

***DESCRIPTION OF MINE AND PREVIOUS ACTIVITY***

Main activity of Valea de Brazi Mine is: Extraction of hard coal by underground methods. It extends on a surface of 16 Hectares including mine curtilages, waste tips and other ancillary activities. The activity ceased in 2003

Associated with former mining operations there are 2 waste tips, containing 37000 cubic meters of mine waste. There are not tailing storage facilities.

The nearest community is Valea de Brazi Village situated at 1000 m from mine, having 1000 inhabitants and local watercourse is Valea de Brazi and Paraul Mare Streamlets situated at 100 m from mine boundary.

The mine water does not reach the surface.

The mine site is situated into compact curtilage close to Uricani Washing Plant Curtilage. Cleaning of the surface is necessary to encourage other development in the area.

***CULTURAL PROPERTY***

It is not anticipated to be applicable. However, if there is an accidental find of something valuable, the Engineer of the Contract will stop any physical operations until competent authority (County Commission for Historical Monuments or Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs) provides permission to continue.

***PROPOSED WORKS***

**The mine closure and environmental remediation proposals:**

- General site clearance, removal of scrap metal and demolition of 62 buildings and structures, having a total volume of 15600 cubic meters of demolition materials (concrete and bricks), which will be decontaminated, processed and used for filling of underground workings
- Collection of contaminants and contaminated materials and disposal to a special constructed landfill. The location and size of landfill should be decided by the Engineer of the Contract based on quantity of unaccepted material identified on site. Three isolation layers shall be placed onto the compacted surface: a bentonite mattress 2.5 cm depth, a geomembrane layer of 2.5 mm and a geotextile layer of 5 mm. On completion of the final layer of unacceptable material the surface shall be domed to assist water run off. A gas ventilation pipe shall be placed at the highest point.
- Filling and capping of 4 shafts. Filling and sealing of 3 adits. Closing of raises, boreholes or other minor mine workings connected to the surface.
- Excavation and removal of 13000 mc. of material from waste tips, curtilages, benches and slopes.
- Reshape of all mine waste dumps to slope angles below 1/3. Construction of erosion fences and gabion walling to ensure long term stability and erosion control.
- Top soiling, cultivation and grassing of 2 Ha, and planting of 14 Ha with local species of trees or shrubs.
- Protection of rehabilitated surfaces and affluent river by guard ditches and drainage systems in total length of 1400 m.

***KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS***

Based on works, equipment and methods used for execution of works the following environmental issues might occur:

*Noise, dust and mud generated by earthmoving equipment;*

*Noise, dust, smoke and vibrations generated by blasting operations;*

*Potential land pollution by fuel, oil or lubricants because spillage from earthmoving equipment or lorries;*

*Potential water pollution by fuel and oil because spillage from equipment while working above, adjacent or in watercourses;*

*Potential soil or water pollution by used waters generated by site activities in offices, workshops and messes;*

*Potential underground water pollution by contaminated material used for filling of underground workings;*

*Damage of existing vegetation from or adjacent of site because of negligent driving of equipment or site operations;*

*Damage of public roads because of traffic, equipment or site operations;*

***COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (See annex "Consultarea comunitatilor – Obiective scanate")***

**ANNEX 1 – MITIGATION PLAN  
VALEA DE BRAZI MINE**

Phase/Operation	Issue Mitigation Measure	Cost	Institutional Responsibility / Approval and inspection
<b>1 CONSTRUCTION</b>			
<b>A Demolition Works</b>			<b>Contractor</b>
<b>(a) Blasting of buildings and structures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Noise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restriction of blasting program to 8:00 – 18:00 o'clock, Monday to Saturday;</li> <li>- Informing of the affected community <a href="#">VALEA DE BRAZI</a> about blasting program;</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>ii. Vibration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restriction of the explosive quantity for each charge – 0.5Kg/blasting hole, minimum 1 second delay each other;</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>iii. Dust and smoke:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dust suppression measures (wet blasting)</li> <li>- Restriction of blasting when wind drive dust and smoke over the <a href="#">VALEA DE BRAZI</a> village area;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Contract	Engineer of Contract
<b>(b) Processing of demolition materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Dust:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dust suppressors (wet processing)</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>ii. Noise:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Location of the processing facilities not less than 1Km far from <a href="#">VALEA DE BRAZI</a> village;</li> <li>- Noise screens around of processing equipment if necessary;</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>iii. Pollutants on or in demolition materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection of the contaminants from demolition materials before being processed. Contaminated materials will be disposed off separately at landfill;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Engineer of Contract
<b>(c) Haulage/deposition of demolition materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Mud</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping the lorries clean while working on or outside of the site area;</li> <li>- Establish cleaning pad and tyre washing area at construction zone boundaries;</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>ii. Dust</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sprinkling of demolition materials on lorries and at dumping location;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Contract	Engineer of Contract

