Hautalampi Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources classification according to UNFC-2019 and bridging to the JORC 2012-Code

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The <u>draft EU Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA)</u> presented by the European Commission on 16 March 2023 sets the EU strategy to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials. Within the CRMA the UNFC is described as the primary system for reporting and harmonization tool for European raw materials projects.

United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) is an international scheme for sustainable resource management of classifying, managing, and reporting of e.g., energy, mineral, and raw material resources to assist regional and national authorities in establishing and maintaining an inventory of primary and secondary raw materials projects.

In 2020 Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) classified all raw materials projects in accordance with UNFC. GTK has integrated the UN's classification guidelines and structure for mineral resources ('national mineral inventories') into GTK MDaE map server. Also, for Hautalampi there is an UNFC codification for the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources as a list form.

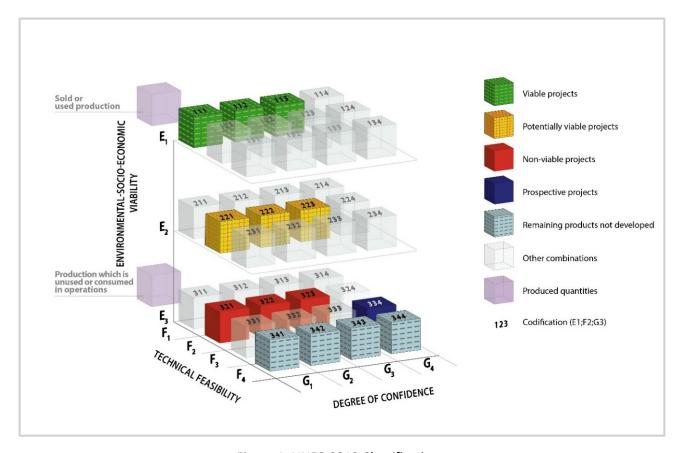


Figure 1. UNFC-2019 Classification.

The Hautalampi Project is reported in accordance with the JORC 2012-Code. In this document the current Hautalampi Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources are presented and described in more detailed way with emphasis on bridging between the UNFC and CRIRSCO International Reporting Template. The JORC Committee is a member of the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO) and therefore, aligned with CRIRSCO Template.

CRIRSCO Template			IFC-20 inimu itegori	m"	UNFC-2009 Class
Mineral	Proved			G1	Commercial Projects
Reserve	Probable		F1	G2	Commercial Projects
	Measured		F2	G1	
Mineral Resource	Indicated	E2		G2	Potentially Commercial Projects
	Inferred			G3	. rejecte
Exploration	E3	F3	G4	Exploration Projects	

Figure 2. Mapping of CRIRSCO Template to UNFC-2009 Classes and Categories. Modified from the CRIRSCO-UNFC <u>Bridging Document</u> between The CRIRSCO Template and UNFC. Colors refer to the Hautalampi Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources in Table 1.

<u>UNFC</u>, updated in 2019, is a principles-based system and based on three-dimensional presentation where category definitions are the building blocks of the system (Fig. 1). The categories are defined as three fundamental Criteria of environmental-socio-economic viability (E-axis), technical feasibility (F-axis), and degree of confidence (G-axis). Primary level of resource classification results from the combination of a Category from each of the three Criteria. The CRIRSCO-style reported Mineral Reserves ('Ore Reserves') and Mineral Resources can be directly mapped into UNFC following the CRIRSCO-UNFC Bridging Document (UNECE, 2015) presented in Figure 2.

In Table 1, the Hautalampi JORC 2012-Code Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources have been mapped into UNFC Categories. According to the CRIRSCO-UNFC Bridging Document the Ore Reserves go into 111 ('Proven Reserves') and 112 ('Probable Reserves') and the Mineral Resources into 221 ('Measured Resources'), 222 ('Indicated Resources') and 223 ('Inferred Resources') categories.

Table 1. Bridging between the Hautalampi JORC 2012-Code Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources and UNFC categories.

Hautalampi Ore Reserves as of 7th March 2023 @ 30€/t NSR cut-off. Mineral Resources are inclusive of these Ore Reserves.

	Tonnes	Ni%	Cu%	Co%	Ni ton	Cu ton	Co ton	UNFC-2019
Proven	1 871 000	0.36	0.30	0.09	6800	5700	1600	111
Probable	2 693 000	0.25	0.19	0.07	6900	5300	1900	112
Total	4 564 000	0.30	0.24	0.08	13700	11000	3500	

Hautalampi Mineral Resources as of 29th September 2022 @ 0.25 % NiEq cut-off.

	Tonnes	Ni%	Cu%	Co%	S %	Zn%	Fe%	NiEq	CuEq	UNFC-2019
Measured	2 808 000	0.35	0.26	0.08	2.02	3.92	0.04	0.70	1.57	221
Indicated	6 523 000	0.25	0.16	0.06	3.03	4.50	0.09	0.51	1.14	222
Total	9 331 000	0.28	0.19	0.07	2.73	4.33	0.07	0.57	1.27	

Hautalampi										
Inferred	216 000	0.21	0.12	0.02	1.91	3.79	0.07	0.32	0.72	222

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Inferred	3 188 000	0.22	0.13	0.05	2.32	4.41	0.09	0.44	0.97	223

For the Hautalampi Ore Reserves the Net Smelter Return (NSR) cut-off value of 30 €/t was used, based on the following economic and processing assumptions:

	Recovery (%)	payable (%)	USD/t
Ni	82	70	20 000
Co	82	50	60 000
Cu	86.5	90	9 000
USD/EUR = 1.00			

Costs	€/t
Administration	3.10
Mining	21.55
Concentrator	15.33
Logistics	0.98
	41.16

For the Hautalampi Mineral Resources the NiEq cut-off was estimated by using value calculation (NVC). Using the assumed metal prices and operating costs of $35 \ \text{€/t}$ the break-even cut-off grade was estimated to 0.25 % NiEq. The metal prices used were the same as for the Ore Reserve calculation.

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