

28 Certificate of Author

I, **Michael Dufresne**, M. Sc., P. Geol., P.Geol. do hereby certify that:

1. I am President and a Principal of APEX Geoscience Ltd., 11450 – 160th Street NW, #100, Edmonton, AB, Canada, T5M 3Y7.
2. I graduated with a B.Sc. Degree in Geology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1983 and a M.Sc. Degree in Economic Geology from the University of Alberta in 1987.
3. I am and have been registered as a Professional Geologist with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (“APEGA”) of Alberta since 1989 and a Professional Geoscientist with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (“APEGBC”) of British Columbia since 2012. I have recently been accepted as a Professional Geoscientist with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB) in 2022.
4. I have worked as a geologist for more than 35 years since my graduation from University and have extensive experience with exploration for, and the evaluation of (including resource estimation), base and precious metal deposits of various types, including volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits.
5. I have read the definition of “Qualified Person” set out in National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”) and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a “Qualified Person” for the purposes of NI 43-101.
6. I am responsible for Sections 1, 2, 12.3, and 13 to 28 and contributed to Section 12.4 of the Technical Report titled “**Technical Report and Initial Mineral Resource Estimate for the Chester Property, Northeast New Brunswick, Canada**”, with an effective date of November 1, 2022(the “Technical Report”). I have not visited the Chester Property.
7. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all relevant scientific and technical information that is required to be disclosed, to make the Technical Report not misleading.
8. I have read National Instrument 43-101 and Form 43-101F1, and the Technical Report has been prepared in compliance with that instrument and form.
9. I am independent of the issuer, the vendor and the Property applying all of the tests in section 1.5 of both NI 43-101 and 43-101CP.
10. I have not had any prior involvement with the Property that is the subject of the Technical Report.
11. I consent to the filing of the Technical Report with any stock exchange and other regulatory authority and any publication by them for regulatory purposes, including electronic publication in the public company files or their websites.

Effective Date: November 1, 2022

Signing Date: December 16, 2022

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

“Signed and Sealed”

Michael B. Dufresne, M.Sc., P.Geol., P.Geol.