

## **Application of the bulking factor**

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In recent weeks, a question was raised over the application of a “Bulking Factor” for the calculation of in situ mineral resources. In canvassing our professional peers in the industrial minerals sector, including aggregates, limestone, sand and cement all Resource Managers confirmed that they use a “Bulking Factor” for the calculation of mineral resources prior to the application of economic modifying factors. This was because it was considered by not applying the “Bulking Factor” it would be comparable to calculating the volume of any other deposit and not applying a density SG to convert to tonnage.

We are requesting industry comment on this matter so that we can perhaps forward your deliberations to the SSC in order to clarify this issue in the SAMREC Code. Please send your comments to [info@venmyn.com](mailto:info@venmyn.com).