

Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM) – – position of KGHM Polska Miedź S.A.

With regard to the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM), it should be emphasised that this standard was developed primarily for application in countries where legislation does not regulate the management of extractive waste facilities or regulates these matters insufficiently.

The European Union and Poland have stringent legislation governing the operation of extractive waste facilities in detail, in particular:

- Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the management of waste from extractive industries,
- The Act on mining waste together with executive regulations (the act implements the provisions of the directive into Polish law) - Journal of Laws 2008 No.138, item 865 with subsequent amendments.

The Żelazny Most Tailings Storage Facility complies with all requirements laid down in European Union and Polish legislation.

At the same time, the Żelazny Most facility applies solutions and techniques recognised as Best Available Techniques (BAT) in accordance with MWEI BREF¹. The facility is managed in line with the highest global technical and operational standards, and its operating and expansion methods are regularly presented as examples of good practice at leading geotechnical conferences worldwide.

The Żelazny Most TSF operates certified management systems compliant with the following ISO standards:

- ISO 14001 – environmental management system,
- ISO 45001 – occupational health and safety management system,
- ISO 50001 – energy management system,
- ISO 22301 – business continuity management system.

Furthermore, the Żelazny Most TSF is subject to regular reviews conducted by a team of independent experts with recognised academic and professional achievements. Their expertise covers, in particular, geotechnical engineering, hydrotechnical engineering, hydrogeology, hydraulics, hydraulic and earthworks engineering, and environmental protection. Their experience is confirmed by references related to the delivery of complex engineering projects and the management of scientific institutions.

The principles set out in the GISTM are implemented to a broad extent in the day-to-day management of the Żelazny Most Tailings Storage Facility, alongside the stringent requirements arising from European Union and Polish legislation.

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¹ Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document for the Management of Waste from Extractive Industries in accordance with Directive 2006/21/EC – abbreviated as MWEI BREF.