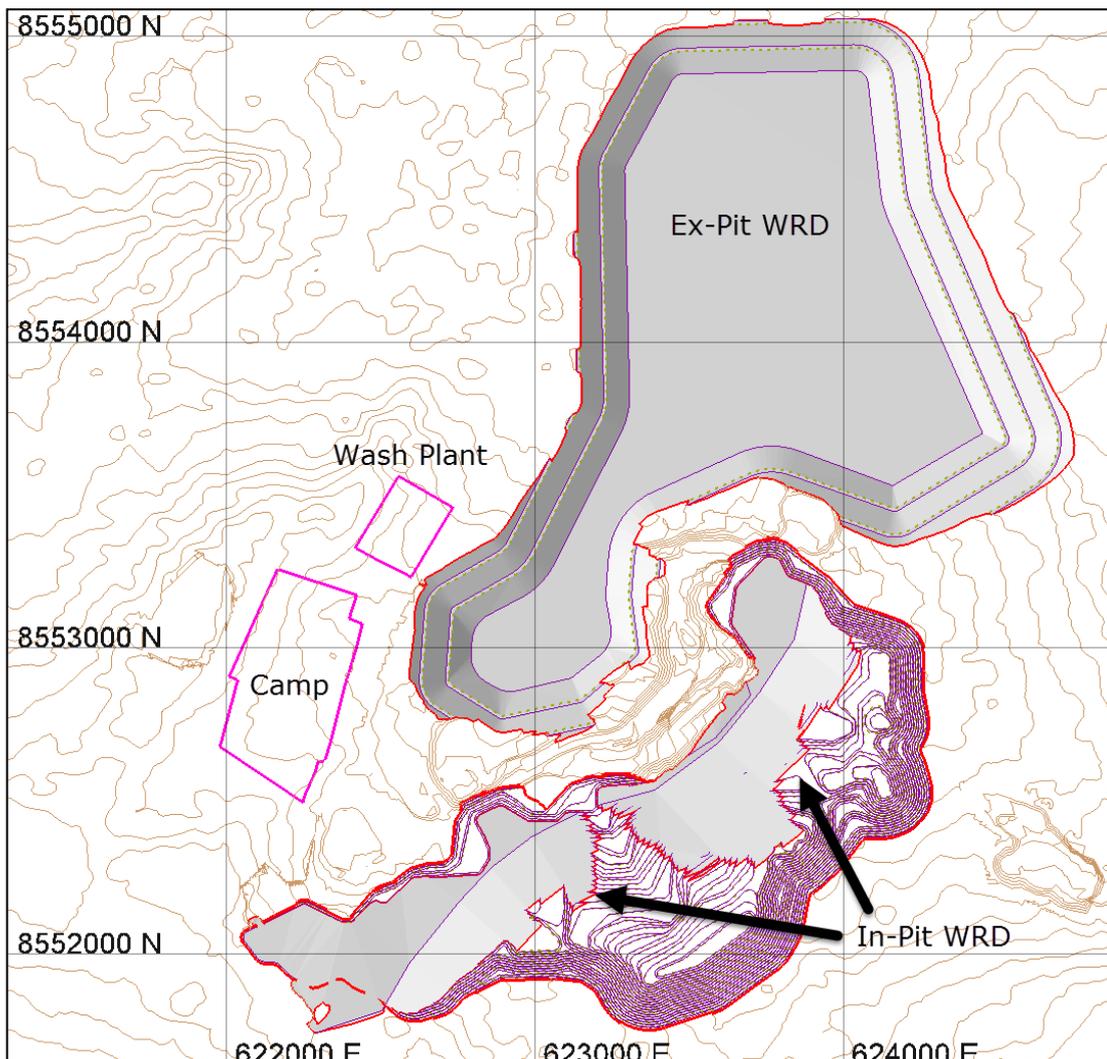


Figure 6-15: Ultimate Waste Rock Dump Design

Table 6-21: Ultimate Waste Rock Dump Design Capacity

	Unit	Ex-Pit Waste Dump	In-Pit Waste Dump
Design Capacity	(MLCM)	135.7	17.6
Required Capacity	(MLCM)	121.2	15.3
Difference	(MLCM)	14.5	2.3
	(%)	12.0	15.0

### 6.8.3 Conclusions and Recommendations

#### Conclusions

The following key conclusions are made for the waste rock dump design:

- SRK has developed ex-pit and in-pit waste rock dump designs for Chama at an appropriate closure overall slope angle of 20 degrees;
- the ex-pit waste dump design has capacity for 100% of the cake, pegmatite, non-TMS waste and 20% of the TMS waste;

- the in-pit waste dump has capacity for 80% of the TMS waste; and
- a 20% swell factor has been used to estimate the ex-pit swollen rock volumes.

#### *Recommendations*

SRK recommends the following is undertaken as part of further study:

- undertake a trade-off study between dump height and dump length to ensure the design and slope configuration facilitates efficient waste haulage and dumping;
- undertake a trade-off for alternative waste dump locations, and determine if the alternative dump locations may provide more efficient waste hauls; and
- undertake engineered waste rock dump designs for Fibolele.

## **6.9 Operating Strategy**

### **6.9.1 Drill and Blast**

Drilling and blasting is undertaken by both the mining contractor and in-house operator. Both fleets utilise track mounted drill rigs, drilling 89 mm production holes on 3-6 m benches, and use emulsion based explosives. The drill patterns are drilled on 4 x 4 m and 3 x 3 m square patterns with powder factors of 0.26 – 0.60 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, depending on rock type. Blasting is generally undertaken most days.

### **6.9.2 Equipment Operating Time**

The operation is assumed to operate 351 days per year, based on 7 days a week operation with 14 days per year national holidays. The waste mining fleet operates three shifts of 8 hours over 24 hours a day, and the ore production fleet operates a single 12 hour shift which includes a lunch break during the day. Based on information provided by the Client, the majority of the mining equipment is scheduled to operate approximately 4,220 effective direct operating hours per year, and the production excavators and trucks will operate approximately 1,900 effective direct operating hours per year. These estimates are based on the scheduled operating hours, 90% mechanical availability and 85% use of availability provided by the Client.

### **6.9.3 Equipment Productivities**

The primary waste excavator loading productivities are estimated at 2.4 – 3.1 Mtpa depending on mining location and material type. The production excavator loading productivities are estimated at 300 – 360 ktpa depending on mining location and material type. SRK notes that the productivity of the production excavators are relatively low due to operating only during daylight hours, and the restricted rate of mining within the TMS zones and around the reaction zone ore. Due to the precision required and practical constraints whilst exposing and extracting the ore, however, the productivity rates are deemed reasonable and appropriate for the continuing operations. The estimated productivities are based on information provided by the Client and are comparable to the historic productivities provided by the Client.

## **6.10 Mine Production Schedule**

SRK has developed production schedules for the Chama Mine and Fibolele pit, as described below:

- Chama Mine: 120 ktpa ore production in year 2015, ramping up to 150 ktpa in 2018 (over three years). Requires an increase in mining rate for an additional 60 ktpa reaction zone ore production (compared to the current 90 ktpa ore production).
- Fibolele Pit: 30 ktpa RZ ore production, based on Kagem's current internal mine plan.

SRK has undertaken the LoMp production scheduling in NPVS software, and has used the

ultimate pit design and cutback shell inventories as the basis for the scheduling for Chama. The mine schedule for Fibolele was undertaken in Whittle software, and used the ultimate pit shell adjusted for likely design ore losses and waste increases. SRK notes the schedules have been developed on an annual basis from July to June each year, which is in line with the Client's financial reporting year.

### 6.10.1 Scheduling Targets

The following key scheduling targets were used for developing the mining schedules:

- Chama Mine:
  - target a combination of ore production from the lower strip ratio – lower confidence zones and higher strip ratio – higher confidence zones;
  - ramp up from 120 ktpa to 150 ktpa ore production over three years;
  - maintain a relatively constant strip ratio over the mine life;
  - in-house mining fleet to mine a fixed rate of around 7.8 Mtpa, and only increase this rate where required to strip cake material; and
  - contractor to mine the remaining waste rock and maintain a practical contractor mining rate.
- Fibolele Pit:
  - ramp up from 15 ktpa to 30 ktpa ore production over one year;
  - delay waste stripping where possible; and
  - 100% in-house mined.

### 6.10.2 Scheduling Constraints

The following key scheduling constraints were used for developing the mining schedules:

- topography as of end of May 2015;
- maximum vertical sink rate of 6 x 10 m benches (60 m) per cutback per year; and
- maximum total rock handling at Chama of 14.0 Mtpa, and 1.2 Mtpa at Fibolele.

### 6.10.3 Life of Mine Plan

#### *Material Movement*

Figure 6-16 and Figure 6-17 show the total material movement, ex-pit rock by rock type, ex-pit rock by cutback and ore production by cutback for Chama and Fibolele respectively. Details of the mining production schedules are given in Section 12.2 and are summarised below:

- Chama Schedule:
  - 25 year mine life;
  - TMM ranges from 9.4 to 14.0 Mtpa for the majority of the mine life; and
  - strip ratio ranges from 62 to 115 for the majority of the mine life, with a step increase in strip ratio after year 14.
- Fibolele Schedule:
  - 7 year mine life;
  - TMM ranges from 0.30 to 2.3 Mtpa for the majority of the mine life; and
  - strip ratio ranges from 30 to 100 for the majority of the mine life, reducing over the schedule.

SRK notes a small fluctuation in mined ore quantities (+/- 10 ktpa) from the Chama Pit between scheduled years 2029 to 2031. This small variance is due to the resolution of the schedule volumes in the NPVS software and in practice ore production would be smoothed over these periods, and therefore does not materially affect the results of the LoMp.

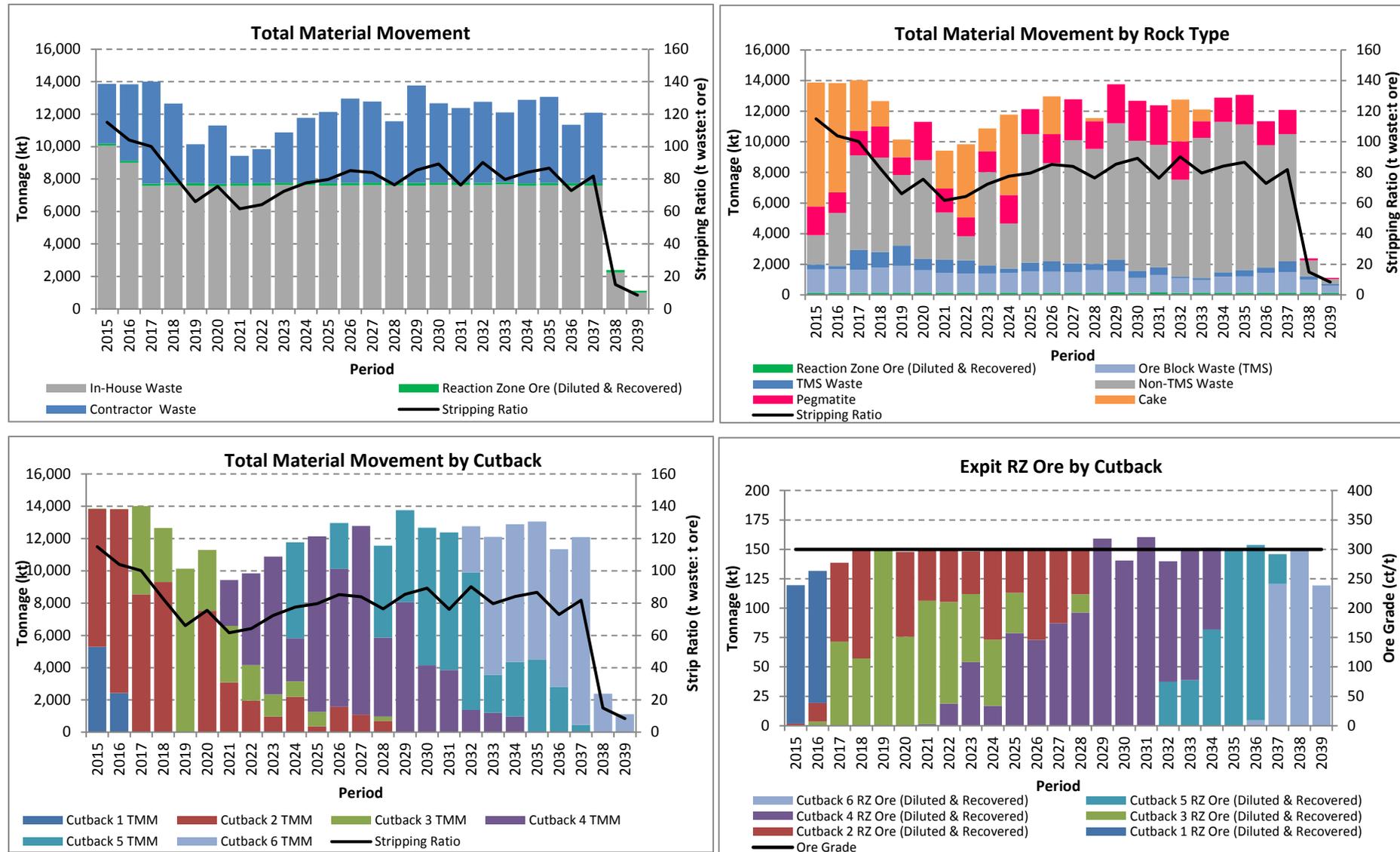


Figure 6-16: Chama Pit Total Material Movement and Ex-Pit RZ Ore

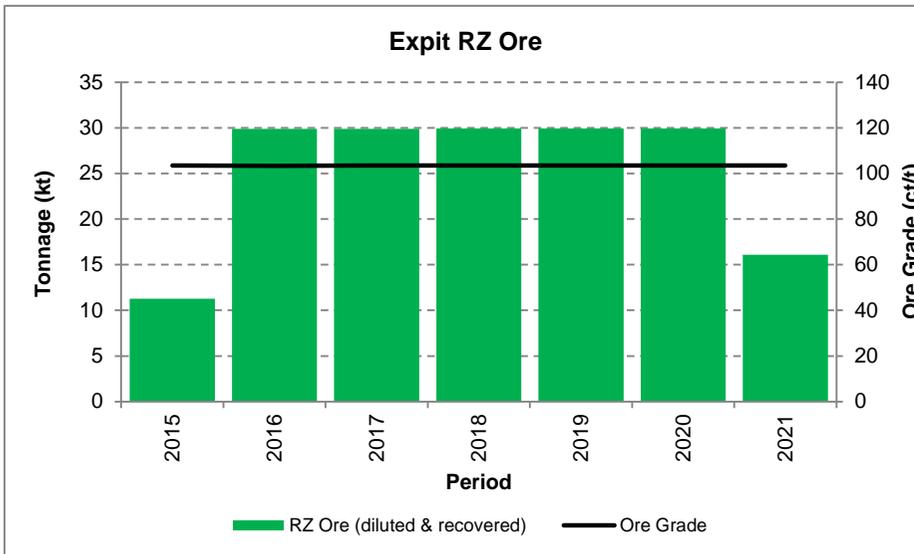
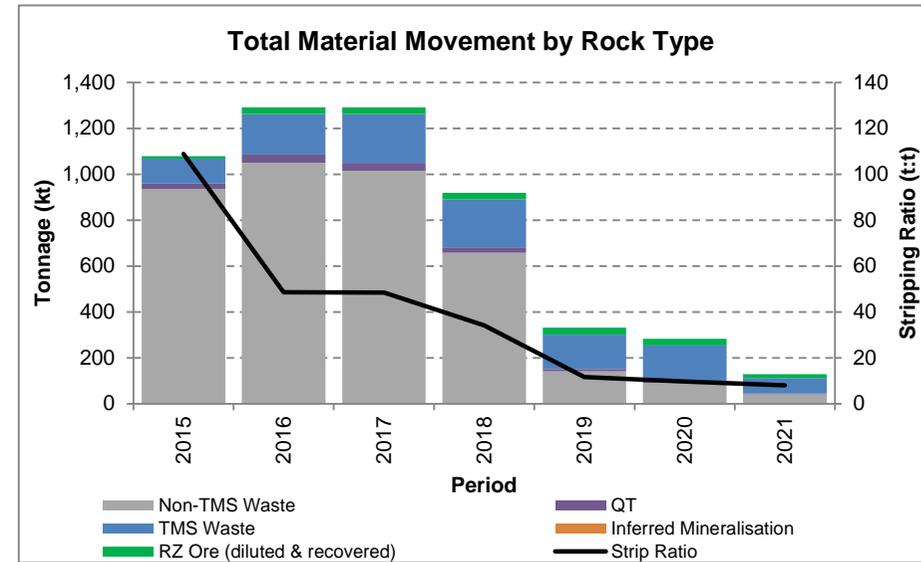
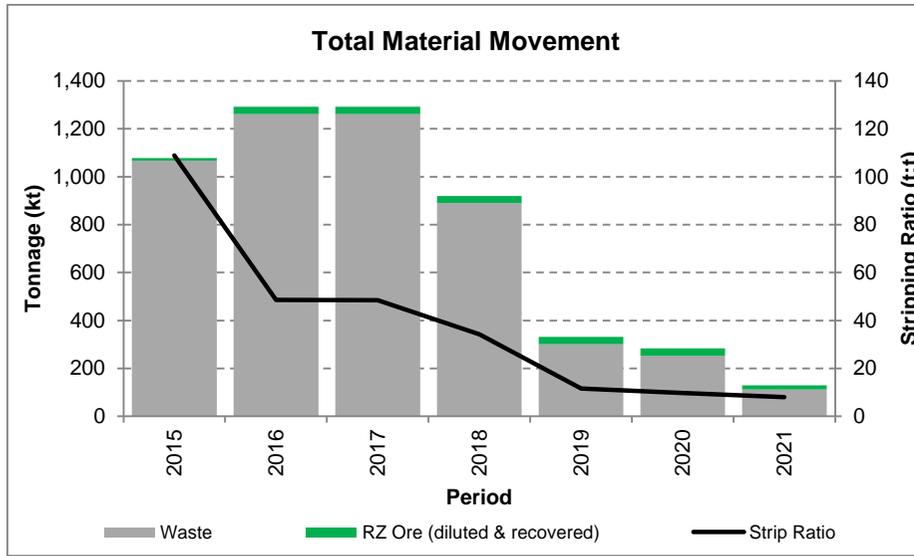


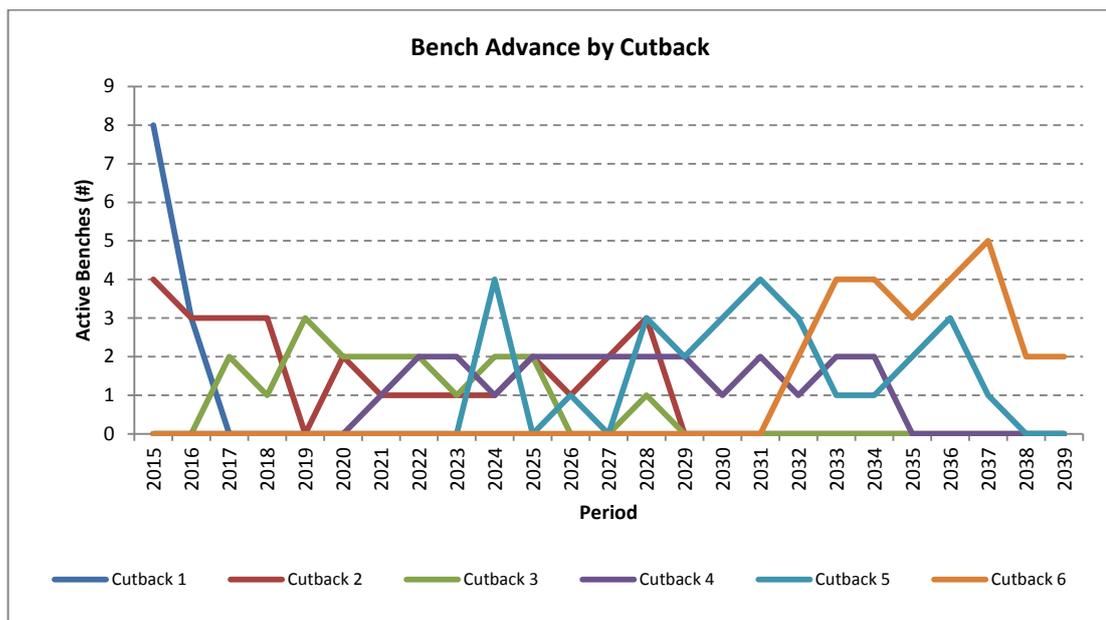
Figure 6-17: Fibolele Pit Total Material Movement and Ex-Pit RZ Ore

**Bench Advance**

The number of actively mined benches by cutback are given for the Chama schedule in Figure 6-18. Only benches above 100 ktpa have been counted as active. SRK notes a maximum of 8 active benches per cutback per year; with the majority of the mine life operating between two and four benches per cutback per year. The majority of the 8 active benches in Cutback 1 in 2015 are relatively small and therefore are deemed achievable.

The Fibolele schedule has been limited to five benches per year.

Both schedules have reasonably low and practical bench turnover rates, and therefore the schedules are regarded as being practical and achievable with regard to sink rate.



**Figure 6-18: Bench Advance by Cutback: Chama Schedule**

**6.10.4 Haulage Travel Time Estimate**

SRK has undertaken an estimate of the haulage travel times for the ore and waste material for the Chama schedule. SRK has not undertaken a haulage estimate for the Fibolele pit schedule; however, SRK has carried out appropriate checks and is satisfied that the haulage fleet capacity available at Fibolele is sufficient for the planned production rate.

The travel time estimate is based on the bench schedule, 1 in 10 ramp gradient, estimated haul speeds and estimated haul route distances. The assumed haul speeds are given in Table 6-22.

**Table 6-22: Haul Speeds**

	Units		Basis
<b>Loaded Speeds</b>			
In-Pit, Flat Loaded	(km/h)	15	On-bench haul speed.
Ramp Up-Hill, Loaded	(km/h)	12	13% TRR CAT 740 Rimpull Curve.
Pit Crest to Destination, Flat Loaded	(km/h)	25	Practical assumed haul speed.
Haulage at Destination, Flat Loaded	(km/h)	20	Practical assumed haul speed.
<b>Empty Speeds</b>			
Haulage at Destination, Flat Empty	(km/h)	25	Practical assumed haul speed.
Destination to Pit Crest, Flat Empty	(km/h)	30	Practical assumed haul speed.
Ramp Down-Hill, Empty	(km/h)	25	Practical assumed haul speed.
In-pit, Flat Empty	(km/h)	20	On-bench haul speed.

SRK has estimated the representative haulage distances for each cutback based on measurements from topography, pit and waste rock dump designs and pit depth.

The estimated haulage distances, travel times and equipment haulage productivities are given in Figure 6-19, and are summarised below:

- waste and production truck productivities are relatively low, and reduce over the mine life due to increasing haul distances and travel times;
- ore and waste travel times increase annually at a varying rate depending on cutback;
- two way travel times range from approximately 10 minutes to a maximum of 28 minutes; and
- average truck speeds remain relatively stable between 16.5 – 20.0 km/h over the mine life.

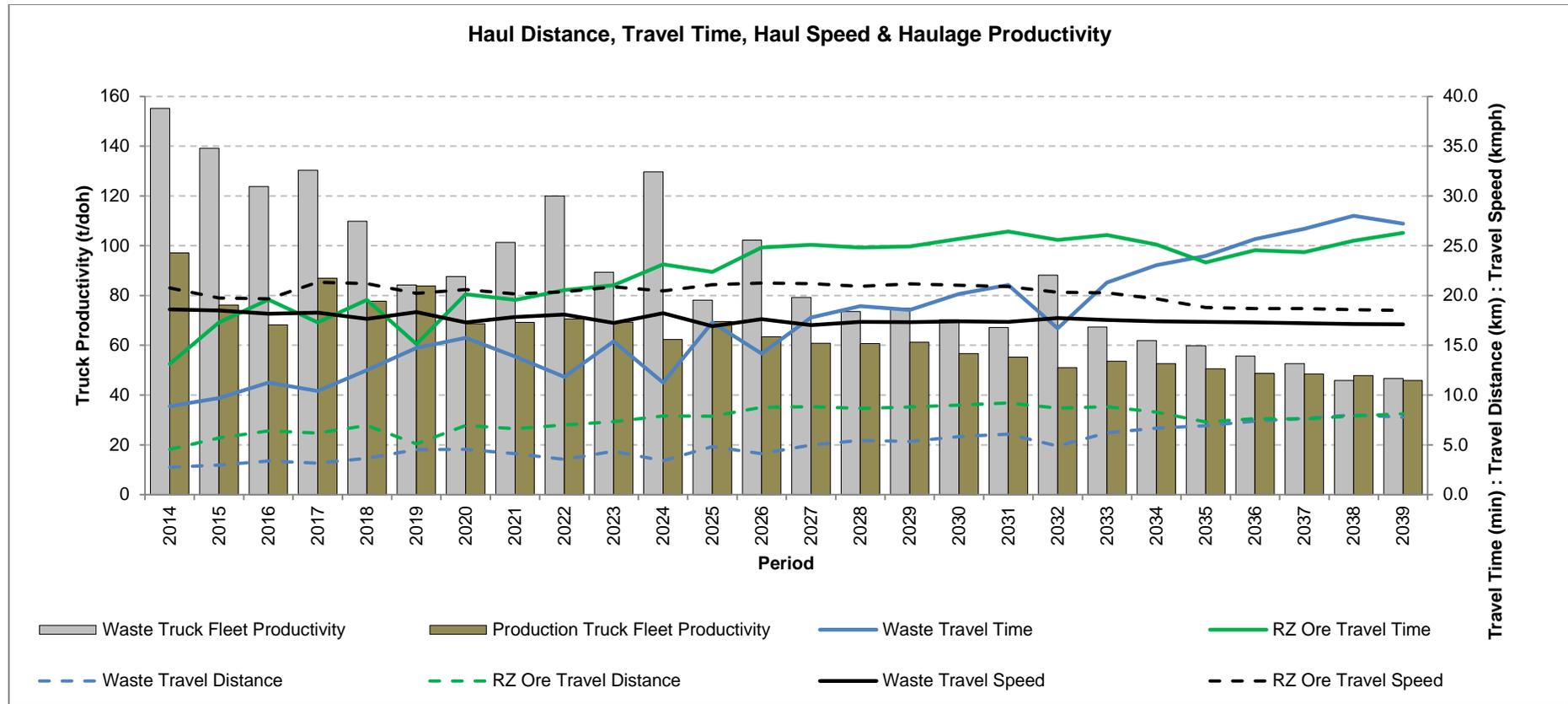


Figure 6-19: Estimated Haul Distances, Travel Times and Haulage Productivity: Chama Schedule

## 6.10.5 Conclusions and Recommendations

### *Conclusions*

The following key conclusions are made for the LoMp:

- production schedules for Chama and Fibolele has been developed, which provide potential mine lives of 25 and 7 years respectively;
- Chama schedule incorporates an ore ramp up from 120 to 150 ktpa over three years;
- Fibolele schedule incorporates an ore ramp up from 15 to 30 ktpa over one year;
- both schedules are deemed practical and achievable with regard to vertical sink rate; and
- haulage travel times for the Chama LoMp increase annually and range from 10 minutes to 28 minutes.

