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**Areas of Expertise**

Extractive metallurgy, metals recycling, resource location, and byproduct marketing.

**Experience Summary**

Dr. Queneau's technical and project management responsibilities focus on extractive metallurgy of nonferrous metals, treatment of metal-containing wastes, resource location and byproduct marketing. His 40 years of experience include the development of custom processes for primary and secondary feedstocks, plant startups and plant operation to increase output, yield, and product quality.

In-plant projects include recycling of tin solder and drosses, Ni-Co recovery from laterite ore (pressure acid leaching, Australia), processing spent copper etchants (Hong Kong), processing and utilization of nonferrous and waste-processing slags, production of ferro-niobium from enriched slag (Brazil), conversion of tungsten concentrates (U.S. and Russia), processing tantalum intermediates, production of molybdenum chemicals, Ni-Mo-W recovery from spent catalyst (Europe), recycling copper flue dust, production of secondary bronze ingot, recycling lead residues (seven plants in U.S., Canada, and Mexico), processing hazardous waste in rotary kilns (seven plants), production of antimony oxide (Bolivia), producing zinc and manganese micronutrient (five plants), recycling of secondary aluminum in short rotary furnaces (four plants), silver production (U.S. and Turkey), production of defluorinated phosphate, recycling calcium fluoride, processing ferromanganese furnace dust, and Ni-Cu-Co recovery from matte.

As an R&D supervisor for AMAX in Golden, CO, Paul Queneau led research on production of ammonium paratungstate (APT), leading to commercialization; he also led the team that innovated AMAX's acid pressure leach for treating nickeliferous laterite. Dr. Queneau was a member of the AMAX process engineering team that started up atmospheric and pressure leaching circuits, residue flotation and hydrogen reduction plant at Port Nickel. As a research engineer at Kennecott, he developed the process, then supervised the startup of a five-ton-per-day plant to upgrade high-rhenium molybdenite inventory.

**Credentials**

Ph.D. Metallurgical Eng., U. of Minnesota, 1967.  
B.S. Metallurgical Eng., Cornell University, 1964.

Member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, and Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CIM).

AIME-TMS 2001 Extraction & Processing Distinguished Lecturer Award. Past President of the Denver Section, AIME-ASM Chapter.

Elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi;  
Adjunct Professor, Colorado School of Mines (CSM).

Registered Professional Engineer, Colorado;  
authored 33 technical papers; holds 30 U.S. patents.

**Employment History**

1997 - Present	Consulting Metallurgical Engineer P.B. Queneau & Associates, Inc., The Bear Group
1990 - Present	Adjunct Professor Colorado School of Mines
1983 - 1997	Principal Metallurgical Engineer Hazen Research, Inc.
1982 - 1983	President/Owner P. B. Queneau Company, Inc.
1972 - 1982	R&D Supervisor AMAX, Inc.
1967 - 1972	Research Engineer Kennecott Copper Corporation

**Key Projects**

Developed and proved process to produce tungsten chemicals from scheelite and wolframite concentrates. A profitable commercial operation resulted.

Established operating criteria and started up plant to produce antimony oxide at a tin operation in Bolivia; a profitable operating facility resulted.

Worked with slagging kiln incineration operations to maximize incinerator throughput, and with ingot-plant and industrial waste furnaces to enhance slag quality and marketability.

Doubled the lead output from a Canadian secondary lead producer over a two-year period by implementing a computer model to optimize feedstock selection and blending, and coke-flux inputs.

Worked closely with waste management operation in Hong Kong to recover copper from spent etchants and to market byproduct salts produced.

Assisted lead-acid battery recycler with selection of blast furnace formulations to maximize slag environmental acceptability without significantly affecting production efficiency.

Detailed technologies for nickel and cobalt recovery from spent lithium ion, nickel metal hydride, and NiCd batteries. Worked out N. American sources of these spent batteries, as well as capabilities of the established recycling operations.

Provided in-plant technical support to produce bronze secondary ingot from red-metal scrap, increasing the quality and quantity of alloy output.

Upgraded operating practices of rotary furnaces converting complex tin drosses to solder, improving yield by over 20%.

Carried out an in-depth technical and marketing evaluation for producing byproduct  $MnSO_4$  and  $MnO$ , resulting in a profitable production facility.

Provided onsite startup assistance (three months) for large silver production facility in Turkey.

Worked with an international oil firm to evaluate alternative outlets worldwide for recycling spent resid and HDS catalyst.

Improved  $Al^{\circ}$  furnace yield while recovering  $NaCl$ - $KCl$ - $NaF$  and  $Al^{\circ}$  fines from salt cake at U.S. secondary aluminum smelters. Worked out alternative markets for the metallic aluminum fines.

Provided technical support for facility manufacturing molybdenum chemicals: troubleshooting, unit operation startups and new product development.

Selected and evaluated three routes to recover  $Mo/Co/Ni$  chemicals and aluminum-rich byproducts from spent catalyst; detailed market outlets.

Developed wet oxidation - solvent extraction process to recover vanadium and nickel from Venezuelan petroleum coke.

Identified volumes and producers of etchant, alternatives for processing the outputs, and market outlets for products therefrom.

Provided startup expertise to a refinery producing nickel, cobalt, and copper from matte; work included startup of the leaching and reduction operations.

