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1. SLOVAKIA

1.1. Summary of findings

Even though Slovakia is known for its metal mining tradition, currently metal mining activities are reduced to only one ore deposit (gold and silver) under extraction. The mineral deposits which closed down operations after the 1980s include 9 antimonite deposits with previous active mining, 9 deposits of iron ore, 10 of copper ore, 1 of mercury, 4 of base metals, 1 of tungsten ore, and 12 deposits of gold and silver ores. The extraction of non-metallic deposits is well developed, and it encompasses 231 deposits, 28 deposits with attenuated mining and 31 deposits in the stage of opening.

The legal framework relevant for permitting procedures comprises mainly the Mining Law (Law No. 44/1988 Coll.¹ with amendments) and the Geological Law (Law No. 569/2007 Coll. with amendments). Other important laws are Law No. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection, Law. No. 24/2006 Coll. on the environmental impact assessment, Law No. 39/2013 Coll. on integrated prevention and environmental pollution control, and the Water Law (Law No. 364/2004 Coll.). Competent authorities are the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Main Mining Office and the Regional (or District) Mining Offices.

A geological licence (defined by Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll.) is required in Slovakia to conduct geological prospection or exploration for "reserved and non-reserved minerals" (defined by Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll.). The licence can be granted to a physical or legal person by the Ministry of Environment. *A geological licence is not required for surface prospecting of "non-reserved minerals" performed by landowners*. The authorisation for mining of reserved minerals" is conditional upon the granting of a Mining licence and the assignment of the Mining Area — both granted by the competent Regional (District) Mining Office and by the relevant Nature Protection Authority statement (including an Environmental Impact Assessment - EIA). The extraction activities can start after the Regional Mining Office has granted a Mining Activity Permission.

The number of co-authorities involved in the permitting procedure varies widely for the exploration and extraction of "reserved minerals" (they are state-owned and include minerals for industrial metals production, magnesite, rock salt, potassium, boron, graphite, barites, gemstones, quartz, limestone, among others), ranging between 1 and 27. For exploration and extraction the competent authorities are the Ministry of Environment and the Regional (District) Mining Office, respectively. Then, besides the main authorities, the standpoints of local authorities must be consulted, encompassing the standpoints of the county and municipality offices (their number changes according to the extent of the territory covered by the exploration or mining area), as well as all subjects of nature protection, the standpoint of the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr (Division of Geofond) and the standpoint of the holder(s) of the exploration area for other purposes. It is necessary to take into account that the exploration and exploitation could be in conflict also with interests protected by special regulations. In such a case it is necessary to receive standpoints from a larger number of co-authorities (up to a maximum of 27). In the case of "non-reserved minerals" (landowned, especially building stone, gravel sands and brick clays), only the permit by the District Mining Office and the local Building Authority is required.

The average duration for the geological authority (Ministry of Environment of the SR) to make a decision on a permit application (from application date to final decision) takes on average between 3 and 6 months for the granting of the exploration area for exploration of "reserved minerals" and around 2 months for the granting of the Mining Licence by the

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District Mining Office. For the extraction of "non-reserved" minerals, the average duration for the Mining Licence granting is around 2 months. However, the granting of the Mining Activity Permission (necessary to start extracting) is often delayed, as EIAs take longer to be approved: the approval of an EIA, subject to many co-authorities, can take several months or even years. In contrast, the IPPC licence is often granted in a period between 2 and 5 months. Prolongation of the approval procedures for exploration and mining is often caused by negative public opinions. This negative standpoint is reflected in decisions of local authorities (at the level of municipalities), arguing that the land use of the property concerned is intended for other uses and that such justification is grounded on the public interest.

1.2. General introduction

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Mineral ownership

According to the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. on mineral protection and exploitation as amended by regulations, minerals are divided into "reserved" and "non-reserved". Natural or artificial (anthropogenic) accumulations of minerals form mineral deposits. Deposits of "reserved minerals" (reserved deposits), together with natural rock structures and underground spaces, suitable for gases and liquids storage and the use of geothermal energy represent the state's mineral wealth. According to the Article 4 of the Slovak Constitution, mineral resources, underground water, natural medicinal springs, and waterways are in the ownership of the Slovak Republic, i.e. are state-owned.

List of reserved minerals:

- a) radioactive minerals,
- b) all kinds of coal, oil and natural gas, bituminous rocks for energy use,
- c) minerals for industrial metal production,
- d) magnesite,
- e) minerals for industrial phosphorus, sulphur and fluorine production,
- f) rock salt, potassium, boron, bromine and iodine salts,
- g) graphite, barite, asbestos, mica, talc, diatomite, glass and foundry sand, mineral pigments, bentonite,
- h) minerals for industrial production of REE and semiconductor elements,
- i) granite, granodiorite, diorite, gabbro, diabase, serpentinite, dolomite and limestone, if they are polishable and mineable in blocks, travertine,
- j) technical crystals and gemstones,

- k) halloysite, kaolin, ceramic and refractory clays and claystones, gypsum, anhydrite, feldspar, perlite and zeolite,
- l) quartz, quartzite, limestone, dolomite, marl, basalt, clinkstone, trachyte if they are suitable for chemical processing and smelting,
- m) mineralized waters for reserved minerals production,
- n) technically usable natural gases, other than stated in b).

Other minerals (i.e. minerals not included in the list of reserved minerals above) are **non-reserved**, and their deposits belong into category of **non-reserved deposits**. They are part of the land and belong to owner of the estate.

1.3. Legislation governing mineral exploration and extraction

The legal framework relevant for permitting procedures comprises mainly the Mining Law (Law No. 44/1988 Coll.² with amendments) and the Geological Law (Law No. 569/2007 Coll. with amendments). Other important laws are the Law No. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection, the Law. No. 24/2006 Coll. on the environmental impact assessment, the Law No. 39/2013 Coll. on integrated prevention and environmental pollution control, and the Water Law (Law No. 364/2004 Coll.).