### *Recommendations*

SRK recommends the following is undertaken as part of further study:

- Undertake more detailed mine scheduling and an improved estimation of haulage distances and travel times.
- Undertake site-based cycle time measurement and analysis to accurately determine the current cycle times being achieved on site for the waste and production haulage fleets. This information can then be used to calibrate future haulage estimates.
- Future scheduling should utilise engineered cutback designs, rather than conceptual cutback shells.
- Waste haulage should be optimised to ensure a practical and efficient combination of long and short hauls, and more accurately define the haulage for in-pit waste dumping. SRK notes the scheduling of long and short hauls to balance haulage fleet productivity is generally handled as part of site based operational planning.
- Undertake a trade-off study to determine the viability and potential advantages to utilising larger load and haul equipment, specifically for the waste mining activities.

## 6.11 Equipment Requirements

The mining equipment fleet requirements are calculated based on the mine production schedules, existing fleet and equipment productivities, and assumes that sufficient ancillary equipment will be available across the Kagem site to provide operational support.

Based on Kagem's operating strategy, in-house mining will be undertaken by two to three waste excavators (4.6 m<sup>3</sup> bucket capacity) and four to six production excavators (2.4 m<sup>3</sup> bucket capacity).

The equipment capital purchase cost and machine life used in the Kagem CPR are based on information provided by the Client and SRK internal estimates, and are provided in Table 6-23. The equipment requirements for Chama and Fibolele are shown in Figure 6-20 and Figure 6-21 respectively.

**Table 6-23: Equipment Capital Purchase Costs and Machine Life**

Equipment	Description	Make	Model	Machine Life (h)	Purchase (USD)
Primary Excavator	4.6 m <sup>3</sup> Diesel hydraulic backhoe	CAT	374D	18,000	1,200,000
Secondary Excavator	2.4 m <sup>3</sup> Diesel hydraulic backhoe	CAT	336D	18,000	450,000
Primary Loader	3.0 m <sup>3</sup> Diesel Wheel Loader	CAT	950	18,000	450,000
Primary Truck	40t ADT	BELL	B40	18,000	550,000
Secondary Truck	30t ADT	CAT	730	18,000	425,000
Primary Drill	Production Drill Rig	Atlas Copco	ROC	18,000	600,000
Primary Track Dozer	D10 Dozer	CAT	D10	18,000	1,500,000
Secondary Track Dozer	D9 Dozer	CAT	D9	18,000	1,150,000
Primary Grader	14M Grader	CAT	14M	18,000	500,000
Water Truck	Water Truck & Service ADT	CAT	730 Water Truck	18,000	800,000
Fuel Truck	Mobile Field fuel/lube truck			18,000	85,800
Explosives Truck	Explosives Truck	Explosives Truck	Explosives Truck	18,000	90,000
Tire Handler	Tire Handler			18,000	425,000
Lighting Plant	Lighting Plant			18,000	25,000
Light Vehicle	Light Vehicle			35,000	50,000
Pumps	Dewatering Pump	Primax	Primax	35,000	250,000

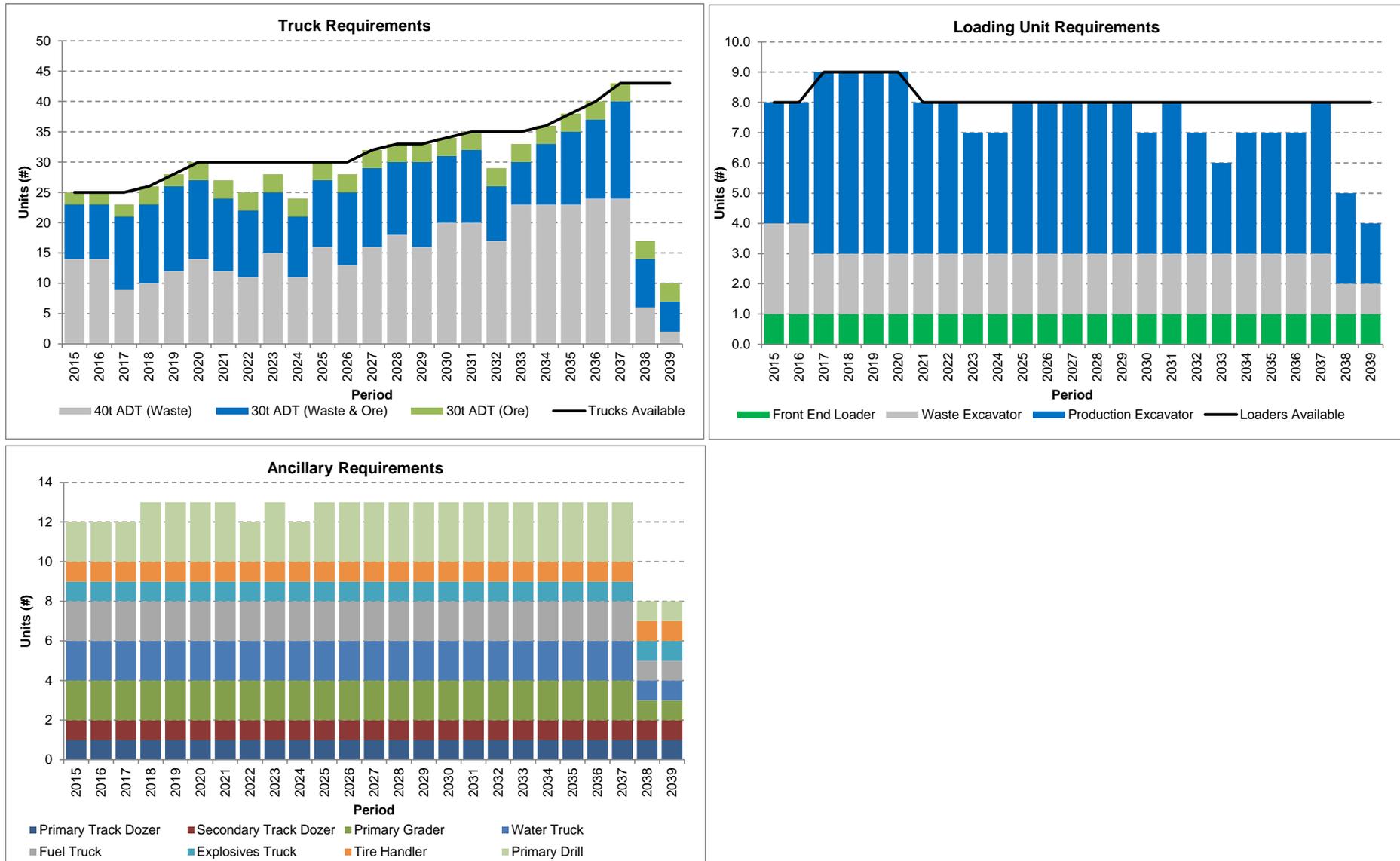


Figure 6-20: Chama Pit Equipment Requirements

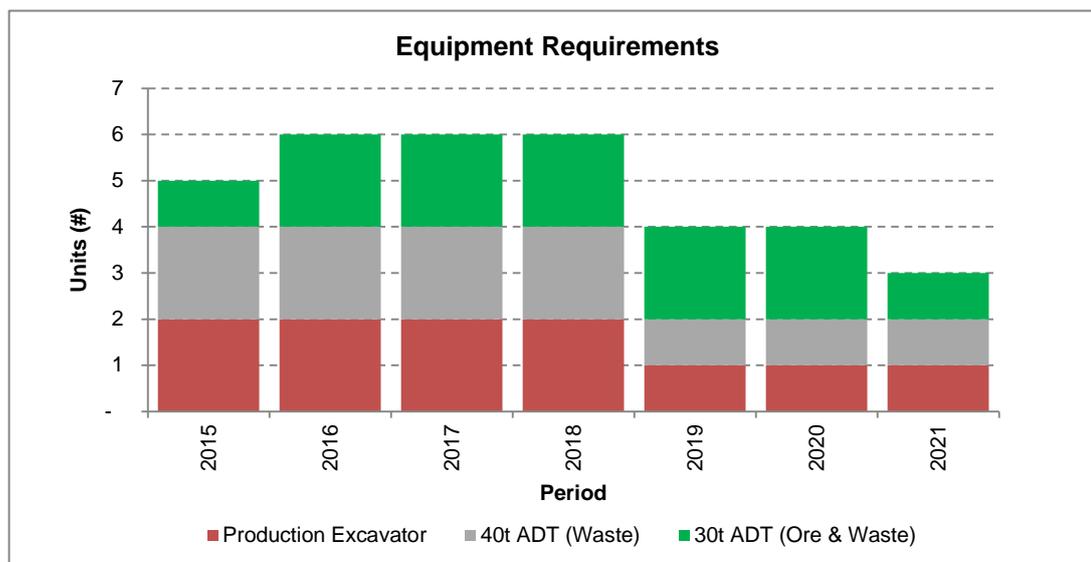


Figure 6-21: Fibolele Pit Equipment Requirements

## 6.12 Ore Reserves

### 6.12.1 Introduction

SRK has estimated Ore Reserves in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). Details are provided in the following subsections with additional data provided in Appendix 1, where Sections 4 and 5 of the JORC Table 1 are presented.

### 6.12.2 Modifying Factors

The Modifying Factors applicable to the derivation of reserves comprise estimates for the mining dilution.

The Modifying Factors considered by SRK to be appropriate for the Reaction Zone mineralisation is based on the historical reconciliation of the proportion of RoM Reaction Zone relative to the TMS volume. The mining dilution is estimated at 15% and the diluting material is assumed to be TMS rock with a density of 2.85 t/m<sup>3</sup> at zero grade. Owing to the application of historical factors to derive RoM grades, no mining recovery grade adjustment factors are deemed necessary for the reaction zone mineralisation.

### 6.12.3 Emerald Prices

SRK has relied on the price forecasts provided by the Company for input to the financial model. Prices for premium emerald, emerald and beryl-1 and beryl-2 products are presented in Table 6-24 and are forecast to escalate in real terms at 5% per annum up to 2020.

Table 6-24: Forecast Commodity Prices

Commodity Prices (USD/ct)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020+
Premium Emerald High Quality Auction	49.32	51.78	54.37	57.09	59.94	62.94
Emerald High Quality Auction <sup>1</sup>	49.32	51.78	54.37	57.09	59.94	62.94
Emerald Low Quality Auction <sup>1</sup>	3.00	3.15	3.31	3.47	3.65	3.83
Beryl-1 Low Quality Auction	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.14
Beryl-2 Low Quality Auction	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006

Note 1. 18% of emerald products are sold at the High Quality Auction with the remainder sold in the Low Quality Auction.

These prices have been provided by Gemfields based on auction sales of gemstones from the Mine sold to date. Further justification to these prices is provided in Section 10.

#### 6.12.4 SRK Ore Reserve Statement

SRK confirms that the Ore Reserve statements presented in Table 6-25 have been derived from the Resource model authored by SRK. Based on the results of the financial modelling, the break-even price required to support this statement over the period of the business plan is USD0.91 /ct in July 2015 terms. This is calculated as the price required to cover all cash operating costs, including management and auction costs and mineral royalties (that is, including all on site mining, processing, maintenance and G&A operating costs, distribution costs and mineral royalties) which amounts to USD1,017 M to mine 3,836 kt of ore and produce 1,116,138 kct. Based on an average long term price of USD3.87/ct the corresponding average operating cut-off grade is estimated at 68.5 ct/t<sub>ore</sub>. SRK also confirms that no Inferred Mineral Resources have been converted to Ore Reserves and notes that the Mineral Resource statements reported above are inclusive of the Mineral Resources used to generate the Ore Reserves.

SRK has estimated Ore Reserves in accordance with the JORC Code (2012). These are presented in Table 6-25. As at 30 June 2015, SRK notes that the Kagem emerald deposit has Ore Reserves, as presented in accordance with the JORC Code (2012) consisting of 3,659 kt of reaction zone material grading at 300 ct/t emerald at Chama Pit, and 177 kt of reaction zone material grading at 103.5 ct/t emerald at Fibolele Pit.

**Table 6-25: Kagem Ore Reserve Statement, as at 30 June 2015, for the Kagem Emerald Deposits**

Classification	Mineralisation Type	Tonnage (kt <sub>dry</sub> )	Grade (ct/t)	Contained Carats (kct)
<b>Proved</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	920	300	276,018
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	0	0	0
Total Proved	Reaction Zone	920	300	276,018
<b>Probable</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	2,739	300	821,808
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	177	103	18,312
Total Probable	Reaction Zone	2,916	288	840,121
<b>Proved &amp; Probable</b>				
Chama	Reaction Zone	3,659	300	1,097,826
Fibolele	Reaction Zone	177	103	18,312
Total Proved & Probable	Reaction Zone	3,836	291	1,116,138

The Competent Person (CP) with overall responsibility for reporting of Ore Reserves is Mr Mike Beare CEng BEng ACSM MIMMM, a Corporate Consultant (Mining Engineering) with SRK. Mr Beare has 23 years' experience in the mining industry and has been extensively involved in the reporting of Ore Reserves on various diamond and gemstone projects during his career to date.

### 6.13 SRK Comments

#### 6.13.1 Conclusions

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK concludes the following:

- the open pit mining operation at the Mine is a relatively simple operation which is not expected to present any major technical or logistical challenges during future operations;

- the production loading and haulage fleet currently operate at relatively low productivity rates and operating efficiencies, which should be analysed to identify areas of potential improvement;
- the strategy to produce ore from at least three production points and the utilisation of an ore stockpile is considered appropriate given the expected variability of the reaction zone in terms of gemstone distribution and quality;
- the plan to expand mining in the lower strip ratio areas of the deposit is considered appropriate; however, the grade and continuity of the mineralisation will need to be verified during the early phases of mining in this area; risks related to mining in this area can be reduced by simultaneously mining in higher confidence areas;
- the grade estimation applied in the Resource modelling component of the Reserve estimation is based on the historic mining production to date and requires further verification on an on-going basis from the results of on-going mining;
- there may be further scope to optimise mining costs through more detailed mine planning and scheduling; and
- whereas the LoMp presents emerald production forecasts based on an Ore Reserve, SRK recognises the nature of gemstone deposits and variability of emerald grades. This is expected to result in variable emerald production and revenue on a monthly basis which will balance out on an annual basis as has been observed from the historical statistics.

### 6.13.2 Recommendations

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK recommends the following:

- more accurate mine scheduling and planning is carried out to optimise costs and contractor utilisation;
- undertake engineered cutback design to provide detailed pushbacks for use in mine planning and haul ramp location;
- undertake a trade-off study to determine the viability and advantages of using larger mining equipment, specifically for the waste rock mining;
- develop a more detailed and auditable recording system for operating costs to identify potential areas of cost saving;
- undertake a review of equipment productivities and utilisations to optimise the existing fleet capacity;
- estimate the quantities of current stockpiled and future planned top soil quantities to ensure sufficient topsoil for mine closure purposes; and
- calibrate the reserve estimates by comparing the results of mine production against the estimates of in situ tonnage from the resource model.

## 7 PROCESSING AND WASHING

### 7.1 General Description

The washing plant at the Kagem Mine consists of a series of comminution, screening, washing and sorting facilities which are located close to the current mining activities in the Fwaya-Fwaya area. The plant currently in operation was commissioned in 2006 and has an operating capacity of approximately 165 ktpa of ore. A schematic of the wash plant flowsheet is shown in Figure 7-1.

RZ ore is fed into the feed bin using an excavator or small wheel loader. The bin has a grizzly that removes +300 mm material, which is stored to the north of the RoM pad (see Figure 7-2.). A further grizzly allows -100 mm material to by-pass the primary (jaw) crusher. At the double deck vibrating screen, the +60 mm oversize material is directed to the secondary crusher operating in open circuit. The double deck screen operates wet, and the -3 mm fines from the double deck vibrating screen (approximately 35% of the feed mass) are directed to the fines storage area in the valley to the west of the plant (see Figure 7-2). The product from the double deck screen (+3 mm, -60 mm) is fed to a triple deck screen that separates the material into three product streams for hand picking: +3 mm -6 mm, +6 mm -30 mm, and +30 mm -60 mm. Each stream is directed to individual picking belts; the +30 mm is split to feed two belts. The prospective emerald and beryl gemstones are picked off of the belt by hand and dropped in a drop safe type box similar to that used at the mining faces. The nominal capacity of the washing plant is 35 tph.

Figure 7-2 shows an aerial view of the washing plant and its surrounds. RoM ore is stored to the east of the plant ahead of processing, and +300 mm oversize is stockpiled to the north of the RoM pad. The -3 mm fines are sent to a storage area in the valley to the west of the plant, and sorting rejects are stockpiled to the south of the plant. Prior to 2014, both the fines and sorting rejects were re-handled and disposed of in the mine waste dumps, however, Kagem's intention is to make the current storage locations permanent facilities. For the sorting rejects, this storage area will expand to the south and the west, and Kagem is considering installing a conveyor system to place these rejects rather than transferring them by loader as is the current practice. The fines will be progressively spread out over the valley, where decant water will return to the process via the lake as shown. An intermediate barrage has been constructed to assist with fines settling in this recycle stream.

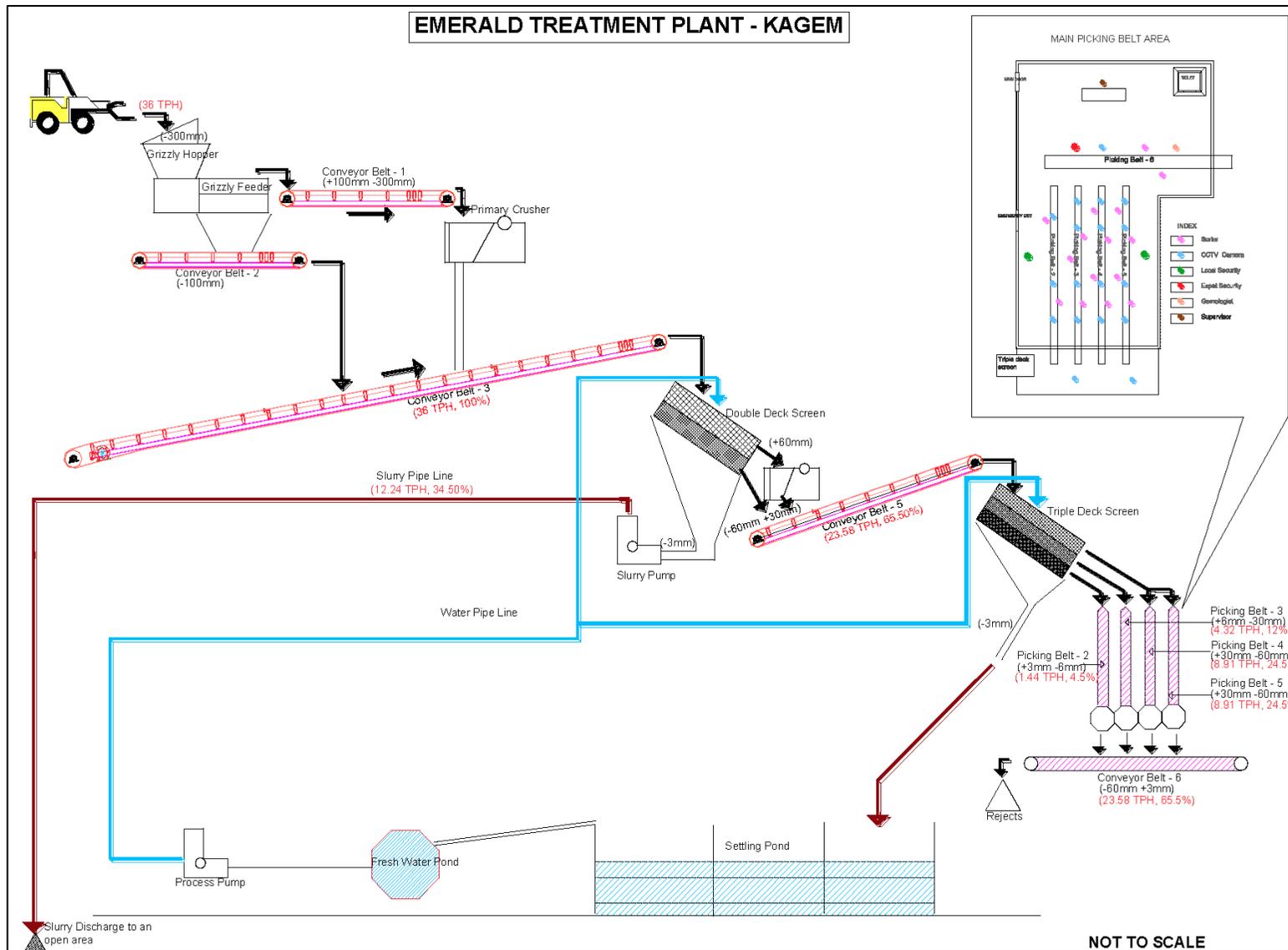


Figure 7-1: Kagem washing plant schematic flowsheet



Figure 7-2: Kagem Washing Plant Aerial View

The washing plant products, together with the high quality product directly recovered from the mine known on site as run-of-mine (RoM), are sent to the secure sort house facility. The prospective beryl and emerald gemstones are sorted and upgraded using manual methods. The sorting house is a high security area and access is controlled. The drop safe type boxes from the mine and the plant are opened and emeralds are picked out from the remaining material which is washed and tumbled. Products from this are also picked and the fines and waste separated. Where necessary, the product is chipped to upgrade the gemstone and further lightly tumbled and cleaned. The product gemstones from this process are sized into six size classes, then sorted in to the following categories: premium emerald; (standard) emerald; beryl-1; and beryl-2. The two emerald products are further graded, these and the beryl-1 product are then dried, dressed with oil, weighed, catalogued and stored for evaluation and subsequent export to Lusaka (or otherwise) for auction.

Gemstones sourced directly from the mining operations account for approximately half of the volume of gemstones recovered, but account for approximately 70% of the recovered value. Premium emeralds account for 1% or less of the recovered gemstones, with emeralds accounting for 25-35%, with the remaining being the beryl categories, of which beryl-2 carries little value.

Kagem is currently in the process of doubling the potential capacity of the wash plant, by duplicating the picking belts. The circuit upstream of the picking belts has been assessed as being capable of handling the additional capacity, although conveyor 3 (see Figure 7-1) will be upgraded with a wider belt and larger motor, and the raw water supply line will also be upgraded.

This upgrade, which is projected to commence operation in August 2015, will provide sufficient capacity at the Kagem wash plant to handle the on-going production from the Chama pit (approximately 100-120 ktpa), the projected production from the re-start of the Mbuva-Chibolele pits (also approximately 100-120 ktpa), as well as the various bulk sampling operations at Fibolele and others. The maximum capacity of the upgraded plant is expected to be 330 ktpa. This expansion will require the addition of 90 operational and supervisory staff.

The budgeted cost for this expansion was USD1.02M.

Kagem is also considering installing an additional primary crusher that will be capable of handling the largest size rocks produced by the mining operation, up to 700 mm. This crusher will handle both on-going production, as well as being able to process the stockpiled oversize (+300 mm -700 mm) material over time.

Kagem is also investigating the potential for mechanising the emerald picking process. As there is no density difference between emeralds, beryl and the host rock, there is no potential for gravity separation (unlike with rubies and sapphires). Some material has been sent to Germany for testwork using optical sorting; results are pending.

## 7.2 Conclusions

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK concludes the following:

- The Kagem washing plant is relatively simple in its configuration, and appears to work effectively.
- Current security measures appear to be adequate;
- The emerald recovery process is entirely dependent on hand picking of gemstones, and given the lack of clear distinction between the emeralds and the host rock, particularly with regard to density, there is little potential for automation other than the possibility of optical sorting which is currently under review;

- The plant is capable of handling the current feed rate, and the on-going plant expansion will provide sufficient capacity for a potential additional increase in production volumes coming from the 100% Gemfields owned Mbuva-Chibolele pits. It also seems likely that the plant will be able to handle any increase that will arise from the re-processing of current and stockpiled oversize material.

### **7.3 Recommendations**

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK recommends the following:

- While the storage areas identified for both washed fines and sorting rejects adjacent to the plant area appears adequate for the medium term, and will save on rehandle costs, SRK is unsure whether the areas identified will have sufficient capacity for the expanded production rate for the expected life of the operation. SRK therefore expects that it may be necessary at some point in the future to move some of this material to the waste rock dumps; and
- SRK recommends that a more comprehensive assessment is made of the available area for tailings disposal such that an estimate of the need to eventually rehandle tailings can be made.

## **8 INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **8.1 Introduction**

Figure 1-3 presents the existing Mine layout and shows the roads and the primary operational and infrastructure areas.

### **8.2 Mine Roads**

The Mine offices and camp are situated close together, and are connected to the Chama pit and Fibolele and Libwente bulk sampling operations by gravel roads within the Kagem Mine site boundary. Gravel haul roads 25 m wide connect the wash plant with the Chama pit and bulk sampling areas which are shared by both light and heavy vehicles. For security reasons, ore and waste haul trucks generally use separate roads, and security posts are positioned at a number of locations on the mine roads.

### **8.3 Accommodation and Administration**

The main Mine offices, stores and accommodation are located at the Kagem camp and comprises predominantly prefabricated and block work structures within a fenced compound.

The accommodation at the camp is used by the management and operational staff, which consists of a mixture of expatriate and local personnel.

SRK understands that the a portion of the operation work force stay at the mine camp during their roster, and buses are used to transport the majority of the operational work force to and from their local town on the off-days.

### **8.4 Mobile Equipment Maintenance**

All light and heavy mobile equipment is currently maintained in a common maintenance area comprising a triple bay heavy workshop, light vehicle workshop, parts stores, wash pad and lay down area. The existing workshop presented is of steel construction. Plans are in place to re-arrange and expand the maintenance bay areas to provide additional space for heavy vehicle maintenance.

### **8.5 Power**

The Kagem site is supplied with a 33 kV ZESCO supply, which is stepped down to 11 kV at a main substation at site, which then supplies the washing plant and camp transformers. A 400 V supply is provided for the camp, offices, mess and washing plant electrical power requirements. There are additional gensets for the camp area and as a back-up power supply for the washing plant.

Construction of a medium voltage electrical overhead line around the camp has been undertaken, and extends to the river pump and field workshop at Chama, which also provides the security lights around the camp area. SRK understands this project is completed as of mid-September 2015.

### **8.6 Water Supply**

River water is pumped to the camp (accommodation, offices, mess, and ablution blocks) and washing plant for non-drinking water usage.

Drinking water is provided by ground water treated at a water treatment plant and supplied to the senior mess, junior mess, washing plant, and offices. There are no major changes planned for the site water supply.

## 8.7 Communications

The main communication network within the camp comprises of fibre links connecting various buildings and office data points, terminating at Cisco gigabit switches and managed by a Unified Threat Management System (Fortigate firewall) as gateway to the internet.

Wireless (Wi-Fi and Point to Point); comprising of Ubiquity Unifi Access Points and Ligowave Radios provides wireless access to the network. This is managed by a Wi-Fi Gateway/Controller which connects to the main network.