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	- Cover of lorries if the haulage is through inhabited area <a href="#">VALEA DE BRAZI</a> ;		
<b>B Earth Works</b>			<b>Contractor</b>
<p><b>(a) Excavation and loading of materials</b></p> <p><b>(b) Haulage/deposition spread/level/place</b></p>	<p><b>i. Lubricant and/or fuel spillage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The equipment should be inspected<sup>1</sup> for technical compliance with safety and environmental regulations, by the Engineer monthly. Equipment which will not pass the inspection will be removed from the site according with contractual clauses;</li> </ul> <p><b>ii. Failure of benches or slopes during of works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each work bench for excavators and access roads on excavation place will be constructed to comply with Technical Prescriptions appended (TP-C**), 1997 edition;</li> <li>- Fencing and barriers around of unstable areas;</li> </ul> <p><b>i. Noise during the transport on site or public roads;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restriction on haulage program to 8 o'clock 18 o'clock, Monday to Saturday;</li> <li>- Restriction of lorries speed to 30Km/h, or less as agreed with community;</li> </ul> <p><b>ii. Mud and dust on public roads:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning of lorries wheel before emerging from loading/unloading location;</li> <li>- Suppress of any spillage from lorries during the transport by <b>sealing</b> off;</li> </ul> <p><b>iii. Noise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Noise suppressors at the exhaust pipes;</li> </ul>		<p>Engineer of Contract</p> <p>Engineer of Contract</p>
<b>C Concrete works</b>			<b>Contractor</b>
<p><b>(a) preparing and placing of concrete in situ</b></p> <p><b>(b) haulage of concrete</b></p>	<p><b>i. Concrete outside of construction areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using only mechanical batching equipment for preparing of concrete;</li> <li>- Location of batching facilities for concrete to be approved by the site Engineer</li> </ul> <p><b>i. Pollution of public roads because of concrete spillage during the transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using only specialised concrete transport trucks for haulage of concrete;</li> <li>- Cleaning of site at the end of each day;</li> </ul>		<p>Engineer of Contract</p>

<sup>1</sup> Inspection is referred to visual to identify possible oil or fuel spillage, level of noise and level of smoke produced by the equipment's engine (fummeter), status of tires and legal status related to periodic Technical Inspection as law asks for. (Note: according with Romanian Law for Public Road Circulation each vehicle should to pass periodic technical inspection. The inspection refers to: brakes efficiency, steering efficiency, emissions in exhaust system, lighting system, horns and noise. The vehicles which pass the inspection receive a licence). For other equipment used on site like Bulldozers, tractors, excavators this is not compulsory.

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<b>D General Works</b>			<b>Contractor</b>
<b>(a) Working adjacent over or in water courses or any body of water (Valea de Brazi and Paraul Mare streams)</b>	<b>i. Surface waters pollution</b> - Working with equipment free of any pollutant in vicinity of rivers - Fencing or erecting of barriers near rivers; <b>ii. Rainfall control</b> - Construction of guard ditches to control runoff and to protect rivers <b>iii. Underground water pollution</b> - Interdiction to use filling material for underground workings which contains deleterious materials	Contract	Engineer of Contract
<b>(b) Cultivating re-vegetation and curing of existing vegetation</b>	<b>i. Pollution with unacceptable pesticides</b> - Using only approved fertilizers by the engineer of contract (standard); - topsoil, subsoil or natural fertilizer will be tested by laboratory analyses to be free of pesticides heavy metals or any other unaccepted materials; <b>ii. Damage of existing vegetation</b> - The Engineer will keep the necessary records of number of trees and existing natural grassed areas. The contractor will restore on his own cost any damage on vegetation.	Contract	Engineer of Contract
<b>(c) Operation of site offices, workshops</b>	<b>i. Pollution of the area adjacent of offices, workshops and storage facilities</b> - construction of site facilities on approved by the engineer of contract areas, having all necessary facilities to deal with domestic and industrial waste; - industrial and domestic waste should be disposed of daily at site landfill;	Contract	Engineer of Contract
<b>E Hazardous materials</b>			<b>Contractor</b>
<b>(a) Storage, handling/ using of explosives</b>	<b>i. Accidents involving explosives</b> - Using of proper storage facilities (existing explosive storage facilities); - Using containers and lorries approved by the Engineer of the Contract; - Security of storage, authorized access only		Engineer of Contract
<b>(b) Storage using</b>	<b>i. Spill of lubricants and/or fuel</b>		Engineer of

