

# “Incredible attention to detail...”

## Bio-economy Career Profile

**Position:** Senior Geological Data Analyst

**Name:** Jeff Kenwood

**Company:** acQuire Technology Solutions Ltd.

**Salary Range:** Not provided

## What I do:

I work for acQuire Technology Solutions in Calgary as a Senior Geological Data Analyst, assisting mining and exploration companies with their geological data needs.

The organization has grown rapidly and operates from five locations around the world including Australia, Chile, Canada and the UK. Specifically, we provide data solutions for mining and exploration companies, assisting them with storing and retrieving database information. My role is to provide custom solutions while acting as interface between the client and software. I have three main responsibilities: providing ongoing technical support; upgrades and solutions for new and existing clients in collecting, retrieving, and storing data; and training clients onsite at the mining operation or the annual training retreat.

Travel is a large part of the job, however, it is company policy that no one spends more than 100 days a year out of the office. This is an attempt to ensure staff does not burn out on the job. Recently, I traveled to mine sites in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Ontario.

## What education and skills do candidates need for this position?

You would have to be interested in technical training, and working and interacting with people. You must also be willing to travel. I would encourage someone starting out to take as many computer-related courses as they can at a technical college or university. My company is willing to



train people who have the right mix of personal and technical skills.

There are numerous personal and technical skills required for this position, however, there are many intangibles as well. You need to be able to work independently and in a team, when required, and to provide technical and creative solutions for clients.

As well, you need to be analytical for this position and be able to work with people on many levels, including training. Overall, a Geological Data Analyst needs to have incredible attention to detail.

## What are the best parts of your job?

The best thing about my job is the company I work for and the corporate culture. Companies in the mining industry tend to be “old school” in the way they deal with personnel, so it is important for a company to truly care about its employees and then illustrate it in the company policies.