

The development stage refers to the current degree of development of a Showing, ranging from initial discovery to a mine.

Showings – Development stage descriptions

| Development stage | Definition |
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| Reconnaissance | Preliminary examination of an area has revealed a site of interest. |
| Local examination | Sampling and ground investigations such as grid-based surveys have been carried out to further the knowledge of the site. These may include trenching but not drilling. |
| Drilled | The Showing has been tested by at least one drill hole, not including Winkie/packsack holes or holes less than three metres deep. Generally, surface work has been done as well. |
| Advanced exploration | A deposit which is well understood in three dimensions. Generally, this means enough work has been done on which to base resource calculations. |
| Producer | A deposit which is currently being mined and producing a commodity. |
| Minor producer | A deposit which is currently being mined and producing a commodity, at rates of mining less than about 10,000 tonnes of ore per day. |
| Past producer abandoned, Past producer care and maintenance, Past producer renewed exploration | A deposit which at one or more times was producing a commodity but is no longer. A past producer may be an abandoned mine, it may be on care and maintenance, or there may be renewed exploration for the same or different commodities in the vicinity. If a deposit cycles in and out of production over the years, the development stage in the database will be updated as the status changes. |
| Minor past producer abandoned, Minor past producer care and maintenance, Minor past producer renewed exploration | A past producer which produced less than 100,000 tonnes of ore. |
| Note 1 | If the "zones" of a mine (producer) are spatially distinct from each other at a scale of 1:50,000, the "zones" may be entered separately, especially if production statistics for the "zones" are separate. |
| Note 2 | A value of 'xTo Be Assigned' in this field indicates that data entry is incomplete. |

