

ACT
of 9 June 2011
GEOLOGICAL AND MINING LAW ¹⁾

(Dziennik Ustaw 2011, No. 163, item 981)

[The provisions of this Act come into force on 1 January 2012.]

(Excerpts)

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. 1. This Act shall set out the rules and conditions for undertaking, carrying out, and terminating the activity in the field of:

- 1) geological development works;
- 2) extraction of minerals from deposits;
- 3) underground tankless storage of substances;
- 4) underground landfilling of waste.

2. This Act shall also set out the requirements in the scope of protection of mineral deposits, underground waters and other environmental elements in connection with the pursuit of the activity referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 2. 1. The provisions of this Act, except for Section III, shall apply accordingly to:

- 1) the construction, extension and maintenance of dewatering systems in liquidated mining plants;
- 2) works conducted in workings in liquidated underground mining plants mentioned in the provisions issued under paragraph 2 for purposes other than the ones set out in this Act, in particular tourist, therapeutical and recreational purposes;
- 3) underground works conducted for scientific, research, experimental and training purposes for the needs of geology and mining;
- 4) tunnelling with the use of mining technique;
- 5) liquidation of structures, facilities and equipment referred to in subparagraphs 1 to 4.

2. The minister competent for the environment shall, by regulation, determine the liquidated underground mining plants referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 2, guided by the natural and technical conditions existing in such plants, as well as