

Regulation of mining operations – Developments within the EU

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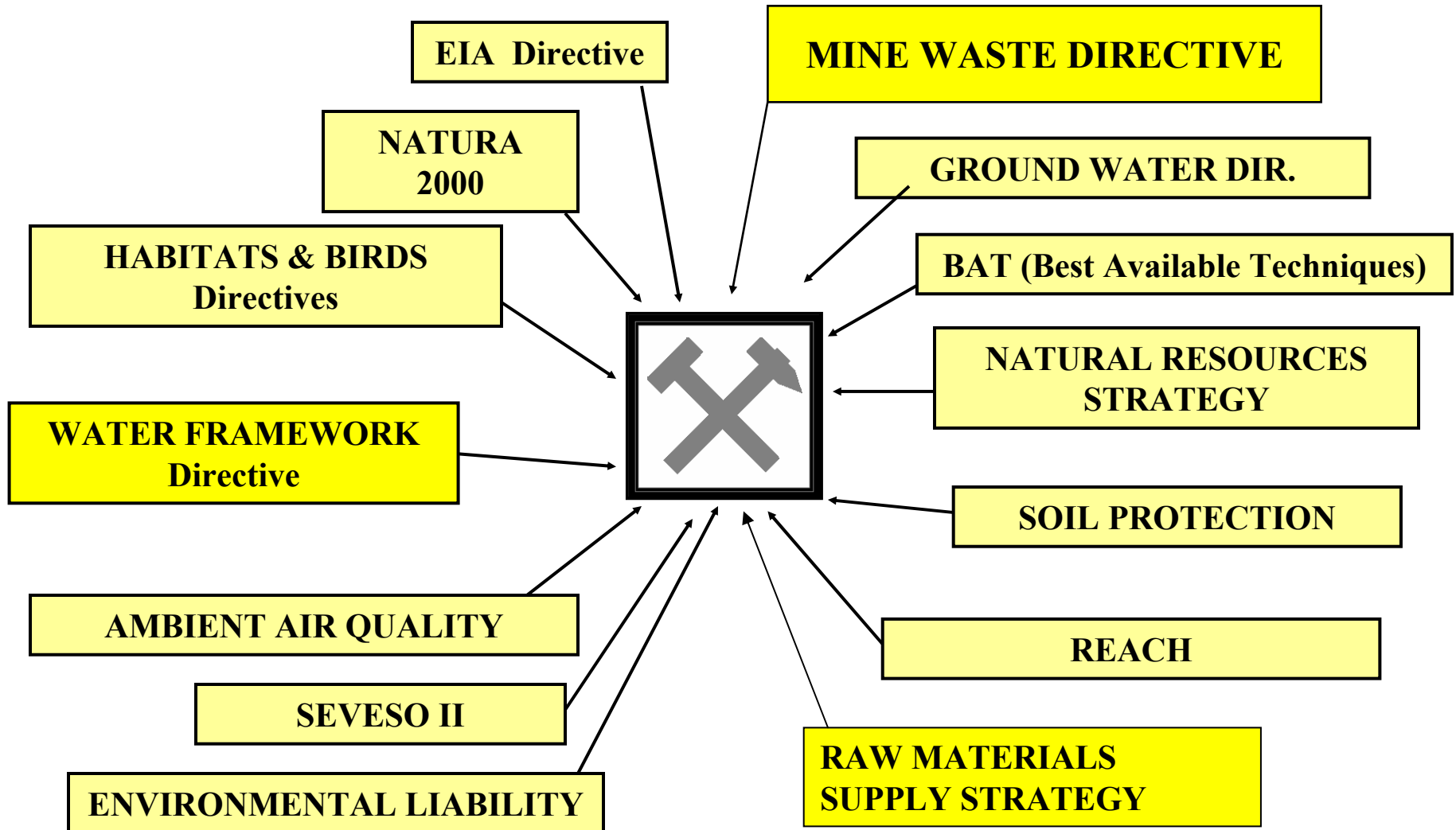
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EUROPEAN EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY DIRECTIVES

ENVIRONMENT



My focus today

- Mine Waste Directive + supporting guidelines
- Water Framework Directive
- EU raw materials supply strategy

Mine Waste Directive

Approved in March 2006

Include e.g.