Table 1: Slovakia. Legislation relevant to exploration and extraction permitting.

| Legisla | | | \\/ - l- | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| nerals management, technical safety, concession | SK- L1 | Law No. 569/2007 Coll Geological Law, as amended by the laws 515/2008 Coll., 384/2009 Coll., 110/2010 Coll., 136/2010 Coll., 145/2010 Coll., 268/2010 Coll., 258/2011 Coll., 409/2011 Coll., 311/2013 Coll., 160/2014 Coll., 91/2016 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Conditions for the projecting, realization, evaluation and control of geological works, the scope of the state geological administration |
| mining, miner | SK- L2 | Law No. 384/2009 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Amendment of Geological Law by the topics of geological survey of the environment and information systems of environmental loads |

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| | SK- L3 | Law No. 110/2010 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Law establishes the importance of standpoints of affected municipalities at establishing of exploration areas for radioactive materials; amendments concerning the exploration areas for oil and combustible natural gas |
| | SK- L4 | Law No. 268/2010 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | N | Y | Amendment of Geological Law by the statement about the avert, mitigation or elimination the consequences of natural disasters |
| | SK- L5 | Law No. 258/2011 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Law about the permanent deposition of CO2 into the geological environment |
| | SK- L6 | Law No. 311/2013 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Principal amendments of Geological Law about the competence to perform geological works, their projects, final reports, exploration areas, standpoints of municipalities concerned, penalties for administrative offenses. The State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr is unequivocally defined by this amendment as a legal entity authorized by the Ministry to perform the state geological survey. |

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| | SK- L7 | Law No. 160/2014 Coll. - Amendment of Geological Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Amendment of Geological Law determining the obligation to perform local referendums in the case of interest to exploit the radioactive minerals |
| | SK- L8 | Law No. 44/1988 Coll Mining Law, as amended by the laws 498/1991 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 203/2004 Coll., 587/2004 Coll., 479/2005 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 73/2009 Coll., 114/2010 Coll., 104/2010 Coll., 258/2011 Coll., 311/2013 Coll., 160/2014 Coll., 285/2014 Coll., 314/2014 Coll. and 374/2014 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | The law on the protection and use of mineral resources: Reserved/non-reserved minerals, reserved/non- reserved deposits, protected deposit area, mining area, survey of mineral deposit, reserves classification and depreciation, exploitation of reserved deposits, royalties, conflicts of interests, mining damages and compensations |
| | SK- L9 | Law No. 498/1991 Coll. - Amendment of Mining Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of Mining Law dealing with the exploitation of reserved deposits, their reserves and royalties. |
| | SK- L10 | Law No. 558/2001 Coll. - Amendment of Mining Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Procedural steps at allocating protected deposit area and the reserved deposit, computation of reserves and their eventual depreciation in reserved deposits, defined public interest in exploitation of raw materials, royalties. |

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| | SK- L11 | Law No. 214/2002 Coll Full amended version of the Mining Law (valid from 24.04.2002) | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Full amended version of Mining Law with incorporated principal amendments No. 498/1991 and 558/2001 Coll. |
| | SK- L12 | Law No. 219/2007 Coll. - Amendment of Mining Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Mining Law in chapters Mining authorisation for reserved deposit, The transfer procedure of the mining area at inactive organization and Conversion of oil, combustible gas and salt deposits on the underground storage of gases or liquids |
| | SK- L13 | Law No. 104/2010 Coll. - Amendment of Mining Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment deals with the opening, preparation, exploitation, dressing and refinement of radioactive raw materials, as well as cyanidation. |
| | SK- L14 | Decree of the Ministry of Environment of SR No. 33/2015 Coll. implementing some provisions of the Law No. 44/1988 Coll. on the protection and use of mineral resources | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Decree is stating the procedure during the geological surveys of reserved deposits, classifies the reserves of reserved deposits or their parts, provides the methodology for calculation of reserves of reserved deposits or their parts as well as for summary evidence of the exclusive deposits, balance of mineral reserves, registration of old workings, geological |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | documentation at mining works. |
| | SK- L15 | Law No. 51/1988 Coll Law on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration, as amended by the laws 499/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 58/1998 Coll., 533/2004 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 292/2009 Coll., 145/2010 Coll., 136/2010 Coll., 258/2011 Coll., 350/2012 Coll., 58/2014 Coll., 314/2014 Coll. and 91/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | The law states provisions for mining activities and activities carried out by mining method from the viewpoint of rational use of mineral deposits, work and operational safety, protection of working environment and the conditions for the use of explosives, as well as the competence of the state mining administration. |
| | SK- L16 | Law No. 499/1991 Coll Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll. |
| | SK- L17 | Law No. 154/1995 Coll. - Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll addition a new section (No. 2) about authorisation to carry out certain mining activities and activities conducted by mining method |

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| | SK- L18 | Law No. 58/1998 Coll. - Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll the state mining administration |
| | SK- L19 | Law No. 533/2004 Coll. - Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll amended text about mining licence and explosives |
| | SK- L20 | Law No. 577/2007 Coll. - Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll amended paragraphs about the extinction of the mining permission, proclamation of mining activities and activities carried out by mining methods and reporting their results, plan for the disposal of major industrial accidents, reserved technical equipment, geological survey of exclusive deposits by mining works, accessing recent and old workings for the museum and other purposes and work on keeping them in a safe condition, mining permits, as well as part 3 Explosives and pyrotechnic products |

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| | SK- L21 | Law No. 292/2009 Coll. on trade with products which possession is restricted for safety reasons | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Υ | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Υ | Y | Law related with Law No. 51/1988 Coll. and amending it in several paragraphs |
| | SK- L22 | Law No. 58/2014 Coll. - Amendment of Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Professional competence of the managing staff and technicians of the mine or quarry, work accidents, reporting about work accidents, reserved technical facilities. |
| environment | SK- L23 | Law No. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection, as amended by the laws 525/2003 Coll., 543/2002 Coll., 205/2004 Coll., 364/2004 Coll., 587/2004 Coll., 15/2005 Coll., 479/2005 Coll., 24/2006 Coll., 359/2007 Coll., 454/2007 Coll., 515/2008 Coll., 117/2010 Coll., 145/2010 Coll., 408/2011 Coll., 207/2013 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 311/2013 Coll., 506/2013 Coll., 35/2014 Coll., 198/2014 Coll., 324/2014 Coll., 314/2014 Coll., 91/2016 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates the competence of the state administration and municipalities, as well as the rights and obligations of legal entities and physical persons in the protection of nature and landscape with long-term preservation of natural balance, the diversity of conditions and forms of life, natural values as well as beauty and creates conditions for sustainable use of natural resources and the provision of ecosystem services, taking into account economic, social and cultural needs, as well as regional and local circumstances. |

