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Unearth True Value in Mining Planning & Forecasting

Mining Finance Expertise, Empowered by AI-First Planning

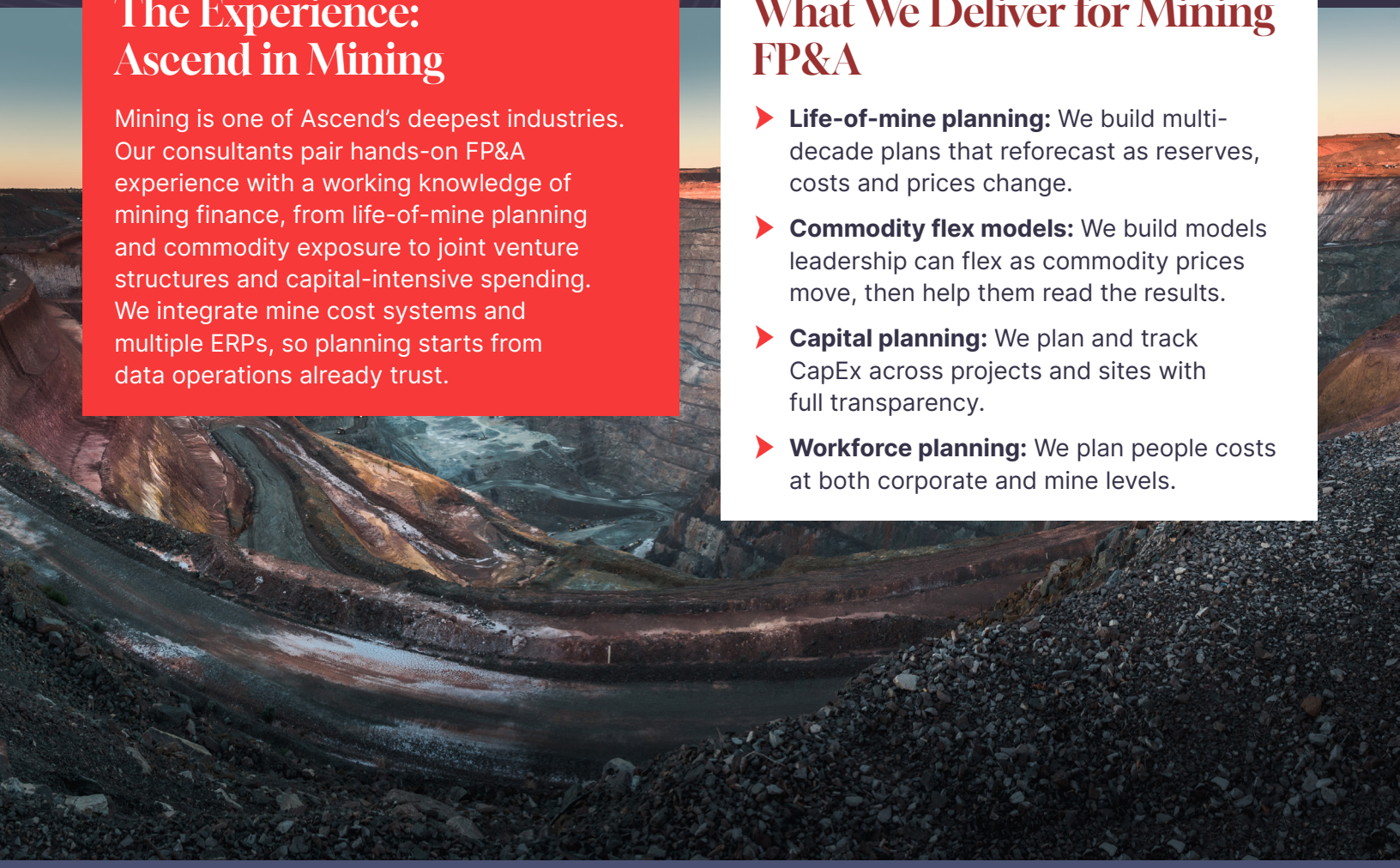
Mining finance plans against volatile commodity prices, capital-intensive projects, joint venture structures and mine lives measured in decades. Emailed Excel workbooks and site-by-site planning can't keep pace with that complexity. As the Diamond Standard in EPM Advisory and Delivery, Ascend Partners replaces them with one model that rolls every mine into the corporate plan.

The Experience: Ascend in Mining

Mining is one of Ascend's deepest industries. Our consultants pair hands-on FP&A experience with a working knowledge of mining finance, from life-of-mine planning and commodity exposure to joint venture structures and capital-intensive spending. We integrate mine cost systems and multiple ERPs, so planning starts from data operations already trust.

What We Deliver for Mining FP&A

- **Life-of-mine planning:** We build multi-decade plans that reforecast as reserves, costs and prices change.
- **Commodity flex models:** We build models leadership can flex as commodity prices move, then help them read the results.
- **Capital planning:** We plan and track CapEx across projects and sites with full transparency.
- **Workforce planning:** We plan people costs at both corporate and mine levels.



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Mining in Action

A global gold producer replaced multiple disconnected, siloed systems with a unified planning environment built by Ascend. The result:

- Multi-decade life-of-mine planning
- Actuals and plans in one place, breaking down silos between sites and corporate finance
- Real-time insight for strategic decisions across a worldwide portfolio

The Capability: Pigment

Pigment is an AI-first planning platform built for change. Adding a mine site, project or joint venture is a configuration change, not a re-implementation, and corporate, legal, management and JV views all sit on one shared data model.

Ascend & Pigment: The Challenges We Solve Together

Pigment's AI-first platform adapts as fast as commodity markets move. Ascend shapes it around how your sites and portfolio run. Together, we tackle the problems that hold mining finance back:

- **Site plans stuck in emailed workbooks:** Pigment brings site and corporate data into one model. We design it so you can add a mine, project or JV partner without a redesign.
- **Joint venture views built by hand:** We build the hierarchy logic so leadership can switch between corporate, legal and JV views without reconciling spreadsheets first.
- **Commodity swings that take weeks to model:** When prices move, rebuilding the plan can take weeks. We wire price, grade, volume, cost and capex drivers into the financial statements, and Pigment compares scenarios in minutes. A question like "What if gold drops?" gets answered the same day.

Plan for Every Cycle. Plan With Ascend & Pigment.

Move from reactive budgeting to proactive strategy. Ascend and Pigment give mining finance teams forecasts that keep pace with commodity markets and plans leadership can use to allocate capital with confidence.

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Ascend Partners is the Diamond Standard in EPM Advisory and Delivery and proudly serves clients globally from our headquarters in New York, NY. We specialize in delivering sophisticated solutions that streamline financial workflows, transform data, and enhance operational efficiency for organizations worldwide. With deep industry expertise and a commitment to innovation, Ascend empowers businesses to maximize performance, improve decision-making, and drive sustainable growth.

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