

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduction

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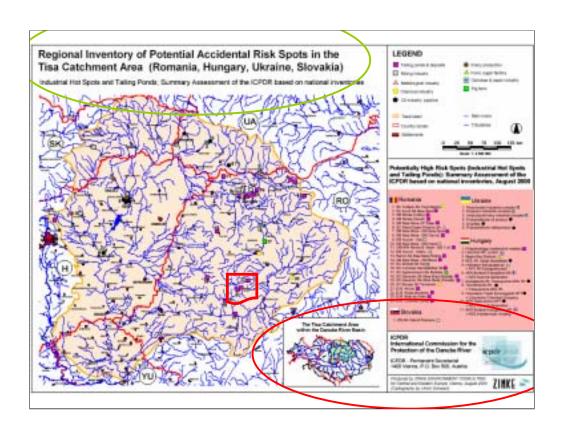
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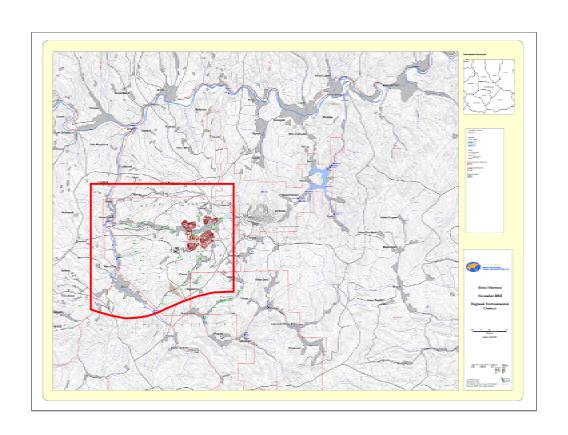
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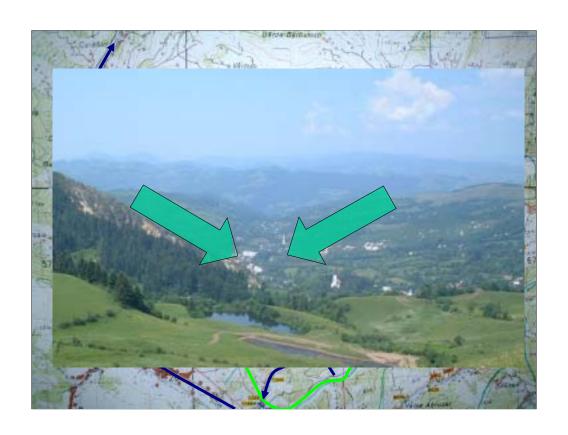
- Europe
- Near Asia
- Africa

This Presentation Presents:

- 1. Current Environmental Situation
- 2. Environmental Management
- 3. Environmental Impact Assessment
- 4. Existing Examples



