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DAY 1 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee		
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Welcome Address		
9:15 - 10:00 AM	The Continuum of Innovation Glenn Wyldie · Deswik Hear from our CTO about the strategic direction of Deswik and some of the long-term plans we are working on. We'll discuss some of the latest release plans for Deswik, lessons from the past, bigger projects in development across the portfolio and how our customers help drive these plans and projects.		
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Introducing Deswik NOVA Matt Mchale & Steven DiFilippo · Deswik Join us for an exciting presentation as we unveil the next-generation Deswik planning tool for open pit mines.		
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break		
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Cut-Off Grade Optimization with Deswik APEX at Evolution Mining's Red Lake Operation Jack Carswell · Evolution Mining Hear how Deswik APEX vCOG was used in the strategic planning process at Red Lake Operation to enable optimized COG selection across mining zones with varying costs and constraints.	From C:Drive to Deswik MDM: The CZOP Journey to Modernized Mine Data Management Logan Connolly & Chris Blommers · Nevada Gold Mines - Cortez An overview of the Cortez Open Pit journey from traditional file storage to a centralized data platform that enhances efficiency, collaboration, governance, and business value.	
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Deswik OPS Vision and Roadmap Lukasz Kucharski · Deswik What's next for Deswik OPS? Join us for an inside look at where the product line is headed. We'll unpack the upcoming releases, the research projects driving innovation, and how your feedback is actively shaping the future of Deswik OPS. Come see what's on the horizon!	Closing the Gap: Integrated Mine and Reclamation Planning Michael Drake · Deswik Mine closure is often planned independently from production scheduling, creating disconnects between operational and reclamation objectives. This presentation explores how an integrated planning model can bring mining, progressive reclamation, and final closure activities together in a single schedule. The resulting framework provides greater visibility into material movement, equipment utilization, closure liabilities, and opportunities to advance reclamation throughout the mine life.	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch		
1:30 - 3:00 PM	PRODUCT WORKSHOP Future of Underground Automated Design Workshops Ever wanted to design mines faster and more consistently, while exploring more options and making updates with ease? In this product workshop explore where automation makes sense, what it could unlock for your operations. This is a blue sky session, and we'd love your input on how you see the future of mining and how you want to work.	UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS The Use of Resource Leveling Through the Planning Spectrum This masterclass explores how resource leveling can be strategically applied across the entire mine planning spectrum, from long-term scheduling to short-term execution using Deswik Planning.	SURFACE MASTERCLASS Deswik SPD: Getting the Most Out of the Auto Pit Design Tool This masterclass will show you how to use Deswik SPD Auto Pit to quickly generate pit designs and design scenarios.
	3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 - 5:00 PM	PRODUCT WORKSHOP Drill and Blast Into the Future Workshops Have your say on the future of Underground Drill and Blast at Deswik! Explore ideas and provide input to help shape the next generation of underground drill and blast tools.	UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS Process Maps for Rapid Design Workflows This masterclass focuses on using Deswik's Auto Development Design tool with process maps to structure and streamline development design workflows. It breaks the design process into clear work packages, enabling users to efficiently generate and manage development layouts.	UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS Deswik OPS Masterclass: "Hit Me With Your Best OPS" Looking for fresh ideas and practical ways to unlock more value from Deswik OPS? This interactive masterclass highlights high-impact topics, showcasing key features and how clients use them in practice. Attendees can ask questions, share experiences, and explore how these ideas could be applied at their own sites. Each topic will be scored via survey, with the top-rated earning the "Hit Me With Your Best OPS" award and prize.
	7:00 - 11:00 PM	Welcome Dinner Join us at Le Grand Manitou, a stunning mountaintop chalet, with gondola access and panoramic views of the Laurentian Mountains. Enjoy great food and a relaxed evening connecting with fellow attendees.	

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 - 9:00 AM	Coffee		
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Industrial Mathematics Driving Optimization Advances in Surface Operations David Rahal & Rebecca Tuxworth · Deswik Since the 1980s when Whittle introduced the first optimization software for open pit mines, significant progress has been made in modeling surface operations across the mine value chain. This presentation explores how optimized decisions can be made from the block model through to the final delivery of product to the customer.		
