

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of August, 2004

Commission File Number 001-31586

Minefinders Corporation Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Suite 2288 - 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 2K3, Canada

(Address of principal executive office)

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On Behalf of the Board of Directors

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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Safe Harbor Statement under the United States Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995: Statements in this release that are forward-looking, including statements relating to the size, and growth in size, of the Company's mineral resources and the timing of the further exploration and development of the Dolores Project, are subject to various risks and uncertainties concerning the specific factors identified above and in the company's periodic filings with the Ontario Securities Commission and the U. S. Securities Exchange Commission. Such information contained herein represents management's best judgment as of the date hereof based on information currently available. The Company does not intend to update this information and disclaims any legal liability to the contrary.

TABLE 1. Resource Tabulation: Global Resource Block Model

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Cutoff	TONNAGE	Grade	Gold	Grade	Silver	*Aueq60	*Aueq60	
*Eq Gpt	T (1000's)	gpt Au	Au Ounces	gpt Ag	Ag Ounces	gpt grade	oz Aueq	
5.0	3,608	6.181	716,967	218.3	25,318,740	9.091	1,054,551	
4.0	5,301	5.070	864,104	190.4	32,455,969	7.610	1,296,850	
3.0	8,701	3.910	1,093,949	155.1	43,378,232	5.978	1,672,326	
2.0	16,829	2.735	1,479,785	114.5	61,934,510	4.261	2,305,578	
1.5	25,482	2.149	1,760,165	94.1	77,082,404	3.403	2,787,931	
1.0	37,474	1.695	2,041,855	76.1	91,743,757	2.710	3,265,105	
0.9	40,393	1.613	2,094,297	72.8	94,485,974	2.583	3,354,110	
0.8	44,088	1.519	2,153,427	68.9	97,605,575	2.437	3,454,835	
0.7	49,108	1.408	2,223,165	64.2	101,408,326	2.265	3,575,276	
0.6	56,185	1.278	2,307,845	58.7	106,089,514	2.061	3,722,372	
0.5	66,013	1.133	2,405,456	52.6	111,726,169	1.835	3,895,139	
0.4	79,449	0.985	2,514,950	46.2	118,058,228	1.601	4,089,060	
0.3	93,603	0.866	2,605,091	41.0	123,250,140	1.412	4,248,426	

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INFERRED								
Cutoff	TONNAGE	Grade	Gold	Grade	Silver	*Aueq60	*Aueq60	
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5.0	692	7.815	173,871	103.7	2,308,247	9.198	204,648	
4.0	1,013	6.339	206,465	101.3	3,298,292	7.689	250,442	
3.0	1,667	4.812	257,888	90.8	4,865,580	6.023	322,762	
2.0	3,419	3.203	352,147	72.2	7,934,923	4.166	457,946	
1.5	5,728	2.390	440,173	59.6	10,985,089	3.185	586,641	
1.0	9,067	1.799	524,516	50.0	14,573,554	2.466	718,830	
0.9	9,950	1.689	540,426	48.1	15,398,301	2.331	745,737	
0.8	10,976	1.576	556,257	46.2	16,309,082	2.192	773,711	
0.7	12,481	1.440	577,784	43.4	17,401,329	2.018	809,802	
0.6	14,682	1.283	605,736	39.7	18,742,171	1.812	855,632	
0.5	17,951	1.107	638,956	35.6	20,557,393	1.582	913,054	
0.4	22,042	0.951	673,911	31.6	22,365,791	1.372	972,122	
0.3	27,528	0.801	708,944	27.5	24,342,529	1.168	1,033,511	

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*EqGpt	T (1000's)	gpt Au	Au Ounces	gpt Ag	Ag Ounces	gpt grade	oz Aueq
5.0	3,071	6.035	595,830	226.9	22,403,192	9.061	894,539
4.0	4,422	4.982	708,194	200.1	28,440,435	7.649	1,087,399
3.0	7,111	3.865	883,571	164.4	37,578,137	6.056	1,384,613
2.0	13,495	2.703	1,172,541	122.7	53,237,339	4.339	1,882,373
1.5	20,304	2.114	1,379,933	101.3	66,151,173	3.465	2,261,949
1.0	29,180	1.682	1,577,906	83.0	77,868,922	2.789	2,616,158
0.9	31,293	1.605	1,614,405	79.5	79,961,507	2.664	2,680,559
0.8	33,922	1.517	1,654,279	75.5	82,347,983	2.524	2,752,252
0.7	37,515	1.410	1,701,170	70.7	85,299,319	2.353	2,838,495
0.6	42,471	1.287	1,756,683	65.1	88,869,578	2.154	2,941,610
0.5	49,556	1.144	1,823,231	58.5	93,224,419	1.925	3,066,223
0.4	58,842	1.001	1,893,820	51.8	97,976,639	1.692	3,200,176
0.3	68,396	0.887	1,951,307	46.3	101,746,332	1.504	3,307,925

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FORM 51-102F3

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

Item 1. Name and Address of Company

State the full name and address of the principal office in Canada of the reporting issuer:

Minefinders Corporation Ltd. (the "Company")
2288 - 1177 West Hastings Street
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Item 2. Date of Material Change

August 9, 2004

Item 3. News Release

The Press Release dated August 9, 2004 was disseminated via CCN Matthews and forwarded to the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange").

A copy of the Press Release is attached as Schedule "A".

Item 4. Summary of Material Change

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Item 5. Full Description of Material Change

For a full description of the material change, see Schedule "A".

Item 6. Reliance on subsection 7.1(2) or (3) of National Instrument 51-102

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Omitted Information

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Executive Officer

The following Senior Officer of the Company is available to answer questions regarding this report:

Mark Bailey
President and Director
604.687.6263

Item 9. Date of Report

Dated at Vancouver, BC, this 9th day of August, 2004.

MINEFINDERS CORPORATION LTD.

Per:

"Paul C. MacNeill"

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SCHEDULE "A"

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MINEFINDERS CORPORATION LTD.
(Registrant)

Date August 10, 2004

By:

/s/ Paul C. MacNeill
Paul C. MacNeill
Director