Internal and external voice communication using Siemens OpenScape Business PBX are in place. The system is licensed for 65 IP phones, 46 Analogue and four trunks.

Two way communication for the pits and security operations is provided using Motorola radio system. Mobile phone (MTN, Airtel and Zamtel) for voice communications are available at site.

## 8.8 Conclusions

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK concludes the following:

- the Project is well served with infrastructure and the site is accessed by good quality gravel roads which connect to the main highway;
- power is sourced from the national transmission grid to transformers at the camp and wash plant. Backup diesel generators are used when the fixed connection is interrupted to ensure operations remain unaffected;
- process and non-potable water at the Project is sourced from river water, and potable water is provided by treated ground water; and
- the site has appropriate communication systems in place.

## 8.9 Recommendations

Based upon the work undertaken to date, SRK recommends that Kagem continues to develop infrastructure plans and continues its planned program of investment and maintenance of infrastructure.

## 9 ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH & SAFETY

### 9.1 Introduction

This chapter focuses on the compliance of Kagem with:

- applicable Zambian environmental legislation and environmental authorisations;
- performance relative to good international industry practice (GIIP, including the International Finance Corporations Performance Standards);
- appropriateness of the existing management systems and corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities;
- environmental and social issues of concern;
- risks and liabilities;
- the appropriateness of closure planning and cost estimates; and
- recommendations for improvement to existing management measures.

The review for the CPR involved a site visit to Kagem's operations from 29 June to 3 July 2015, on-site discussions with operational and management staff, a review of legislation pertinent to mining environmental management in Zambia and study of documents provided by Kagem, including policy and strategy documents, audit reports, correspondence with the Zambian Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) and Mines and Safety Department (MSD), permits and licences, environmental project briefs (EPB), environmental management plans (EMP), pollution reports and monitoring data.

### 9.2 Environmental and Social Setting

Kagem's concession covers an area of approximately 41 km<sup>2</sup> within the central part of the 750 km<sup>2</sup> Ndola Rural Emerald Restricted Area (NRERA), Zambia. The mine is located south west of Kitwe in a relatively remote part of the Zambian Copperbelt. There are no settlements allowed within the concession area, other than the mine camp.

The closest village (informal settlement) to Kagem is Pirala, situated about 5 km south of the mine; it is also the only settlement located within the mine protected area. The other three villages sampled are located outside the mine protected area. Pirala is an informal settlement established after the development of the Grizzly mine south west of Kagem and abutting the Mbuva-Chibolele operation, currently on care and maintenance, to the west. Some of the inhabitants of Pirala are known to be involved in illegal mining activities and there is a market for the sale of illegal emeralds in the village. Although Kagem and other mining operators in the area requested the relocation of this settlement, the government has thus far refused this request. A primary school was developed at Pirala by Grizzly mine. A clinic was also developed at Pirala by a number of mining companies in the area which included a contribution from Kagem.

A Socio-economic Assessment Report (SAR) was compiled for Kagem in October 2012. The report assessed social structure, activity and movement around the Kagem mine site and assessed expectations and perceptions of development and potential conflicts between industry and local communities. It involved fieldwork, including semi-structure interviews, participant observation, gender specific focus groups and one-to-one interviews, undertaken over a three week period (during August 2012) at Pirala, Kapila, Kandole and Nkana. There are approximately 6,567 people living in the villages sampled.

The Lufwanyama District is one of the poorer parts of Zambia and is the least developed in the Copperbelt Province. Access to important facilities and services is limited and the majority of people lack access to infrastructure such as housing, health, education, transport and

telecommunications. The operation is located in a gently undulating area at elevations of between 1,180 to 1,220 m amsl. Based on weather data from Ndola, the area experiences about 1,250 mm of rainfall per annum divided into three seasons: a cool dry season (April to July); a hot dry season (August to October); and a hot wet/rainy season (November to March). The maximum calculated rainfall in a 24-hour period is 126 mm for a 30-year return and 149 mm for a 100-year return. Flooding during heavy storms, with which most rainfall is associated, is localised and temporary. Evaporation in the area exceeds precipitation for eight months of the year. Prevailing winds are from the north-east and south-east, but strong westerly winds are not uncommon during the rainy season (averaging 7.4 m/s at this time). Wind speeds between April and October average at 10 m/s. Temperatures vary from a minimum of 7.5°C (average cold season) to a maximum of 31°C (average hot season).

The property is bounded on two sides by the Kafue River and its tributary the Chantete Stream (to the east) and the Kafubu (to the south). The Kafubu River forms a wide (up to 2 km) low lying swampy drainage plain on the southern boundary of the license. Dambo (wetland) and swampy areas in the central part of the license area form a natural discharge point for one of the tributaries draining the site, which runs southwards into the Kafubu River. The immediate area in and around the main Kagem Chama pit is drained via two small (ephemeral) streams that flow into the Kafubu River. These are also fed by water presently being pumped out of the Kagem Open Pit. The Kafue River drains much of the Zambian Copperbelt before heading south towards Lusaka and the Kariba Dam. The river is used for irrigation, washing, domestic supply (particularly in the larger towns where it receives some treatment) and recreational purposes.

The site has 8 dambo areas, as well as two artificially created dams to supply water to the mine. The Fibolele dam is associated with an abandoned mine pit and has been stocked with fish in the past. The dambo areas are considered environmentally sensitive and soils in these areas are prone to erosion if disturbed.

Water quality sampling is undertaken on a quarterly basis at nine surface water sampling locations and for a limited number of parameters; however, there is limited monitoring taking place upstream and downstream of the Kagem operations, which limits the Mine's understanding of impacts on the environment (both its own and those arising from external third parties). Water sampling at point SW5, the only sampling point on the Chantete stream, was stopped in 2010 due to limited access to the area, which has been resumed now. Artisanal mine workings are occurring in this stream between Kagem's site and the Kafue River. In the absence of this sampling location it is not possible for Kagem to demonstrate it is not polluting this stream or distinguish its effects from other influences on the stream. Five groundwater sampling sites have been identified and the 2014 EMP states monitoring wells will be drilled around the Chama open pit and waste rock dumps for groundwater quality and water level measurements; however, currently only one monitoring well (GW2) has been installed.

In comparison to WHO drinking water guidelines (WHO, 2011), the Mining EHS Liquid effluent guidelines (WBG, 2007a) and the General EHS Sanitary sewage guidelines (WBG, 2007b), the available water quality data indicate there are no particular water quality concerns. Although sampling has recently expanded to include faecal coliforms and total chromium, the currently assessed list of parameters is too short for comprehensive water quality assessment and should include chromium VI as opposed to total chromium.

Water collecting at the bottom of the Chama pit is primarily rain water, surface run off water travelling over and down the sides of the open pit walls, and seepage as well as some ground

water flow via weathered pegmatites. At the time of the site visit, there was minimal water observed in the pit because due constant pumping of the water that does accumulate. Geoquest undertook a desktop hydrological/hydrogeological study in 2009, but the study did not include a conceptual groundwater model. No formalised ground water monitoring system has been implemented at Kagem.

The emerald deposits are found within the Muva Supergroup, which is made up of folded quartzites and schists. The emeralds are found associated with the contact between the pegmatite intrusions into the ultramafic schist. Soil sampling done in 2008, as part of the study for the EPB, indicates soils are generally sandy with some clay minerals present. The major clay mineral is kaolinite. Gleysol soils dominate the dambo areas. Soil erosion is observed where surfaces have been disturbed by mining related activities.

Based on a survey by the Zambian Forestry Department, the principal vegetation present on the Kagem property and its surrounding area is typical of that found in the Kafue headwaters. This includes:

- miombo woodland;
- riparian forest along the rivers;
- chipya woodland;
- grassland (where forests have been cleared historically and around the dambos); and
- swamps in the dambo areas.

Sparse miombo woodland is the most extensive vegetation type in the Kagem license area. The tree canopy is dominated by *Brachystegia* spp. *Isoberlinia* spp. *Julbernardia* spp and *Marquesia macroura* reaching a height of approximately 15 m. The understorey is defined by either a tall grass and a sub-shrub layer, or dense evergreen thickets reaching heights of about 3.5 m. Miombo woodland is economically important in the region for the supply of timber, poles, firewood and charcoal. It is also the source of many non-wood forest products such as honey, mushrooms, caterpillars and other edible insects.

Vegetation has been disturbed within the area by historical mining activities, charcoal burning, forest fires, road works and soil/wind erosion; however, based on SRK's experience in the region, residential and agricultural activities are restricted within the NRERA resulting in less visible disturbance to the miombo woodland than seen elsewhere in the Copperbelt.

No biodiversity baseline studies have been undertaken by Kagem prior to clearing of vegetation. Major fauna are absent from the area, although some bird and fish species are reported to occur, particularly around the flooded pits. In the 2012 FS, SRK was informed Kagem was awaiting the results of a biodiversity survey undertaken by the University of East Anglia (UK) in December 2011 coordinated by conservation charity World Land Trust (WLT). Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager followed up in 2015 and established the study was of limited value. Kagem thus plans to commission a biodiversity assessment as part of the environmental and social impact assessment (EIA) that is currently underway.

The three main rivers bordering the area are known to host a relatively rich fish population dominated by different species of bream and tilapia, both important species for human consumption. A variety of frogs, lizards and snakes also occur within the area.

In the SAR (2012) respondents repeatedly referred to the presence of wild animals such as impala, hare, monkeys, common duiker, warthog, bush baby and wood mouse in the areas surrounding the mine.

Occupational health monitoring is undertaken by the Safety, Health, Environmental and

Quality (SHEQ) manager once a month for air quality and once a week for noise (at Chama open pit, sort house, man wash plant and work house) in accordance with Zambian regulatory requirements. Where noise exceeds the 85 dBA limits, ear muffs and ear plugs are provided to staff. Noise and air quality monitoring has been undertaken with government inspectors on-site. The noise meters and records were available to the external auditors of the 2014 EMP.

Since the Zambian authorities did not require an environmental impact assessment for Kagem no environmental baseline data for either air quality or noise was collected prior to bulk sampling activities at Kagem. On-going environmental noise and air quality monitoring takes place at Kagem on a monthly basis. Levels are typical of a rural Zambian context with limited industrial or commercial influences (air quality is impacted by wood burning for fuel and the occasional forest fires that occur in the dry season).

In-pit backfilling of active Fwayafwaya and Chama pits is taking place and systematic dumping of waste rock has helped preserve air quality around the mining areas and has reduced the costs associated with waste rock disposal. Progressive rehabilitation and revegetation of the waste rock dumps as well as regular spraying of the roads in the pit with the water bowser is also contributing to dust management on the mine.

Within the concession area, land use is restricted to mining with no residential or subsistence agriculture taking place. In the wider Copperbelt, agriculture is the biggest employer, with public sector and mining having similar levels of employees. No current data on population, education levels, livelihoods etc. is available for the communities in the immediate vicinity of the NRERA, with the latest figures available coming from the 2000 census. The nearest major towns are Kalulushi (schools and shops) and Kitwe (district capital with schools, university, hospitals, shops, banks, rail station etc.).

Illegal mining of emeralds is occurring on a small scale and some charcoal burning may also take place. A number of individual settlements occur around the perimeter of the licence, probably associated with illegal miners and charcoal burners. Further to discussions with Kagem Security personnel and other mine staff there are sometimes illegal miners operating on site. Numbers are uncertain, however they are more numerous in the rainy season, arriving in groups of individuals camped in the bushes surrounding the mine and also from Pirala, as the rains expose emeralds on the overburden stockpiles. No formalised study of the illegal miners has been undertaken at Kagem.

## **9.3 Environmental and Social Approvals**

### **9.3.1 Environmental Approvals**

Environmental legislation relevant to activities at Kagem Mine includes the Environmental Management Act (No 12 of 2011) and the Mines and Minerals Development Act (No 7 of 2008), both of which still rely on some regulations dating back to 1997 and 1998, and also the Water Resources Management Act (No 21 of 2011). The statutory bodies enforcing these laws are the ZEMA, the Ministry of Mines through the MSD and Water Resources Management Authority.

The environmental approvals required to proceed with construction of new projects and continue operations are summarised in Table 9-1 and the actual environmental approvals obtained for Kagem Mine and the new developments on the site are summarised in Table 9-2. The submissions made to obtain these approvals are also identified in the table.

An EPB for Kagem was prepared in July 2008 by African Mining Consultants. The EPB provides a high level impact summary concluding with an EMP and closure cost estimate. Since then the EMP has been updated annually (Table 9-2). A full EIA is not required for

small projects with limited environmental impacts, though it is at the discretion of ZEMA whether a project developer is required to submit an EPB or an EIS.

Kagem has obtained the necessary environmental licenses in terms of the Environmental Management Regulations (SI 112 of 2013). Bi-annual reports for these environmental licenses are required to be submitted to ZEMA on or before the 15 July and 15 January of each year. Kagem submitted bi-annual reports to ZEMA for the period ending June 2015 on 14 July 2015 and period ending December 2014 on 14 January 2015. These reports refer to continuous water analysis of surface and groundwater within the licence boundary, mine infrastructure noise monitoring, and bioremediation of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) contaminated soil.

Since there is potential for contamination of soil with hydrocarbons, water quality analysis of surface and groundwater should also include appropriate hydrocarbons parameters. SRK notes the currently assessed list of parameters is too short for comprehensive water quality assessment. It would be good practice to include a larger spectrum of heavy metals, sufficient cations and anions to enable an ion balance to be determined and an appropriate percentage of QA/QC samples (blanks, duplicates, reference samples to alternative labs). Detection limits and statutory limits should be included in analysis results. If the detection limits are higher than the guidelines value, an alternative analysis method should be considered for those parameters.

**Table 9-1: Environmental Approvals Required**

Required approvals	Submissions to be made	Relevant legislation	Responsible regulatory authority
Environmental approval of new projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval is granted based on information submissions made</li> <li>Approval is required for all scheduled projects and for any alterations or extensions to scheduled projects/ operations (the schedules are attached to the relevant regulations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Project Brief (EPB) is the first submission made for all scheduled projects.</li> <li>Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) developed by means of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process must be submitted. An EIS is not required for small projects with negligible impacts.</li> <li>EIS must contain an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and a closure plan and cost estimate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Management Act (No 12 of 2011)</li> <li>The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (SI 28 of 1997)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) – was named the Environmental Council of Zambia (ECZ) prior to 2011</li> <li>ZEMA consults with the Ministry responsible for mines and receives mining industry submissions via this Ministry</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit report on compliance with EIS approval conditions (12 to 36 months after approval and then as required by ZEMA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mines and Minerals Development Act (No 7 of 2008)</li> <li>Mines and Minerals (Environmental) Regulations (SI No 29 of 1997)</li> <li>The Mines and Minerals Development (General) Regulations (SI No. 84 of 2008)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director of Mine Safety Department (MSD) in the Ministry responsible for mines</li> <li>(The Ministry of Energy and Water Development has been merged with the Ministry of Mines to form a new Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water Development)</li> <li>The EIS approval is a prerequisite to granting a Mining Licence.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An annual update to the EMP must be submitted as part of the application for an annual operating permit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mines and Minerals Development Act, 2008; Mines and Minerals (Environmental) Regulations of 1997 (SI 29 of 1997);</li> <li>Mines and Minerals (Environmental Protection Fund) Regulations, 1998 (came into effect December 2007)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mines Safety Department (MSD) within Ministry of Mines</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) - The mine must make a contribution to the EPF to cover the cost of protecting the environment based on the EMP; this is audited by MSD who then determine the category of the mine and hence the “concession” (or discount applied).</li> </ul>		
Environmental licences required for: emissions; non-hazardous waste management; hazardous management; and pesticides and toxic substances.	Applications for licences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Environmental Management (Licensing) Regulations (SI 112 of 2013)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ZEMA</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits for water abstraction and use for industrial purposes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications for permits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Resources Management Act (No 21 of 2011)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Resources Management Authority (The Ministry of Energy and Water Development has been merged with the Ministry of Mines to form a new Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water Development)</li> </ul>

**Table 9-2: Environmental Approvals Obtained for Kagem Emerald Mine and Developments on the Mine Site**

Document Type		License No.; Serial No.	Approval	
Type, date - subject			Authority	Validity Period
Annual Operating Permit Letter,		05/2014	Ministry of Mines and Minerals, Director of Mine Safety	Approved 15 December 2014, Valid until 1 January 2016
Approval and conditions of EPB, 2008		ECZ/INS/101/4/1	ECZ (Environmental Council of Zambia)	10 September 2008
<b>Environmental Licenses</b>				
The mine has three environmental licences in terms of the Environmental Management Act No. 12 of 2011 and Environmental Management (Licensing) Regulations (SI 112 of 2013).				
Waste Management License, 2014 (For operation of waste disposal sites and transportation of general and industrial waste)		NDL/WM/00515/Z09/2014; 00125	ZEMA	1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016
Hazardous Waste Management License, 2014 (For generation, transportation and storage of hazardous waste including used oil, waste batteries, waste oil filters and waste fluorescent tubes only and operation of Lunshingwa overburden dump (53C) only and operation of Fwayafwaya Waste Rock Dump only)		NDL/LHWM/00515/Z09/2014; 000118	ZEMA	1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016
Emissions License, 2014 (For emission or discharge of pollutants/contaminants into the environment for the Healthcare Waste Incinerator Stack)		NDL/EMM/00515/Z09/2014; 000066	ZEMA	1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016
<b>EMP updates and EPF Audit Reports</b>				
2014	<i>Awaiting Verification Inspection by MSD</i>		MSD	
2013	Letter from MSD classifying mine as category 2.	MSD/20/1/17	MSD, dated 16/06/2014	

### 9.3.2 Outstanding environmental license and water permit approvals

Kagem has two outstanding water permit applications.

- Kagem applied to the Water Resource Management Authority (WARMA) for the abstraction of 2000 m<sup>3</sup> of water per day, for wash plant and domestic purposes, from the Kafubu River bordering the Kagem mining license on the northwest side. The application letter was submitted on 17 April 2015, at the same time as the application for the other environmental licenses that have been granted. Water for the wash plant is currently sourced from the Lakehouse dam. The proposed expansion of the wash plant and associated doubling of capacity will require additional water that will need to be abstracted from the Kafubu River. Abstraction for industrial purposes is therefore not currently taking place. The approval process requires a WARMA engineer to conduct a site assessment, the results of which are presented to a Board who assesses whether the license should be granted. Kagem anticipates obtaining the abstraction license within three months.
- The Kagem SHEQ (Safety, Health, Environment and Quality) Manager also applied for an effluent discharge license for discharge of water from Chama pit dewatering in 2014. Dewatering water from the pit is currently pumped to a dewatering settlement pond prior to its discharge to surface water or pumping it to the process water dam as provided in the existing approved EPB. This license application was also made at the same time as the other environmental licenses. Kagem anticipates this license being granted within the next one to two months.

Kagem has previously not needed to apply for water abstraction or discharge licenses because this was part of the approved EPB. However it is now being actioned as a pre-emptive measure in anticipation of the potential industrial use of water in the near-term future.

### 9.3.3 EIA required for expansion of Fibolele pit

Kagem submitted an application to ZEMA, for environmental clearance to expand the Fibolele exploration pit from bulk sampling to a larger scale open pit, as per the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) 2011. ZEMA subsequently issued a directive for a full EIA in accordance with Sections 29 & 36 of the EMA (2011) and regulation 7(2) subsection 7 (a) of the EIA regulations statutory instrument no 28 of 1997.

Following this directive from ZEMA Kagem requested expressions of interest from competent environmental consulting companies recognised by ZEMA. A 50% advance (ZML 117, 987.50) has subsequently been paid to Crownbit Environmental Solutions Ltd. for the undertaking of a nationally compliant EIA for the entire Kagem Mining License area. The consultants were present at the time of SRK's 2015 site visit.

As the Zambian law does not require an EIA to be undertaken prior to bulk sampling activities for gemstone mines; the previous EPB assessments required to obtain the necessary environmental approvals have not involved baseline studies thus there is no pre-mining baseline data and limited operational monitoring data (Section 9.2).

### 9.3.4 Annual Updates to EMPs and EPF Audits

Annual updates to approved EMPs are required in terms of both environmental and mining legislation and in 2011 the MSD gave Kagem a directive to conduct annual EMP updates and EPF Audits. Kagem's EMP is updated on an annual basis and submitted to the MSD considering the environmental monitoring data and the outcomes of audits and reviews. MSD officially stamps a copy of each document to acknowledge receipt and returns it to Kagem for their records. Copies of Kagem's EMP updates were provided for 2012, 2013 and 2014

(Table 9-2). The EMPs were prepared to meet Zambian legal obligations as well as the requirements of relevant Gemfields standards and policies. They include social impact management plans.

The Eleventh Schedule of the MMER 1997 establishes three categories of mine based on their environmental management performance:

- Category 3 is awarded for sites meeting basic operational and strategic environmental protection requirements;
- Category 2 is awarded for sites demonstrating environmental compliance (rehabilitation) capability; and
- Category 1 is awarded for sites showing validated environmental (rehabilitation) actions.

The EPF Classification checklist is summarised in Table 9-3 along with the comments made by Kagem's external EMP/EPF auditors. Once the Director of Mine Safety confirms the EPF category, he/she may then apply concessions (discounts) on the calculated total closure costs as follows:

- Category 1: 95% off full rehabilitation cost;
- Category 2: 90% off full rehabilitation cost; and
- Category 3: 80% off full rehabilitation cost.

**Table 9-3: EPF Classification Checklist**

Item No.	Requirements from Eleventh Schedule	External auditors comments on 2014 EPF and EMP
<b>Category 3: Basic operational and strategic EP requirements</b>		
i.	An approved environmental impact statement or project brief.	EPB done by African Mining Consultants, July 2008.
ii.	Discharges of mining operations are permitted or licenced.	All applicable licenses available on site.
iii.	Post-mining land use and slop and profile design, allowing stable land rehabilitation within the mining or permit area.	EMP incorporates post-closure land rehabilitation.
iv.	A water management system is in place or designed to contain, treat, discharge or dispose of contaminated water.	Water management system (including associated infrastructure) in place.
<b>Category 2: Environmental compliance capability</b>		
i.	The financial capability to complete the rehabilitation of the mine area	Bank guarantees cover the full periods of liability
ii.	The materials in place for total mine area rehabilitation	Active backfilling and re-vegetation using available materials
iii.	Whether suitable expertise is provided for the Organisational structure	All key staff shown on Figure 1 (Chapter 2) are appointed according to MR403
iv.	Whether the developer or the person who holds a mining licence or permit has an approved environmental impact statement or project brief	EPB done by African Mining Consultants, July 2008
<b>Category 1: Action taken to rehabilitate</b>		
i.	Progressive rehabilitation carried out	Active backfilling and re-vegetation (Chapter 7.4)
ii.	Whether rehabilitation has been properly monitored	Competent Safety & Environment personnel in charge of re-vegetation; Competent Mine Manager in charge of back-filling; Annual audits confirm works done.
iii.	Whether the annual rehabilitation audits show progress to meet the target of the environmental impact statement to manage environmental pollution	Assessed in a separate document

Following MSD's review and site verification inspection in 2011 it provided Kagem with a letter classifying Kagem Emerald Mine as Category 1. In 2013 a verification inspection was undertaken by MSD of the 2012 and 2013 EMP updates and EPF audits. Kagem subsequently received a letter from MSD classifying the mine as category 2. In 2014 Kagem Mine was again assessed as Category 1 resulting in a 5-year EP liability after the 95% concession of USD17,461.

A lower classification category would require a larger annual payment to the EPF although this is not considered a material cost.

MSD has not yet undertaken verification inspections for 2014 EMP updates and EPF audits.

## **9.4 Approach to Environmental, Social, Labour and Health & Safety Management**

### **9.4.1 Gemfields and Kagem Policies and Systems**

Gemfields Group Sustainability Policies (dated 6 November 2014) include Environmental, Societal, Health and Safety, Human Rights and Security (Kagem's approach to Security is dealt with separately in Section 9.6) and Product Integrity and Stewardship Policies. Kagem developed site specific SHEQ Policies in 2009 and these were updated in the 2014 EMP. Although a number of supporting management plans and standard operating procedures are

in development they have yet to be implemented. The key content and status of compliance by the site for some of these is discussed below.

- The Environmental Policy commits to the undertaking of biodiversity assessments and development of biodiversity action plans (BAPs) and states a commitment to the biodiversity mitigation hierarchy. There was no evidence of biodiversity assessments being undertaken prior to disturbance and no BAPs have been developed for Kagem. Miombo woodland is cleared without assessment of baseline vegetation conditions. SRK notes that the biodiversity commitments included in the Gemfields Environmental Policy are, however, in the process of being incorporated into the Kagem SHEQ policies. .
- Gemfields has a Group Disciplinary Policy and Procedure. Kagem's status of compliance with this policy was not assessed.
- Gemfields has a group recruitment and selection policy that is coherent with the governing legislation of UK, Zambia and India. The Group considers itself an equal opportunity employer and therefore strives to take on individuals based on merit, suitability and their ability to perform the required function, as well as being able to meet the job requirements and performance expectations. Kagem employs Zambians where possible. This is supported by the fact that of the total 652 Kagem employees 589 of these people are Zambian nationals and 63 are expatriates. Kagem has a collective agreement (2014/2016) with the National Union of Miners and Allied Workers and the Mine Workers Union of Zambia. The agreement is intended to ensure stable and equitable employment and encouragement of morale to assist high productivity.

Kagem has historically focused on compliance with national regulatory requirements; however, it now intends to align its environmental management systems with GIIIP and is committed to the standards stipulated in the Gemfields Group Sustainability Policies. This transition is being driven by Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager. Kagem has committed to carry out its operations in compliance with relevant national legislation and regulatory requirements and to maintain a system that complies with the requirements of ISO 14001- Environmental Management System, OHSAS 18001- Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems and BS EN ISO 9001:2000- Quality Management System. Quotations have been received to implement these systems across the different stages of mining operations.

The systems should be based on the standard concept of the “plan-do-check-act” business performance improvement cycle. Emergency planning and response and stakeholder engagement are elements applying to all systems. The EMP and the company policies, which are in place, are the starting point of the planning stage of the process. Following on from this sufficient supporting management plans, procedures or protocols are needed to enable specific activities to be managed. SRK acknowledges a number of standard operating procedures have been identified as required and these are being developed but are not yet linked to an overall management system nor are they being implemented.

Inductions of new employees are taking place but these appear to be relatively brief and focused mainly on H&S aspects. In contrast, human resources appear to have the necessary management plans in place and these being implemented.

Kagem has developed an Emergency Preparedness Plan that aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for its employees to work in. The plan lays out emergency contacts, incident/accident and fatality reporting procedures.

#### **9.4.2 Human resources needed to implement SHEQ policies, systems and plans**

The SHEQ staff numbers at Kagem have grown since 2012 when there was only a single person on site. The SHEQ team comprises a SHEQ Manager supported by a SHEQ officer and SHEQ assistant manager. The SHEQ Manager is responsible for environmental, health & safety and quality issues including monitoring, training, auditing, document production, rehabilitation management and he is also the site risk management champion (for the entire operation from financial to operational risks). He reports administratively to the Mine Manager of Kagem but for technical purposes he reports to Head of Mining, Head of Planning, Production and Exploration or Director of Operations depending on the issue of concern. The Kagem management structure organogram is not clear how SHEQ staff fit into the management structure; the organogram should be updated to include this information.