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| | SK- L24 | Law. No. 24/2006 Coll. on the environmental impact assessment, as amended by the laws 275/2007 Coll., 454/2007 Coll., 287/2009 Coll., 117/2010 Coll., 145/2010 Coll. 258/2011 Coll., 408/2011 Coll., 345/2012 Coll., 448/2012 Coll., 48/2012 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 314/2014 Coll., 128/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates the procedure of the expert and public assessment of expected impacts on the environment, the competence of the state administration and municipalities at impact assessment, as well as rights and obligations of the participants in the process of impact assessing. |
| | SK- L25 | Law No. 454/2007 Coll Amendment of the law No. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law states the obligation of adequate restoration measures in the case of intervention into the habitat of European or national importance, permission is a matter of decision by the District Environmental Office. Environmental zonality and the degree of protection of the territory. |
| | SK- L26 | Law No. 514/2008 Coll. on the treatment with waste from mining industry, as amended by the laws 255/2011 Coll., 563/2009 Coll., 180/2013 Coll. and 79/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The right and obligations of legal entities and physical persons - entrepreneurs responsible for the management of extractive waste, the role of the state administration in the management of extractive |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | waste, liability for the breach of duties are stated this law. |
| | SK- L27 | Law No. 145/2010 Coll Amendment of the law 24/2006 Coll. on the environmental impact assessment | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Definition of stakeholders, standpoints of civic associations and NGOs for environmental protection during the permitting procedure |
| | SK- L28 | Law No. 255/2011 Coll. - Amendment of the Law on the treatment with waste from mining industry | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Υ | Y | Y | Υ | Y | Updated terms and definition and division of the waste from the mining industry, definition and division of the repository of waste, calculation of the special purpose financial reserve. |
| | SK- L29 | Law No. 258/2011 Coll. on the permanent storage of carbon dioxide in the geological environment as amended by the laws 414/2012 Coll., 39/2013 Coll. and 79/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law regulates the rights and obligations of physical persons - entrepreneurs and legal entities to store carbon dioxide in geological environment, as well as liability for breach of duties under this law. |
| | SK- L30 | Law No. 408/2011 Coll. - amendment of the Law No. 24/2006 Coll. about EIA | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Υ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Amendment deals with the participation of stakeholders at assessing of strategic documents for various areas of activities, including industry, waste management, water management, agriculture, forestry, land use planning, etc. |

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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | SK- L31 | Law No. 409/2011 Coll. - Law about environmental load | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | The law regulates the rights and obligations of persons at identification of environmental load, a method for determining the obliged person in the field of environmental load, the competence of state administration in the field of environmental burden. |
| | SK- L32 | Law No. 39/2013 Coll. on integrated prevention and environmental pollution control, as amended by the laws 484/2013 Coll., 58/2014 Coll., 79/2015 Coll. and 262/2015 | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Rights and obligations of persons and state authorities in the field of integrated prevention and control of pollution, professional competence to provide expert advice, information system of integrated prevention and control of pollution, reporting to the European Commission. |
| | SK- L33 | Law No. 314/2014 Coll Amendment of the Law No. 24/2006 Coll. about EIA | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Amendment and definition of numerous terms related to EIA, principles of involving the citizens' initiative into environmental protection. |

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| | SK- L34 | Law No. 79/2015 Coll. - Waste Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law regulates the waste management, measures for prevention, the rights and obligations of legal entities and individuals, while preventing waste and in waste management, extended producer responsibility, management of municipal waste, cross-border movement of waste, information system for waste management the competence of the state administration and municipalities, as well as operation of the Recycling Fund. |
| | SK- L35 | Law No. 128/2015 Coll. on the serious industrial accidents prevention, as amended by the law 91/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Concerning mining industry, the law is dealing with the gas storage in natural rock structures and in the underground spaces, as well as storage of the waste from the extractive industries containing dangerous substances. |

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| conservation, forestry | SK- L36 | Law No. 326/2005 Coll. on forests, as amended by the laws 275/2007 Coll., 359/2007 Coll., 360/2007 Coll., 540/2008 Coll., 499/2009 Coll., 117/2010 Coll., 96/2012 Coll., 345/2012 Coll., 115/2013 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 182/2014 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law regulates the demarcation of forest lands and their protection, ownership and use, the sustainable forest management from the public sources, state forest administration and supervision, sanctions for the breach of obligations stipulated by the law. |
| nature consei | SK- L37 | Decree No. 453/2006 Coll. of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic on forest management and protection, as amended by the law 15/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Regulation categorizes the forests, divides them into several threated zones under the influence of imissions, deals with the reconstruction of the forest vegetation, provides methodology of the national forest inventory and monitoring. |

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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| ıent | SK- L38 | Law No. 364/2004 Coll Water Law, as amended by the laws 587/2004 Coll., 230/2005 Coll., 479/2005 Coll., 532/2005 Coll., 359/2007 Coll., 514/2008 Coll., 515/2008 Coll., 384/2009 Coll., 134/2010 Coll., 556/2010 Coll., 258/2011 Coll., 408/2011 Coll., 306/2012 Coll., 321/2012 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 35/2014 Coll., 409/2014 Coll. and 262/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law creates conditions for the comprehensive protection of water, including water ecosystems, efficient, economic and sustainable use of water, safety of water works and for reduction of the negative impacts of floods and droughts. |
| water management | SK- L39 | Law No. 7/2010 Coll. on flood protection, as amended by the laws 180/2013 Coll. and 71/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law states measures for flood protection and responsibilities for the assessment and management of flood risks to reduce the adverse consequences of flooding for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity. |
| | SK- L40 | Law No. 409/2014 Coll. - Amendment of the Water Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Law deals with the transport of water for the humanitarian aid, water polluting compounds, reduction of water pollution, duties of competent person and state institutions in the field of water protection, penalties. The law is supplemented with the list of pollutants. |