- General requirements (Waste Management Plan)
- Accident prevention, information
- Content of application and permit, public participation
- Closure and after-closure
- Financial guarantees , environmental liability

Mine Waste Directive 1(2)

- General requirements (Waste Management Plan)
- Accident prevention, information
- Content of application and permit
- Permitting procedure, public participation
- Classification of waste facilities
- Construction and management
- Closure and after-closure
- Protection of water and soil

Mine Waste Directive 2(2)

- Monitoring
- Financial guarantees , environmental liability
- Inventory of closed sites
- Information exchange (member states)
- Annex I "Major-accident prevention"
- Annex II "Waste Characterization"
- Annex III "Classification of waste facilities"

<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/index.html> (COM (2003) 319)

Mine Waste Directive (cont)

- National implementation by 1 May 2008
- Development of EU Guidelines
 - Criteria for definition of inert waste
 - Technical requirements for waste characterization
 - Guidelines for the establishment of financial guarantees
 - Criteria for classification of waste facilities
- Decision expected in February 2009

CEN WG on Waste Characterization – Tasks

- Acid Generation Behaviour
 - European Standard – Static testing
 - Technical Report – Kinetic testing
- Technical report on Sampling
- Technical report on applicability of existing European standards
- Development of General Guidance Document

TECHNICAL REPORT (CEN)

General Guidance

Objectives

- Put other WG deliverables into context
- Support industry (and its consultants) in the planning, execution and interpretation of waste characterisation, including the application of standards
- Support authorities in the assessment and approval of plans and reports

General Guidance - Scope

- Cover all sectors of the extractive industry
- Cover all significant aspects of waste characterisation, from planning to interpretation and reporting.
- Refer to relevant European standards, BREF-note, international guidelines/standards, e.g. the GARD guide, where appropriate.

Table of content:

1. Introduction
2. Waste Categories in the Extractive Industry
3. Planning of Characterisation of Waste from the Extractive Industry
4. Sampling Protocols
5. Geotechnical Properties
6. Mineralogical Composition
7. Chemical Analyses (total composition)

8. Leaching Behaviour
9. Microbiological Analyses
10. ARD Prediction Methods
11. Interpretation and Evaluation
12. Quality Assurance/Quality Control
13. Documentation and Reporting
14. References

Classification of Waste Facilities

A mining waste facility shall be classified under **category A** if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- A **failure** or **incorrect operation**, e.g. the collapse of a heap or the bursting of a dam, could give rise to a **major accident**, on the basis of a risk assessment taking into account factors such as the present or future size, the location and the environmental impact of the waste facility.
- It contains waste **classified as hazardous** under Directive 91/689/EEC **above a certain threshold**.
- It contains substances or preparations **classified as dangerous** under Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC **above a certain threshold**.

EU Water Legislation in short

- **Directive 2000/60/EC of the EP and Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.**
- **Environmental Quality Standards Directive**
- **Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EG)**
- **Priority substances list (nr 2455/2001/EG)**
- **CIS (Common Implementation Strategy) Documents**

Basic approach:

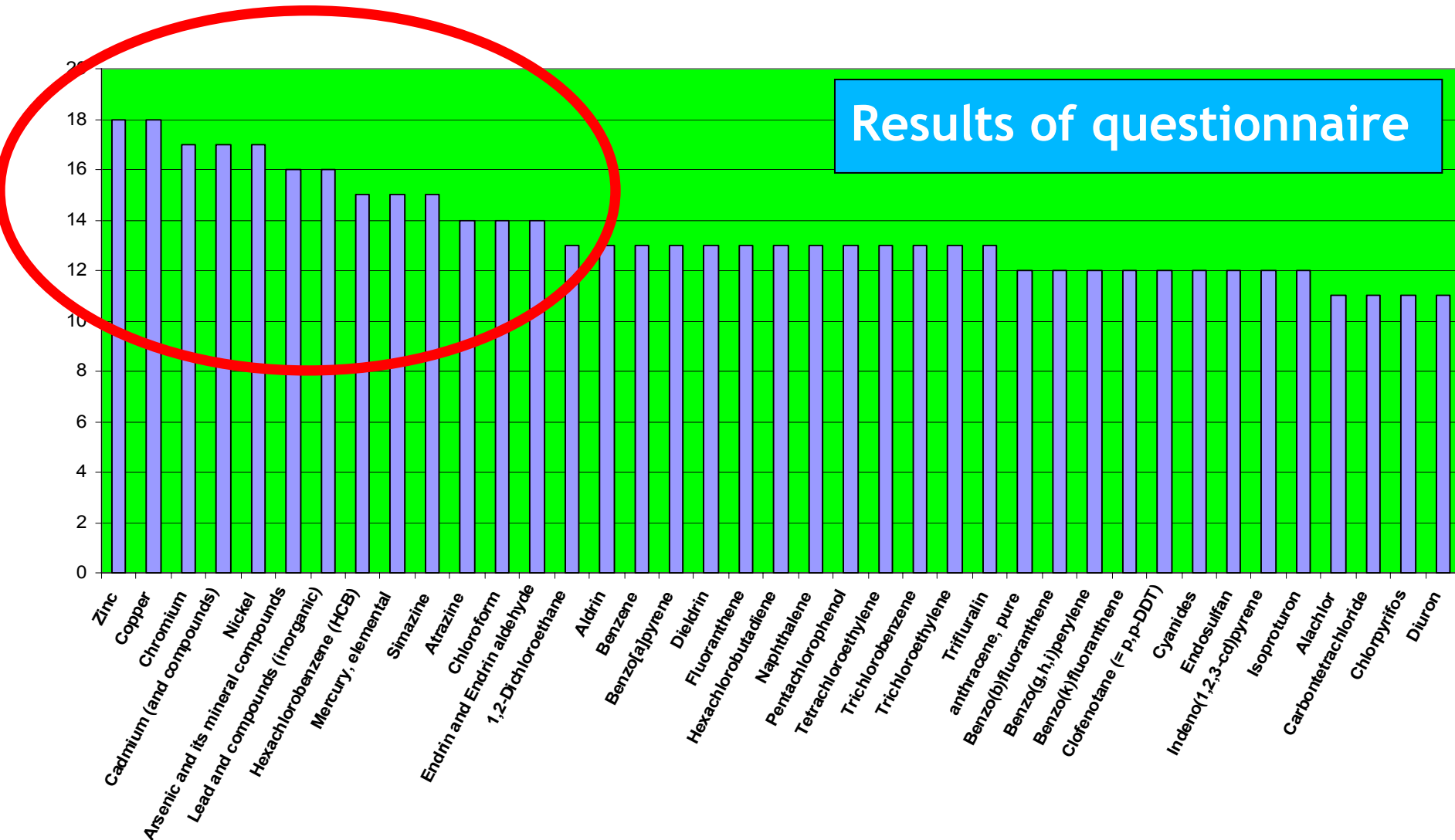
- ✓ **River Basin Management**
- ✓ **Mapping and classification of all waters**
- ✓ **Action plans to be developed for all waters that don't meet the criteria for “good” status.**



Action plans

- What needs to be done to reach the targets?
- What measures are most Cost effective?
- Proposals: December 2008
- Consultation January – August 2009
- Decisions December 2009
- Action plans are binding for authorities – not for companies and private citizens.

Amendment of Priority substances list



A new issue on the agenda

- Increasing global competition for resources
- Supply of raw materials may become a limiting factor for development
- European industry overregulated?

EU dependent on import

Iron ore/steel	83 %
Nickel/stainless steel	86%
Zinc ore/Zinc	80 %
Bauxite/Alumina	80 %
Copper ore/Copper	74%

(2003)

Commissioner Verheugen, 5 June 2007



- The European industry is facing increasing challenges in ensuring **access to raw materials**, which are essential for manufacturing.