<sup>2</sup> Depend on size of storage facilities the fire extinguish equipment and means must be supplied. Fire extinguishers (water, CO<sub>2</sub>, foam etc). and hand shovels, picks, hook and 1 cubic meter of sand. For large fuel storage facilities is compulsory a permanent water source and necessary hoses etc.

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<b>distributing of fuel and lubricants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using of spillage collection vessels in storage facilities. Cleaning of the storage area every day disposing off any contaminated material.</li> <li>ii. <b>Fuel/oil spillage during refilling operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- construction and operate of fuel/oil repository</li> <li>- using only filling pump installed on refilling tank to refill equipment on site</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. <b>Fire on storage facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- construction of fuel storage facilities on location and according an approved by the engineer method of construction;</li> <li>- fire extinguishing equipment as regulation for fire fighting and control asks<sup>2</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Contract

**ANNEX 2 – MONITORING PLAN  
VALEA DE BRAZI MINE**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Where is parameter to be monitored</b>	<b>How is parameter to be monitored</b>	<b>Frequency of measurement</b>	<b>Responsible for the measurement</b>
<b>A. CONSTRUCTION</b>				
i. <b>Noise</b> generated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blasting;</li> <li>• heavy machinery</li> <li>• lorries</li> </ul>	On site and inhabited area	Noise measurement equipment (dB-meter)	Daily	The Engineer of the Contract
ii. <b>Vibration</b> generated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blasting;</li> <li>• heavy machinery</li> <li>• lorries</li> </ul>	near sensitive buildings	Vibrometer	A measurement should be performed to establish level of blasting and transport along the inhabited area	The Engineer of the Contract
iii. <b>Dust</b> generated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blasting</li> <li>• traffic and equipment and lorry's</li> </ul>	On site and inhabited area	Visual	Daily	The Engineer of the Contract
iv. <b>Smoke</b> generated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blasting</li> <li>• equipment and lorry's engines</li> </ul>	On site and inhabited area	Visual for blasting; Specialised equipment for engines	Monthly and when a new equipment is bring on site	The Engineer of the Contract
v. <b>Mud</b> generated by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• traffic on site and public roads</li> </ul>	On site and inhabited area	Visual	Daily	The Engineer of the Contract
vi. <b>Soil pollution</b> by fuel oil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel and lubricants (tank leaks, engines leaks, other operations involving fuel and lubricants)</li> <li>• Cement or concrete</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where fuel and lubricants are stored;</li> <li>• Where equipment is refilled;</li> <li>• Where equipment is maintained</li> <li>• Where fuel/lubricants are used;</li> <li>• Where concrete is prepared, transported, used</li> </ul>	Visual	Daily	The Engineer of the Contract
vii. <b>Water pollution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel and lubricants</li> </ul>	Where working near or in water course Effluent waters;	Laboratory analysis for - Oil and grease	Monthly during the works	The Engineer of the Contract

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspensions carried out by rain fall</li> </ul>	Monitoring points on Valea de Brazi and Paraul Mare streams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pH</li> <li>- suspensions</li> </ul>		
<b>B. POST CLOSURE</b>				
<b>i. vegetation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vegetation density</li> <li>- vegetation</li> </ul>	Cultivated and planted surfaces on curtilage, waste tips	Visual	Yearly	Conversmin
<b>ii. stability of waste tips or impoundments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- settlement</li> <li>- erosion</li> </ul>	Stabilised or deposition areas	Visual and topographic survey	Yearly	Conversmin