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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| inagement | SK- L41 | Slovak Government Regulation No. 152/1996 Coll. on the basic rate of levy for the withdrawal of agricultural land from the agricultural land fund, as amended by regulations 188/2000 Coll., 299/2002 Coll. and 143/2003 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Regulation defines the principles of levy payment, tariffs of basic levy and the cases when the withdrawal is exempted from the levy. |
| land use planning, spatial development, soil management | SK- L42 | Decree of the Ministry of Environment of SR No. 55/2001 Coll. on landuse planning base data and documentation | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Decree defines the details on the content and the way of processing of the land-use documents, land-use planning documentation and registration sheets of spatial plans and their assignment. |
| | SK- L43 | Law No. 220/2004 Coll. on protection and use of agricultural land, as amended by laws 359/2007 Coll., 540/2008 Coll., 219/2008 Coll., 396/2009 Coll., 39/2013 Col., 57/2013 Coll., 34/2014 Coll. and 254/2015 Coll. | www.i ustice. gov.sk | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law states the protection and functions of the agricultural land and ensuring its sustainable management and agricultural use. The law protects the agricultural land from unauthorized application for non-agricultural use. |
| | SK- L44 | Law No. 34/2014 Coll. - Amendment of the law on protection and use of agricultural land | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | Agricultural land may be used for construction and other non-agricultural purposes only when necessary and in a reasonable extent, based on agreement of |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | the agricultural land protection authority. |
| | SK- L45 | Law No. 115/2014 Coll. on the land modifications, land ownership, land offices, land fund and land associations | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Amendment of the Law No. 330/1991 Coll. about agricultural and forest land modifications and land ownership: the role of county offices and the Slovak Land Fund |
| transportation, construction, catastrophe protection, police, military | SK- L46 | Law No. 8/2009 Coll. on road traffic, as amended by the laws 84/2009 Coll., 199/2009 Coll., 188/2009 Coll., 144/2010 Coll., 144/2010 Coll., 119/2011 Coll., 249/2011 Coll., 313/2011 Coll., 68/2012 Coll., 317/2012 Coll., 257/2012 Coll., 144/2010 Coll., 119/2011 Coll., 313/2011 Coll., 68/2012 Coll., 313/2011 Coll., 68/2012 Coll., 317/2012 Coll., 42/2013 Coll., 98/2013 Coll., 213/2013 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 388/2013 Coll., 388/2013 Coll., 474/2013 Coll., 488/2013 Coll., 387/2015 Coll. and 430/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates traffic rules, rights and obligations of persons with regard to road safety, the competences of public administration in the organization of traffic management, driving, vehicles registration and administrative offenses for violation of this law. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
|----------------|------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | SK- L47 | Law No. 168/1996 Coll. on road transport, as amended by the laws 386/1996 Coll., 58/1997 Coll., 340/2000 Coll., 416/2001 Coll., 506/2002 Coll., 534/2003 Coll., 114/2004 Coll., 506/2002 Coll., 331/2005 Coll., 43/2007 Coll., 435/2008 Coll., 488/2009 Coll., 136/2010 Coll., 556/2010 Coll., and 158/2011 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates the conditions of road transport business and competence of state administration in road transport, self-governing regions and municipalities. |
| | SK- L48 | Law No. 109/1998 Coll. - Construction Law | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law covers all aspects related to building activities: the land use planning, approval of spatial planning documentation, building permissions, use and maintenance of buildings, their disposal, state building supervision, expropriation and protection of special interests. |
| | SK- L49 | Law No. 387/2002 Coll. on the governance of the country during emergency situations outside the wartime and state of war, as amended by laws 515/2003 Coll., 335/2007 Coll., 445/2008 Coll., | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | N | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | This law defines the powers of public bodies in the government during emergency situations outside wartime and state of war, the rights and obligations of legal entities and physical persons in preparing for such situations and their solutions, as well as sanctions for |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | | 179/2011 Coll. and 444/2015 Coll. | | | | | | | | | | breaches of the obligations laid down by this law. |
| | SK- L50 | Law No. 47/2012 Coll. on civil protection of inhabitants | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law states conditions for effective protection of life, health and property against the consequences of emergencies and establishes the roles and responsibilities of governmental bodies, municipalities and the rights and obligations of physical persons and legal entities in civil protection of the population. |
| | SK- L51 | Law No. 171/1993 Coll the Police Law as amended by the Laws 251/1994 Coll., 233/1995 Coll., 315/1996 Coll., 253/1997 Coll., 12/1998 Coll., 73/1998 Coll., 256/1998 Coll., 116/2000 Coll., 323/2000 Coll., 367/2000 Coll., 490/2001 Coll., 48/2002 Coll., 182/2002 Coll., 422/2002 Coll., 166/2003 Coll., 155/2003 Coll., 458/2003 Coll., 537/2004 Coll., 69/2005 Coll., 534/2005 Coll., 558/2005 Coll., | www.i ustice. gov.sk | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | The Police represents an armed security corps performing tasks in the field of public order and security, the fight against crime including its organised forms and international forms and tasks for the police force resulting from the international commitments of the Slovak Republic. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
|----------------|------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | | 255/2006 Coll., 25/2007 Coll., 247/2007 Coll., 342/2007 Coll., 86/2008 Coll., 297/2008 Coll., 491/2008 Coll., 214/2009 Coll., 290/2009 Coll., 291/2009 Coll., 495/2009 Coll., 594/2009 Coll., 547/2010 Coll., 192/2011 Coll., 345/2012 Coll., 75/2013 Coll., 307/2014 Coll., 139/2015 Coll., 397/2015 Coll., 444/2015 Coll. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SK- L52 | Law No. 564/1991 Coll. on municipal police, as amended by the laws 250/1994 Coll., 319/1999 Coll., 333/2003 Coll., 445/2008 Coll., 8/2009 Coll., 214/2009 Coll., 105/2011 Coll., 273/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | N | N | N | N | Y | N | N | The purpose of the law is to define the basic tasks of the municipal police, its organization and the rights and obligations. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
|----------------|------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | SK- L53 | Law No. 321/2002 Coll. on Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic, as amended by the law 512/2002 Coll., 455/2004 Coll., 570/2005 Coll., 11/2006 Coll., 333/2007 Coll., 144/2008 Coll., 59/2009 Coll., 494/2009 Coll., 220/2011 Coll., 45/2012 Coll., 99/2014 Coll. and 378/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates the status of the basic components of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic, their role and their use, management, command and control of the armed forces, mobilization of forces and preparation of the armed forces. Further it defines military weapons and weapon system and regulates their use, and the use of coercive measures, international cooperation of the armed forces and the deployment of armed forces outside the territory of the Slovak Republic. |
| | SK- L54 | Law No. 281/2015 Coll. on the service of professional soldiers, as amended by the laws 378/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | This law regulates the state service of professional soldiers and the legal relations connected with the establishment, alteration and termination of their service. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | vant at | (Y/N) | |
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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| culture heritage | SK- L55 | Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on cultural heritage protection, as amended by the laws 479/2005 Coll., 208/2009 Coll., 262/2011 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 38/2014 Coll., 104/2014 Coll., 376/2015 Coll., 282/2015 Coll., 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | This law regulates the conditions for the protection of cultural monuments, historic sites, archaeological finds and archaeological sites in accordance with scientific knowledge and on the basis of international agreements in the field of European and world cultural heritage to which the Slovak Republic is involved. The law also regulates the organization and competence of state administration and local authorities, as well as the rights and obligations of owners and other legal entities and natural persons and penalties for illegal activities in the field of cultural heritage protection, which is an important part of the cultural heritage and its preservation is tied with a public interest. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
|---|------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | SK- L56 | Decree of the Ministry of Culture of SR No. 253/2010 Coll. implementing the law 49/2002 Coll. on the heritage protection, as amended by the decree 231/2014 Coll. | www.i ustice. gov.sk | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | The decree defines the activities of the Commission for verification of special professional competence to carry out research on monuments and to carry out restoration works and documentation. |
| dures | SK- L57 | The Constitution of the Slovak Republic 125/2001 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Υ | Y | Y | Y | Y | The basic legal norms of the Slovak Republic. |
| public administration, court procedures | SK- L58 | Law No. 302/2001 Coll. on self-government of higher territorial units as amended by the laws 445/2001 Coll., 553/2003 Coll., 369/2004 Coll., 615/2004 Coll., 628/2005 Coll., 16/2006 Coll., 334/2007 Coll., 335/2007 Coll., 335/2007 Coll., 34/2008 Coll., 445/2008 Coll., 361/2012 Coll., 61/2015 Coll., 32/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The higher territorial unit is represented with a self-governing region. In Slovakia, the Bratislava, Trnava, Trenčín, Nitra, Žilina, Banská Bystrica, Košice and Prešov self-governing regions were enacted. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | |
|----------------|------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | SK- L59 | Law No. 416/2001 Coll. on the transfer of some competencies from state administration to municipalities and higher territorial units, as amended by the laws 416/2001 Coll., 567/2001 Coll., 416/2001 Coll., 184/2002 Coll., 416/2001 Coll., 103/2003 Coll., 596/2003 Coll., 245/2008 Coll., 206/2009 Coll., 513/2009 Coll., 362/2011 Coll., 56/2012 Coll., 103/2014 Coll., 126/2015 Coll., 189/2015 Coll. and 440/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | N | N | N | N | N | Y | Y | Y | This law enacts the transfer of jurisdictions from the ministries, district offices and the county offices to municipalities and higher territorial units represented by the self-governing regions. |
| | SK- L60 | Law No. 311/2001 Coll Labour Code, as amended by the laws 408/2002 Coll., 210/2003 Coll., 210/2003 Coll., 210/2003 Coll., 5/2004 Coll., 311/2001 Coll., 210/2003 Coll., 365/2004 Coll., 82/2005 Coll., 131/2005 Coll., 244/2005 Coll., 570/2005 Coll., 231/2006 Coll., 124/2006 Coll., 348/2007 Coll., 200/2008 Coll., 460/2008 Coll., 49/2009 Coll., 184/2009 Coll., 574/2009 Coll., | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The Labour Code states the employment relations that may be formed only with the consent of physical person and the employer. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | vant at | (Y/N) | |
|----------------|------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | nes (Y/N) | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks |
| | | 543/2010 Coll., 48/2011 Coll., 257/2011 Coll., 406/2011 Coll., 257/2011 Coll., 512/2011 Coll., 251/2012 Coll., 252/2012 Coll., 245/2012 Coll., 261/2012 Coll., 233/2013 Coll., 58/2014 Coll., 103/2014 Coll., 183/2014 Coll., 307/2014 Coll., 14/2015 Coll., 61/2015 Coll., 14/2015 Coll., 440/2015 Coll., 378/2015 Coll. and 351/2015 Coll. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SK- L61 | Law No. 136/2010 Coll. on services in the internal market, as amended by the laws 136/2010 Coll., 563/2009 Coll., 56/2012 Coll., 251/2012 Coll., 301/2012 Coll., 314/2012 Coll., 335/2012 Coll., 414/2012 Coll., 321/2014 Coll. and 423/2015 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Rights and obligations of service providers, recipients of services, supervision of service providers, the activities of points of single contact and cooperation with other Member States of the European Union are stated by this law. |
| | SK- L62 | Law No. 371/2004 Coll. on seats and regional extend of courts in the Slovak Republic, as amended by the laws 428/2004 Coll., 757/2004 Coll., 511/2007 Coll., 517/2008 Coll., 59/2009 Coll., 290/2009 Coll., | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The purpose of this law is to determine the seats and regional extent of courts of the Slovak Republic and establish the scope of certain courts with specialized agenda. |