With regard to corporate social responsibility (CSR) the Senior Manager for Corporate Affairs and Social Responsibility reports to the Director of Operations administratively and liaises with Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager for group level matters.

Gemfields plans to merge the Kagem SHEQ and CSR departments and additional CSR staff will be employed once this has taken place. This process is being driven by the Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager.

#### **9.4.3 Implementation of SHEQ policies, systems, plans and CSR projects at Kagem**

The EPB undertaken in 2008 was based predominantly on secondary data, with the exception of limited sampling of soils, water quality and flora. In the absence of a robust pre-Kagem mining baseline the impact evaluation in the EBP is qualitative only and the effectiveness of the management measures being implemented by Kagem cannot be confirmed.

What impacts are occurring can be managed relatively easily with accepted industry practices such as limiting surface areas disturbed, ensuring appropriate settlement of all discharges (some improvements are needed here), dust suppression, improved housekeeping and prompt rehabilitation once disturbance ceases (good progress being made here, though more will be needed when the current contract finishes). Such practices will limit future liabilities, thus reducing closure obligations.

On the socio-economic side, the absence of nearby receptors means community health and safety risks, other than to the illegal miners, are low. With the government discouraging settlement within the NRERA, there is lower risk of population influx by job seekers though this is still occurring and is not fully understood. Population influx, and associated socio-economic impacts on surrounding communities, is not actively being evaluated or managed by Kagem and the other gem miners in the NRERA.

##### *Environmental management*

There is a high level EMP in place but limited systemisation of environmental and health and safety issues has taken place. During the site visit and further to the review of the Gemfields and Kagem policies, systems and procedures as well as the 2014 EMP update and EPF Audit Report, SRK identified that Kagem had still not implemented some of the required environmental management actions. However, Kagem is taking action to address these non-conformances. Where SRK had specific concerns these are discussed under key environmental and social issues (Section 9.7). Additional proposed management actions are included in the recommendations (Section 9.11).

The findings of the SAR do not appear to have been incorporated into management plans and community development initiatives.

*CSR/Community development initiatives*

Health, education and agriculture are the three main areas of investment by mining companies in the area.

Kagem has been proactive with respect to CSR and has spent in excess of USD500 k to date. The key CSR projects and activities historically or currently being undertaken include:

- construction of community primary schools at Chapula, Kapila, Fikopola and Lwamisamba;
- construction of Chapula Secondary school;
- partial road clearing at Kapila;
- improvements to Pirala clinic and construction of new mini-hospital to replace the Nkana clinic;
- agriculture support, training and provision of a market and linkages to two new cooperatives (Blessings Green Farms Cooperative, involving 13 people, and Kapila Green Farms Cooperative, involving 19 people);
- provision of jerry cans to community members for the transport of water;
- refurbishment of Chief Nkana and Chief Lumpuma's houses (Palaces) in 2013 including the provision of electricity, water, furniture, construction of guest wings, car port and driveway;
- financial assistance of annual traditional ceremonies (six traditional ceremonies took place in 2014 that included educating communities on how to grow their own food) approximately ZMW5000 (USD630) is contributed per ceremony;
- other donations such as school materials; and
- provision of staff recreational facilities such as soccer fields.

Kagem has formed community committees who are in charge of oversight of the community development projects. Quarterly reports on community development projects are submitted to the Kagem Board. SRK was provided with a copy of one report that contained limited information. Gemfields has committed to improving the content and quality of these reports as part of the CSR and SHEQ management improvements being driven by the Group Corporate Sustainability Manager.

Minutes of meetings are recorded, and as an example, minutes of the meeting with the Lunfwanyama District Council, held on 3 February 2014, were shared with SRK. The meeting involved primarily government and council officials and relates to the construction of the Chapula Secondary School and the upgrading of the Nkana Clinic to a Hospital. The minutes stated that Kagem had committed USD1 M to the school and clinic community development projects in 2015.

The choice of CSR initiatives is, however, not driven by the outcome of a comprehensive impact assessment or collaborative engagement with the affected communities. With Kagem thus far preferring to focus on key projects that it determines to be most important, such as education, farming and agriculture, with some additional effort aimed at responding to requests on an ad hoc basis following letters written by community members to the mine. To date discussions and engagement with the local community have been direct and ad hoc with local chiefs and administrators. There have been various committee meetings over the last two years or so, where representatives of the mine, Kagem's government business partners, and local community have discussed the various needs of the community and responded accordingly.

Going forward, Gemfields has committed to improving its community development

programme to ensure more transparent governance and input from a wider section of the community.

SRK recognises that Kagem was initially responding to community requests based on the available free-cash available within the operation and the need to turn it around from being a long-term lossmaking organisation, to that of a sustainable profitable mining operation; however, based on the 25 years LoMp, there is now the possibility for long-term planning with the appropriate level of community consultation.

Gemfields has appointed a new community affairs manager who is responsible for putting in place a strategy with improved governance regarding community investment and is responsible for developing and implementing formal Community Development and Livelihood Restoration Plans.

Additional short term resources may be required to facilitate the initial investigation and planning, as well as documentation of Kagem's community development plan.

The Director of Operations, SHEQ Manager and Gemfields Head of Corporate Social Responsibility monitor health, safety and environmental aspects of these CSR project developments. An external civil consultant is currently monitoring the CSR construction projects (clinic and secondary school) to ensure they are undertaken in accordance with agreements. The government also sends inspectors from the health and education departments to monitor the construction developments; they report their findings and share these with the SHEQ Manager. Kagem generally hands over the buildings to government to run once construction is completed.

## 9.5 Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings are held with communities (mainly as input to the CSR activities) and relations are reportedly good. According to the SAR reviewed by SRK, the general perception regarding decision-making is that mining companies tend to make some decisions without detailed consultation with key community players.

However it should be noted that according to Zambian law there should be no people residing within the NRERA, so public consultation should only be undertaken at a district level.

Although meetings have been held, there is no formal stakeholder engagement plan or stakeholder database. In addition, there is no formalised grievance procedure. If complaints or grievances are raised during the above meetings they are relayed to Kagem but there is no process to formally follow them up. The necessity for these formal documents was raised in the review of the 2012 FS and is a requirement of Gemfields' Societal Policy, which refers to the necessity for internal monitoring and measurement of community investment projects, social performance and documented engagement to maintain support for communities. The Policy also states Gemfields will provide local communities with a channel for discussing grievances they feel are the direct result of its operations, employees or contractors, and that this is a two-way process. The policy refers to the necessity for Gemfields to inform, engage and ensure communities understand the potential risks and benefits of its operations on the physical and economic aspects of their lives as well as engaging them on its mine lifecycle plans with regards to environmental rehabilitation, safety and closure planning.

Development of a stakeholder database to capture information about stakeholders and their issues, as well as assist with record keeping of any stakeholder interactions, will enable Kagem to confirm its positive relations with communities and protect its reputation. Without formal evidence of stakeholder meetings and grievances it is not possible to confirm the extent to which Kagem has achieved its 'social licence to operate'.

The SEP should include the following:

- the kinds of information to be disclosed and information about data gathering and baseline surveys;
- the ease of understanding across the range of stakeholders – use of local language(s) and communication in a culturally appropriate form;
- the location and method of disclosure and consultation – distinct approaches for affected people and specialist interest groups including NGOs, media, and Government;
- the record of consultation and disclosure, and making it available to the project team and to all affected parties; the response / feedback, maintaining two-way communication (where appropriate all interactions will begin with feedback on responses to the issues raised or action points agreed upon in the previous interaction); and
- the time and frequency of public consultations and should include advance notice to stakeholders and the client of when interactions are likely to occur.

Gemfields is fully committed to addressing these issues and has already hired a Head of Department to oversee sustainability (including HSE) and a new Community Affairs Manager who will be responsible for putting in place a strategy with improved governance (regarding community investment), engagement, grievance and partnerships.

## **9.6 Approach to Security at Kagem**

### **9.6.1 Gemfields and Kagem Security Policies and Strategies**

Gemfields Group Sustainability Policies (dated 6 November 2014) includes a Security Policy, which refers to the necessity to proactively understand the site-specific dynamics of illicit and unlicensed mining on its concessions to enhance community relations and minimise commercial risk. Gemfields has also developed a system of Standard Operating Procedures, relating to search procedures and dress code, they are subject to reviews to accommodate new challenges and changing circumstances.

### **9.6.2 Human resources at Kagem to implement Security policies, systems and plans**

There are 136 Zambian security personnel employed at Kagem, with 68 security staff on site at any time, as well as 37 guard dogs used for 24 hr patrolling. The majority of the mine security force is Zambian, with only 24 expats employed, mainly Indian and Nepalese (mostly Ghurkhas who are globally renowned for their high level of discipline/integrity, resilience, courage and endurance). If an illegal miner is caught they are handed over to the Zambian police, who are armed. The Kagem security staff have their own firearms but are only armed at critical locations and as and when specifically required. During the night critical locations are guarded by a combination of armed Zambian Mobile Police and Kagem security staff. There is a quick reaction team that is armed and stationed at the security control room which can be moved to threatened locations at short notice; their prime focus being the sort house and wash plant. It is recognised by Kagem's security that chasing illegals at night can lead to injuries of the pursuers and the pursued hence Kagem security staff prefer to rather focus on area domination through foot and vehicle patrolling in an around critical locations to keep the illegals miners at bay.

Changes to security measures and personnel are handled through the HR department. Any vacancies require formal requests for the category to be filled, inductions, pre-employment clearance and security clearance. Recruitment agencies are occasionally used.

### 9.6.3 Implementation of Security policies, systems, plans and CSR projects at Kagem

In response to Gemfields' policies and procedures, Kagem has developed a Security Strategy. It includes the implementation of a three-tier security system with the combination of Zambia Police Mobile Unit, local Kagem Mine security personnel and expatriate Kagem Mine security personnel. Security at Kagem Mine is taken seriously with clear evidence of strict implementation of formal and spot searches, and is equally applied to all persons on site at all times. Security teams are assisted by CCTV at various locations around the site and infrared cameras at the pits. There are also dog patrols.

The approach to illegal miners is to avoid confrontation and use the security measures to limit/inhibit intrusions as far as practicable. SRK was shown one incident report from 2011; however, it is unlikely this was the last incident of conflict between illegal miners and security, although Kagem security personnel stated there had not been any recordable recent incidents. Security staff allegedly catch two to three illegal miners per week, who are generally 20-25 years old, and the majority of which are poorly educated. Of the illegal miners caught over the past 10 years, apparently only two have been Congolese, the rest Zambian. The illegal miners are apparently not armed but have on the odd occasion been known to attack the security forces with stones, crowbars or their digging tools. If the illegal miners do not find emeralds they have sometimes been known to resort to stealing other mine equipment such as batteries and fuel.

Kagem's current approach to security appears to be effective in minimising tensions with the artisanal miners, although a formal stakeholder engagement process with their representatives may enable a more structured management plan to be implemented.

## 9.7 Key Environmental and Social Issues

Based on the site visit and review of available documentation, SRK has identified the following key environmental and social issues for consideration by Kagem's management team.

- **Groundwater management:** With the planned increase production rate at the Mine, increased attention is being focused on water management. Currently groundwater data is being gathered on-site to enable the development of a more detailed groundwater model and water balance.
- **Pollution of Chantete Stream:** The potential for Kagem operations to affect the water quality of the Chantete stream is lowered by the pit dewatering flow being passed through an effective silt trap system prior to discharge. However, the absence of any surface water quality monitoring on the Chantete Stream since 2010, which is affected by illegal mining and potentially by other licenced operations along the river, places Kagem at risk of allegations of polluting the Chantete stream. SRK notes that the Chantete stream flows into the Kafue River and is a source of water supply to downstream water users. Kagem has commenced water sampling upstream of the illegal mining site and records are being taken of the sampling results, which will assist Kagem to defend itself if allegations are made.
- **Pollution of soil and surface water and sensitive dambo sites caused by slimes storage facility:** The slimes from the wash plant is currently deposited on an unlined area adjacent to the wash plant. Due to the natural slope of the ground the water drains down gradient towards bunded walls that catch the contaminated water and allow it to be recycled to the slimes settlement pond and reused as process water. Although there are no reagents used in the wash plant the water becomes polluted with fine material and

there is the risk that this highly turbid water will seep/overflow into the sensitive dambo downstream of the slimes storage facility potentially smothering vegetation and affecting aquatic organisms. The potential impacts and associated management needs to be addressed in the EIA currently being undertaken for Kagem.

- **Pollution of soil and water due to oil spills:** Kagem is commended on having a fully operational soil treatment plant for the treatment of contaminated soil;
- **Health and safety concerns:** Kagem does not keep a formal documented record of conflicts between illegal miners and security forces. There are potential community H&S issues should trespassers be injured by falls or the dogs that chase them and the potential for conflict in the wider community if their activities are aggressively prohibited by Kagem's security. The first can be best managed with improved signage with respect to the personal injury risks and raising awareness in the surrounding communities of the hazards should people (miners, hunters or charcoal burners) venture on site. SRK was informed by Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager that a security and asset protection review is currently being undertaken by consultants and improvements to the existing systems would be implemented once the findings of this report were released.
- **Engineering design of overburden dumps impeding revegetation:** During the site visit it was observed that Kagem is undertaking proactive rehabilitation and revegetation on the tops of its overburden dumps. The top surfaces are flattened, covered in topsoil, from a separate topsoil stockpile near Chama pit, and indigenous trees planted from an established nursery. These efforts were, however, being hampered by the tops not being adequately flattened leading to run-off of water and loss of carefully placed topsoil and subsequent loss of transplanted trees. Section 7.2 of the 2014 EMP refers to progressive re-vegetation of dump slopes and upper surfaces. Dump slopes at site were noted to be at the angle of rill (32°), which prevents adequate placement of topsoil and proactive revegetation. SRK notes that since the site visit, when this issue was highlighted, Kagem has committed to flattening the slopes angles to 20°, which will facilitate the on-going rehabilitation in accordance with the EMP.
- **Lack of biodiversity information** – The absence of biodiversity data means Kagem has no knowledge of the conservation status and impact of natural habitat prior to clearing of vegetation. Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager has confirmed a baseline biodiversity assessment will form part of the EIA currently underway (Section 9.3.3). The results of a biodiversity study would need to be incorporated into the 2015 Kagem EMP update.
- **Lack of understanding of illegal mining activities and voluntary principles:** Gemfields Group Human Rights and Security Policy makes reference to the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights (VP), and the same is in the process of being incorporated in current security contracts. Egis has been entrusted to impart training in how they affected their activities at the mine. A detailed study of illegal mining activities at Kagem is yet to be completed, although this was recommended in the 2012 FS.
- **Unmet community expectations:** The high level of poverty in the area and low unemployment means the nearby communities have high expectations of mining companies in their area. This needs to be addressed through formal stakeholder engagement and formal grievance procedures.

## 9.8 Closure Costs and Planning and Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)

### 9.8.1 Closure Costs and Planning

Kagem does not have an in-house life of mine closure plan or detailed cost estimate; however, the annual Kagem EMP updates include a section entitled “overview of reclamation, decommissioning, closure and closure cost estimation” relating mainly to rehabilitation and demolition of current levels of disturbance. These costs are based on the disturbed footprint and existing infrastructure at the time of calculation of the costs. This cost estimate is required as part of the EPF Audit to assess the cash contribution Kagem needs to pay to the EPF (as per the Mines and Minerals Act) on an annual basis. The objectives of the EPF are:

- to provide assurance to Director of MSD that the mining project developer shall execute the EIS/EPB in accordance with requirements of Mines and Minerals (Environment) Regulations Statutory Instrument No.29 of 1997; and
- to provide protection to the Government against the financial risk of undertaking the rehabilitation of a mining area, in the circumstances the holder of the mining license fails to do so.

The contributions to the Fund that Gemfields will have to make are based on the environmental management performance (as provided for in the Mines and Minerals (Environmental) Regulations No.66) and subsequent EPF categorisation. The Fund contributions are calculated using the mine closure costs prepared specifically for financial assurance.

In 2014, Kagem Mine was assessed as Category 1 resulting in a 5-year EP liability after the 95% concession of USD17,461 (Section 9.3.4). The 2014 EMP update for Kagem includes an updated financial assurance closure cost of USD349,238 as summarised in Table 9-4. Table 9-4 summarises both the factors used to calculate the closure cost and also shows how the calculations (unit costs, total areas affected and sub-totals contributing to the grand total). The unit costs have been updated for inflation. The sizes of the individual areas have also been updated where rehabilitation works have been verifiably completed.

The 2014 closure cost estimate assumes:

- waste rock dumps will be contoured during operations to the required closure slope angles as discussed in Section 2.7. .
- in-pit backfilling of Chama pit will allow the foot wall slope to be constructed from waste material at the appropriate closure slope angle;
- all actions outlined in 2014 EMP are undertaken during operations; and
- proposed monitoring will be undertaken for five years post closure.

SRK notes the closure cost unit rates have not been developed from first principles, but use widely accepted Zambian rates based on SRK studies undertaken for the World Bank in 1997 and waste dump re-vegetation costs based on 2005 Lumwana Mining Company estimated costs inflated to 2014 costs using the US Consumer Price Index. The unit cost rates used may therefore not be representative of the actual rehabilitation costs likely to be incurred at Kagem under current market conditions.

SRK considers the closure costs are most likely underestimated, possibly by as much as an order of magnitude as the costs do not:

- take consideration of a specific closure and rehabilitation plan developed in association with stakeholders including local communities and regulatory authorities;
- use rates developed from first principles or taken from recent contractor quotes;

- take into account associated earthworks that may be required around the pits to make these safe; and/or
- consider any socio-economic or labour related issues that may arise at closure.

During the 2008 and 2012 reviews, SRK estimated conceptual LoMp closure costs as USD9.43 M and USD3.0 M, respectively. These estimates were based on high level assumptions and in the absence of any formal LoMp closure cost estimate by Kagem. As part of this study, SRK has revised the previous conceptual LoMp closure cost; however a further detailed assessment is required.

### **9.8.2 Environmental Protection Fund**

Kagem Mine started its EPF contributions in 2009, making 2014 the sixth year of its EPF contributions towards closure costs. Kagem has made cumulative contributions of USD 26,996. Therefore, according to the closure cost included in the 2014 EMP update, Kagem owes a net amount of USD 44,729 against the 5-year EPF liability assessment. SRK was provided with a copy of the Payment Guarantee No. 339020011506 with Standard Chartered Bank, dated 28 January 2015, for USD270,733 on account of Kagem Mining Ltd for Environmental Protection Fund contributions MSD/20/1/17. This amount was apparently a miscalculation and Kagem is in the process of getting the Payment Guarantee updated to reflect the current 2014 closure cost.

**Table 9-4: Closure Costs for Kagem Mining Ltd (from Kagem 2014 update)**

Activity	Total Disturbed Area (ha)	Total Rehabilitated Area (ha)	Total Area Requiring Rehabilitation	Cost /ha (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
<b>1. FF-Chama, Fibolele and Libwente Dumps</b>					
Re-vegetation	102.24	0	102.24	1,612.77	<b>164,889</b>
<b>2. Wash Plant Area (With Equipment and Concrete)</b>					
Dismantling of Plant & Equipment	0.26	0	0.26	66,979.64	17,414.71
Site grading & re-profiling	0.26	0	0.26	10,969.17	2,851.98
Re-vegetation	0.26	0	0.26	1,263.41	328.49
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>20,595</b>
<b>3. Stockpile at Wash Plant</b>					
Site grading & re-profiling	2.20	0	2.20	10,969.17	24,132.17
Re-vegetation of Plant area	2.20	0	2.20	1,263.41	2,779.50
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>26,911</b>
<b>4. Tailings Yard at Wash Plant</b>					
Site grading & re-profiling	1.10	0	1.10	10,969.17	12,066.09
Re-vegetation of Plant area	1.10	0	1.10	1,263.41	1,389.75
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>13,455</b>
<b>5. Workshop (light and heavy duty)</b>					
Dismantling of Plant & Equipment	0.14	0	0.14	66,979.64	9,377.15
Site grading & re-profiling	0.14	0	0.14	10,969.17	1,535.68
Re-vegetation of Plant area	0.14	0	0.14	1,263.41	176.88
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>11,089</b>
<b>6. Office Block</b>					
Dismantling the Office Blocks	0.13	0	0.13	8,263.70	1,074.28
Site grading & re-profiling	0.13	0	0.13	10,969.17	1,425.99
Re-vegetation	0.13	0	0.13	1,263.41	164.24
<b>Sub - total</b>					<b>2,664</b>
<b>7. Sort House</b>					
Dismantling the sort house	0.043	0	0.043	50,449.31	2,169.32
Site grading & re-profiling	0.043	0	0.043	10,969.17	471.67
Re-vegetation	0.043	0	0.043	1,263.41	54.33
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>2,695</b>
<b>8. Explosives Magazine</b>					
Dismantling magazine (Industrial)	0.082	0	0.082	50,449.31	4,136.84
Site grading & re-profiling	0.082	0	0.082	10,969.17	899.47
Re-vegetation	0.0082	0	0.082	1,263.41	103.60
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>5,139</b>
<b>9. Fuel Station</b>					
Dismantling of Fuel Tanks (Industrial)	0.026	0	0.026	50,449.31	1,311.68
Site grading & re-profiling	0.026	0	0.026	10,969.17	285.20
Re-vegetation	0.026	0	0.026	1,263.41	32.85
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>1,629</b>
<b>10. Juniors Quarters Area</b>					
Demolition	1.50	0	1.50	8,263.70	12,395.55
Site grading & re-profiling	1.50	0	1.50	10,969.17	16,453.76
Re-vegetation	1.50	0	1.50	1,263.41	1,895.12
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>30,744</b>
<b>11. Senior Quarters Area</b>					
Demolition	0.96	0	0.96	8,263.70	7,933.15
Site grading & re-profiling	0.96	0	0.96	10,969.17	10,530.40
Re-vegetation	0.96	0	0.96	1,263.41	1,212.87
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>19,676</b>
<b>12. Open Space at Mine Camp</b>					
Grading and Re-profiling	19.20	0	19.20	12,383.14	25,488.38
Re-vegetation	19.20	0	19.20	1,263.41	24,257.47
<b>Sub – total</b>					<b>49,745</b>
<b>Grand total (Closure / Rehabilitation Costs)</b>					<b>349,238</b>

## 9.9 Environmental and Social Risks and Opportunities

The following key environmental and social risks and opportunities were identified by SRK as a result of the 2015 review:

- **Permitting delays:** Delays in project advancement, specifically the proposed expansion of the Fibolele pit, could be caused by the time taken for data collection, report compilation and subsequent approval of the Kagem EIA (Section 9.3.3). These time constraints need to be taken into consideration by the FS and LoMp.
- **Mining activities delayed or disrupted:** ZEMA/MSD could delay or disrupt mining activities at Kagem due to current non-conformances in the EMP and outstanding permits (water abstraction and discharge licenses) (Sections 9.3.2 and 9.4.3). Improved pro-active environmental management, as discussed below, will minimise this risk as will maintaining good relationships with the authorities. Since the Zambian government is a 25% shareholder in Kagem and ZEMA and MSD have been proactively involved in the review of annual EMP and EPF updates for the mine this risk is anticipated to be quite low.
- **Reputational risks associated with alleged human rights abuses:** Although there have not been any human rights abuses in the past, due to the presence of illegal miners on the site, Kagem needs to monitor the situation more carefully. The absence of a formal incident reporting system increases the company's exposure to this risk. Adherence to Gemfields' Standard Operating Procedures and implementation of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VP) will minimise this risk.
- **Strategic evaluation of current CSR activities:** The lack of a community development plan based on primary socio-economic data collections means that Kagem's CSR activities are responsive and leaning towards short term corporate giving. There is an opportunity for Kagem to re-evaluate its approach to community development, in close association with affected communities, to focus on investment in initiatives resulting in sustainable long term outcomes with benefits extending beyond the life of mine. SRK acknowledges this will be addressed through the hiring of additional staff and development and implementation of appropriate strategies and governance systems, plans and procedures.
- **Improved environmental performance:** Kagem is complying with the commitments articulated in the Gemfields and Kagem SHEQ policies, but needs further improvement (Section 9.4), and this provides an opportunity for Kagem to bring in systems in line with other mining operations in the Copperbelt as well as GIIP and corporate Gemfields requirements. Kagem has historically not been required to undertake an EIA for bulk sampling activities. SRK recommends Kagem to undertake further baseline work. The limited baseline data (on noise, air quality, biodiversity etc.) and on-going operational monitoring data from which to evaluate impacts and monitor effectiveness of management measures means that environmental and social impacts are not necessarily fully understood and managed. There is an opportunity through the new EIA required for the Fibolele pit to address these current gaps.

## 9.10 Conclusions

Overall, the site visit and review of available data indicate the Company's operation is largely in compliance with the requirements of Zambian environmental legislation and extant licence conditions aside from the outstanding discharge and abstraction permits. Based on the available data and observations during the site visit, SRK acknowledges that the risk of significant environmental impacts is relatively low. Most of the potential environmental and

social impacts evident at the site can be further reduced through management measures that are not difficult to implement and are known to be reliable. Key factors to be addressed going forward include:

- The Mine has an excellent safety record, having recently achieved a safety record of 3.5 M injury free man-shifts. This was recognised by the Zambian Government with a prestigious award;
- obtaining the outstanding approvals, in particular completion of the site-wide EMP that will be covered by the Kagem EIA currently being undertaken, the discharge and abstraction approvals that Kagem has submitted to ZEMA and the approval of the Kagem EIA that is in-progress;
- fully meeting Gemfield's corporate SHEQ policies and standardising Kagem's policies and ESMS with GIIP - SRK notes this transition is underway and is being driven by Gemfields Group Sustainability Manager;
- relooking at current corporate social investment to ensure this focuses on sustainable outcomes rather than corporate giving;
- ensuring full compliance with its EMP or if conditions are not appropriate, negotiate with the authorities to revise the conditions - SRK notes that actions are being undertaken by Kagem to address non-compliances; and
- developing a life of mine closure cost estimate.

