## UNDERSTANDING THE

## MINERAL EXPLORATION PHASE

IN CONTEXT OF A PROSPECTIVE MINING PROJECT LIFE CYCLE

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CONCEPT

**EXPLORATION** 

3 - 5 YEARS

DISCOVERY

**OPERATION** 

CLOSURE

REMEDIATION

PHASE | CHRONOLOGICAL STEPS

- **IDENTIFY & SECURE LAND RESOURCES**
- PROSPECTING & **GEOLOGIC ANALYSIS**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL** 3 **MANAGEMENT**
- **INTERMEDIATE** 4 **EXPLORATION**
- **ADVANCED** 5 **EXPLORATION**
- **DISCOVERY &** 6 DEVELOPMENT

APPROXIMATE TIME SCALE VARIABLE **MINERAL EXPLORATION PHASE** 

F3 Gold's Black Hills Project is in the preliminary step #2 of the Mineral Exploration Phase, meaning we are not mining or intending to mine. Currently our team is exploring and evaluating the potential for an underground gold deposit.



GOLD: A RARE FIND

OF ALL MINERAL EXPLORATION PROJECTS WORLDWIDE

ONLY 3% ARE SUCCESSFUL IN FINDING A VIABLE MINERAL DEPOSIT.

TOTAL PROJECTS WORLDWIDE