| Legisla | | | | Permitting | Deadli- nes (Y/N) | Rele | vant to (| (Y/N) | Rele | evant at | (Y/N) | | |
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| tive sector | Code | English title | Web link | provisions (Y/N) | | explo ratio n | extra ction | post- extra ction | local | regio nal | (central) national | Remarks | |
| | | 291/2009 Coll., 503/2009 Coll., 332/2011 Coll., 348/2011 Coll., 388/2011 Coll., 75/2013 Coll., 495/2013 Coll., 336/2014 Coll., 73/2015 Coll., 54/2015 Coll., 87/2015 Coll., 343/2015 Coll., 160/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SK- L63 | Law No. 757/2004 Coll. on courts, as amended by the laws 517/2008 Coll., 59/2009 Coll., 290/2009 Coll., 291/2009 Coll., 318/2009 Coll., 400/2009 Coll., 33/2011 Coll., 192/2011 Coll., 33/2011 Coll., 467/2011 Coll., 110/2012 Coll., 335/2012 Coll., 216/2014 Coll., 195/2014 Coll., 322/2014 Coll., 322/2014 Coll., 322/2014 Coll., 32015 Coll., 160/2015 Coll. and 125/2016 Coll. | www.j ustice. gov.sk | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | The law regulates the basic principles of judicial activities, the system and competence of courts, their internal organization, administration of courts, judicial selfadministration and the involvement of courts when forming the budget of the courts, as well as the seat of individual courts and their regional competence. | |

1.4. Authorities governing mineral exploration and extraction

Competent authorities are the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Main Mining Office and the Regional (or District) Mining Offices.

Table 2: Slovakia. Relevant authorities in exploration and extraction permitting.

| | | | | | Role in permitting | | leva to | ant | | |
|--|-----------|--|---|--|--|---|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | | | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| First instance permitting (local, regional, central, national) | SK- E1 | Ministerstvo životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky | Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic | Námestie Ľ. Štura, SK- 812 35 Bratislava http://www. minzp.sk/en/ | State supervision of exploration and survey for raw and industrial minerals (issuing of geological licences and assignment of exploration areas), environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Y | Y | The Slovak Parliament (Národná rada Slovenskej republiky; NR SR) Law No. 569/2007 Coll. on geological works (Geological Law) as amended by later regulations | None |
| First instance pern central | SK- E2 | Okresný úrad Bratislava | County Office Bratislava | Tomášikova 46, SK-832 05 Bratislava http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- bratislava | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

| | | | English name of entity | Address / web access | | Re | leva to | ant | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|-------------|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | Name of entity | | | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E3 | Okresný úrad Pezinok | County Office Pezinok | M. R. Štefánika 10, SK-902 01 Pezinok http://www. minv.sk/?pezi nok-hlavna-1 | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E4 | Okresný úrad Malacky | County Office Malacky | Záhorácka 2942 / 60A, SK-901 26 Malacky http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- malacky | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E5 | Okresný úrad Senec | County Office Senec | Hurbanova 21, SK-903 01 Senec http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- senec | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

| | | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | Re | leva to | ant | | |
|--|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | | | | | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E6 | Okresný úrad Banská Bystrica | County Office Banská Bystrica | Námestie Ľ. Štúra 1, SK- 974 05 Banská Bystrica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad-BB | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E7 | Okresný úrad Veľký Krtíš | County Office Veľký Krtíš | Nám. A. H. Škultétyho 11, SK-990 01 Veľký Krtíš http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- velky-krtis | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E8 | Okresný úrad Žiar nad Hronom | County Office Žiar nad Hronom | Nám. Matice slovenskej 8, SK-965 01 Žiar nad Hronom http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- ziar-nad- hronom | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

| | | | | Address / web access | | Re | leva to | ant | | |
|--|------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|----|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | | Role in permitting | | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E9 | Okresný úrad Zvolen | County Office Zvolen | Námestie SNP 35/48, SK-961 08 Zvolen http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- zvolen | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E10 | Okresný úrad Rimavská Sobota | Okresný úrad Rimavská Sobota | Nám. Mihálya Tompu 2, SK- 979 01 Rimavská Sobota http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- rimavska- sobota | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E11 | Okresný úrad Brezno | County Office Brezno | Nám. M. R. Štefánika 40, SK-977 01 Brezno http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- brezno | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

| | | | English name of entity | Address / web access | | Re | leva to | ant | | |
|--|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|----|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | Name of entity | | | Role in permitting | | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E12 | Okresný úrad Lučenec | County Office Lučenec | Námestie republiky 26, SK-984 01 Lučenec http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- lucenec | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E13 | Okresný úrad Banská Štiavnica | County Office Banská Štiavnica | Križovatka 4, SK-969 01 Banská Štiavnica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- banska- stiavnica | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E14 | Okresný úrad Detva | County Office Detva | J.G.Tajovskéh o 1462/9, SK-962 12 Detva http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- detva | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

| | | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | | Re | leva to | ant | | |
|--|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|----|------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| | Code | | | | Role in permitting | | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E15 | Okresný úrad Krupina | Okresný úrad Krupina | ČSA 2190/3, SK-963 01 Krupina http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- krupina | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E16 | Okresný úrad Poltár | County Office Poltár | Železničná 2, SK-987 01 Poltár http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- poltar | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E17 | Okresný úrad Revúca | County Office Revúca | Komenského 40, SK-050 01 Revúca http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- revuca | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E18 | Okresný úrad Žarnovica | County Office Žarnovica | Bystrická 53, SK-966 81 Žarnovica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- zarnovica | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E19 | Okresný úrad Košice | County Office Košice | Komenského 52, SK-040 01 Košice; Zadielska 1, SK-040 01 Košice; Adlerova 29, 040 22 Košice; Južná trieda 82, 040 01 Košice; http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- kosice | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E20 | Okresný úrad Trebišov | County Office Trebišov | M.R. Štefánika 1161/184, SK-075 01 Trebišov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | | | | | and water protection, waste management | | | | | |
| | SK- E21 | Okresný úrad Spišská Nová Ves | County Office Spišská Nová Ves | Štefánikovo námestie 5, SK-052 01 Spišská Nová Ves; Markušovská cesta 1, SK- 052 01 Spišská Nová Ves http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- spisska-nova- ves | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E22 | Okresný úrad Rožňava | County Office Rožňava | Špitálska 3, SK-048 01 Rožňava; http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- roznava | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E23 | Okresný úrad Michalovce | County Office Michalovce | Námestie slobody 1, SK-071 01 Michalovce http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- michalovce | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E24 | Okresný úrad Košice- okolie | County Office Košice- surroundings | Hroncova 13, Sk-040 01 Košice http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- kosice-okolie | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E25 | Okresný úrad Gelnica | County Office Gelnica | Hlavná 1, SK- 056 01 Gelnica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- gelnica | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E26 | Okresný úrad Sobrance | County Office Sobrance | Tyršova 12, SK-073 01 Sobrance http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- sobrance | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E27 | Okresný úrad Nitra | County Office Nitra | Štefánikova trieda 69, SK-949 01 Nitra http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- nitra | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E28 | Okresný úrad Šaľa | County Office Šaľa | Hlavná 2/1, SK-927 01 Šaľa http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- sala | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E29 | Okresný úrad Topoľčany | County Office Topoľčany | Nám. Ľ. Štúra 1738, SK-955 40 Topoľčany http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- topolcany | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E30 | Okresný úrad Nové Zámky | County Office Nové Zámky | Podzámska 25, SK-940 01 Nové Zámky http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- nove-zamky | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E31 | Okresný úrad Levice | County Office Levice | Ul. Ľudovíta Štúra 53, 934 03 Levice http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- levice | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E32 | Okresný úrad Komárno | County Office Komárno | Nám. M. R.Štefánika 10, SK-945 01 Komárno http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- komarno | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E33 | Okresný úrad Zlaté Moravce | County Office Zlaté Moravce | Sládkovičova 3, Zlaté Moravce http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- zlate- moravce | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E34 | Okresný úrad Prešov | Okresný úrad Prešov | Námestie mieru 3, SK- 081 92 Prešov http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- presov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E35 | Okresný úrad Humenné | County Office Humenné | Kukorelliho1, SK-066 01 Humenné http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- humenne | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E36 | Okresný úrad Stropkov | Okresný úrad Stropkov | Hlavná 51/26, SK- 091 01 Stropkov http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- stropkov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E37 | Okresný úrad Kežmarok | County Office Kežmarok | Dr. Alexandra 61, SK-060 01 Kežmarok http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- typ4-54 | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E38 | Okresný úrad Poprad | County Office Poprad | Nábrežie Jána Pavla II. 16, SK-058 44 Poprad http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- poprad | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E39 | Okresný úrad Stará Ľubovňa | County Office Stará Ľubovňa | Nám. gen. Štefánika 1, SK-064 01 Stará Ľubovňa http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- stara-lubovna | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E40 | Okresný úrad Svidník | County Office Svidník | Sov. hrdinov 102, SK-089 01 Svidník http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- svidnik | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E41 | Okresný úrad Vranov nad Topľou | County Office Vranov nad Topľou | Námestie slobody 5, SK-093 01 Vranov nad | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | | | | Topľou http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- vranov-nad- toplou | areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | | | | | |
| | SK- E42 | Okresný úrad Bardejov | County Office Bardejov | Dlhý rad 16, SK-085 01 Bardejov http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- bardejov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E43 | Okresný úrad Levoča | County Office Levoča | Námestie Majstra Pavla 59, SK-054 01 Levoča http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- levoca | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E44 | Okresný úrad Medzilaborce | County Office Medzilaborce | Mierová 4, SK-068 01 Medzilaborce http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- medzilaborce | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E45 | Okresný úrad Sabinov | County Office Sabinov | Námestie slobody 85, SK-083 01 Sabinov http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- sabinov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E46 | Okresný úrad Snina | County Office Snina | Partizánska 1057, SK-069 01 Snina http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- snina | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E47 | Okresný úrad Trnava | County Office Trnava | Kollárova 8, SK-917 01 Trnava http://www. minv.sk/?okr | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | | | | esny-urad- trnava | and water protection, waste management | | | | | |
| | SK- E48 | Okresný úrad Senica | County Office Senica | Vajanského 17/1, SK-905 01 Senica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- senica | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E49 | Okresný úrad Dunajská Streda | County Office Dunajská Streda | Korzo B. Bartóka 789/3, SK- 929 01 Dunajská Streda http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- dunajska- streda | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E50 | Okresný úrad Galanta | County Office Galanta | Nová Doba 1408/31, Sk- 924 36 Galanta http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- galanta | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E51 | Okresný úrad Piešťany | County Office Piešťany | Krajinská cesta 5053/13, SK- 921 25 Piešťany http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- piestany | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E52 | Okresný úrad Hlohovec | County Office Hlohovec | Jarmočná 3, SK-920 01 Hlohovec http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- hlohovec | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E53 | Okresný úrad Skalica | County Office Skalica | Námestie slobody 15, Sk-909 01 Skalica http://www. minv.sk/?zakl adne- informacie-3 | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E54 | Okresný úrad Trenčín | County Office Trenčín | Hviezdoslavo va 3, SK-911 01 Trenčín http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- trencin | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E55 | Okresný úrad Prievidza | County Office Prievidza | Medzibriežko vá č. 2, SK- 971 01 Prievidza http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- prievidza | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E56 | Okresný úrad Nové Mesto nad Váhom | County Office Nové Mesto nad Váhom | Hviezdoslavo va 36, SK- 915 41 Nové Mesto nad Váhom http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- nove-mesto- nad-vahom-1 | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E57 | Okresný úrad Považská Bystrica | County Office Považská Bystrica | Centrum 1/1, SK-017 01 Považská Bystrica http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- povazska- bystrica | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E58 | Okresný úrad Bánovce nad Bebravou | County Office Bánovce nad Bebravou | Námestie Ľ. Štúra 7/7, SK-957 01 Bánovce n./B. http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- banovce-nad- bebravou | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E59 | Okresný úrad Ilava | County Office Ilava | Mierové námestie 81/18, SK- 019 01 Ilava http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- ilava | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E60 | Okresný úrad Myjava | County Office Myjava | Moravská 1, SK-907 01 Myjava http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- myjava | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E61 | Okresný úrad Partizánske | County Office Partizánske | Námestie SNP 151/6, SK-958 01 Partizánske http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- partizanske | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E62 | Okresný úrad - Púchov | County Office Púchov | Štefánikova 820, SK-020 01 Púchov http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- puchov | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E63 | Okresný úrad Žilina | County Office Žilina | Janka Kráľa 4, SK-010 40 Žilina http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- zilina | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E64 | Okresný úrad Ružomberok | County Office Ružomberok | Dončova 11, SK-034 11 Ružomberok http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- ruzomberok | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | Code | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| | SK- E65 | Okresný úrad Námestovo | County Office Námestovo | Miestneho priemyslu 571, SK-029 01 Námestovo http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- namestovo | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E66 | Okresný úrad Martin | County Office Martin | Námestie S.H.Vajanské ho 1, SK-036 58 Martin http://www. minv.sk/?zakl adne- informacie-49 | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E67 | Okresný úrad Liptovský Mikuláš | County Office Liptovský Mikuláš | Nám. osloboditeľov 1, Sk-031 01 Liptovský Mikuláš http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- liptovsky- mikulas | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E68 | Okresný úrad Dolný Kubín | County Office Dolný Kubín | Námestie Slobody 1, SK-026 01 Dolný Kubín http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- dolny-kubin | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E69 | Okresný úrad Čadca | County Office Čadca | Palárikova 91, SK-022 01 Čadca http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- cadca | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| | SK- E70 | Okresný úrad Bytča | County Office Bytča | Zámok 104, SK-014 01 Bytča http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- bytca | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| SK- E71 | Okresný úrad Kysucké Nové Mesto | County Office Kysucké Nové Mesto | Litovelská 1218, SK-024 01 Kysucké Nové Mesto http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- kysucke- nove-mesto | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Y | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| SK- E72 | Okresný úrad Turčianske Teplice | County Office Turčianske Teplice | UI. SNP 514/122, SK- 039 01 Turčianske Teplice http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- turcianske- teplice | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |
| SK- E73 | Okresný úrad Tvrdošín | County Office Tvrdošín | Medvedzie 254, SK-027 44 Tvrdošín http://www. minv.sk/?okr esny-urad- tvrdosin | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas, environmental and water protection, waste management | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 180/2013 Coll. on the organization of local government | None |

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| | SK- E74 | Bratislavský samosprávny kraj | Bratislava Self- governing Region | Sabinovská 16, P.O. Box 106, SK-820 05 Bratislava 25 http://www.r egion- bsk.sk/clanok /sidlo-uradu- bsk- 521446.aspx | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |
| | SK- E75 | Trnavský samosprávny kraj | Trnava Self- governing Region | Starohájska 10, P.O.BOX 128, SK- 917 01 Trnava https://www. trnava- vuc.sk/ | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |
| | SK- E76 | Trenčiansky samosprávny kraj | Trenčín Self- governing Region | K dolnej stanici 7282/20A, SK-911 01 Trenčín http://www.t sk.sk/en/the- self- governing- region-of- trencin.html? | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |

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| | SK- E77 | Žilinský samosprávny kraj | Žilina Self- governing Region | Komenského 48, SK-011 09 Žilina http://www.r egionzilina.sk /en/ | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |
| | SK- E78 | Nitriansky samosprávny kraj | Nitra Self- governing Region | Rázusova 2A, SK-949 01 Nitra https://www. unsk.sk/ | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |
| | SK- E79 | Banskobystri cký samosprávny kraj | Banská Bystrica Self- governing Region | Námestie SNP 23, SK- 974 01 Banská Bystrica https://www. vucbb.sk/eng .aspx | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Υ | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |

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| | SK- E80 | Prešovský samosprávny kraj | Prešov Self- governing Region | Námestie mieru 2 , SK- 080 01 Prešov http://www.p o- kraj.sk/sk/sa mosprava/ura d/zakladne- informacie/ | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |
| | SK- E81 | Košický samosprávny kraj | Košice Self- governing Region | Námestie Maratónu mieru 1, SK- 042 66 Košice http://web.vu cke.sk/en/fac ts/welcome/w elcome.html | Standpoint to exploration and extraction, as well as to issuing of exploration areas and mining areas | Υ | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 302/2011 Coll. about the self-governing in the higher territorial units | None |