### 9.11 Recommendations

Further improvements (and on-going compliance with environmental standards / licence conditions) can be expected from the following actions:

- Build the combined SHEQ and CSR team and undertake formal stakeholder analysis and prepare a stakeholder database and a formal Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Grievance Mechanism as per Gemfields Societal Policy. SRK acknowledges Gemfields has committed to hiring a head of department to oversee sustainability (including HSE) and a new community affairs manager who will be responsible for putting in place a strategy with improved governance (regarding community investment), engagement, grievance and partnerships in 2015;
- As part of the development of an effective proactive management system, expand the existing socio-economic assessment report to include additional detail on the illegal miners and identify potential receptors in terms of community health and safety (traffic, dust, water discharges) as well as socio-economic impacts (population influx, job creation and benefiting from CSR activities). Use this data to confirm environment and community impacts and revise management measures to be included in an updated EMP and newly developed Community Development Plan;
- Continue to construct the waste rock dumps at appropriate slope angles that will facilitate slope re-contouring and revegetation;
- Update the monitoring programme to identify key indicators that can be monitored on an on-going basis to gauge the effectiveness of the revised management measures.
- Continue to install active groundwater monitoring wells around active and disused overburden dumps as per its commitments in the EMP;
- Improve understanding of the surface and ground water regime in the project area as outlined above;
- For future annual EMP updates include an update on construction and operational activities and surface infrastructure layouts and design features relevant to the mitigation

of environmental impacts, also consider revised impacts, from work described above, to re-evaluate management measures;

- Develop a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for Kagem in accordance with Gemfields Group Environmental Policy requirements following the undertaking of the biodiversity baseline study;
- Update the current closure plan and cost estimate to reflect the end of life of mine closure cost including:
  - formally agreeing the end land use objective with stakeholders;
  - developing rates from first principles using recent and current equipment operating, labour, fuel and contracting costs;
  - verifying the disturbed footprint areas for high unit cost rates of infrastructure areas such as the wash plant;
  - incorporating the current revegetation of the pit high wall in the area calculations;
  - preserving existing intact Miombo woodland on/near the operations to assist future natural revegetation of disturbed areas;
  - constructing bund walls of the hanging wall that do not already exist to an appropriate height to prevent vehicle access and dissuade human access;
  - designing waste rock dumps for closure and ensuring mine plans align with the EMP by either modifying the EMP or mine plans;
  - designing future pit walls for long-term stability at closure without additional earth moving at end of life of mine.
- Undertake training of Security personnel on the VP and incorporate these principles into security contracts and activities; and
- Undertake risk assessments and develop the necessary policies, procedures and guidelines as described by the VPs and maintain a record of their implementation.

## **10 EMERALD AND BERYL MARKETING AND SALES**

### **10.1 Introduction**

The following section includes an overview of emerald production and the emerald market, historical prices and future sales as they apply to the Kagem Mine. SRK notes however that this overview does not quantitatively analyse historical demand-supply-price relationships nor attempts to comment on the impact on price of assumed increases in supply such as that proposed by the Company. Furthermore the price overview is limited to the rough gemstones sold in auctions and any potential relationships between historical rough and cut prices are not discussed to enable an assessment of the entire value chain and the potential uplift should the Company decide to become more vertically integrated. SRK notes that consensus market forecasts are not available for coloured gemstones and accordingly reliance for future price scenarios are generally linked to those achieved historically.

### **10.2 Overview of Emerald Production**

Historically, emeralds have been mined in Colombia, Russia, Afghanistan and Brazil. Colombia has been the largest supplier in US Dollar terms for the past five hundred years or so, but conflict and low investment have resulted in significantly reduced export values in recent years. The easily accessible deposits within the mainstay mines of Muzo, Coscuez and Chivor have largely become depleted in recent years. Colombian gemstones have traditionally fetched the highest quality for quality per carat prices whereas Brazilian gemstones, being lighter in colour with a yellow-green tinge have generally fetched lower prices. Zambian emeralds are relatively new to the market but have been fetching increasingly higher prices over the past few years.

#### **10.2.1 Colombian Dominance**

Colombia has traditionally been the principal producer of fine quality emerald for centuries. However, Colombia's output and share of global production has decreased considerably in the last few years (Table 10-1). The primary reason for this drop in production of Colombian emeralds is believed to be on account of the very limited amount of formal investment and lack of professional mining techniques. Traditionally, the three main mining districts were Muzo, Coscuez and Chivor. The mines lie in a series of black shales. More recently the La Pita mine has also been a major producer of Colombian emerald surpassing Muzo and Coscuez in total kilogrammes of rough emerald produced. Whilst all qualities are produced, fine and extra fine quality gemstones are scarce.

**Table 10-1: Historical Emerald Production from Colombia**

Year	Emerald Production (kg)
1996	2,100
1998	2,500
2000	2,200
2002	1,600
2004	2,500
2006	1,146
2008	424
2010	1,040
2012	240
2013	520

(Source USGS and Ministry for Mining and Energy, Colombia)

Emerald was one of the top selling gemstones in the international market during the mid to late 1980s through the early 1990s. Driven by demand, emerald prices hit record highs during this period. Increased demand by Japanese and European buyers helped trigger pricing volatility. With demand outpacing supply, prices remained volatile

### 10.2.2 Brazil

Emeralds were discovered in Brazil in the seventeenth century, with more recent deposits being found in the 1980's, making Brazil one of the most significant suppliers in the world. Deposits are located in the state of Bahia, in a mica schist horizon near Salininha as well as deposits at Carnaiba in mica schists. On the whole, the Brazilian colour does not match that of the Colombian emeralds. It is the largest supplier of the low grade emerald market. The country continues to export rough as well as cut and polished emeralds.

### 10.2.3 Other Significant Emerald Deposits

Emeralds are also found in the Panshir valley of Afghanistan and the Swat region of Pakistan. The colour of these emeralds has been said to be similar to the colour of Colombian gemstones. However, the gemstones are almost always small and this limits their market value. Other emerald deposits have been discovered in Australia (Emmaville), South Africa (Leysdorp), Zimbabwe (Belingwe), India (Rajasthan), Tanzania (Gregory Rift Valley), Nigeria (Plateau), Madagascar (Kianjavato), Norway (Akerhus), USA (Hiddenite), and Mozambique (Morrua).

#### Zambian Influence:

According to Gemfields' estimations, by 2014 Zambia had become the world's top producer of emeralds, accounting for as much as 35% of global supply, and surpassing Colombian and Brazilian production by value. Efficient mining and distribution practices and coordinated marketing efforts by Gemfields have been crucial to the development of the Zambian market, as Gemfields' Kagem mine still accounts for roughly 70% of Zambian emerald production by value.

Zambia hosts several important emerald deposits including the Ndola-Rural Restricted Area. Emerald deposits have been known for decades in Zambia, with some newer deposits being less than a decade old. However, the market appreciation for Zambian emerald has been driven both by its ability to provide a consistent supply as well as the quality of its gemstones. Zambian emeralds tend to have an overall higher clarity than that of the other two main sources (Colombia and Brazil). Many dealers prize Zambian emeralds for their transparency, with many gemstones exhibiting a clear "crystal" transparency that gives them a wonderfully attractive appearance. Zambian emeralds are also prized for their rich bluish green colour, a colour which is generally considered unique to this area. As a result the need for enhancements to be applied to this material is generally less than that of any other known active emerald source. This has proven increasingly important to consumers, especially those in the Asian market.

#### **10.2.4 Distribution Network for Zambian Emeralds**

Zambia is a geologically rich and diverse country and an important source to the international emerald trade. Emeralds are produced at numerous locations along Zambia's copper belt. However, production is reported to be most active at Kagem.

A turning point for the supply of Zambian emeralds was the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Kagem mine by Gemfields' parent company, Pallinghurst Resources LLP, in December 2007. This was later transferred to Gemfields via a reverse takeover in 2008 and who now owns 75% of the Kagem mine. It has successfully implemented a turnaround strategy and transformed Kagem into the world's single largest producing emerald mine, responsible for roughly 25% of global emerald supply. A large reason for this success is Gemfields' move to providing the international markets with consistent access to graded rough which has significantly developed the entire downstream global emerald market. With some of the major emerald fields of Zambia now under the control of a single management group, this has further enhanced the attractiveness and potential for even greater investment into the Zambian emerald sector. Further development as well as the transition to mechanized mining has supported increased production and improved operational efficiency. In 2007, Kagem produced 9.4 million carats, which has increased to 30.1 million carats in the year ending June 2015.

Gemfields sells its production through its auction platform rather than through a private dealer network. In 2013, Gemfields also paid its first dividend of \$10 million, with \$2 million going to the Zambian government in addition to mineral royalties and corporate income taxes.

Production is expected to continue to grow as current demand increases in the major gemstone markets. Investment in further exploration should result in the development of more diverse sources in the future. In 2014, *Numis* reported that accurate production figures are difficult to obtain, but it is estimated that production figures of emeralds are now split 1/3rd each between Brazil, Zambia and Colombia. Prices for finished emeralds from all three major producing nations have increased since 2004. Higher prices have held firm due to increased demand in India and China.

#### **10.2.5 The Market Mechanisms**

Once finished (faceted), Zambian emeralds are sold on the wholesale market globally. Two distinct routes to market exist. One is through international coloured gemstone trade-shows such as the annual Tucson (US) GemFair, others include the international Hong Kong and Bangkok gem shows. The second route is the more common method observed in the coloured gemstone market. This involves Zambian emerald buyers visiting the cutting centres

in Jaipur, India and Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv, Israel to purchase rough directly from the cutters and private brokers and dealers.

It is noted that Zambian emeralds service an important niche in the global gemstone market, this is mainly because Zambian rough produces a certain quality and size of product at an attractive price point.

### **10.3 Emerald Value**

Emeralds, both in Colombia and Zambia have been traditionally mined in small scale cooperatives. However, fair trade principles have been steadily growing in importance to buyers according to the Jewellery Consumer Opinion Council. It has been suggested that the "beauty" of gem products can be further enhanced by providing a greater level of ethics, transparency and improved employment practices. Globally, third world gem producing areas remain some of the poorest areas in spite of the wealth that others further up the distribution channel have historically gained through the sale of these products.

Development of mining areas through the payment of taxes, appropriate employee practices and the construction of social necessities such as schools and medical clinics can further enhance these gemstone products.

Although emerald mining has traditionally been conducted following variants of small scale models, there is tremendous upside potential to the emergence of a large scale model in the Zambian emerald industry.

Through proper development the Zambian emerald industry can expand its important niche of supplying the world market with fine quality emeralds. The relationship between government and private sector is favourable to further the development of the mineral resources of the nation.

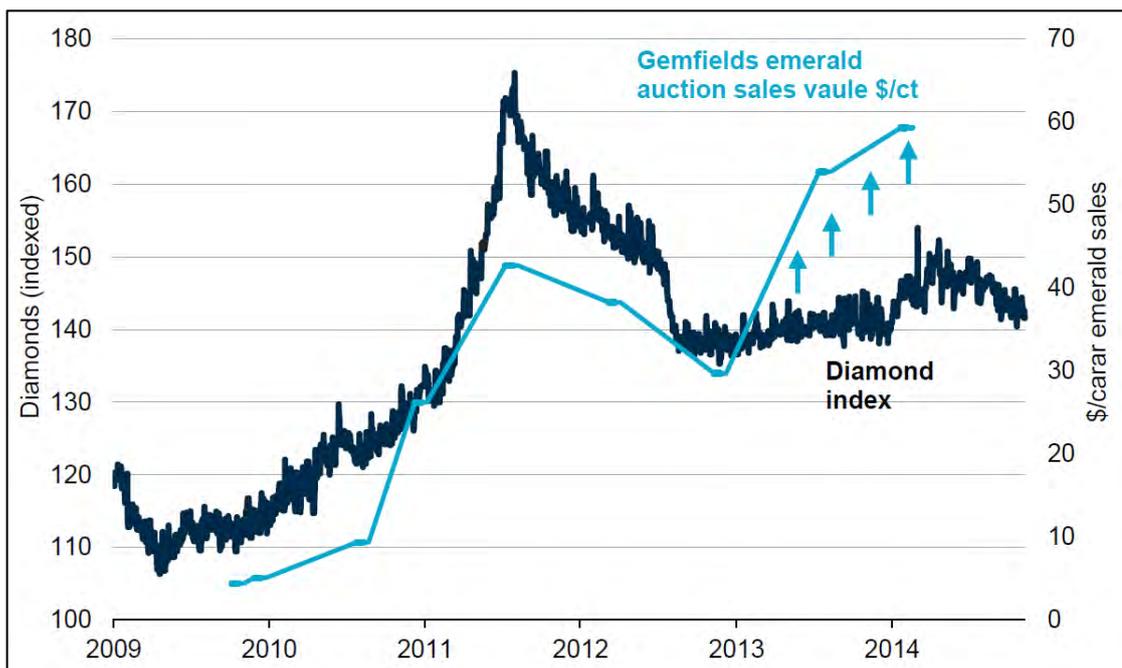
Assuming the proper investment in product development and brand enhancement, emerald continues to offer strong upward potential. In that regard, the desirability for Zambian emerald (traditionally recognized in the gemmological community for its higher overall clarity) cannot be overstated.

#### **10.3.1 The World Coloured Gemstone Market**

The coloured gemstone market continues to grow at a rapid pace. This is primarily due to the major and emerging economies' continued recovery and growth combined with a fashion trend which has shifted towards coloured gemstones. According to the United Nations Commodity Trade (UNComTrade) Statistics Database, the international coloured gemstone industry has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 26% for the last five years (2009 – 2013) and currently stands at US\$6.1 billion. The emerald, ruby and sapphire market make up 65% of the coloured gemstone market and currently stands at US\$4 billion with 20% CAGR over the period, 2009-2013. The information is still largely lacking but it is estimated that rubies and sapphires make up for 50% of the world's coloured gemstone market with the largest demand for rubies originating from Asia.

Over the last eight years prices have increased 47% for rubies, 37% for sapphires and 6% for emeralds, in contrast to 32% for diamonds, according to GemVal and Rapnet. The sustainability of price increases remains to be seen, but demand growth remains strong at present. The trajectory of received emerald prices at Gemfields' auctions has broadly followed the Polished Prices Diamond Index. However, from early 2013 emerald prices obtained at auction have outpaced diamonds, as can be seen in Figure 10-1. Demand for coloured gemstones is growing, particularly from China and India that traditionally have a long-standing

passion for colour.



**Figure 10-1: Emerald Prices vs Diamonds. Source: Numis**

### 10.3.2 Historical Cut Emerald Prices

Since 2002, emerald prices have been on the increase, reaching a peak in 2011 and stabilizing thereafter. Professional marketing efforts started by Gemfields in 2010 have had an important influence in driving demand for emeralds up and increasing desirability of the gemstones among younger generations, turning them into a very modern choice. A key point to note about emeralds and other coloured gemstones is that they offer the retail jeweller a much more attractive profit margin compared to the slim margins more recently seen in diamonds. This makes them appealing products to stock and promote. Emeralds already possess a strong brand with consumers. Emeralds are one of the earliest gems used in jewellery and have been held in high regard dating back many centuries.

Historically, a key constraint to the sale of coloured gemstones has been the limited quantities and erratic nature of the supply. With the bulk of world production coming from small scale miners, the downstream supply chain has not had access to sufficiently consistent supplies of rough for large production runs of certain product lines or the ability to support these with the necessary marketing campaigns. Now that Gemfields has entered the market, cutters can purchase large parcels of consistent grade emerald product at auction. This enables retailers and manufacturers to plan larger production runs of jewellery that rely on consistent supply, stable pricing and the reliable grading of the rough and they can in turn support this with an increased level of consumer focussed marketing. The result of this is the opportunity to grow the size of the market and broaden the appeal of the products while keeping prices stable or increasing.

### 10.3.3 Auction Results

Tables 10-2, 10-3 and Figures 10-2 and 10-3 present tabular and graphical representations of Gemfields’ auction results (per carat prices) for both lower and higher quality grades from 2009 until September 2015. It can be noted that both of these graphs are trending steadily upwards. This is considered most likely due to increased consumer confidence in Gemfields’

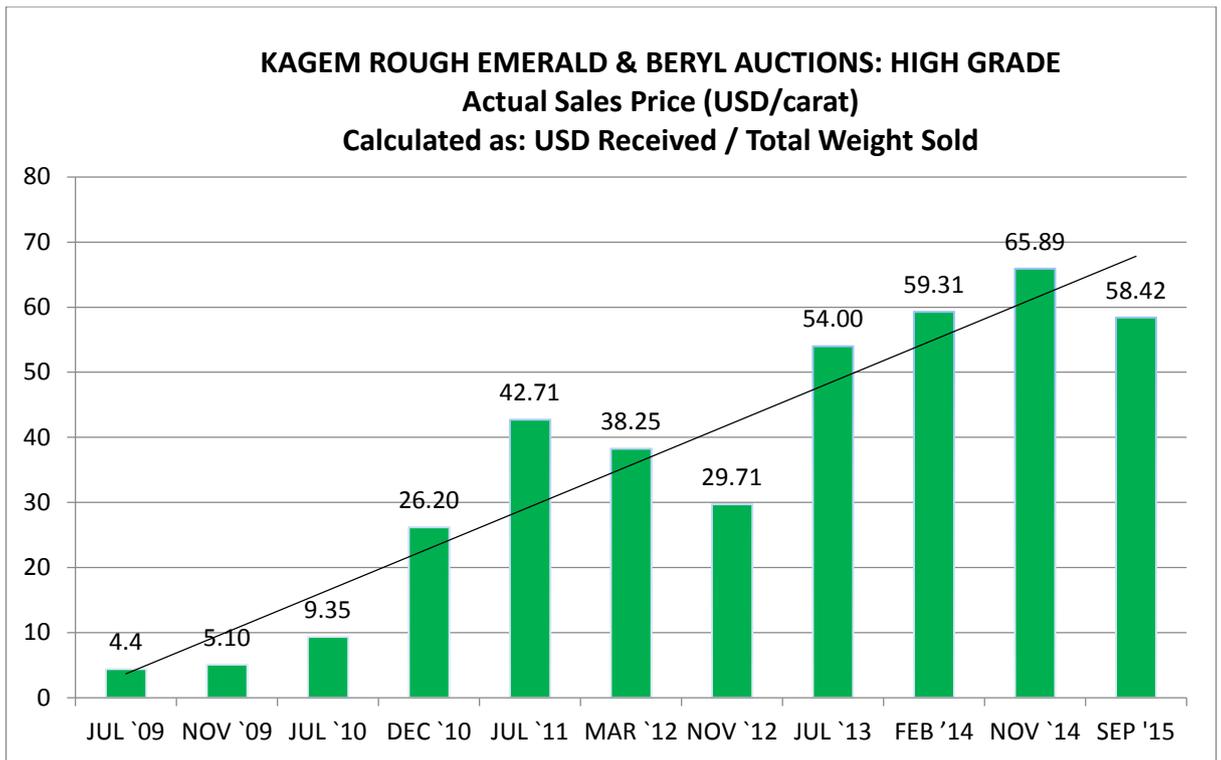
product as a result of the proprietary grading, marketing and sales platform developed by the Company, as well as a general increase in consumer demand for coloured gemstones.

**Table 10-2: Higher Grade Auction Results - Table**

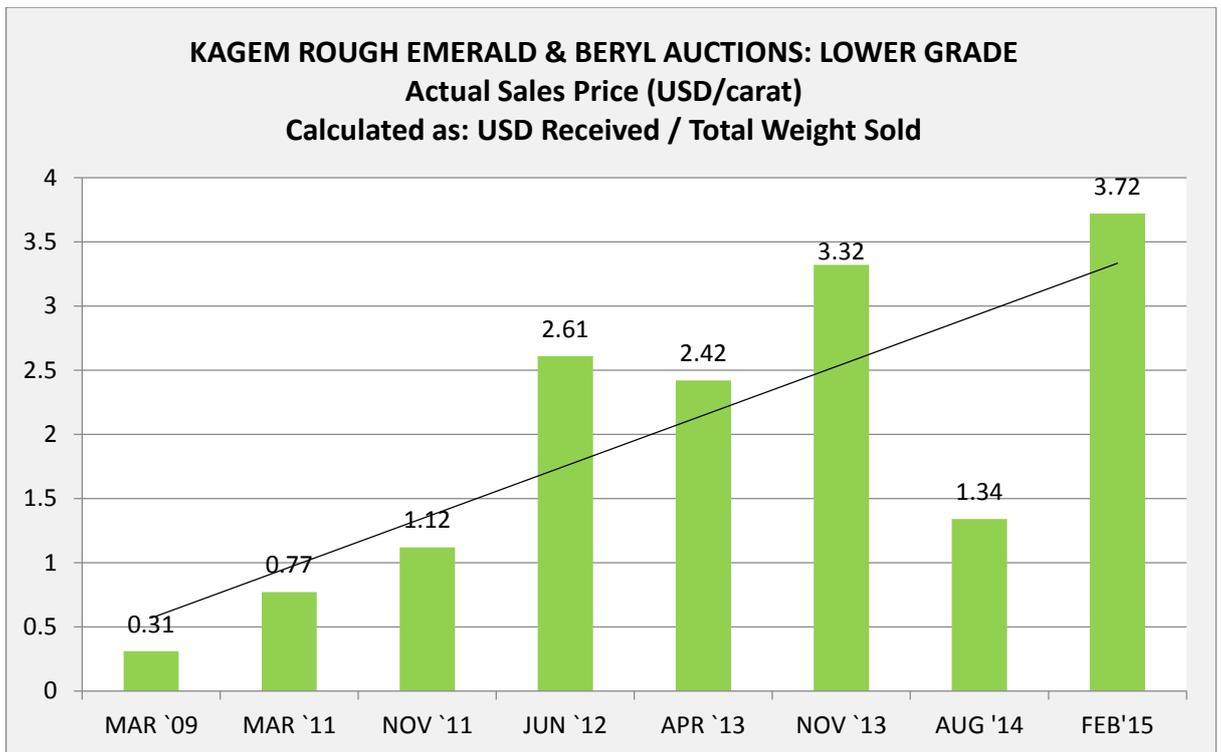
Details	JUL `09	NOV `09	JUL `10	DEC `10	JUL `11	MAR `12	NOV `12	JUL `13	FEB `14	NOV `14	SEP `15
Dates	20-24 Jul `09	23-27 Nov `09	19-23 Jul `10	6-10 Dec `10	11-15 Jul `11	19-23 Mar `12	29 Oct - 2 Nov `12	15-19 Jul `13	21-25 Feb `14	13 Nov - 17 Nov	31 Aug - 4 Sept' 15
Location	London, UK	Johannesburg, SA	London, UK	Johannesburg, SA	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Lusaka	Lusaka	Lusaka	Singapore
Type	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality	Higher Quality
Carats offered (million)	1.36	1.12	0.85	0.87	1.07	0.77	0.93	0.58	0.84	0.6	0.6
Carats sold (million)	1.36	1.09	0.8	0.75	0.74	0.69	0.9	0.58	0.62	0.53	0.59
No. of companies placing bids	23	19	37	32	38	29	35	36	34	34	37
Average no. of bids per lot	10	13	18	16	16	11	11	8	13	12	11
No. of lots offered	27	19	27	19	25	23	19	18	17	17	19
No. of lots sold	26	14	24	18	18	20	16	18	15	16	18
Percentage of lots sold	96%	74%	89%	95%	72%	87%	84%	100%	88%	94%	95%
Percentage of lots sold by weight	99.80%	97%	94%	86%	69%	89%	98%	100%	74%	89%	98%
Percentage of lots sold by value	82%	76%	87%	99%	91%	94%	90%	100%	86%	89%	88%
Total sales realised at auction (US\$ Million)	5.9	5.6	7.5	19.6	31.6	26.2	26.8	31.5	36.5	34.9	34.7
Average per carat sales value	USD 4.40/carat	USD 5.10/carat	USD 9.35/carat	USD 26.20/carat	USD 42.71/carat	USD 38.25/carat	USD 29.71/carat	USD 54.00/carat	USD 59.31/carat	USD 65.89/carat	USD 58.42/carat

**Table 10-3: Lower Grade Auction Results - Table**

Details	MAR `09	MAR `11	NOV `11	JUN `12	APR `13	NOV `13	AUG `14	FEB`15
Dates	11-15 Mar 2010	10-14 Mar 2011	21-25 Nov 2011	9-13 Jun 2012	15-19 Apr 2013	11-15 Nov 2013	05 -08 Aug 2014	24-27 Feb 2015
Location	Jaipur, India	Jaipur, India	Jaipur, India	Jaipur, India	Lusaka, Zambia	Lusaka, Zambia	Lusaka, Zambia	Lusaka, Zambia
Type	Lower Quality	Lower Quality						
Carats offered*	28.90 million	16.83 million	10.83 million	10.85 million	17.34 million	5.62 million	12.11 million	10.10 million
Carats sold (million)	22.8	12.98	9.82	3.47	6.3	4.94	11.58	3.9
No. of companies placing bids	25	44	27	20	25	20	21	21
Average no. of bids per lot	8	14	9	3	6	7	7	5
No. of lots offered	56	35	26	33	28	21	21	26
No. of lots sold	49	34	19	17	23	19	17	19
Percentage of lots sold	88%	97%	73%	52%	82%	90%	81%	73%
Percentage of lots sold by weight	79%	77%	91%	32%	36%	88%	96%	39%
Percentage of lots sold by value	89%	76%	87%	99%	91%	91%	88%	88%
Total sales realised at auction (US\$ million)	7.2	10	11	9	15.2	16.4	15.5	14.5
Average per carat sales value (US\$/c)	USD 0.31/carat	USD 0.77/carat	USD 1.12/carat	USD 2.61/carat	USD 2.42/carat	USD 3.32/carat	USD 1.34/carat	USD 3.72/ carat



**Figure 10-2: Higher Grade Auction Results – Graph**



**Figure 10-3: Lower Grade Auction Results - Graph**

## 10.4 Gemstone Marketing Strategy

The global market has recently witnessed a significant rise in demand for coloured gemstones. This was primarily linked to the general trends in the fashion industry towards revealing the significance of colour, the growing economies of the developing world, increasing importance of ethics and transparency in business and realising the investment value of coloured gemstones.

Gemfields has significantly invested in marketing an industry that has never seen formalised and coordinated marketing efforts in the past, thereby revealing the value of the Zambian emeralds both to the trade and consumer. For example, the company recently spent around USD5 M on a marketing campaign that had actress Mila Kunis as brand ambassador for its emeralds, and is committed to an on-going marketing spend of roughly 10% of annual revenues.

To be able to market effectively, Gemfields had to be able to guarantee constant supply of these gemstones to the global market and ensure that Zambian emeralds are available on the market in the key geographies. In order to achieve this, Gemfields keeps roughly one year's rough production available as a stock balance at any given point in time and manages its inventory to meet growing market demands. Through its auction platform and cut and polished sales department Gemfields is able to reach directly to its customers. Gemfields Kagem Mine has over 25 years life of mine with a capacity to provide sustainable supply to the market throughout this period and beyond.

Gemfields initial Zambian emeralds marketing efforts were focused on the trade participants. Starting from 2010 Gemfields began targeted trade advertising campaigns through trade publications and presence at the major trade shows to create awareness and demand for its emeralds. Gemfields created two advertising campaigns and two 'Emeralds for Elephants' campaigns in 2010 and 2011 where renowned international jewellers created emerald pieces to promote the gemstones. Global launch of its brand ambassador Mila Kunis in 2013 featured emerald, ruby and amethyst jewellery. Gemfields Emerald Book launched in 2013 aimed at telling the story of emeralds to the end consumer and was very successful.

Currently, Gemfields continue to market Zambian emeralds as an exclusive gemstone in collaboration with jewellers, artists and designers. The target customer focus is at the end consumer as firm foundations are created in the trade community.