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Addressing Safety Risks Associated with Data Management at an Operating Mine Site Michael Cheung · Northern Star Resources & Mike Sustar · Deswik As mining becomes more technology-driven, poor data management is creating serious safety and business risks. Fragmented systems and outdated practices can lead to unsafe conditions, making strong data governance essential.		
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Creating Confidence: Addressing Operational Risk Through Discrete Event Simulation Matt Schouten · Deswik Long-range mine planning often underrepresents or completely overlooks critical operational bottlenecks, leaving strategic designs vulnerable to execution risks. Tailored for long-range planners, this presentation explores how Discrete Event Simulation (DES) bridges the gap between strategic scheduling and day-to-day reality. By accounting for the granular, stochastic details of routine mining operations, DES eliminates the guesswork in planning haulage capacities, identifying constraints, and optimizing fleet sizes. Attendees will discover how leveraging simulation transforms static models into a more executable Life-of-Mine plan while providing increased insight into major fleet investments.	From Local Optima to Site-Level Optimum Across Multiple Deposits Jake Frei · Kinross Gold Kinross Bald Mountain's land package contains over two dozen deposits that have traditionally been optimized on a pit-by-pit basis. While this enables "plug-and-play" pits that can be inserted into or removed from mine plan iterations, it can limit the ability to capture site-wide value. To unlock the true site-level optimum and associated hidden value, deposits must be considered in a single optimization run that incorporates site constraints.	
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Accelerating Cut-and-Fill Scenario Redesign: From Stope Optimizer to Automated Mine Design Ali Arbi · Deswik This presentation showcases an automated cut-and-fill workflow that transforms stope optimizer outputs into mineable designs through automated shape consolidation, lift and level attribution, panel generation, and Auto Designer integration using Process Maps. The workflow significantly reduces scenario redesign time, from days to hours, allowing large deposits to be rapidly re-evaluated following changes in cutoff strategy or optimization assumptions.	Maximizing Ore Value Through Blend Period Selection Jeffrey Di Fabrizio · De Beers Group Operational and processing constraints are a key driver of most schedules. Deswik Blend can be a critical tool to help understand how these constraints can be met in a way that is executable in the real world. Understanding how the blending periods can be modified to maximize ore delivery can be a helpful way to meet established planning metrics.	
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Driving Operational Excellence: Deswik OPS at Torex Gold Rohit Tellis & Adrian White · Torex Gold Resources & Jared Olmos · Deswik Join Torex Gold on their Deswik OPS implementation journey across multiple sites in Mexico. Learn how they successfully rolled out integrated weekly planning and the Operator App with effective change management processes, resulting in data-driven management routines focused on operational visibility and KPI analysis. Find out why the executive team wants to see Deswik OPS at all Torex sites.	Redefining Phase Design: From Nested Shells to Plan-Driven Optimization Luis Castañeda · Deswik Traditionally, phase design has been constrained by the available technology, relying on nested pit shells to define mining sequences. While effective in identifying high-value zones, typically prioritizing higher grades and lower stripping ratios, this approach can limit the ability to evaluate practical mining direction and execution strategies.	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch		
1:30 - 3:00 PM	PRODUCT WORKSHOP	UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS	SURFACE MASTERCLASS
	Roadmap Workshop on Optimization This workshop will present an overview of our optimization tools, outline high-level product roadmaps, and provide attendees with an opportunity to share feedback to help shape future development.	Navigating the New UI & UG Enhancements Elevate your underground scheduling with Deswik's latest enhancements. We'll guide you through the new, streamlined Dependency Creation and IS user interfaces, highlighting how these visual changes improve everyday usability. Additionally, we will cover critical new feature updates spanning CAD, Interactive Scheduler (IS), and Scheduler, giving you a comprehensive toolkit to optimize your workflow and setup efficiency.	Preparing Your Block Model for Pit Optimization Learn best practices for preparing your block model for optimization in Pseudoflow and Deswik GO.
