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Good morning,

I have read this Paper and would like to offer the following comment. For polymetallic projects I am seeing an increase of grade reported as "equivalent" where the gross value of the various pay metals are "simplified" by adding up their contained metal values to come up with an equivalent grade for a particular metal that is of current interest, e.g. %Cu eq. While this is fine for gold mining companies who prefer to report their SALES in equivalent as the metals have already been produced. However, for complex polymetallic orebodies efficient separation of the metals into saleable concentrates is very difficult and in some cases impossible. I recommend that this practice be disallowed as it can be very misleading.

Thank you for giving me to opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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