

## **Wes Funk**

Wes Funk is the Director of EcoNomics Canada. He has 15 years of experience providing sustainable development (SD), management and environmental consulting services both domestically and internationally. During this time, he has managed a variety of private and public sector projects. These projects have ranged from land use planning and policy creation to the assessment, management and reporting of corporate SD risks and opportunities.

Mr. Funk's expertise lies in the identification, quantification and financial treatment of environmental, social and economic risks and benefits associated with hydrocarbon and mining projects. He has led socio-economic studies and development projects in Canada, Africa and the Middle East. In Northern Canada, he worked closely with a variety of stakeholder groups to identify, fund and develop private sector enterprises in support of community economic development initiatives. Similarly, Mr. Funk has worked with public and private sector stakeholder groups in support of regional land use planning initiatives in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Funk was engaged in Zambia over a three-year period to lead an SD-based project to determine optimal closure strategies for a series of mine sites. Mr. Funk had overall project management responsibilities including the design and implementation of all stakeholder engagement activities. Most recently, Mr. Funk led the social impact assessment and resettlement action plan for a major urban redevelopment program in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Finally, Mr. Funk has been involved in the capital and closure planning of mining and industrial facilities in Canada and Southern Africa since 1997. He led the development of SD-based models to aid closure planning and capital improvement decisions for facility improvements and decommissioning in Canada (refineries and gas plants), Zambia (copper mines) and Australia (aluminum smelters).