Worked out handling of phosphorus electric furnace slags. Developed byproduct alternatives for the furnace flue dust.

Developed a process for beryllium hydroxide recovery from phenacite concentrate by leaching, solution purification, and precipitation.

Evaluated alternative technologies to recover gallium and germanium from carboniferous shale. Later examined likely areas worldwide for increased Ge output in response to escalating Ge price.

Worked with aircraft manufacturer to evaluate  $VC_4$  production in U.S., Europe and Japan.

Worked with EPA contractor to assemble "a guide on recycling low-metal-content wastes for use by decision makers at superfund, RCRA, and other waste sites."

Presented on-site short courses on recycling metals from industrial waste. Locations include CSM, a DOE facility, EPA's Office of Solid Waste in Washington, AIME and CIM annual meetings, and at a waste processing facility.

Assisted in the startup of a rhenium-chemical production facility from roaster flue gas.

Helped chemical producer to identify opportunities for production of nickel and cobalt chemicals, as well as secondary sources for feedstocks.

Worked with team evaluating hydromet process for Ni, Cu, Au, and pgms, recovery from flotation concentrates.

Worked with firm producing chromated copper arsenate to establish secondary sources for its copper, chromium, and arsenic raw materials.

As Technical Assessor reporting to the Tribunal for an international arbitration related to nickel production, was responsible for documenting agreements between 28 expert witnesses and providing technical assistance to the Tribunal during the trial.

### **Books**

Meeting Chairman and Editor, Third Int. Symposium on Recycling Metals and Engineered Materials, TMS/AIME, Point Clear, AL (November, 1995).

Editor, International Symposium on Residues and Effluents Processing, The Metallurgical Society of AIME, Warrendale, PA (1991).

Editor, Symposium on Arsenic Metallurgy: Fundamentals and Applications, The Metallurgical Society of AIME, Warrendale, PA (1987).

### **Technical Publications and Presentations**

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Recycling Zinc in the United States, The EI Digest Gathering, San Diego, CA (September 2005)

Hazardous Waste to Valued Byproducts, The EI Digest Gathering, San Diego, CA (September 2004)

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State of the Art in Mercury Recycling, Intl. Symp. on Treatment and Minimization of Heavy-Metal Waste, AIME/TMS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas (Feb. 1995).

Secondary Zinc Production and Waste Minimization, Pollution Engineering, 42-44 (November, 1994).

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Waste Minimization: Recycling of Spent Lead-acid Batteries, Hazmat World, 34-37 (August, 1993).

Slag Control in Rotary-kiln Incinerators, Pollution Engineering, 26-32 (January 15, 1992).

Producing Zn/Fe-Based Micronutrient from Copper Flue Dust, Intl. Sym. on Processing Residues and Effluents, San Diego, TMS/AIME, 239-254 (1992).

Application of Slag Technology to Recycling of Solid Wastes, Intl. Incineration Conf., Knoxville (1991).

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Processing Petroleum Coke to Recover Vanadium and Nickel, Hydrometallurgy, vol. 22, 3-24 (1989).

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Iron Control during Hydrometallurgical Processing of Nickel Laterite Ores, Iron Control in Hydrometallurgy, The Metallurgical Society of CIM, 76-105 (1986).

Control of Autoclave Scaling during Acid Pressure Leaching of Nickeliferous Laterite, Metallurgical Transactions B of AIME, 433-440 (1984).

Control of Silica Deposition during Pressure Let-down of Acidic Leach Slurries, Third International Symposium on Hydrometallurgy, 121-137 (1983).

Soda Ash Digestion of Scheelite, Extr. Metallurgy of Refractory Metals, AIME/TMS, 237-267 (1981).

Ion Exchange Purification of Ammonium Molybdate Solutions, Hydrometallurgy, vol. 6, 63-73 (1980).

Fluid-bed Electrolysis of Nickel, Metallurgical Transactions B, 659-666 (December, 1979).

Leaching of Cu/Ni/Fe Matte, Canadian Metallurgical Quarterly, Met. Soc. of CIM, 18, 145-153 (1979).

Nickel/Cobalt Separation by Ozonation, CIM Bulletin, 74-81 (October, 1978).

Leaching of Nickeliferous Limonites, Metallurgical Transactions B of AIME, 547-554 (December, 1977).

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Turbine Mixer Fundamentals and Scaleup at Port Nickel, Met. Trans. B of AIME, 149-157 (1975).

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Producing Pure  $MoO_3$  from Low-grade Molybdenite Concentrates: U.S. Patent 6,730,279 (2004).

Pickling of Refractory Metals: U.S. Statutory Invention Registration H2087H (2003).

Inhibiting Lead Leaching in Water: U.S. Patents 5,544,859, 5,632,285 and 6,013,382 (1996, 1997, 2000).

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Recovery of Alumina Values from Alunite Ore, U.S. Patent 4,618,480 (1986).

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Sulfuric Acid Leaching of Nickeliferous Laterite, U.S. Patent 4,044,096 (1977).

Separation of Cobalt from Nickel by Ozonation, U.S. Patent 4,034,059 (1977).

High-temperature Neutralization of Nickel Laterite Ores, U.S. Patent 3,991,159 (1976).

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