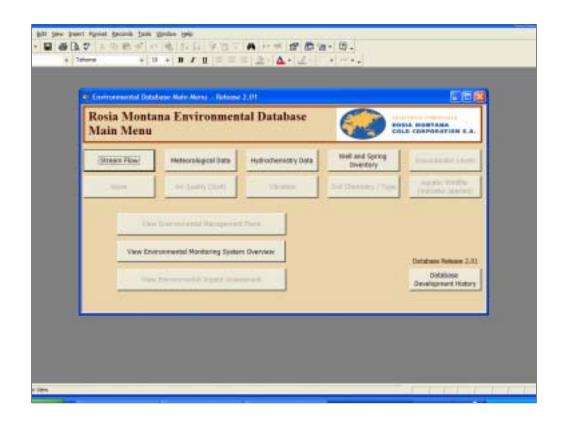


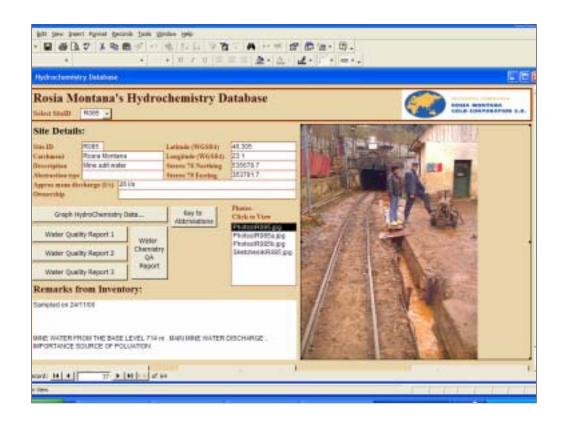


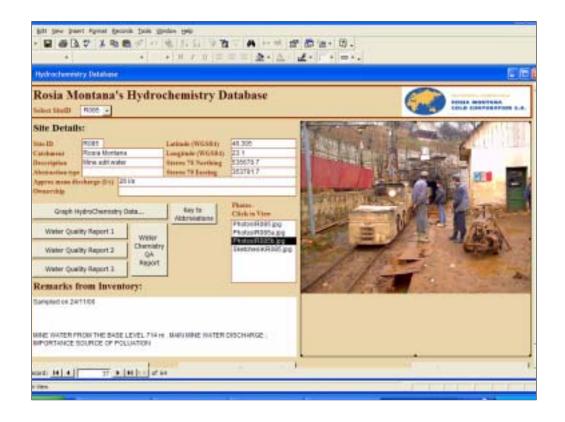


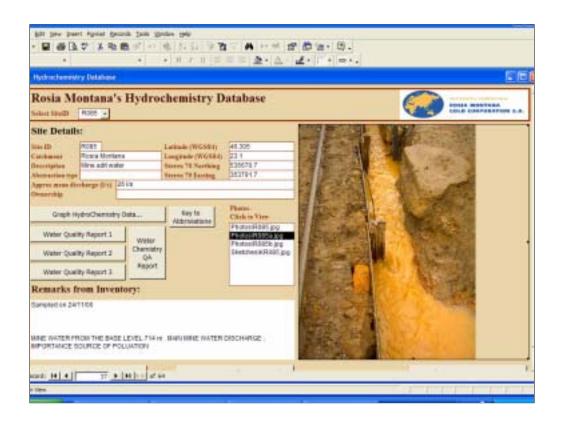


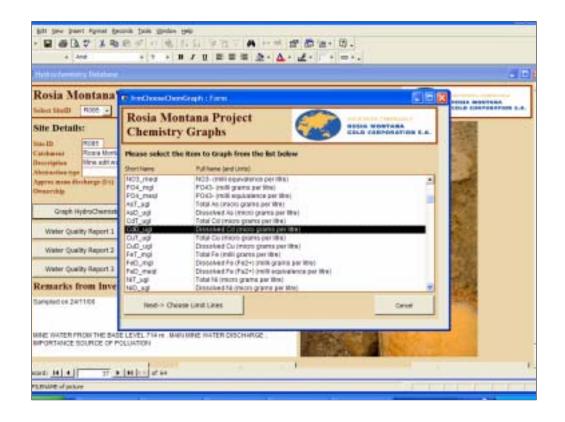
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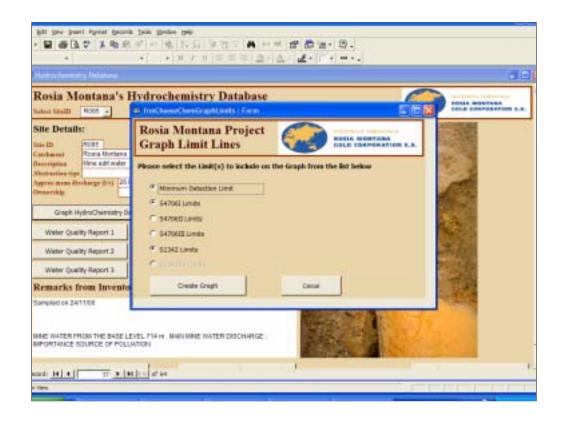


