

VBGU



Verband Bergbau, Geologie und Umwelt e.V.

Welcome Statement

Association of Mining, Geology and Environment

The principal objectives are the promotion and support

- **of the business interests of our members when involved in ministerial and administrative matters**
- **to upgrade the capacities and improve the performance of our member companies**
- **to integrate new European Union requirements into the business principles of the member companies and day to day project work in- and outside the EU.**

Eligible for membership are enterprises or individuals that render consultancy services or develop, apply, and produce scientific-technical know-how or hardware in the fields of!

- natural resources management
- exploration, exploitation and dressing of raw materials
- mining and mining safety
- geo-technology/geo-engineering
- processing technology of mining products and industrial waste
- exploration of water resources, water economy
- environmental technology and consulting
- rehabilitation and redevelopment of mining and industrial sites
- drilling technique and technology
- remote sensing and geophysics
- geothermal energy.

At present, our association VBGU comprises

- **38 full member companies**
- **2 extraordinary members**
- **The member companies have a total of about 2400 employees varying from 10 employees in smaller companies to about 2000 in one of our larger member companies.**
- **The member number increases annually and there is small fluctuation.**

Involvement in foreign countries (current and envisaged)

- about 20 out of the 39 association's companies are integral part of research and development projects performed in foreign countries
- some of them have established co-operation with research institutions from abroad to be contracted by third party units acting as a project co-ordinator or a lead partner
- the association's records display a growing business rate of their member companies with partners from EU and EU-associated countries
- intense know-how and technology transfer is carried out or prepared in countries such as
 - ⇒ Angola - mining related and infrastructure projects
 - ⇒ Central Asia – mining related projects
 - ⇒ China - mining related projects
 - ⇒ Eastern Europe – infrastructure and mining rehabilitation projects
 - ⇒ Namibia – mining related and infrastructure projects
 - ⇒ South Africa - mining industry, infrastructure and bio-energy
 - ⇒ Latin America – road construction
- Our international co-operation projects contribute to capacity building in the partner countries and to job safeguarding in Germany

Achievements

- The German 'Association of Mining, Geology and Environment (VBGU)'
- is an economically stable, successful and future-oriented employers' association.
- a reliable business partner within the economic-political scene of Germany
- focuses on the safeguarding of interests of its member companies
- is a well established and appreciated business partner in- and outside the EU in all mining, geology and environment related issues.
- We are facing future challenges and are well prepared for the co-operation with new partners.

Outlook

We are ready for cooperation !

Glück auf!