To conclude, Gemfields directs a high level of attention to doing business in a responsible, transparent and ethical way. From responsible environmental, labour and social policies, to safe mining operations, transparent auction process, accountable government engagement and through to the final customers Gemfields is a leader within its segment, is increasingly looking to be on par with global best practices and believes that integrity is a key demand driver for its product. By continuing to recognise and address major social, environmental, health & safety, transparency issues Gemfields believes it can satisfy its stakeholders' expectations and maximise value as a business. Notwithstanding the limitations in respect of a historical and forecast supply-demand-price analysis, SRK notes the Company's overall objectives in developing a strategy whereby the substantial increase in production at Kagem will in essence seek to compete within the broader gemstone market. Accordingly the Company considers that the projected increase in overall production whilst significant in respect of rough emeralds will ultimately be absorbed without a negative correction for the price of cut emerald.

#### **10.4.1 Future Emerald Prices**

At Kagem the historical time weighted average (simple month) price received for rough emeralds and beryl over the three year period ending 31 December 2007 was USD4.5 /g and for the 9-month period ending 31 December 2007 was USD6.1 /g. Based on the annual results for the financial periods ending 31 March 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008(H1+Q3) the sales price received increased from USD2.8 /g to USD6.1 /g, which has increased to approximately USD15 /g in recent times. Gemfields expects growth in emerald prices to remain steady and increase at the rate of 5-10% per annum in the next 5-10 years, supported by assured sustainable supply and the company's marketing efforts. The prices forecast by Gemfields for its products from the Kagem Mine are presented in Table 12-1.

#### **10.5 SRK Comments**

While Colombian emeralds continue to dominate the higher quality and value spectrum of global emerald supply, production is significantly down, meaning that Zambian and other sources now supply a substantial proportion of the global market. In turn, Gemfields contributes a significant proportion of total Zambian production, making the company one of the most important sources of emerald in the world. Due to the success of Gemfields' proprietary grading, marketing and sales platform, and increased production efficiency, the company has become a major driver in the continued growth of emerald prices in the last few years. This has increased consumer confidence and demand for the precious gemstones. This achievement is especially notable given the relatively poor performance of the diamond industry over the same period. SRK considers that the projected prices presented in this CPR as a basis for Reserves estimates are reasonable and are supported by the historical prices achieved.

## 11 RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### 11.1 Introduction

The following section includes a summary of the principal risks and opportunities as they may relate to the Kagem Mine and seeks to identify and quantify the potential impact should such a risk or opportunity materialise. In certain instances, the analysis is limited to qualitative assessment only and accordingly no direct financial impact can or has been determined.

In all likelihood, many of the identified risks and/or opportunities will have an impact on the cash flows as presented in Section 12 of this CPR. SRK has provided sensitivity tables for simultaneous (twin) parameters, which cover the anticipated range of accuracy in respect of commodity prices, operating expenditures and capital expenditures. SRK is of the view that the general risks and opportunities are, with the aid of the sensitivity tables, adequately covered. Specifically, these largely address fluctuations in operating expenditure and commodity prices.

In addition to those identified above, the Mine is subject to specific risks and opportunities, which independently may not be classified to have a material impact (that is likely to affect more than 10% of Kagem's annual post-tax pre-finance annual operating cash flow), but in combination may do so.

SRK has further reviewed the risks identified below in accordance with their potential likelihood and associated consequence of risk in order to derive an overall risk measure classified as low, medium or high. It is important, however, to note that the classification of specific risks with an overall risk measure of medium or high does not necessarily constitute a scenario which leads to "project failure". Where appropriate, SRK has classified all specific risks with a medium risk or higher as the most material risks to which Kagem Mine is subject.

Certain of the specific risks identified comprise either generic risk elements which are adequately addressed by the various twin-parameters sensitivities analysis undertaken or which do not readily lend themselves to quantitative analysis. The specific risks which fall into such categories are: commodity price risk; foreign exchange and CPI risk; water management risk; occupational health and safety risk, and cost of production risk.

### 11.2 Risks

The Mine is subject to certain inherent risks and opportunities, which apply to some degree to all participants of the international mining industry. These include:

- **Commodity Price Fluctuations:** These may be influenced, inter alia, by commodity demand-supply balances for gemstones, specifically rough and cut emeralds. In all cases, these are critically dependent on the demand in the primary sales markets in which cut gemstones are consumed, an indication of which is the disposable income as generally reflected by the projected growth in GDP. Furthermore, the sales price varies significantly between both rough and cut gemstones and within the specific quality categories. Historical prices as recorded for the Mine production are largely based on a weighted average price received from auctions. Accordingly, SRK notes that increased production of emeralds has the potential to adversely impact the market price for rough and/or cut emeralds. Increased production could come from the Kagem Mine or other parts of the world where gemstones could be mined.
- **Foreign Exchange and CPI Risk:** CPI for each specific country/currency is impacted by the assumed relationship between exchange rates and the differential in inflation between the respective currencies, that is, purchase price parity or non-purchase price parity. Given the low exposure to non USD related expenditures as noted by Kagem, the

overall foreign exchange risk is however considered immaterial.

- **Country Risk:** Specifically country risk including: political, economic, legal, tax, operational and security risks.
- **Legislative Risk:** Specifically changes to future legislation (tenure, mining activity, labour, occupational health, safety and environmental) within Zambia.
- **Ore Reserve estimation risk:** The presence of premium quality gemstones may be more erratic than indicated from the bulk sampling undertaken to date. It is possible that certain parts of the deposits are richer than others and this has not yet been fully appreciated at this stage of the Mine life.
- **Water Management Risk:** This risk relates to managing the impact of dewatering and discharge on water resources used by the local community.
- **Environmental and Social Risks:** These risks are largely related to issues surrounding artisanal mining in and around the concession area. The experience of other mining operations across the globe would indicate that there is always a risk of uncontrolled inundation of the mining areas by artisanal miners. Should this issue not have been properly identified and managed by Kagem production may be prevented from taking place. Related to this is the risk that local communities become dissatisfied with Kagem and engage in civil unrest forcing suspension of operations. Other environmental risks largely relate to certain deficiencies of environmental documentation and management. Areas of environmental documentation that could be improved include: development of a detailed closure plan in accordance with local regulations, enhancement of the baseline characterisation of the Mine area; and development of a more detailed stakeholder engagement plan and management systems to include commitments for on-going relationships with the local communities.
- **Economic Performance Risk** is largely addressed by the combination of the assessment economic performance criteria and the accompanying sensitivity tables as included in Section 12 of this CPR.

### 11.2.1 Risk Assessment Methodology

SRK has completed a risk assessment in respect of the Mine which largely draws upon the issues highlighted in Section 11.2. SRK notes that such assessments are necessarily subjective and qualitative, however, where quantification is possible, the consequence rating has been classified from minor to major:

- **Major Risk:** the factor poses an immediate danger of a failure, which if uncorrected, will have a material effect (>15% to 20%) on the Mine cash flow and performance and could potentially lead to closure of the operation;
- **Moderate Risk:** the factor, if uncorrected, could have a significant effect (10% to 15%) on the Mine cash flow and performance unless mitigated by some corrective action; and
- **Minor Risk:** the factor, if uncorrected, will have little or no effect (<10%) on the Mine cash flow and performance.

The likelihood of any specific risk materialising has also been assessed and falls into three categories:

- Likely: will probably occur;
- Possible: may occur; and
- Unlikely: unlikely to occur.

The degree or consequence of a risk and the likelihood of occurrence has been combined into

an overall risk assessment the matrix for which is presented in Table 11-1.

**Table 11-1: Overall Risk Assessment Matrix**

Likelihood of Risk	Consequence of Risk		
	Minor	Moderate	Major
Likely	Medium	High	High
Possible	Low	Medium	High
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium

### 11.2.2 Specific Risk Assessment

Table 11-2 presents the results of the specific risk assessment as considered applicable to the Kagem Mine. On this basis, one specific risk has been classified with an overall risk of medium and thereby material in the overall specific risks identified in Section 11.2.1 of this CPR.

**Table 11-2: Kagem Project Risk Assessment before mitigation**

Hazard Risk	Likelihood	Consequence Rating	Overall Risk
<b>Legislative Risk</b>			
Revision to the current fiscal terms	Unlikely	Moderate	Low
<b>Ore Reserve Risk</b>			
Impact of erratic distribution of premium gemstones	Possible	Moderate	Medium
<b>Environmental and Social Risk</b>			
Impact of strained relations with local communities	Unlikely	Moderate	Low

### 11.3 Opportunities

The principal opportunities with respect to the Kagem Mine are largely constrained to:

- **Mineral Resource** potential increases through completion of successful exploration drilling at the Mine and the broader area within the licence.
- **Ore Reserve** potential increase through:
  - refining current estimates with further exploration drilling and bulk mining to help to calibrate the estimation process and better define the presence of high value gemstones; and
  - upgrading of the Inferred Mineral Resources and unclassified material to Indicated and Measured through additional drilling.
- **Plant Throughput** improvement through implementation of an expansion beyond that planned in this LoMp; however, SRK notes that further production rate increases are likely to be contingent upon the capacity of the world market for emeralds.

### 11.4 Summary Comments, Risks and Opportunities

The risk and opportunity assessment undertaken for Kagem and specifically the current LoMp and accompanying Ore Reserves, indicates that there are opportunities to substantially increase the current Mineral Resource through further exploration. The principal risks which require management to mitigate their negative impacts are as follows:

- **Legislative and Permitting Risk.** Kagem should maintain the current good relations with government to ensure permits are approved in a timely manner and to lobby for no negative changes to the mining fiscal regime or export regulations.
- **Ore Reserve Estimation Risk.** The expected variation in mined grade from month to

month requires some buffering between production and sales activities. Kagem has a significant quantity of rough gemstones in a secure storage facility on surface equivalent to approximately one year's production to meet this objective. SRK considers this to be adequate, but has also recommended that mining blocks are delineated with further sampling prior to mining to predict future production more accurately.

- **Water management.** Hydrogeological investigations are required to assess long-term water requirements and careful day-to-day management is necessary to ensure that zero discharge of silty water to the environment is maintained.
- **Environmental and Social Risks.** Kagem has made significant efforts to maintain good relations in the local communities through a number of social initiatives. SRK considers that the approach being applied is appropriate but needs to be maintained and enhanced through to be effective in the medium to long term.

## 12 ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

### 12.1 Introduction

For the economic analysis, SRK has constructed an independent technical economic model (“TEM”), described below. SRK has considered a base case scenario initially targeting 120 ktpa building up to 150 ktpa in year 4 from Chama Pit, as well as initially targeting production of 30 ktpa from Fibolele pit. The life of Chama pit is 25 years and Fibolele is 7 years, depleting in the financial year 2039-40 and 2021-22 respectively.

The Base Case reflects production, capital and operating expenditures and revenues from 1 July 2015 through to 2040 on an annual basis. Total ore treated over the LoM amounts to 3.7 Mt at an average grade of 300 ct/t from Chama pit and 0.2 Mt at an average grade of 103 ct/t from Fibolele pit.

The TEM is based on the production schedule derived by SRK with adjustments based on SRK’s views on the forecast capital and operating costs. In addition, the TEM:

- is expressed in real terms; this means un-inflated United States Dollars (USD) with no allowances for inflation or escalation on capital or operating costs, inputs or revenues;
- is presented at July 2015 money terms for Net Present Value (NPV) calculation purposes;
- applies a Base Case discount rate of 10%;
- is based on commodity prices as provided by Gemfields;
- is expressed in post-tax and pre-financing terms and assumes 100% equity;
- a base Corporate tax rate of 30 % has been used and variable corporate tax is included for profit margins in excess of 8%;
- royalties are included at 9% of revenue;
- Management Fees and Auction Fees have been included at 1.75% of revenue;
- ignores VAT; and
- capital investment is depreciated on an annual fixed percentage basis. It has been assumed that all capital items have been fully depreciated and at the end of the mine life there is no terminal value to consider.

Sensitivities have been calculated with respect to revenue, capital and operating costs for the Net Present Value (NPV). Table 12-4 summarises the input parameters and presents some life of mine totals for the various cost centres.

In respect of the commodity price, SRK has not undertaken a detailed price analysis, but has relied on the forecasts from the Company in this regard. Prices for premium emerald, emerald and beryl-1 and beryl-2 products are presented in Table 12-1 and are forecast to escalate in real terms at 5% per annum up to 2020.

**Table 12-1: Forecast Commodity Prices**

Commodity Prices (USD/ct)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21+
Premium Emerald High Quality Auction	49.32	51.78	54.37	57.09	59.94	62.94
Emerald High Quality Auction <sup>1</sup>	49.32	51.78	54.37	57.09	59.94	62.94
Emerald Low Quality Auction <sup>1</sup>	3.00	3.15	3.31	3.47	3.65	3.83
Beryl-1 Low Quality Auction	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.14
Beryl-2 Low Quality Auction	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006

Note 1. 18% of emerald product (not including Premium emeralds) are sold at the High Quality Auction with the remainder sold in the Low Quality Auction.

## 12.2 Production, Operating and Capital Costs

The LoMp assumes that overall production from all sources will average 12.8 kt per month. Over the life of mine based on the current Measured and Indicated Resource, it is planned to produce 1,116 Mct, and will generate USD4,322M in gross revenue.

Operating costs have been based on the Client's historical costs in the 2014/15 financial year and are summarised on a unit basis in Table 12-2. Average Total Operating costs are estimated at USD264.99/t treated, with total operating costs amounting to USD1,017M over the LoM.

**Table 12-2: Unit Operating Costs Base Case**

Operating Costs	(USD/t total moved)	(USD/t moved owner)	(USD/t Treated)
<b>Mining and production costs</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>113.46</b>
Labour costs - mining and production	0.72	1.08	54.00
Fuel costs	0.32	0.49	24.20
Repairs and maintenance	0.21	0.32	15.69
Camp costs	0.06	0.08	4.16
Blasting costs	0.09	0.13	6.51
Security costs	0.02	0.03	1.56
Other mining and processing costs	0.01	0.01	0.74
<b>Administrative expenses</b>			<b>30.43</b>
Labour - G&A			11.59
Selling, marketing and advertising			1.36
Rent and rates			0.65
Travel and accommodation			3.03
Professional and consultancy			4.05
Office expenses			0.13
Share based payment (options)			0.00
Other administrative expenses			9.61
<b>Management and auction fees</b>			<b>19.71</b>
Management Fee			19.71
<b>Mineral royalties and production taxes</b>			<b>101.39</b>
Royalty			101.39
<b>Total Operating Cost</b>			<b>264.99</b>

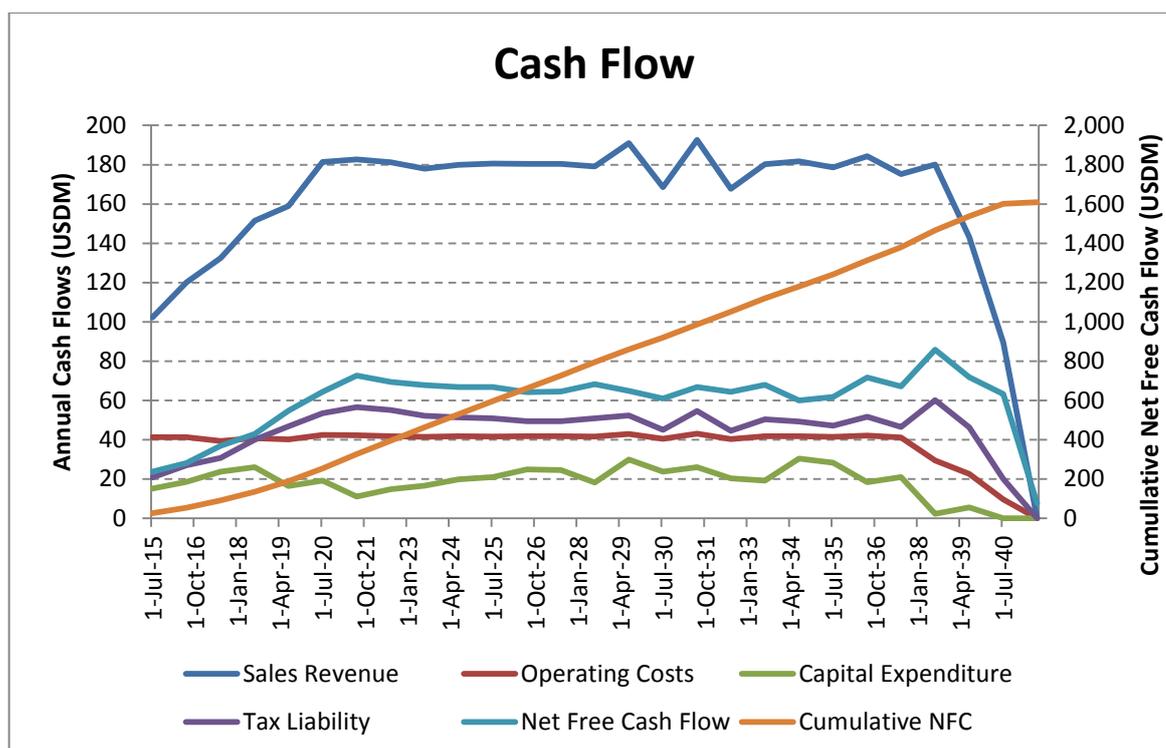
Total capital expenditure is estimated to be USD516 M over the LoM as summarised in Table 12-3. Capital for engineering and mining has been estimated at USD441 M, including USD310 M of capitalised stripping costs. Sustaining capital for the on-going operations is estimated at USD55 M.

**Table 12-3: Capital Expenditure Base Case**

Capital Costs	LoM (USDM)
<b>Engineering and Mining</b>	<b>440.65</b>
Contractor Mining Cost (Stripping)	310.00
Equipment Purchase Capital	8.45
Equipment Replacement Capital	121.30
Fibolele Capital	0.90
<b>Other</b>	<b>55.20</b>
Sustaining Capital	55.20
<b>Closure</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>515.84</b>

## 12.3 Results

Figure 12-1 provides an analysis of project cashflow over the LoM. Table 12-5 to Table 12-7 presents a summary of the results of the financial modelling. Table 12-4 provides a summary of the key financial parameters from the TEM.



**Figure 12-1: Net Cash Flow Base Case**

**Table 12-4: Summary of LoM Financial Parameters Base Case**

		Total LoM	Annual Average
Sales Revenue	(USDMM)	4,322	173
Operating Costs	(USDMM)	1,017	41
<b>Operating Profit - EBITDA</b>	<b>(USDMM)</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>132</b>
Tax Liability	(USDMM)	1,203	48
Capital Expenditure	(USDMM)	516	21
<b>Net Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>(USDMM)</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>63</b>
Total Waste Mined	(kt)	285,253	11,410
Total Ore Mined	(kt)	3,836	153
S/R	(t:t)	74.36	74.36
Total Ore Treated	(kt)	3,836	153
Grade	(ct/t)	291.0	291.0
Contained ct	(kct)	1,116,138	44,646
Total Sales	(kct)	1,116,377	44,655
Mining and production costs	(USD/t Treated)	113.46	113.46
Administrative expenses	(USD/t Treated)	30.43	30.43
Management and auction fees	(USD/t Treated)	19.71	19.71
Mineral royalties and production taxes	(USD/t Treated)	101.39	101.39
Total Operating Costs	(USD/t Treated)	264.99	264.99
Revenue	(USD/ct)	3.87	3.87
Operating Costs	(USD/ct)	0.91	0.91
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(USD/ct)</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>2.96</b>

**Table 12-5: Kagem Mine Base Case Cash Flow Summary Years 1 to 10**

Year Period - Beginning	Units	Total/Ave	Year 1 1-Jul-15	Year 2 1-Jul-16	Year 3 1-Jul-17	Year 4 1-Jul-18	Year 5 1-Jul-19	Year 6 1-Jul-20	Year 7 1-Jul-21	Year 8 1-Jul-22	Year 9 1-Jul-23	Year 10 1-Jul-24
<b>Production Mining</b>												
<b>Total Waste</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>285,253</b>	<b>14,818</b>	<b>14,962</b>	<b>15,135</b>	<b>13,398</b>	<b>10,292</b>	<b>11,410</b>	<b>9,394</b>	<b>9,696</b>	<b>10,730</b>	<b>11,626</b>
Chama Contractor Waste	(kt)	98,100	3,700	4,700	6,300	4,900	2,400	3,600	1,700	2,100	3,100	4,000
Chama In-house Waste	(kt)	182,004	10,051	9,000	7,573	7,608	7,591	7,556	7,581	7,596	7,630	7,626
Fibolele In-house Waste	(kt)	5,149	1,067	1,262	1,262	890	302	254	113	0	0	0
<b>Total Ore</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>150</b>
Chama In-house Ore	(kt)	3,659	120	132	139	151	151	148	150	151	148	150
Fibolele In-house Ore	(kt)	177	11	30	30	30	30	30	16	0	0	0
<b>Total Material Moved</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>289,089</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>15,124</b>	<b>15,304</b>	<b>13,579</b>	<b>10,474</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>9,560</b>	<b>9,847</b>	<b>10,879</b>	<b>11,776</b>
Tons Moved Owner	(kt)	190,989	11,249	10,424	9,004	8,679	8,074	7,988	7,860	7,747	7,779	7,776
Tons Moved Contractor	(kt)	98,100	3,700	4,700	6,300	4,900	2,400	3,600	1,700	2,100	3,100	4,000
<b>Stripping Ratio</b>	<b>(t:t)</b>	<b>74.36</b>	<b>113.22</b>	<b>92.54</b>	<b>89.84</b>	<b>73.96</b>	<b>56.83</b>	<b>64.22</b>	<b>56.40</b>	<b>64.23</b>	<b>72.36</b>	<b>77.55</b>
<b>Processing</b>												
<b>Total Ore Treated</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>150</b>
Chama Ore	(kt)	3,659	120	132	139	151	151	148	150	151	148	150
Fibolele Ore	(kt)	177	11	30	30	30	30	30	16	0	0	0
<b>Total Grade</b>	<b>(ct/t)</b>	<b>291.0</b>	<b>283.1</b>	<b>263.7</b>	<b>265.1</b>	<b>267.6</b>	<b>267.5</b>	<b>266.9</b>	<b>281.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>
Chama Grade	(ct/t)	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
Fibolele Grade	(ct/t)	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	103.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Content</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,138</b>	<b>37,050</b>	<b>42,629</b>	<b>44,664</b>	<b>48,468</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>47,420</b>	<b>46,802</b>	<b>45,292</b>	<b>44,490</b>	<b>44,982</b>
<b>Carats Sales Calculated</b>												
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,377</b>	<b>33,345</b>	<b>38,366</b>	<b>40,198</b>	<b>43,621</b>	<b>43,611</b>	<b>47,420</b>	<b>46,802</b>	<b>45,292</b>	<b>44,490</b>	<b>44,982</b>
Premium Emerald	(ct 000's)	5,000	149	172	180	195	195	212	210	203	199	201
Emerald	(ct 000's)	282,500	8,438	9,709	10,172	11,038	11,036	12,000	11,843	11,461	11,258	11,383
Beryl-I	(ct 000's)	435,794	13,017	14,977	15,692	17,028	17,024	18,511	18,270	17,680	17,367	17,559
Beryl-II	(ct 000's)	393,083	11,741	13,509	14,154	15,359	15,356	16,697	16,479	15,948	15,665	15,838
Specimen	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fines	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Commodity Prices</b>												
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(USD/ct)</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>
Premium Emerald	(USD/ct)	61.50	49.32	51.78	54.37	57.09	59.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94
Emerald	(USD/ct)	13.99	11.07	11.27	11.86	12.51	13.13	13.77	14.09	14.47	14.47	14.47
Beryl-I	(USD/ct)	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Beryl-II	(USD/ct)	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006
Specimen	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Revenue</b>												
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>4,321.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>181.4</b>	<b>182.7</b>	<b>181.2</b>	<b>178.0</b>	<b>179.9</b>
<b>OPERATING COSTS, Real</b>												
Mining and production costs	(USDM)	435.2	25.63	23.75	20.52	19.78	18.40	18.20	17.91	17.65	17.73	17.72
Administrative expenses	(USDM)	116.7	4.63	4.66	4.67	4.69	4.69	4.68	4.68	4.67	4.67	4.67
Management and auction fees	(USDM)	75.6	1.79	2.10	2.32	2.65	2.78	3.17	3.20	3.17	3.11	3.15
Mineral royalties	(USDM)	388.9	9.21	10.81	11.92	13.63	14.31	16.32	16.45	16.31	16.02	16.19
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>41.7</b>
<b>CAPITAL COSTS, Real</b>												
Engineering and Mining	(USDM)	440.6	12.2	15.8	21.2	23.7	14.1	17.0	8.8	12.6	14.4	17.7
Other	(USDM)	55.2	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
Closure	(USDM)	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>515.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>Economics, Real: BASEDATE 01 July 2015</b>												
Sales Revenue	(USDM)	4,322	102	120	132	151	159	181	183	181	178	180
Operating Costs	(USDM)	1,017	41	41	39	41	40	42	42	42	42	42
Operating Profit - EBITDA	(USDM)	3,305	61	79	93	111	119	139	140	139	136	138
Tax Liability	(USDM)	1,203	21	27	31	40	47	54	57	55	52	51
Capital Expenditure	(USDM)	516	15	19	24	26	16	19	11	15	17	20
Working Capital	(USDM)	0	1	5	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>

