

## **EUGENE A. THIERS**

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Sylvan Source, Inc.

### **Professional Background**

Over thirty years experience managing complex technology projects involving multidisciplinary teams of senior professionals. Management consulting and strategic planning in resource and chemical industries; technology transfer and commercialization; technoeconomic evaluations; joint venture and investment analysis of investment projects.

### **Experience**

January, 2005-Present: Chief Technology Officer, Sylvan Source Inc.

1975-2004—SRI International

Positions held at SRI: Senior Director-Technology Commercialization

Director of Specialty Materials and Chemicals, SRI Consulting

Director of Minerals and Metals Group, SRI International

1970-1975--Manager of the Iron Information Center, Battelle-Columbus Laboratories

Senior research engineer, Battelle-Columbus Laboratories.

1966-1970--Technical manager, Minbanco Corporation: technoeconomic evaluations and planning of mining and mineral investment projects

### **Former Board Memberships**

IM2-a fully owned subsidiary of Codelco-Chile

Altair Technologies, Reno, Nevada

SMI, Toronto, Canada

### **Academic Background**

Graduate studies, University of Chile, Santiago;

M.S. and Doctor of Eng. Science in mineral engineering, Columbia University, New York

### **Professional Associations and Honors**

American Association for the Advancement of Science (fellow); American Institute of Mining, Mineral, and Petroleum Engineers; M.S. citation, Columbia University; Campbell and Krumb Fellowships (Columbia University); 3.98 GPA, for many years the highest GPA at Columbia's Graduate School; listed in "Whos's Who in America", "Whos's Who in the World", "Whos's Who in Education", and "Whos's Who in Technology," Elected to Tau Beta Pi (1965); Two Outstanding Achievement Awards from SRI International; Represented USA at Coal Symposium of Lima, organized by US AID; consultant to the Council of Economic Advisers to the President of Russia. Taught Economics and corporate strategies at Stanford University for fourteen years.

### **Language Proficiency**

Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and French; working knowledge of Italian; some knowledge of Russian, Catalan and Japanese. Unique ability to understand different cultures and successfully conduct business on an international level.