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Dear Mr. Merks,

I am sorry to have to be the one to inform you that the Institution will not be publishing the work that you submitted to the *Mining Magazine*, either in that form or the recently revised version. Not every member of our Editorial Board with a grasp of reserve estimation supports this decision, but you have yourself drawn attention to the published controversy surrounding your views on the shortcomings of geostatistical theory, and the general view of the Board is that it does not wish in effect to lend its support to your attack on kriging by publishing your paper. Our reviewers consider that your work reveals a basic misunderstanding of geostatistics, so may I suggest that if you concentrated on explaining the calculation of F ratios for randomized and ordered sets—which one of our reviewers found interesting—finding another publisher might be made easier.

Yours sincerely



Simon Dunton
Assistant Editor

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