**Table 12-6: Kagem Mine Base Case Cash Flow Summary Years 11 to 20**

Year		Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Year 15	Year 16	Year 17	Year 18	Year 19	Year 20	
Period - Beginning		1-Jul-25	1-Jul-26	1-Jul-27	1-Jul-28	1-Jul-29	1-Jul-30	1-Jul-31	1-Jul-32	1-Jul-33	1-Jul-34	
	Units	Total/Ave										
<b>Production Mining</b>												
<b>Total Waste</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>285,253</b>	<b>11,985</b>	<b>12,811</b>	<b>12,624</b>	<b>11,406</b>	<b>13,597</b>	<b>12,535</b>	<b>12,224</b>	<b>12,618</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>12,734</b>
Chama Contractor Waste	(kt)	98,100	4,400	5,200	5,000	3,800	6,000	4,900	4,600	5,000	4,300	5,150
Chama In-house Waste	(kt)	182,004	7,585	7,611	7,624	7,606	7,597	7,635	7,624	7,618	7,661	7,584
Fibolele In-house Waste	(kt)	5,149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Ore</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>151</b>
Chama In-house Ore	(kt)	3,659	150	150	150	149	159	140	160	140	150	151
Fibolele In-house Ore	(kt)	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Material Moved</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>289,089</b>	<b>12,136</b>	<b>12,961</b>	<b>12,774</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>13,757</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>12,384</b>	<b>12,758</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>12,885</b>
Tons Moved Owner	(kt)	190,989	7,736	7,761	7,774	7,755	7,757	7,775	7,784	7,758	7,811	7,735
Tons Moved Contractor	(kt)	98,100	4,400	5,200	5,000	3,800	6,000	4,900	4,600	5,000	4,300	5,150
<b>Stripping Ratio</b>	<b>(t:t)</b>	<b>74.36</b>	<b>79.65</b>	<b>85.25</b>	<b>84.01</b>	<b>76.39</b>	<b>85.42</b>	<b>89.27</b>	<b>76.18</b>	<b>90.24</b>	<b>79.65</b>	<b>84.10</b>
<b>Processing</b>												
<b>Total Ore Treated</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>151</b>
Chama Ore	(kt)	3,659	150	150	150	149	159	140	160	140	150	151
Fibolele Ore	(kt)	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Grade</b>	<b>(ct/t)</b>	<b>291.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>									
Chama Grade	(ct/t)	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
Fibolele Grade	(ct/t)	103.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Content</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,138</b>	<b>45,143</b>	<b>45,083</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>44,797</b>	<b>47,758</b>	<b>42,128</b>	<b>48,139</b>	<b>41,952</b>	<b>45,053</b>	<b>45,428</b>
<b>Carats Sales Calculated</b>												
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,377</b>	<b>45,143</b>	<b>45,083</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>44,797</b>	<b>47,758</b>	<b>42,128</b>	<b>48,139</b>	<b>41,952</b>	<b>45,053</b>	<b>45,428</b>
Premium Emerald	(ct 000's)	5,000	202	202	202	201	214	189	216	188	202	203
Emerald	(ct 000's)	282,500	11,424	11,408	11,409	11,336	12,085	10,661	12,182	10,616	11,401	11,496
Beryl-I	(ct 000's)	435,794	17,622	17,599	17,600	17,487	18,643	16,445	18,792	16,377	17,587	17,733
Beryl-II	(ct 000's)	393,083	15,895	15,874	15,875	15,773	16,816	14,834	16,950	14,772	15,864	15,995
Specimen	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fines	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Commodity Prices</b>												
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(USD/ct)</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>4.00</b>									
Premium Emerald	(USD/ct)	61.50	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94
Emerald	(USD/ct)	13.99	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47
Beryl-I	(USD/ct)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Beryl-II	(USD/ct)	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006
Specimen	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Revenue</b>												
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>4,321.6</b>	<b>180.6</b>	<b>180.3</b>	<b>180.3</b>	<b>179.2</b>	<b>191.0</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>192.6</b>	<b>167.8</b>	<b>180.2</b>	<b>181.7</b>
<b>OPERATING COSTS, Real</b>												
Mining and production costs	(USDM)	435.2	17.63	17.69	17.72	17.67	17.68	17.72	17.74	17.68	17.80	17.63
Administrative expenses	(USDM)	116.7	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.68	4.66	4.69	4.66	4.67	4.67
Management and auction fees	(USDM)	75.6	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.14	3.34	2.95	3.37	2.94	3.15	3.18
Mineral royalties	(USDM)	388.9	16.25	16.23	16.23	16.13	17.19	15.17	17.33	15.10	16.22	16.35
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>
<b>CAPITAL COSTS, Real</b>												
Engineering and Mining	(USDM)	440.6	18.8	22.7	22.3	16.1	27.7	21.5	23.8	18.2	16.9	28.3
Other	(USDM)	55.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Closure	(USDM)	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>515.8</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>
<b>Economics, Real: BASE DATE 01 July 2015</b>												
Sales Revenue	(USDM)	4,322	181	180	180	179	191	169	193	168	180	182
Operating Costs	(USDM)	1,017	42	42	42	42	43	40	43	40	42	42
Operating Profit - EBITDA	(USDM)	3,305	139	139	139	138	148	128	149	127	138	140
Tax Liability	(USDM)	1,203	51	49	49	51	52	45	55	45	50	49
Capital Expenditure	(USDM)	516	21	25	25	18	30	24	26	20	19	30
Working Capital	(USDM)	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	2	-2	1	0
<b>Net Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>

**Table 12-7: Kagem Mine Base Case Cash Flow Summary Years 21 to 30**

Year		Year 21	Year 22	Year 23	Year 24	Year 25	Year 26	Year 27	Year 28	Year 29	Year 30
Period - Beginning		1-Jul-35	1-Jul-36	1-Jul-37	1-Jul-38	1-Jul-39	1-Jul-40	1-Jul-41	1-Jul-42	1-Jul-43	1-Jul-44
	Units	Total/Ave									
<b>Production Mining</b>											
<b>Total Waste</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>285,253</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>11,195</b>	<b>11,943</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Chama Contractor Waste	(kt)	98,100	5,300	3,600	4,350	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chama In-house Waste	(kt)	182,004	7,609	7,595	7,593	2,245	1,003	0	0	0	0
Fibolele In-house Waste	(kt)	5,149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Ore</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Chama In-house Ore	(kt)	3,659	149	154	146	150	119	0	0	0	0
Fibolele In-house Ore	(kt)	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Material Moved</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>289,089</b>	<b>13,058</b>	<b>11,349</b>	<b>12,089</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Tons Moved Owner	(kt)	190,989	7,758	7,749	7,739	2,395	1,122	0	0	0	0
Tons Moved Contractor	(kt)	98,100	5,300	3,600	4,350	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stripping Ratio</b>	<b>(t:t)</b>	<b>74.36</b>	<b>86.75</b>	<b>72.87</b>	<b>81.83</b>	<b>14.96</b>	<b>8.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Processing</b>											
<b>Total Ore Treated</b>	<b>(kt)</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Chama Ore	(kt)	3,659	149	154	146	150	119	0	0	0	0
Fibolele Ore	(kt)	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Grade</b>	<b>(ct/t)</b>	<b>291.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Chama Grade	(ct/t)	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
Fibolele Grade	(ct/t)	103.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Content</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,138</b>	<b>44,646</b>	<b>46,091</b>	<b>43,788</b>	<b>45,013</b>	<b>35,780</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Carats Sales Calculated</b>											
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(ct 000's)</b>	<b>1,116,377</b>	<b>44,646</b>	<b>46,091</b>	<b>43,788</b>	<b>45,013</b>	<b>35,780</b>	<b>22,366</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Premium Emerald	(ct 000's)	5,000	200	206	196	202	160	100	0	0	0
Emerald	(ct 000's)	282,500	11,298	11,663	11,081	11,391	9,054	5,660	0	0	0
Beryl-I	(ct 000's)	435,794	17,428	17,992	17,093	17,571	13,967	8,731	0	0	0
Beryl-II	(ct 000's)	393,083	15,720	16,229	15,418	15,849	12,598	7,875	0	0	0
Specimen	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fines	(ct 000's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Commodity Prices</b>											
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>(USD/ct)</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Premium Emerald	(USD/ct)	61.50	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	62.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emerald	(USD/ct)	13.99	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beryl-I	(USD/ct)	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beryl-II	(USD/ct)	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000
Specimen	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines	(USD/ct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Revenue</b>											
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>4,321.6</b>	<b>178.6</b>	<b>184.4</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>OPERATING COSTS, Real</b>											
Mining and production costs	(USDM)	435.2	17.68	17.66	17.64	5.46	2.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative expenses	(USDM)	116.7	4.67	4.68	4.66	4.67	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management and auction fees	(USDM)	75.6	3.13	3.23	3.07	3.15	2.50	1.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mineral royalties	(USDM)	388.9	16.07	16.59	15.76	16.21	12.88	8.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL COSTS, Real</b>											
Engineering and Mining	(USDM)	440.6	26.1	16.1	18.8	1.3	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	(USDM)	55.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Closure	(USDM)	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>515.8</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Economics, Real: BASE DATE 01 July 2015</b>											
Sales Revenue	(USDM)	4,322	179	184	175	180	143	89	0	0	0
Operating Costs	(USDM)	1,017	42	42	41	29	23	10	0	0	0
Operating Profit - EBITDA	(USDM)	3,305	137	142	134	151	121	80	0	0	0
Tax Liability	(USDM)	1,203	47	52	47	60	46	20	0	0	0
Capital Expenditure	(USDM)	516	28	18	21	2	6	0	0	0	0
Working Capital	(USDM)	0	0	1	-1	2	-3	-3	-8	0	0
<b>Net Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>(USDM)</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

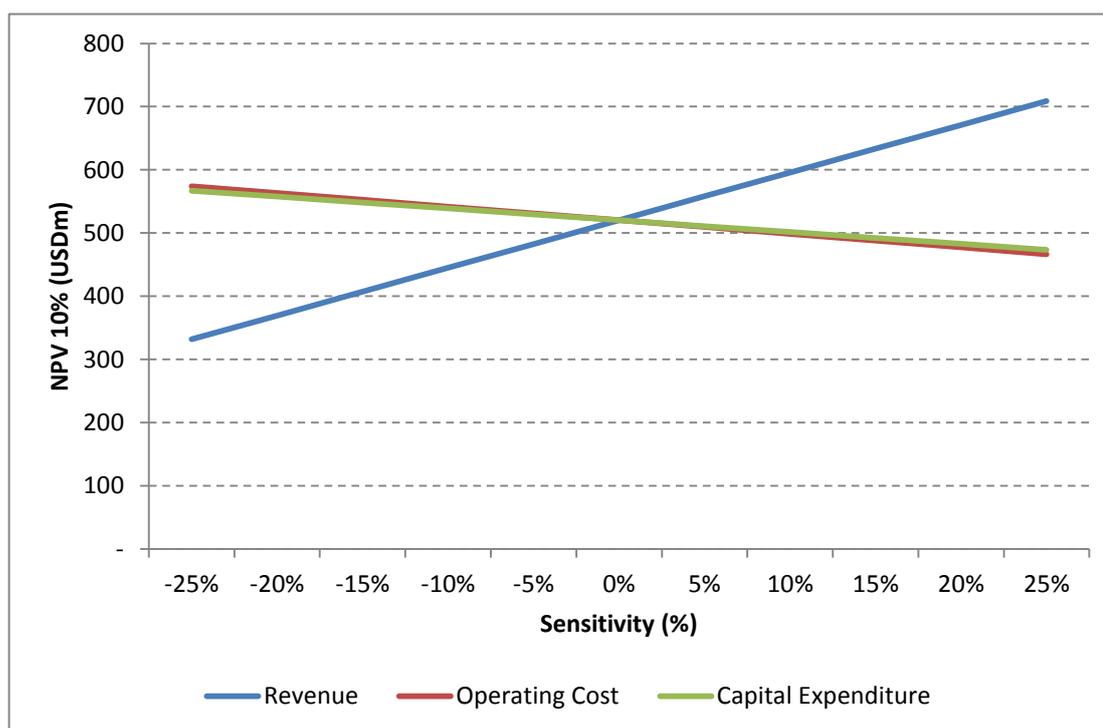
Net present values of the cash flows are shown in Table 12-8 using discount rates from zero to 15% in a post-tax context. SRK notes that at 10% discount rate the post-tax NPV is USD520 M. As there are no initial negative cash flows, an Internal Rate of Return (IRR) cannot be determined.

**Table 12-8: NPV Profile Base Case**

	Discount Rate	NPV USDM
Net Present Value	0.0%	1,586
	5.0%	852
	8.0%	625
	10.0%	520
	12.0%	440
	15.0%	353

### 12.3.1 Sensitivity Analysis

Figure 12-2 shows an NPV sensitivity chart for mine operating costs; capital expenditure and revenue. The Mine's NPV is most sensitive to revenue (grade or commodity price) as illustrated by the blue line in Figure 12-2. The Mine has lower sensitivity to operating costs and capital as indicated by the flatter red and green lines in Figure 12-2. The revenue, operating and capital cost sensitivity of NPV is further illustrated in Table 12-9.



**Figure 12-2 Base Case Sensitivity Analysis**

**Table 12-9 Base Case Dual Sensitivity Analysis for NPV at 10%**

NPV 10% (USDM)		REVENUE SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
OPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	409	486	563	641	718
	-10%	389	466	542	618	695
	0%	370	445	520	596	671
	10%	350	424	499	573	648
	20%	330	404	477	551	625

NPV 10% (USDM)		REVENUE SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
CAPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	407	482	558	633	709
	-10%	388	464	539	614	690
	0%	370	445	520	596	671
	10%	351	426	502	577	652
	20%	332	408	483	558	634

NPV 10% (USDM)		OPEX SENSITIVITY				
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
CAPEX SENSITIVITY	-20%	601	579	558	536	515
	-10%	582	561	539	518	496
	0%	563	542	520	499	477
	10%	545	523	502	480	459
	20%	526	504	483	461	440

### 12.3.2 Payback Period

The mine is a going concern and there is no initial negative cash flow.

## 12.4 Conclusions

Based on the work carried out for this Feasibility Study, SRK concludes the following:

- the Kagem mine Base Case has favourable economics and based on the assumed commodity prices is considered robust in terms of the estimated operating margins and return on investment; the review work by SRK indicates an NPV of USD520 M at a discount rate of 10%;
- the Mine's NPV is most sensitive to revenue (grade or commodity price); however, the overall economics of the Kagem mine are robust;
- average operating costs for the mine have been estimated to be USD264.99/t treated; and
- total capital expenditure is estimated to be USD516 M over the LoM. Capital for engineering and mining has been estimated at USD441 M, including USD310 M of capitalised stripping costs. Sustaining capital for the on-going operations is estimated at USD55 M.

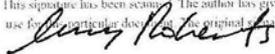
## 12.5 Recommendations

Based on the work carried out for this study, SRK recommends the following:

- further develop a system for recording and tracking operating costs over time, split by operational department to facilitate identification of potential cost saving and efficiency improvements;
- further refinement of capital cost estimates are undertaken in order to optimise Project profitability; and
- the financial model is updated regularly to reflect new information relative to revised mine plans, resource estimates and prices realised at auctions.

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## **APPENDIX**

### **A GEOTECHNICAL LOGS**

## **APPENDIX**

### **B GEOTECHNICAL MODELLING OUTPUT**

## **APPENDIX**

### **C JORC TABLE 1**

## Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</i></li> <li>• <i>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</i></li> <li>• <i>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</i></li> <li>• <i>In cases where ‘industry standard’ work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg ‘reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay’). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main exploration methods being employed at the Kagem Mine include diamond drilling, and bulk sampling from trial pits, most of which has been undertaken since 1998.</li> <li>• Diamond drilling is primarily aimed at determining the nature and geometry of the talc-magnetite schist (TMS) units and associated emerald-bearing reaction zones.</li> <li>• Grade data is derived from the current open-pit mining operations at Chama, and trial mining at Fibolele and Libwente.</li> <li>• Detailed geological logging is completed for all diamond drill holes.</li> <li>• The diamond holes are also periodically lab assayed and analysed with a handheld Niton XRF, as a validation of the lithological logging.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling to date across the three deposit areas in question, (Chama, Fibolele and Libwente) comprises a total of 707 drillholes for a total meterage of 67,457.60 m. This includes 348 holes for 35,771 m at Chama, 117 holes for 9,875 m at Fibolele and 242 holes for 21,810 m at Libwente.</li> <li>• All drillholes are diamond core holes.</li> <li>• All diamond drilling has been completed in-house by two Gemfields owned Longyear LF 1000 D rigs.</li> <li>• Most holes start at HQ core diameter, switching to NQ diameter core once into competent rock. The majority of holes extend approximately 20 m beyond the TMS unit into footwall mica schist before being terminated.</li> <li>• The majority of diamond drillhole collars throughout the Kagem Mine</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
		<p>licence were surveyed using total station theodolite. The remaining, most recent, collars have been surveyed using differential GPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downhole survey data exists for a total of 246 holes throughout the Kagem Mine licence, which represents roughly 35% of the total number of holes drilled. The holes are surveyed using a REFLEX EZ-Com 2.0.0 tool, at average downhole intervals of approximately 25 m at Chama and Fibolele and 12 m at Libwente.</li> <li>None of the holes have been structurally oriented.</li> </ul>
<i>Drill sample recovery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i></li> <li><i>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</i></li> <li><i>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core recovery is recorded by a geologist upon the receipt of core at the drill core yard. The core boxes are laid out on logging tables, and all core carefully aligned, before measuring the recovered core for each run.</li> <li>Core recoveries have been recorded for all post-2008 drill holes. Core recoveries in available drill hole data average 80.8%.</li> <li>Core recovery was not routinely recorded in the pre-2008 drilling campaigns. Where available, excepting expected low recoveries in the soil horizon, average values range from 57.6% to 98.5%.</li> <li>It is not possible to obtain accurate emerald carat per tonne assay values from HQ or NQ size core samples. As such it is impractical to determine whether a relationship exists between core sample recovery and grade, and any bias would not be of great relevance to the MRE process. That being said, core recovery in the TMS unit, host to the emerald-bearing reaction zones, is reasonable, averaging at 91.1%.</li> </ul>
<i>Logging</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geological data is recorded in a detailed log spreadsheet designed to capture key geological information for drill core each interval.</li> <li>A 5cm minimum logging width applies. This is to ensure that the</li> </ul>

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</i></li> <li>• <i>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</i></li> </ul>	<p>reaction zone material, which has an average downhole interval length of approximately 1 m, and is often at the &lt;10 cm scale, is appropriately accounted for in the drillhole database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total drill core meterage across the Chama, Libwente and Fibolele deposits is 67,457.60 m. This includes 6,629.44 m of logged TMS, equal to ~9.8% of the total drill core length.</li> <li>• All diamond core has been geologically logged.</li> <li>• At present only basic geotechnical data, including recovery and rock quality designation (“RQD”), is routinely recorded.</li> <li>• A detailed description of the logging procedure employed is given in Section 3.4.4.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i></li> <li>• <i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</i></li> <li>• <i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i></li> <li>• <i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</i></li> <li>• <i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i></li> <li>• <i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerald grade data is derived from the current open-pit mining operations at Chama, and trial mining at Fibolele and Libwente. Sampling techniques are documented in JORC Table 1, Section 5.</li> <li>• Gemfields have conducted periodic geochemical assaying of the drillcore, for a suite of elements, which can be used to assist in interpreting the geometry of the TMS unit and emerald-bearing reaction zone.</li> <li>• The bulk of geochemical assay data for the Kagem Mine is supplied by handheld Niton XRF analysis, with laboratory assaying employed as a validation of the Niton data in selected drillholes.</li> <li>• Handheld Niton XRF analysis is completed from 3m above the hangingwall of the logged TMS unit to 3m below the footwall of the TMS. A Niton reading is typically taken every 0.33 m, or at 1 m intervals in places.</li> <li>• Half-core lab assay samples are taken within the TMS unit, in addition to the immediate hangingwall and footwall formations. The standard</li> </ul>

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		<p>sample length is 1 m, although sample positions are adjusted at contact zones to conform with changes in lithology / alteration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed description of the sampling procedures employed is given in Section 3.4.4</li> <li>• SRK consider the handheld Niton and lab assay interval lengths to be appropriate for the geometry and thickness of the TMS unit and associated reaction zones. It is recommended that where handheld Niton or lab assaying is conducted in the future, Niton XRF analysis is conducted for the entire length of holes.</li> <li>• Gemfields have provided SRK with handheld Niton XRF data for a total of 7,088 samples from a 178 holes at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente. Lab assay data is available for a total of 715 samples from the selected sampled holes across the 3 deposits.</li> </ul>
<p>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i></li> <li>• <i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half-core samples are sent for crushing, pulverisation and analysis to either the Alfred H Knight laboratory in Kitwe, Zambia, Shiva Analyticals in Bangalore, India, or the SGS laboratory in Kalalushi, Zambia.</li> <li>• Gemfields have provided SRK with a total of 39 QAQC samples, including internal blanks, internal duplicates, external blanks, external standards and external duplicates.</li> <li>• SRK is satisfied that the quality control procedures indicate no overall bias in the sample preparation and ICP-MS procedure.</li> <li>• Lab assays are not employed as a direct input to the resource model. Therefore, although the number of QAQC samples is limited, this is not considered a concern for the integrity of the resource estimate.</li> <li>• QAQC of both the lab assay data and handheld Niton XRF data is discussed in more depth in Section 3.4.7 and Section 3.4.8.</li> </ul>

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<i>Verification of sampling and assaying</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i></li> <li><i>The use of twinned holes.</i></li> <li><i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i></li> <li><i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geological logging is recorded on printed detailed log spreadsheet templates and subsequently copied into a Microsoft Excel database. The original log hard copies are archived at the Kagem office on-site.</li> <li>Handheld Niton and lab assay data is stored in separate Excel spreadsheets.</li> <li>The resource model used to constrain the resource estimate is largely based on geological logging, with handheld Niton XRF data used to refine contact surfaces where appropriate.</li> <li>A brief review of the drillhole database and summary logging of a series of drillholes conducted by SRK during the most recent site visit in June 2015, suggests that the geological information being recorded by Gemfields geologists is largely of a good quality. Lithological identifications are consistent and downhole contact depths have been captured to an appropriate level of accuracy.</li> <li>It is noted that there is a degree of inconsistency between the logging of the older, pre-2008 holes and more recent drilling, most notably relating to the thickness of the logged reaction zone intervals. For resource modeling purposes the footwall reaction zone interval selections in the pre-2008 drillholes were altered to reflect the average thickness (0.81m) of the footwall reaction zone material in the post-2008 drillholes. This is explained in detail in Section 4.2.3.</li> </ul>
<i>Location of data points</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li><i>Specification of the grid system used.</i></li> <li><i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of diamond drillhole collars throughout the Kagem Mine licence were surveyed using total station theodolite. The remaining, most recent, collars have been surveyed using differential GPS.</li> <li>The highest resolution pre-mining topographic data available for the Kagem Mine area is regional airborne barometric sensing data, at a resolution of 10mX by 10mY.</li> </ul>
<i>Data spacing and</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drilling at Chama is on a variably spaced grid broadly defined by</li> </ul>

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<i>distribution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i></li> <li>• <i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i></li> </ul>	<p>close spaced drilling of approximately 25 m by 25 m, with drill spacing decreasing down-dip. Drill spacing down-dip is highly variable, but can be loosely described in terms of a 100 m by 200 m grid, decreasing to approximately 50 m by 50 m in places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fibolele is drilled on 50 m sections, with an on-section collar spacing of 50 m. Infill drilling has been completed in a small area in the south of the deposit on a 25 m by 25 m grid.</li> <li>• Drilling at Libwente has been completed on a variable grid of 100 m by 100 m, 100 m by 50 m or 50 m by 50 m, decreasing to 25 m by 25 m in places. Collar spacing decreases to roughly 200 m by 100 m in the north-western part of the deposit.</li> <li>• The given drill spacings are considered appropriate for the style of mineralization and resource classification applied.</li> <li>• No down-hole compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>
<i>Orientation of data in relation to geological structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</i></li> <li>• <i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of holes at the Chama deposit have been drilled perpendicular to the TMS unit. A small number of holes have been drilled on a 200 m by 200 m grid to assess the distribution and continuity of discordant pegmatite veining.</li> <li>• Only 3 holes at Libwente and 8 holes at Fibolele have been drilled to target the discordant pegmatite and QT veining, with the remaining holes drilled perpendicular to the TMS unit.</li> <li>• The current drill orientation, largely perpendicular to the TMS unit, results in an under-representation of discordant emerald-bearing reaction zones parallel to the pegmatite and QT veins, particularly at Libwente and Fibolele.</li> <li>• It is strongly recommended that a programme of drilling perpendicular to the main pegmatite / QT vein trend is completed at both Fibolele and Libwente to target the discordant emerald-bearing reaction</li> </ul>

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		zones.
<i>Sample security</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gemfields employ security staff to police the illegal removal of emerald gemstones from the open-pit mining and bulk sampling operations.</li> <li>All members of staff and visitors are searched both when leaving any open pit, and when leaving the wider Project-site. This also applies to the wash plant and sort house.</li> <li>All material recovered from the open-pit operations is transported to the wash plant and sort house via a security escort.</li> <li>After sorting of the emeralds into various classifications by the sorting staff, the emerald gemstones are stockpiled in a secure location, cordoned and permanently guarded by multiple security staff.</li> </ul>
<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRK is unaware of any audits or reviews which have been completed for the Kagem mine.</li> </ul>

## Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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<i>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i></li> <li><i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mine is operated by Kagem Mining Ltd, which is 75% owned by Gemfields, with the remainder owned by the Government of Zambia.</li> <li>The Kagem Mine is situated in the Ndola Rural Emerald Restricted Area (NRERA) within the Kafubu area of the Copperbelt Province of Zambia.</li> <li>The area is covered by the GL-713 licence, which was originally granted to Kagem in March 2005.</li> </ul>
<i>Exploration done by other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration and mining were completed by third parties prior to 2008. Where necessary, the work completed by third parties has been</li> </ul>

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<i>parties</i>		adequately referenced in this report.
<i>Geology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The currently defined emerald deposits of the Mine are hosted by talc-magnetite schists of the Mesoproterozoic Muva Supergroup, in the Kafubu area of the Zambian Copperbelt.</li> <li>The broad deposit stratigraphy can be described in terms of footwall mica schist of the Lufubu basement complex, overlain by talc-magnetite schist, amphibolite and quartz-mica schist of the Muva Supergroup. The whole sequence is intruded by Lufilian (c. 550 Ma) pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins</li> <li>The Kagem deposits belong to a group referred to as “schist-hosted emeralds”, relating to the interaction of Be-bearing fluids from pegmatoid dykes or granitic rocks, with Cr-rich mafic and ultramafic schists or un-metamorphosed ultramafic rocks.</li> <li>Emerald mineralisation at the Chama, Libwente and Fibolele deposits is hosted by the ultramafic TMS unit, with three styles of mineralisation recognised, namely discordant reaction zone material adjacent to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline vein contacts, concordant reaction zone material concentrated along the footwall and occasionally the hangingwall contacts of the TMS unit; and discordant reaction zones hosted by brittle structures within the TMS unit, distal to the pegmatite and quartz-tourmaline veins.</li> <li>A comprehensive overview of the regional and local geology, structure and mineralisation style of the Mine is provided in Section 2.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>○ <i>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</i></li> <li>○ <i>dip and azimuth of the hole</i></li> <li>○ <i>down hole length and interception depth</i></li> <li>○ <i>hole length.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing this material would not add any further material understanding of the deposits and Mineral Resource. Appropriately detailed plans and sections are detailed herein.</li> </ul>
<i>Data aggregation methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</i></li> <li>• <i>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</i></li> <li>• <i>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable. No Exploration Results are specifically reported.</li> <li>• No metal equivalents have been used.</li> </ul>
<i>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> <li>• <i>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</i></li> <li>• <i>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg ‘down hole length, true width not known’).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable. The grade data applied to the Kagem resource estimation is derived from open pit mining and bulk sampling production, rather than drillhole intercepts. In any case, no Exploration Results, including mineralisation widths, are specifically reported.</li> <li>• The majority of drillholes at Chama, Libwente and Fibolele are oriented perpendicular to the TMS unit which hosts the emerald-bearing reaction zones.</li> </ul>
<i>Diagrams</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various maps, sections and technical figures are presented herein.</li> </ul>

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	<i>drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</i>	
<i>Balanced reporting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average reaction zone thicknesses for both the pre- and post- 2008 drilling campaigns are presented herein.</li> </ul>
<i>Other substantive exploration data</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semi-regional airborne geophysical data was captured by New Resolution Geophysics (“NRG”) across much of the NRERA area in 2006.</li> <li>Gemfields re-commissioned NRG to conduct more detailed geophysical data capture within the Kagem licence area in 2008. The licence-scale data was interpreted by Vishnu Geophysics to produce a series of geophysical survey maps, including: total magnetic intensity (“TMI”), TMI analytic signal (“TMI AS”), TMI first and second derivatives, apparent susceptibility, calculated digital terrain model, potassium, thorium and uranium amongst others.</li> <li>Ground geophysical data was collected in-house by Gemfields geologists during the first two quarters of 2015, in targeted areas of the Kagem licence. Interpretation is on-going at the time of writing.</li> <li>The on-site geologists complete detailed pit mapping of the operating open pits on a regular on-going basis. Updated digital geological maps of each pit are typically produced on a monthly basis.</li> </ul>
<i>Further work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional infill diamond drilling is planned for both the Fibolele and Libwente areas.</li> </ul>

### Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in section 2, also apply to this section.)