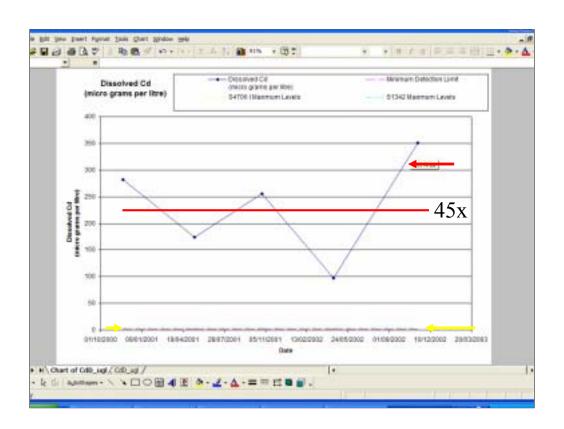


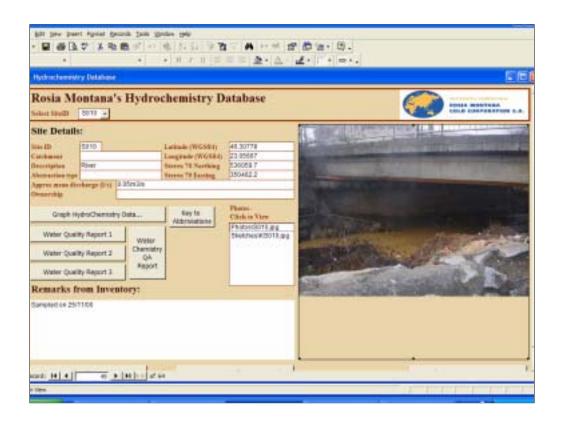


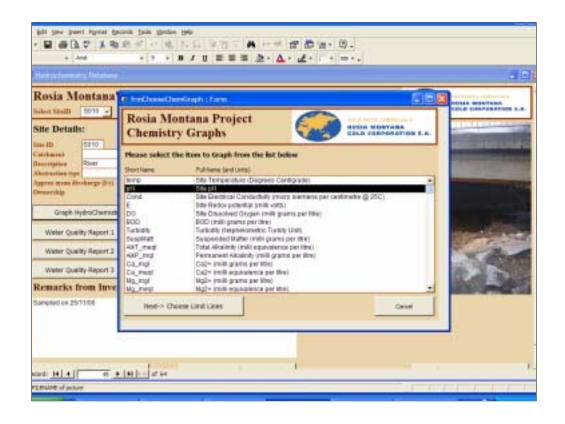


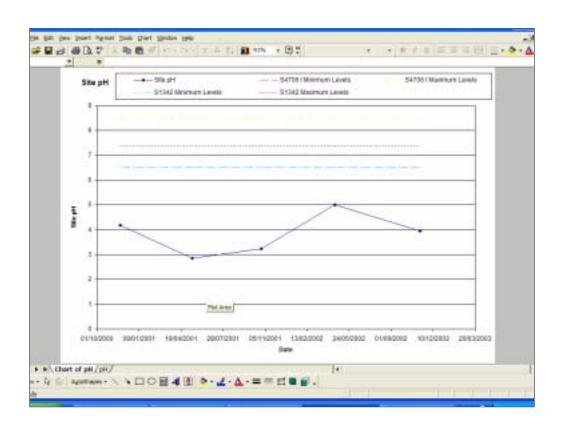


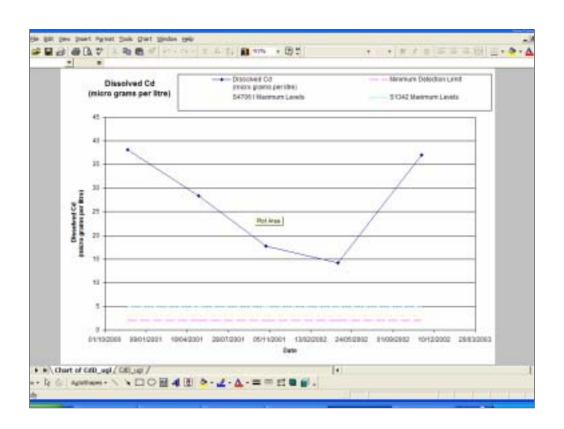


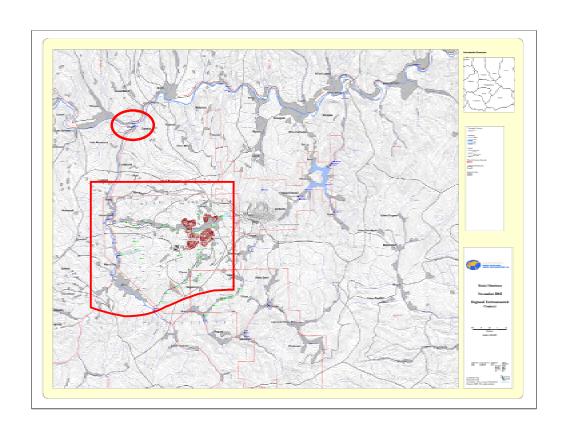




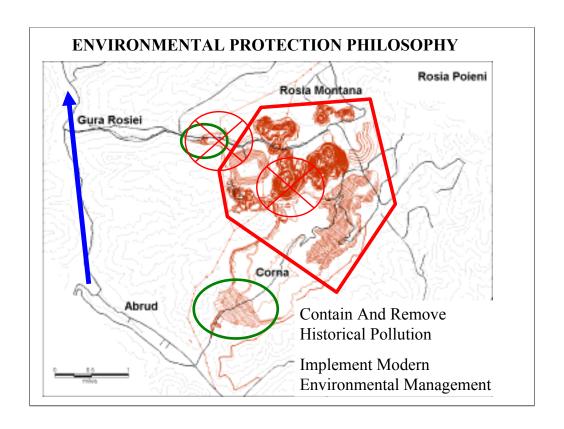












Contour plan with proposed mine infrastructure (red outline), existing roads and tracks black outline

RMGC Project's Objectives

Ensure Project Conforms to:

- Romanian Laws and Regulations
- European Directives
- International Policies and Guidelines

Environmental Team

The Environmental Impact Assessment is being conducted by:

- Leading Romanian Consultancies and Experts
- Leading International Environmental Engineering and Mine Management Experts

Key Environmental Issues

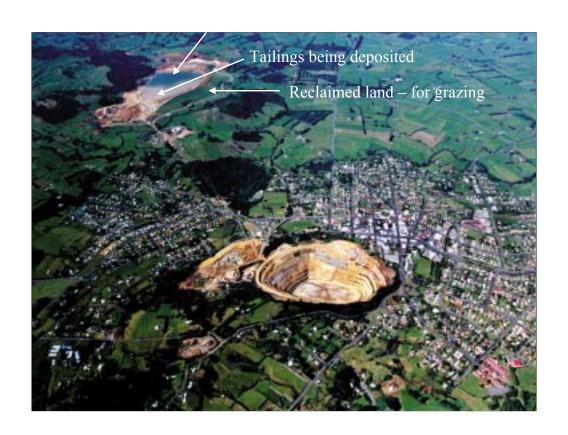
- 1. Historical Impacts
- 2. Project Alternatives
- 3. Public Involvement
- 4. Tailings Management
- 5. Cyanide Management
- 6. Waste Rock & Water Management
- 7. Mine Reclamation & Closure

1. Mitigation of Historic Impacts

- The Project will provide financing to Minvest for the closure and cleanup of existing facilities and environmental damage
- New project will capture a large portion of the Acid Rock Drainage ("ARD")
- New project will remove a large portion of the source of the ARD

2. Alternatives

- Current mining operations not economic nor environmentally sustainable
- Mountainous terrain not suitable for intensive agriculture
- Over-long term mining compatible with tourism a new museum is part of project (e.g. Waihi Mine, New Zealand: 12,000 tourists per year)



3. Public Involvement

- Extensive consultations include:
 - Public Information Centre
 - Web site
 - Public and stakeholder meetings
 - Technical seminars
- Continued opportunities for involvement as project proceeds
- Such involvement new to Romania

4. Tailings Management

- Tailings will be detoxified and managed to be environmentally benign
- Cyanide level in tailings leaving plant will be within all guidelines (World Bank, Canadian & EU: guideline 50 ppm)
- Tailings dam designed to Romanian and international standards for safe operation
- Secondary containment dam, spillway and monitoring system

5. Cyanide Management

- Follow UNEP facilitated International Cyanide Management Code
- Special procedures and equipment for transportation, handling and storage
- Tailings will be treated using proven technology

6. ARD & Water Management

- Non-contact water will be diverted
- Overburden and non-economical ore to be placed in engineered waste rock piles
- ARD from waste rock piles and existing operation will be captured and treated

7. Reclamation and Closure

- Restore disturbed land
- Tailings capped & vegetated
- Waste piles graded & vegetated
- Rehabilitated tailings suitable for recreation and agriculture

