

Godfrey Gundani, 17/01/1969 - 16/01/2021



Godfrey was born on 17th January 1969 in Gweru as the sixth child in a family of seven. His formative years were spent near Gokwe but later he attended Hartzell High School where he completed his secondary education studies in 1989. He then gained his BSc General Degree from the University of Zimbabwe in 1993, following up with a BSc Honours in Geology in 1996. He was awarded the Geoffrey Bond Award for the best Honours Project in that year entitled *Metabasites and the tectonic evolution of the Northern Marginal Zone, Limpopo Belt*.

From 1994 to 1995 he worked for Kinross Blanket Mines as an exploration geologist around and at the Golden Kopje Mine near Chinhoyi.

Between 1996 and 2001 he worked as a Project Geologist for Ashanti Goldfields Zimbabwe. During this period, he was engaged on Ashanti's exploration projects in Zimbabwe and in target generation across the Manica and Tete provinces of Mozambique.

In 2002 and 2003 he joined the Zimbabwe Geological Survey as a Senior Geologist in the data management section. He occasionally visited small mines to provide geological extension services that resulted in him compiling several technical reports on the mines that he visited. These reports are filed the Zimbabwe Geological Survey library. During this period Godfrey contributed to the Annals for 2003 as *Mangezi S and Gundani G. Zimbabwe Exclusive Prospecting Orders database – GIS overview of exploration efforts*.

Later in 2003 he joined ZIMASCO where he then became Resource Evaluation Manager based in Shurugwi and Mutorashanga.

Between 2007 and 2009 Godfrey was Project Manager for RSG Global Consultants in the establishment of a chrome and platinum project in Zimbabwe and then as manager to a team of geological consultants tasked with establishing the resource of the Tschudi copper deposit in Namibia to JORC standards.

Then in 2009 with Coffey Mining Consultants he led a geological mapping project on a PGE project in the Bushveld Complex of South Africa. In 2010 he was consulting geologist to Goldsearch Technical Services as the Resources Competent Person for 3 medium-scale gold deposits in Zimbabwe. Later in 2010 he acted as Resource Evaluation Manager for Afrique Minerals (Afrigold) conducting due diligence evaluations on potential mining acquisitions in Zimbabwe.

From mid-2011 to 2013 he was appointed Geological Manager for Angolan Exploration Mining Resources (AEMR) at Kassinga in Angola before consulting for Rovuma Resources Limitada (Rockover) in 2014 on copper-lead-zinc prospects in the Cabo del Gado Province of northern Mozambique.

In January 2015 he acquired and developed a small underground gold mine in the Kadoma District of Zimbabwe. From September 2015 until the time of his passing on Godfrey was employed as Geology Manager for Sociedade Mineira de Cobre de Angola (SMCA) Angola based in Uige from where he oversaw all geological activities for copper and base metal exploration and mining development in the country.

In May 2019 Godfrey presented a talk to the Geological Society of Zimbabwe entitled *Exploration of blind copper ore bodies - Discovery, evaluation and resource estimation. A case Study from South of Angola*, the project he had been working on in Angola at the time of his death.

Godfrey mentored and coached innumerable young Zimbabwean geologists throughout his career. He was a registered member of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) and with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) whilst maintaining his membership of the Geological Society of Zimbabwe. We extend our sincere condolences to his family at this time.

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