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<i>Database integrity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRK have validated the diamond drillhole data provided by Gemfields through standard validation checks in Microsoft Excel and subsequently through import via the ARANZ Leapfrog Geo drillhole data validation routine.</li> <li>Any overlapping intervals, from depths &gt; to depths, duplicate locations, out of place non-numeric values, missing collar and survey data, and any down hole intervals that exceeded the collar max depth were fixed prior to any resource modeling being undertaken.</li> </ul>
<i>Site visits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Competent Person site visit was undertaken by Dr Lucy Roberts in June 2015, to collect project information and data, check the quality of the data collection procedures put in place by Gemfields, and to provide guidance on the reporting of Mineral Resources for the Project.</li> </ul>
<i>Geological interpretation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</li> <li>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource wireframes used to constrain the Mineral Resource Estimate are predominantly based on geological logging, with handheld Niton XRF data used to refine contact surfaces where appropriate.</li> <li>The geological interpretation used to guide the geological model is based on the “schist-hosted emerald” model whereby emeralds form as a result of the interaction of Be-rich fluids from pegmatite dykes with a Cr-rich ultramafic unit (in this case TMS). This interpretation is verified by production from the open pit operations where the emerald production comes from reaction zones confined to the TMS unit, typically either as concordant bodies along the TMS footwall, or discordant zones spatially associated with pegmatite veins.</li> <li>SRK has assumed that the TMS unit remains constant to the extents of the modelled unit, with no changes in geology or mineralogy.</li> <li>It is assumed that there is no change in the mineralising system with</li> </ul>

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		depth and no change due to weathering with depth.
<i>Dimensions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous images and plots are included that adequately describe the dimensions and geometry of the orebody.</li> </ul>
<i>Estimation and modelling techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</i></li> <li><i>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</i></li> <li><i>The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</i></li> <li><i>Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</i></li> <li><i>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</i></li> <li><i>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</i></li> <li><i>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</i></li> <li><i>Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</i></li> <li><i>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</i></li> <li><i>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource models were constructed, estimated and classified independently for the Chama, Fibolele and Libwente areas.</li> <li>All geological modelling was undertaken in ARANZ Leapfrog Geo software, with grade and tonnage estimates being completed in either GEMS or Datamine.</li> <li>The TMS models were constructed through sectional polyline interpretations of the TMS footwall and hangingwall, based on Gemfields geological logging. Niton XRF chromium grades were used to refine the contact surfaces where appropriate.</li> <li>The pegmatites were modelled using a combination of the regional scale interpretation, in-pit mapping, and available drillhole intersections. At Chama the discordant pegmatite model was generated using a Leapfrog indicator interpolation, applying a trend based on downhole pegmatite trends and geological mapping. The pegmatite dykes and QT veins at Fibolele and Libwente were modelled manually, using the Leapfrog vein modelling tool.</li> <li>The reaction zones were modelled either directly (footwall / hangingwall) or from the intersection of the modelled pegmatites with the TMS unit. In the case of the discordant zones, the morphology of the reaction zones was derived from the modelled pegmatites, with the assumed thicknesses based on the percentage of reaction zone mined, in relation to the TMS.</li> </ul>

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<i>Moisture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All densities are recorded as dry densities, and so all tonnages are reported on a dry basis.</li> </ul>
<i>Cut-off parameters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mineral Resources are reported within an optimised pit shell. The parameters used to derive the shell were also used to calculate a cut-off grade, which was noted to be significantly below the beryl and emerald grade recovered from the mine. Therefore applying a cut-off grade is largely irrelevant.</li> </ul>
<i>Mining factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Modifying Factors considered by SRK to be appropriate for the Reaction Zone mineralisation is based on the historical reconciliation of the proportion of RoM Reaction Zone relative to the TMS volume. This mining dilution is estimated at 15%, and the diluting material is</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</i></p>	<p>assumed to be TMS rock with a density of 2.85 t/m<sup>3</sup> at zero grade. Owing to the application of historical factors to derive RoM grades, no mining recovery grade adjustment factors are deemed necessary for the reaction zone mineralisation.</p>
<p><i>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emerald and beryl are extracted at Kagem by combination of manual picking of gemstones within the pit, and processing of RoM ore which involves comminution, screening, washing and sorting facilities which are located close to the current mining activities. Current on-going expansion of the processing facilities is planned to increase throughput capacity to 330 ktpa.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Environmental factors or assumptions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kagem is progressively backfilling the mined out areas at the Chama Pit with waste rock from the mining operation. Fines within the tailings are being settled out and can be re-handled and placed in mined out areas or waste dumps when additional storage capacity is required. Topsoil is stockpiled and re-handled onto the waste dumps to facilitate re-vegetation. The waste products from the processing facilities are expected to be benign and do not contain any toxic substances. A key issue to manage at Kagem is the build-up of fines in the tailings area.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Bulk density</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</i></li> <li><i>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</i></li> <li><i>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An average density per rock type is used to estimate the tonnages. The densities applied are derived from extensive in-situ and core test work completed by Gemfields over the course of the mine life. The density values are further validated against production records.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Classification</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</i></li> <li><i>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to develop a classification scheme for the Mineral Resources at Kagem, SRK has taken the following factors into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>quantity and quality of the underlying data, the level of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p><i>relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</i></li> </ul>	<p>geological understanding for each deposit, and across the property as a whole;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ confidence in the geological continuity of the TMS, pegmatites, and reaction zone;</li> <li>○ confidence in the grades, as derived from the production/bulk sampling, and the understanding of the grade variation at a given production scale;</li> <li>○ the stage of development for each deposit (such as exploration, production, care and maintenance, etc); and</li> <li>○ the perceived level of risk associated with deviations from the assumptions made. This aspect is specifically noted in the JORC Code (2012) in the "..... any variation from the estimate would be unlikely to significantly affect potential economic viability" clause for Measured Mineral Resources.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRK is unaware of any audits or reviews which have been completed for the Kagem mine.</li> </ul>
Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i></li> <li>• <i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i></li> <li>• <i>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRK have had to make a series of assumptions regarding the grade and quality distribution within the mineralisation.</li> <li>• No statistical or geostatistical analyses have been completed, and so cannot be used to quantify the relative accuracy or confidence of the grade estimates.</li> <li>• The confidence in the grade estimates is derived from bulk sampling or production records, as applicable.</li> <li>• SRK has supplied a series of recommendations for improving knowledge and confidence in the geological and grade estimates.</li> </ul>

## Section 4 Estimation and Reporting of Ore Reserves

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in sections 2 and 3, also apply to this section.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<i>Mineral Resource estimate for conversion to Ore Reserves</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Description of the Mineral Resource estimate used as a basis for the conversion to an Ore Reserve.</i></li> <li><i>Clear statement as to whether the Mineral Resources are reported additional to, or inclusive of, the Ore Reserves.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRK developed a comprehensive MRE that served as a starting point for Project planning.</li> <li>The Mineral Resources are reporting inclusive of the Ore Reserves.</li> </ul>
<i>Site visits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</i></li> <li><i>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Beare visited the site in February 2012 on a previous assignment. For this CPR, Lucy Roberts, James Haythornthwaite, Rowena Smuts, John Willis, Neil Marshall and Fraser McQueen visited the Kagem Mine. Full details are presented in Section 1.7.</li> </ul>
<i>Study status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The type and level of study undertaken to enable Mineral Resources to be converted to Ore Reserves.</i></li> <li><i>The Code requires that a study to at least Pre-Feasibility Study level has been undertaken to convert Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves. Such studies will have been carried out and will have determined a mine plan that is technically achievable and economically viable, and that material Modifying Factors have been considered.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kagem is an operating mine, hence quality data from operations exists for operational and financial planning. SRK completed a thorough review of all aspects of the operation covering all relevant disciplines. SRK subsequently authored the MRE. In summary SRK considers that all disciplines are at FS level except medium term mine planning which are at PFS level.</li> </ul>
<i>Cut-off parameters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis of the cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using an average price for all carats produced of USD3.87 /ct the average operating cut-off grade is estimated at 68.5 ct/t. Further details are described in Section 6.12.</li> </ul>
<i>Mining factors or assumptions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The method and assumptions used as reported in the Pre-Feasibility or Feasibility Study to convert the Mineral Resource to an Ore Reserve (i.e. either by application of appropriate factors by optimisation or by preliminary or detailed design).</i></li> <li><i>The choice, nature and appropriateness of the selected mining method(s) and other mining parameters including associated design issues such as pre-strip, access, etc.</i></li> <li><i>The assumptions made regarding geotechnical parameters (eg pit slopes, stope sizes, etc), grade control and pre-production drilling.</i></li> <li><i>The major assumptions made and Mineral Resource model used for pit and stope optimisation (if appropriate).</i></li> <li><i>The mining dilution factors used.</i></li> <li><i>The mining recovery factors used.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A mining dilution of 15% was applied to the reaction zone mineralisation, and the diluting material is assumed to be TMS rock with a density of 2.85 t/m<sup>3</sup> at zero grade. Owing to the application of historical factors to derive Run of Mine (RoM) grades, no mining recovery grade adjustment factors are deemed necessary for the reaction zone mineralisation.</li> <li>Mining is via conventional open pit methods with free dig in the weathered zones and drill and blast required in fresh rock.</li> <li>Geotechnical analysis was undertaken by SRK and estimated safe overall slope angle for closure of 50° based on 10 m bench heights and 5.5 m berm configurations.</li> <li>Engineered ultimate pit design was developed for Chama Pit and used for the basis of the life of mine plan.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any minimum mining widths used.</li> <li>The manner in which Inferred Mineral Resources are utilised in mining studies and the sensitivity of the outcome to their inclusion.</li> <li>The infrastructure requirements of the selected mining methods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inferred mineral resources are not included in the life of mine plan.</li> <li>No mining recovery factors are deemed applicable as reported bulk sampling production is inclusive of losses.</li> <li>No major additional infrastructure is required for the continuing of open pit operations at Kagem.</li> </ul>
Metallurgical factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The metallurgical process proposed and the appropriateness of that process to the style of mineralisation.</li> <li>Whether the metallurgical process is well-tested technology or novel in nature.</li> <li>The nature, amount and representativeness of metallurgical test work undertaken, the nature of the metallurgical domaining applied and the corresponding metallurgical recovery factors applied.</li> <li>Any assumptions or allowances made for deleterious elements.</li> <li>The existence of any bulk sample or pilot scale test work and the degree to which such samples are considered representative of the orebody as a whole.</li> <li>For minerals that are defined by a specification, has the ore reserve estimation been based on the appropriate mineralogy to meet the specifications?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRK considers the current wash plant on site is entirely fit for purpose, and planned expansion of the wash plant will provide sufficient capacity for the life of mine plan.</li> <li>The technology is well tested.</li> <li>The grade estimates are informed by historic mining of the deposit. Further information is provided in Section 4.</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The status of studies of potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. Details of waste rock characterisation and the consideration of potential sites, status of design options considered and, where applicable, the status of approvals for process residue storage and waste dumps should be reported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate environmental and social studies have been undertaken in accordance with Zambian law. The mine is considered to be fully permitted and has no outstanding licence issues.</li> <li>The waste products from reaction zone washing are sand, clay and gravel. These are expected to be benign. No special measures or regulatory approvals are likely to be required for this material which can be placed into mined out areas or waste dumps where required as part of the mining process.</li> <li>Waste rock dumps have been designed with closure in mind; on-going dump rehabilitation is currently underway and planned to continue for the life of mine plan; top-soil is being stockpiled for re-vegetation purposes.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The existence of appropriate infrastructure: availability of land for plant development, power, water, transportation (particularly for bulk commodities), labour, accommodation; or the ease with which the infrastructure can be provided, or accessed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the necessary infrastructure is in place or planned to be constructed at the Kagem Mine. Some investments are required to upgrade this for increased production but there are no material</li> </ul>

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		concerns in this regard.
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The derivation of, or assumptions made, regarding projected capital costs in the study.</li> <li>The methodology used to estimate operating costs.</li> <li>Allowances made for the content of deleterious elements.</li> <li>The source of exchange rates used in the study.</li> <li>Derivation of transportation charges.</li> <li>The basis for forecasting or source of treatment and refining charges, penalties for failure to meet specification, etc.</li> <li>The allowances made for royalties payable, both Government and private.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital costs have been developed by SRK based on the life of mine plan and quotes provided by Kagem.</li> <li>Operating cost estimates are based on historical performance for owner operated activities. Contract mining rates are based on tender pricing provided by Kagem.</li> <li>No deleterious elements have been found to be present</li> <li>Transport charges off site are covered in the sales costs that have been applied.</li> <li>Management and auction fees are based on historical estimates from historical costs</li> <li>A 9% royalty on revenues is payable to the government.</li> </ul>
Revenue factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The derivation of, or assumptions made regarding revenue factors including head grade, metal or commodity price(s) exchange rates, transportation and treatment charges, penalties, net smelter returns, etc.</li> <li>The derivation of assumptions made of metal or commodity price(s), for the principal metals, minerals and co-products.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The long term prices have been provided by Gemfields based on auction results Gemfields price forecasts.</li> <li>No deduction is made for process recovery (grades estimates are based on historical production), royalties are assumed at 9.0 % and a direct selling charge of 1.75% for auction expenses are levied in relation to commodity price.</li> <li>The long term commodity prices and HQ/LQ gemstone splits are shown in Section 12.</li> </ul>
Market assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The demand, supply and stock situation for the particular commodity, consumption trends and factors likely to affect supply and demand into the future.</li> <li>A customer and competitor analysis along with the identification of likely market windows for the product.</li> <li>Price and volume forecasts and the basis for these forecasts.</li> <li>For industrial minerals the customer specification, testing and acceptance requirements prior to a supply contract.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Company has provided a detailed market study presented in Section 10 of this report. SRK notes that the Company has had significant success with the public auctions of emerald products since commencing operations in 2008 and has in place a very experienced management team who have had a long experience with gemstone mining and marketing from the Kagem operation in Zambia.</li> </ul>
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The inputs to the economic analysis to produce the net present value (NPV) in the study, the source and confidence of these economic inputs including estimated inflation, discount rate, etc.</li> <li>NPV ranges and sensitivity to variations in the significant assumptions and inputs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The economic analysis is based upon: a resource estimation by SRK; a mining plan generated by SRK. The model is in real terms with inflation ignored. Details on the model and results and provided in Section 12 of this report.</li> </ul>
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The status of agreements with key stakeholders and matters leading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kagem has made substantial efforts to establish a so called 'social</li> </ul>

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	<i>to social licence to operate.</i>	licence to operate' by establishing themselves in the community with a range of initiatives.
<i>Other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To the extent relevant, the impact of the following on the project and/or on the estimation and classification of the Ore Reserves:</i></li> <li><i>Any identified material naturally occurring risks.</i></li> <li><i>The status of material legal agreements and marketing arrangements.</i></li> <li><i>The status of governmental agreements and approvals critical to the viability of the project, such as mineral tenement status, and government and statutory approvals. There must be reasonable grounds to expect that all necessary Government approvals will be received within the timeframes anticipated in the Pre-Feasibility or Feasibility study. Highlight and discuss the materiality of any unresolved matter that is dependent on a third party on which extraction of the reserve is contingent.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mine risks are considered to be variable grade, issues relating to artisanal miners and un-treated water reaching the environment. Further details are presented in Section 9.</li> <li>All key permits are in place or are under application for the Mine.</li> <li>SRK considers the risk of the Mine not receiving the required permits is low.</li> </ul>
<i>Classification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The basis for the classification of the Ore Reserves into varying confidence categories.</i></li> <li><i>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</i></li> <li><i>The proportion of Probable Ore Reserves that have been derived from Measured Mineral Resources (if any).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resourced have been estimated at the Project.</li> <li>The results appropriately reflect the view of the CP of the deposits.</li> </ul>
<i>Audits or reviews</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The results of any audits or reviews of Ore Reserve estimates.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2012 FS presented an open pit reserve grade 310 ct/t, which compares to production from 2012 to date of 294 ct/t. SRK considers this to be within acceptable limits.</li> <li>No external audits or reviews of the Resources and Reserves in this CPR have been conducted. SRK has relied on review work conducted internally and by the Kagem Chief Geologist.</li> </ul>
<i>Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Ore Reserve estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the reserve within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors which could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i></li> <li><i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRK considers the level of sampling work carried out by Kagem is sufficient for Proven and Probable Reserves in accordance with the JORC Code.</li> <li>The 2012 FS presented an open pit reserve grade 310 ct/t, which compares to production from 2012 to date of 294 ct/t. SRK considers this to be within acceptable limits.</li> <li>SRK expects that on-going mining operations will allow the accuracy of resource and reserve estimates to be refined by additional</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Accuracy and confidence discussions should extend to specific discussions of any applied Modifying Factors that may have a material impact on Ore Reserve viability, or for which there are remaining areas of uncertainty at the current study stage.</i></li> <li>• <i>It is recognised that this may not be possible or appropriate in all circumstances. These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</i></li> </ul>	reconciliation work on a monthly basis.

## Section 5 Estimation and Reporting of Diamonds and Other Gemstones

(Criteria listed in other relevant sections also apply to this section. Additional guidelines are available in the 'Guidelines for the Reporting of Diamond Exploration Results' issued by the Diamond Exploration Best Practices Committee established by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<i>Indicator minerals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reports of indicator minerals, such as chemically/physically distinctive garnet, ilmenite, chrome spinel and chrome diopside, should be prepared by a suitably qualified laboratory.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At this stage, this is not considered necessary, as the emerald grade data applied to the resource statement is taken from direct emerald recovery data from bulk sampling.</li> <li>• High level analysis of the handheld Niton XRF data against the lithological logging indicates a marked increase in both rubidium and potassium content within the reaction zone unit, thought to be related to the transformation of metabasic rock to phlogopite. It should be noted however, that this increase in Rb and K, may only tentatively be used to indicate the potential presence of phlogopite-rich reaction zone material, and not necessarily emerald mineralization itself.</li> </ul>
<i>Source of diamonds</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Details of the form, shape, size and colour of the diamonds and the nature of the source of diamonds (primary or secondary) including the rock type and geological environment.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mineralisation is confined to an ultramafic talc-magnetite schist unit, with emeralds typically contained within reaction zones relating to the interaction of Be-rich fluid from pegmatite dykes and quartz-tourmaline veins, with the Cr-rich talc-magnetite schist.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The reaction zones are composed of phlogopite-biotite-tourmaline aggregates, which are highly soft and friable, providing a protective buffer ideal for the preservation of beryl and emerald crystals.</li> <li>The beryls are typically white to yellowish to bluish white, while the emeralds have a moderate to strong green colouration.</li> <li>The beryl and emerald gemstones typically form subhedral to euhedral hexagonal crystals that often grow in aggregates of multiple gemstones.</li> <li>Individual crystals can vary in size from &lt;1mm to &gt;10cm in diameter.</li> <li>More detailed background information on the nature of emeralds within the Kafubu area in general is provided in Section 2.4</li> </ul>
<p><i>Sample collection</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Type of sample, whether outcrop, boulders, drill core, reverse circulation drill cuttings, gravel, stream sediment or soil, and purpose (eg large diameter drilling to establish gemstones per unit of volume or bulk samples to establish gemstone size distribution).</i></li> <li><i>Sample size, distribution and representivity.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade and quality data for Chama comes from production data the open-pit mining operation, which has been Gemfields main operations focus since acquiring the Kagem licence in 2008.</li> <li>Available production data for Fibolele comes from a single main bulk sampling pit, which has been in operation since August 2012, and from which, to date more than 2,000,000 tonnes of material has been removed.</li> <li>Two bulk sampling pits are currently in operation in the Libwente deposit area: Libwente South and Ishuko. Of the two currently operating pits, production data is only presently available for Libwente South, from which more than 1,350,000 tonnes of material has been removed since July 2014.</li> <li>SRK considers that the sample size recovered from the open-pit mining and bulk sampling operations at Chama, Fibolele and Libwente, and the spatial arrangement of the pits is sufficient to produce emerald grade and quality data which is sufficiently representative (within an area of reasonable geological continuity from the trial pits) to derive Mineral Resources.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drilling to date across the three deposit areas comprises a total of 707 drillholes for a meterage of 67,457.60 m</li> <li>• Diamond drilling is primarily aimed at determining the nature and geometry of the talc-magnetite schist units, pegmatite dykes / quartz-tourmaline veins and associated emerald-bearing reaction zones.</li> </ul>
Sample treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Type of facility, treatment rate, and accreditation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sample size reduction. Bottom screen size, top screen size and re-crush.</i></li> <li>• <i>Processes (dense media separation, grease, X-ray, hand-sorting, etc).</i></li> <li>• <i>Process efficiency, tailings auditing and granulometry.</i></li> <li>• <i>Laboratory used, type of process for micro diamonds and accreditation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The washing plant at the Kagem Mine consists of a series of comminution, screening, washing and sorting facilities which are located close to the current mining activities at the Chama Pit.</li> <li>• The plant currently in operation was commissioned in 2006 and has an operating capacity of approximately 165 ktpa of ore.</li> <li>• The recovered gemstones from the wash plant are sorted by hand and split into numerous quality classifications based on colour, clarity, size, shape and cleanliness. The total weight (in carats) for each classification is recorded on a monthly basis.</li> <li>• A breakdown of the emerald classification system employed at the Kagem sort house is provided in Section 3.7</li> </ul>
Carat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>One fifth (0.2) of a gram (often defined as a metric carat or MC).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the definition of a carat used throughout.</li> </ul>
Sample grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sample grade in this section of Table 1 is used in the context of carats per units of mass, area or volume.</i></li> <li>• <i>The sample grade above the specified lower cut-off sieve size should be reported as carats per dry metric tonne and/or carats per 100 dry metric tonnes. For alluvial deposits, sample grades quoted in carats per square metre or carats per cubic metre are acceptable if accompanied by a volume to weight basis for calculation.</i></li> <li>• <i>In addition to general requirements to assess volume and density there is a need to relate gemstone frequency (gemstones per cubic metre or tonne) to gemstone size (carats per gemstone) to derive sample grade (carats per tonne).</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sample grades presented throughout are in carats per tonne of material. This is derived from the bulk sampling of bulk samples in the wash plant.</li> <li>• The grade is derived from processing in the sort house, and reported in the Mineral Resources as total carats recovered.</li> <li>• Gemstone frequency work has not been undertaken at the Project. This is due to the large number of gemstones produced.</li> </ul>

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Reporting of Exploration Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete set of sieve data using a standard progression of sieve sizes per facies. Bulk sampling results, global sample grade per facies. Spatial structure analysis and grade distribution. Stone size and number distribution. Sample head feed and tailings particle granulometry.</li> <li>• Sample density determination.</li> <li>• Per cent concentrate and undersize per sample.</li> <li>• Sample grade with change in bottom cut-off screen size.</li> <li>• Adjustments made to size distribution for sample plant performance and performance on a commercial scale.</li> <li>• If appropriate or employed, geostatistical techniques applied to model stone size, distribution or frequency from size distribution of exploration diamond samples.</li> <li>• The weight of diamonds may only be omitted from the report when the diamonds are considered too small to be of commercial significance. This lower cut-off size should be stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulk density measurements of relevant rock types are completed by the Company, and bench marked against production tonnages.</li> <li>• All sampling undertaken at the Project has been using the production plant, and so no scaling adjustments are appropriate.</li> <li>• No geostatistical analyses have been applied to the data. The results of the production / bulk sampling have been applied to the reaction zone volumes with appropriate adjustments.</li> <li>• Material recovered from the wash plant is split by hand into three categories, namely premium emerald. Emerald, beryl-1 and beryl-2. The waste is discarded, whilst the recovered emerald and beryl gemstones are further split into various quality and size categories.</li> </ul>
Grade estimation for reporting Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the sample type and the spatial arrangement of drilling or sampling designed for grade estimation.</li> <li>• The sample crush size and its relationship to that achievable in a commercial treatment plant.</li> <li>• Total number of diamonds greater than the specified and reported lower cut-off sieve size.</li> <li>• Total weight of diamonds greater than the specified and reported lower cut-off sieve size.</li> <li>• The sample grade above the specified lower cut-off sieve size.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerald grade and quality data is derived from the open-pit mining and bulk sampling operations described.</li> <li>• The resource volume and geometry is modelled on the basis of geological logging of the diamond drillholes. These are drilled on a variable grid of between 25 m by 25 m and 100 m by 200m at Chama; typically 50 m by 50 m at Fibolele; and a variable grid typically between 50m by 50 m and 100 m by 100 m at Libwente.</li> <li>• A more detailed description of the diamond drill spacing is given in Section 3.4.1</li> </ul>
Value estimation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuations should not be reported for samples of diamonds processed using total liberation method, which is commonly used for processing exploration samples.</li> <li>• To the extent that such information is not deemed commercially sensitive, Public Reports should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ diamonds quantities by appropriate screen size per facies or depth.</li> <li>○ details of parcel valued.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valuation of the gemstones from Kagem has been made by taking the rough from the production and bulk sampling programmes and selling it at public auction. These auctions have raised significant funds for the Project over a prolonged period of time. Details are provided in Section 10.7.</li> <li>• A formal assessment of gemstone breakage due to the washing plant</li> </ul>

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Security and integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Accredited process audit.</i></li> <li>● <i>Whether samples were sealed after excavation.</i></li> <li>● <i>Valuer location, escort, delivery, cleaning losses, reconciliation with recorded sample carats and number of gemstones.</i></li> <li>● <i>Core samples washed prior to treatment for micro diamonds.</i></li> <li>● <i>Audit samples treated at alternative facility.</i></li> <li>● <i>Results of tailings checks.</i></li> <li>● <i>Recovery of tracer monitors used in sampling and treatment.</i></li> <li>● <i>Geophysical (logged) density and particle density.</i></li> <li>● <i>Cross validation of sample weights, wet and dry, with hole volume and density, moisture factor.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All material recovered from the open-pit and bulk sampling operations is transported to the wash plant and sort house via a security escort.</li> <li>● The emerald sort house is located on-site, in close vicinity of the wash plant, and permanently guarded by multiple security staff.</li> </ul>
Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>In addition to general requirements to assess volume and density there is a need to relate gemstone frequency (gemstones per cubic metre or tonne) to gemstone size (carats per gemstone) to derive grade (carats per tonne). The elements of uncertainty in these estimates should be considered, and classification developed accordingly.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SRK consider there to be a degree of uncertainty in the grade estimates, with the confidence being gained through the production, bulk sampling, and gemstone sorting process. This records the distribution of gemstone qualities being recovered.</li> </ul>