

# STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTENT

## ADDRESSING MINE DRAINAGE

Sponsored and Agreed to by:



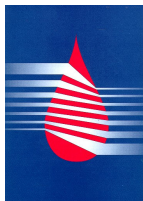
The International Network for Acid Prevention



The Australian Centre for Minerals Extension and Research (ACMER)

## Acid Drainage Technology Initiative

ADTI Metal Mining Sector and Coal Mining Sector



Mine Environment Neutral Drainage

MEND



Partnership for Acidic Drainage Remediation in Europe

PADRE

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## **1. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTENT**

The mutual intent of the signatories is to protect and improve water quality that may be adversely impacted by acid drainage (acid mine drainage/ acid rock drainage/ mine drainage). By means of this *Statement of Mutual Intent* we agree to cooperate through an international partnership to develop cost-effective controls for adverse acid drainage from coal and metal mining operations to protect and restore terrestrial and marine environments.

## **2. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

The parties agree to use a Consultative Process to:

- Raise the level of awareness and education of all parties on the nature and significance of environmental problems and liability associated with acid drainage.
- Cooperate as a clearinghouse to manage (catalogue) and transfer information on the management of sulphidic mine waste.
- Cooperate to develop understanding and applications of proven and innovative technologies for the management of sulphidic mine waste.
- Work in partnership to identify research gaps to address remediation of terrestrial and marine environments degraded by acid drainage.
- Support efforts to reclaim abandoned mines by providing experience and contacts to parties working in this field as requested.

## **3. STATEMENT OF GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- This Statement of Mutual Intent does not alter, amend, or revise the authority or rights of any parties to this Statement.
- This Statement of Mutual Intent does not reflect a particular policy relating to the regulation of acid drainage in general or in part, nor does it reflect an initiation or implementation of acid drainage policy from individual parties to the Statement or as a group.
- All activities referred to in this Statement of Mutual Intent shall be carried out in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Any party may withdraw from this Statement of Mutual Intent by notifying each of the signature parties in writing.

**4. SIGNATORIES TO THE STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTENT**

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**Robin Batterham, Chairman, International Network for Acid Prevention Limited  
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**Paul Ziemkiewicz, Chairman, ADTI Operations Committee (ADTI)**

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