We are committed to **improve the conditions of access to raw materials**, be it within Europe or by creating a level playing field in accessing such materials from abroad.

EU Communication

- 4 November 2008
- "The Raw Materials Initiative – Meeting our Critical Needs for Growth and Jobs in Europe"
- Three pillars
 - Access to raw materials on the world market
 - Sustainable supply of raw materials from European Sources
 - Improving Resource Efficiency

Challenges to domestic primary production

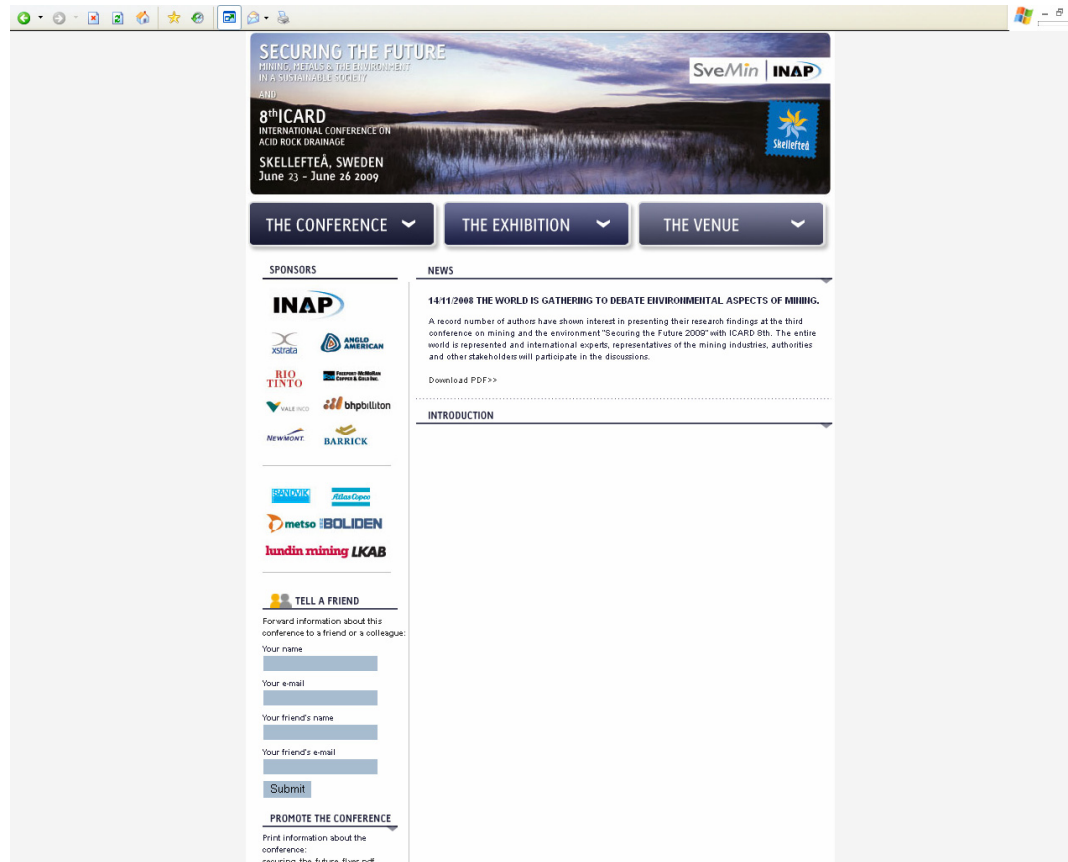
- Access to land, land use conflicts
- Regulatory framework (time for authorisation)
- Exploration, attractiveness for investment
- Costs (Investment, labour, energy)
- Availability of a skilled workforce

An aerial photograph showing a mining operation in a heavily forested region. In the foreground, there are large piles of grey material, likely ore or waste, and a small industrial building. A dirt road runs through the forest. In the background, a large blue lake is visible, surrounded by dense green trees. The sky is clear and blue.

Thank you for your attention!

Just one more thing

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