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break		
3:30 - 5:00 PM	PRODUCT WORKSHOP	UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS	SURFACE MASTERCLASS
	Deswik OPS Feedback Workshop A workshop focused on enhancing operational planning in Deswik, creating an opportunity for attendees to share feedback and help shape future improvements.	Scheduler Troubleshooting and Underground Planning Decision Auditing Learn how to spot issues before they become problems. This session shares practical tips and tricks for troubleshooting your schedules and auditing underground planning decisions. You'll walk away with tools to build more efficient schedules.	Mining Paths in Deswik IS - A More Detailed Mining Sequence in Mid and Long Range Planning Learn how the Mining Paths function can increase the detail and control in your mining sequence in a way that is quick and easily modified.
7:00 - 11:00 PM	Conference Dinner Join us at Le P'tit Caribou, a lively après-ski spot in Mont Tremblant. It's the perfect place to kick back with fellow attendees and celebrate the conference in true mountain style.		

DAY 3 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 - 10:00 AM	Coffee	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	From Uneconomic to Strategic: Unlocking Hidden Value in Nevada's Open Pits Chris Cavasin & Canberk Aras · Nevada Gold Mines Nevada Gold Mines operates one of the largest gold mining complexes in the world and has been mining many of its open pits for decades. As underground mining continues to deliver higher-grade feed to the mills, the question becomes: how can open pits continue to support the business when much of the highest-grade material has already been mined?	
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Bridging the Gap: From Planning to Execution Through Smart Integration Nick Anderson & Michael Zirbel · Deswik Hear how integrated planning and equipment data flows are transforming decision-making on site by closing the loop between intent and action.	
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Closing Address	
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Break	
11:45 - 12:15 PM	Practical Mine Plan Prioritization: Translating Optimized Targets into Executable Schedules Using Deswik Alexandre Beauflis · Dhilmar How to use standard Deswik tools to guide practical mine scheduling with an initial optimized plan. The resulting methodology de-risks execution by reducing schedule volatility and eliminating frequent re-prioritization between mining areas.	Data-Driven Decision Making and Digital Transformation Jason Smith & Rob Swanson · Hudbay Minerals Inc. Learnings, challenges, and successes over a year long implementation process of digital reporting and how real time delay capture has improved operational efficiency at Lalor Mine.
12:15 - 12:45 PM	From Base Case to Full Potential: Vale Base Metals' Deswik APEX Optimization Journey Derek Galloway & Rob Mallett · Vale Vale Base Metals' Resource Development Planning team began implementing APEX, Deswik's cloud-based schedule optimization platform, in early 2025 to strengthen long-range planning and ensure Life of Asset Plans (LoAP) were not only operationally feasible but strategically positioned to maximize value. What started as an effort to validate that the base-case mine plans maximized value, has evolved into broader optimization capability supporting portfolio-level thinking, faster scenario generation, and more informed trade-off discussions across mining sequence, production capacity, and capital timing.	Beyond Paper Efficiency: Evaluating Mining Methods Using Probabilistic Risk Tim Brueggeman · Hecla Mining Company With any new project, the method of extraction can greatly affect production schedules. On paper, longhole open stope mining will typically win over cut & fill every time due to waste development, even with challenging ground conditions. If (when) discrete events occur that disrupt the mine sequence, the efficiency erodes. Probabilistic variations can help to describe the risk associated with a locked in longhole sequence versus a versatile cut & fill sequence.
12:45 - 2:30 PM	Lunch	
2:30PM - 5:00PM	Mentoring Have more questions or things you would like to discuss? You can book a mentoring session and connect with one of our consultants to go through anything in more detail post-conference.	
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Optional Farewell Dinner Join us at Lucille's Mont Tremblant for an optional farewell dinner to wrap up Deswik Connect North America 2026. It's the perfect chance to enjoy great food, raise a glass, and wrap up the week. Tickets are available for purchase at the registration link.	