

**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 October, 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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Form 51-102F3
Material Change Report

Item 1. Name and Address of Company

Minefinders Corporation Ltd. (the "Company")
2288 - 1177 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 2K3

Item 2. Date of Material Change

October 6, 2004

Item 3. News Release

The News Release dated October 6, 2004 was disseminated via CCN Matthews and forwarded to the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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

Item 4. Summary of Material Change

Mark H. Bailey, President and CEO of the Company reported that recent drilling has identified additional high-grade gold resources that are likely to be produced from underground operations at its Dolores Project in Mexico. In addition, with this drilling, over 98% of in-pit gold and silver resources at Dolores has now been classified as "measured and indicated" for the purposes of the final open-pit feasibility study.

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

Mark H. Bailey
President, CEO and Director
604.687.6263

Item 9. Date of Report

Dated at Vancouver, BC, this 6th day of October, 2004.

SCHEDULE "A"

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N E W S R E L E A S E

New Drilling Adds to Dolores Underground Resource

October 6, 2004 - VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Minefinders Corporation Ltd. (the "Company") (TSX: MFL / AMEX: MFN), Mark H. Bailey, President and CEO, reports that recent drilling has identified additional high-grade gold resources that are likely to be produced from underground operations at its Dolores Project in Mexico. In addition, with this drilling, over 98% of in-pit gold and silver resources at Dolores has now been classified as "measured and indicated" for the purposes of the final open-pit feasibility study.

The Dolores feasibility study is based on large-scale, open-pit mining using standard heap-leach and flotation/mill recovery processes. Production is expected to be 15,000 to 18,000 tonnes of ore per day, over a mine life of 12 to 15 years. It is expected that ores from underground mining will supplement the open-pit production schedule and enhance the overall project economics by increasing mine life and/or annual production. However, in order to expedite existing project development work, the open-pit feasibility study currently being completed will not be re-worked at this time to reflect the economic impact of underground operations.

The most recent measured and indicated Dolores resource is 2.75 million ounces of gold and 128 million ounces of silver, with an additional inferred resource of .65 million ounces of gold and 28 million ounces of silver. Measured and indicated material comprises 97.3 million tonnes at an average gold-equivalent grade* of 1.54 grams per tonne with an additional 30 million tonnes designated as inferred. This estimate was based upon parameters approved in previous audited resource estimates (e.g. Company News Release dated August 21, 2002) and the current estimated resource, block model, and database have been submitted to Roscoe Postle Associates of Toronto, Ontario for final review, audit, and approval, prior to their incorporation into the final feasibility study.

Feasibility work, based on prices of \$350/oz. for gold and \$5.50/oz. for silver, indicates that approximately 80% of the measured and indicated ("M&I") gold and silver resource can be produced from the planned open pit (70-80 million tonnes). The new drilling expands in-pit measured and indicated resource by 5-8%, while reducing the percentage of in-pit inferred resource to about 2% of the M&I ounces. The Company's analysis indicates that the pit will extend over 2 kilometers in length, and have a maximum width of 750 meters, at an overall waste to ore strip ratio of less than 3.5 to 1. The western highwall is up to 400 meters high, with the eastern highwall up to 325 meters. Additional zones of near-surface mineralization are expected to be mined from separate smaller pits. The final optimized pit geometry and parameters will be presented upon completion of the final feasibility study.

* gold-equivalent grades are based on a 60:1 gold:silver ratio using prices of \$6.65/oz for silver and \$400/oz gold price

Drilling completed to date at Dolores (including more than 100,000 meters of core drilling and 35,000 meters of reverse-circulation drilling) has identified additional zones of high-grade mineralization that fall beyond the projected pit boundaries, and that are believed to be minable from underground. Selected mineralized intercepts from both north and south of the main dome that occur beyond the limits of the projected pit are shown on the accompanying table:

