

**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 January, 2005

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
Form 20-F ☐ Form 40-F ☒

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes ☐ No ☒

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**MINEFINDERS
CORPORATION LTD.**

Listed on the TSX symbol: MFL
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NEWS RELEASE

January 28, 2005

Luis Raúl Escudero Chávez (1938 - 2005)

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Minefinders Corporation Ltd. (the “Company”) (TSX: MFL / AMEX: MFN) announces with great sadness the passing of Luis Raúl Escudero Chávez. Mr. Escudero died of natural causes while at the Company’s Dolores mining camp on January 21, 2005. He was 66.

Mr. Escudero was a prominent member of the Mexican mining community. From 1995 until 2004, he served as Director General of Mining at the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI), now Secretary of the Economy. Upon his retirement, he joined the Company as Director General of Operations of its Mexican subsidiary, Compañía Minera Dolores, in February 2004 and quickly became a valued and integral member of the Dolores development team.

Mark Bailey, President and CEO, spoke on behalf of the Company: “We are greatly saddened by the loss of Luis and extend our deepest condolences to his wife Raquel, his four children, and his nine grandchildren. Luis was a true gentleman; his good humour and professionalism will be greatly missed.”

In honour and recognition of Mr. Escudero, the Company will endow a scholarship in his name for advanced studies in mining related fields at a university in the State of Chihuahua.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Employees of
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 tel.: 1 (866) 687-6263 or Fax: (604) 687-6267.

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 January 28, 2005

By:

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