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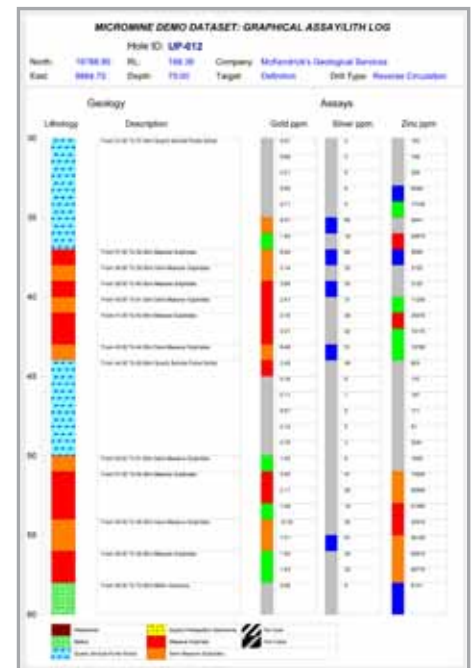
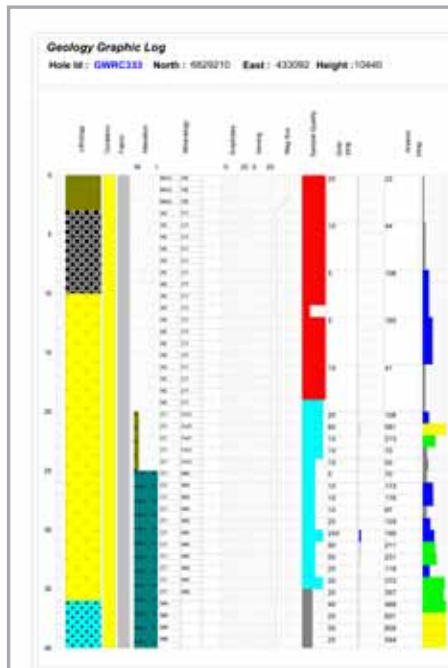
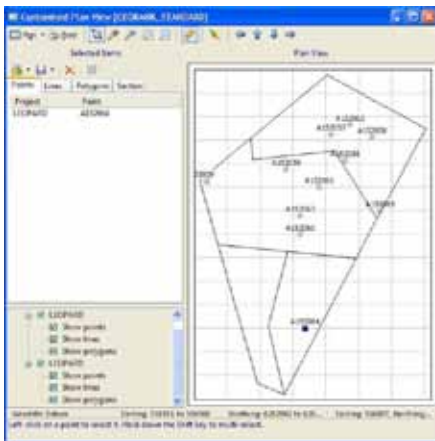
With software able to give users a complete range of functionality from day one, operational benefits for Platinum Australia begin and end at the same place: “Ease of use,” says Hunns. “It’s easy to get data in and out, which has made life a lot easier all round. Nobody at our company has to be an IT guru to get the full benefit of Micromine.”

Hunns says his company would certainly implement the system on other projects. “We were looking for a system that would be useful for us as we grow from being an explorer to being a producer. The software must grow with us in terms of both enhanced productivity and cost-effectiveness. Compared to other packages which need a dedicated ‘power user’ spending significant time to maintain their level of competence, we have five people at Kalplats who are fully proficient on the system after just a few days of training.”

“A three day training course got us up and running,” says Hunns. “I don’t think that anyone is in a position to have staff members take up to a year to become fully-familiar with a software package. We now have several people using the software, all of whom can back each other up.” He adds that the service his company has received has been “excellent” and its first upgrade presented no problems.

While many are fearful, Hunns remains quietly confident about the year ahead. “We were careful to ensure that we had resources to carry us through tough times. This foresight has enabled us to look at expansion while others are treading water.”

“We can’t afford to rest on our laurels, though, and are looking to acquire projects. Even though our focus is in South Africa right now, we are a global company and we are currently assessing several opportunities outside South Africa.”



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