| Drill hole | Section | From meters | To meters | Width | | Gold | | Silver | | Gold-Eq. Grade* | |
|-------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | meters | feet | g/t | oz/t | g/t | oz/t | g/t | oz/t |
| North Intercepts: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D-323 | 1775 | 272 | 276 | 4 | 13.0 | 8.55 | 0.249 | 259.2 | 7.56 | 12.87 | 0.375 |
| D-02 | 1775 | 192.6 | 194.6 | 2 | 6.6 | 6.24 | 0.182 | 254 | 7.41 | 10.67 | 0.311 |
| D-38 | 1975 | 278 | 282 | 2 | 6.6 | 7.27 | 0.212 | 177 | 5.16 | 10.22 | 0.298 |
| D-107 | 2000 | 279.9 | 283.9 | 4 | 13.1 | 19.39 | 0.566 | 1,026.9 | 29.95 | 36.51 | 1.066 |
| D-298 | 2025 | 368 | 374 | 6 | 19.4 | 14.27 | 0.416 | 924.1 | 26.95 | 29.66 | 0.865 |
| R-139 | 2125 | 204.2 | 205.7 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 5.47 | 0.160 | 467 | 13.62 | 13.25 | 0.387 |
| D-85 | 2225 | 279.7 | 282 | 2.3 | 7.6 | 15.67 | 0.457 | 278 | 8.11 | 20.30 | 0.592 |
| D-200 | 2225 | 403.5 | 411.5 | 8 | 26.2 | 25.35 | 0.739 | 1,589.6 | 46.4 | 51.84 | 1.512 |
| South Intercepts: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D-106 | 2375 | 296.4 | 298.4 | 2 | 6.6 | 5.50 | 0.160 | 377.1 | 11.00 | 11.79 | 0.344 |
| D-324 | 2400 | 466 | 468 | 2 | 6.6 | 36.92 | 1.077 | 19.8 | 0.58 | 37.25 | 1.086 |
| D-274 | 2400 | 408 | 410 | 2 | 6.6 | 11.30 | 0.330 | 194.3 | 5.67 | 14.57 | 0.425 |
| D-313 | 2425 | 428 | 430 | 2 | 6.6 | 6.37 | 0.186 | 300 | 8.75 | 11.37 | 0.332 |
| D-212 | 2625 | 476 | 480 | 4 | 13.1 | 24.86 | 0.725 | 323.1 | 9.42 | 30.25 | 0.882 |
| D-193 | 2625 | 480 | 487 | 7 | 23.0 | 21.13 | 0.616 | 227 | 6.62 | 24.91 | 0.727 |
| D-260 | 2750 | 394 | 400.7 | 6.7 | 22.0 | 10.97 | 0.320 | 135.7 | 3.96 | 13.23 | 0.386 |
| D-269 | 2750 | 434 | 436 | 2 | 6.6 | 9.92 | 0.289 | 3.0 | 0.09 | 9.97 | 0.291 |
| D-287 | 2825 | 338 | 340 | 2 | 6.6 | 13.56 | 0.396 | 10.6 | 0.31 | 13.74 | 0.401 |
| D-293 | 2950 | 165 | 167 | 2 | 6.6 | 8.36 | 0.244 | 214.5 | 6.26 | 11.93 | 0.348 |
| D-66 | 3050 | 92.5 | 94.8 | 2.3 | 7.6 | 4.72 | 0.138 | 394.5 | 11.51 | 11.30 | 0.329 |
| D-73 | 3050 | 134.1 | 137.2 | 3.1 | 10.0 | 1.788 | 0.052 | 864.0 | 25.20 | 16.19 | 0.472 |
| R-03 | 3275 | 216.4 | 222.5 | 6.1 | 20.0 | 12.55 | 0.366 | 35.5 | 1.04 | 13.14 | 0.383 |

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These intercepts occur along discrete structural zones that acted as feeders to the mineralization defined in the resource block model in the open pit feasibility study. Some of these high-grade zones can be traced from surface to the maximum depth of drilling to date on the property. The lateral and vertical continuity and overall geometry of these zones must be defined by further core drilling before they can be designated as underground reserves for future production. High-grade underground ores could be accessed either from a ramp within the planned open pit or from the surface outside of the pit area. In addition, low-cost underground bulk-mining may allow substantial associated lower-grade material to be included and processed. The open-pit mining infrastructure and processing plants should greatly reduce any capital expenditure and development costs required for mining of this additional material.

All analyses reported are fire assay analyses for gold and multi-acid digestion with AA analyses or fire assay analyses for silver, and completed by either Chemex Labs of Vancouver, Canada, or Inspectorate Labs of Sparks, Nevada. Samples from these intervals were all representatively split prior to analysis and transported by the labs to sample preparatory facilities in Hermosillo, Mexico (Chemex) or Durango, Mexico (Inspectorate).

Mark H. Bailey, MSc., P.Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, has overall responsibility for the Company's mineral exploration programs and supervised the preparation of the technical information in this news release.

MINEFINDERS CORPORATION LTD.

Mark H. Bailey
President and Chief Executive Officer

For further information please visit our website at www.minefinders.com, or contact the Company at
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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, the economic implications thereof, and the timing and nature of the further exploration and development of, and mining operations at, 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.

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 October 6, 2004

By:

Paul C. MacNeill
Director