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| SK- E82 | Obvodný banský úrad v Bratislave | District Mining Office in Bratislava | Obvodný banský úrad v Bratislave, Mierová 19, SK-821 05 Bratislava http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Obvo dne-banske- urady.alej | Permitting authority in the Bratislava district for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas - it covers the counties Bratislava I, Bratislava II, Bratislava IV, Bratislava V, Malacky, Pezinok, Senec, Myjava, Trnava, Dunajská Streda, Galanta, Hlohovec, Piešťany, Senica, Skalica, Nitra, Komárno, Levice, Nové Zámky, Šaľa and Zlaté Moravce | N | Y | Υ | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is futher regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |

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| SK- E83 | Obvodný banský úrad v Banskej Bystrici | District Mining Office in Banská Bystrica | Obvodný banský úrad in Banská Bystrica, ul. 9. mája č. 2, SK-975 90 Banská Bystrica http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Obvo dne-banske- urady.alej | Permitting authority in the Banská Bystrica district for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas - it covers the counties Banská Bystrica, Banská Štiavnica, Brezno, Detva, Krupina, Lučenec, Poltár, Veľký Krtíš, Zvolen, Žarnovica, Žiar nad Hronom, Dolný Kubín, Liptovský Mikuláš, Martin, Námestovo, Ružomberok, Turčianske Teplice and Tvrdošín | N | Y | Y | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is futher regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |

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| SK- E84 | Obvodný banský úrad v Košiciach | District Mining Office in Košice | Obvodný banský úrad in Košice, Timonova č. 23, SK-041 57 Košice http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Obvo dne-banske- urady.alej | Permitting authority in the Košice district for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas - it covers the counties Košice I, Košice II, Košice III, Košice IV, Košice-okolie, Michalovce, Sobrance, Trebišov, Prešov, Bardejov, Humenné, Medzilaborce, Sabinov, Snina, Stropkov, Svidník and Vranov nad Topľou | N | Y | Υ | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is futher regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |

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| SK- E85 | Obvodný banský úrad v Prievidzi | District Mining Office in Prievidza | Obvodný banský úrad v Prievidzi, Matice slovenskej 10, SK-971 22 Prievidza http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Obvo dne-banske- urady.alej | Permitting authority for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas in the counties Trenčín, Bánovce nad Bebravou, Ilava, Nové Mesto nad Váhom, Partizánske, Považská Bystrica, Prievidza, Púchov, Žilina, Bytča, Čadca, Kysucké Nové Mesto and Topoľčany | N | Y | Y | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is futher regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |

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| | SK- E86 | Obvodný banský úrad v Spišskej Novej Vsi | District Mining Office in Spišská Nová Ves | Obvodný banský úrad v Spišská Nová Vesi, Markušovská 1, SK-052 80 Spišská Nová Ves http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Obvo dne-banske- urady.alej | Permitting authority for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas in the counties Kežmarok, Levoča, Poprad, Stará Ľubovňa, Gelnica, Rožňava, Spišská Nová Ves, Revúca and Rimavská Sobota | N | Y | Y | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is further regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |
| | SK- E87 | Ministerstvo hospodárstv a Slovenskej republiky | Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic | Mierova 19, SK-827 15 Bratislava http://www. mhsr.sk/ | The state supervising of the Slovak industry, energetics, extraction of raw materials (ores, industrial minerals, energy resources), protection and use of raw materials, incl. the safety of mining operations, support to small and medium enterprises, policy related to forming and support of business environment | Y | Y | Y | Laws related to Ministry of Economy of SR are available on http://www.mhsr.sk/pravne-normy-vydane-v-posobnosti-mh-sr-zverejnene-v-zbierke-zakonov-4630/126315s | None |

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| | SK- E88 | Ministerstvo dopravy, výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja Slovenskej republiky | Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic | Namestie slobody 6, SK-810 05 Bratislava http://www.t elecom.gov.s k/index/index .php | State supervision of the land use/spatial planning; on regional/municipal/local level it is realized by competent authorities in the Regional/Municipal/Loc al Offices of the state administration; assessment of the transport ways of extracted raw material. | Υ | Y | Y | Documents related to Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional development of SR are available on http://www.mpsr.sk/index.php?navID=47&sI D=23&navID2=6 | None |
| | SK- E89 | Ministerstvo pôdohospodá rstva a rozvoja vidieka Slovenskej republiky | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic | Dobrovičova 12, SK-812 66 Bratislava http://www. mpsr.sk/ | The state supervising of the agriculture and related land use in Slovakia | Υ | Υ | Υ | Documents related to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR are available on http://www.mpsr.sk/index.php?navID=47&sI D=23&navID2=1 | None |
| | SK- E90 | Ministerstvo vnútra Slovenskej republiky | Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic | Pribinova 2, SK-812 72 Bratislava http://www. minv.sk/?poli cia | Qualified standpoint in permitting process, if some parts of intended exploration or mining areas are located on territories allocated for special purposes to this ministry. Police affairs. | Υ | Y | Y | Law No. 171/1993 Coll The Police Act | None |

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| | SK- E91 | Ministerstvo obrany Slovenskej republiky | The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic | Kutuzovova 8, SK-832 47 Bratislava http://www. mosr.sk/uvod na-stranka/ | Qualified standpoint in permitting process, if some parts of intended exploration or mining areas are located on territories allocated for special purposes to this ministry. Army affairs. | Υ | Υ | Y | Law No. 321/2002 Coll. about the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic | None |
| | SK- E92 | Štátny geologický ústav Dionýza Štúra | State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr (Geological Survey of Slovak Republic) | Mlynská dolina 1, SK- 817 04 Bratislava | Registration of all exploration and mining activities in Slovakia, storing of all final reports of these activities in the Geofond archives, active role in geological investigation and survey, technological investigation, geoanalytical laboratories | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 569/2007 Coll Geological Law | None |
| | SK- E93 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Bratislava | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Bratislava | Leškova 17, 811 04 Bratislava https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- bratislava | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Υ | Y | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |

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| | SK- E94 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Trnava | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Trnava | Cukrová 1, 917 01 Trnava https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- trnava | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |
| | SK- E95 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Trenčín | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Trenčín | K dolnej stanici 7282/20A, SK-911 01 Trenčín https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- trencin | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |
| | SK- E96 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Žilina | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Žilina | Mariánske nám. 19, SK- 010 01 Žilina https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- zilina | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |

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| | SK- E97 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Nitra | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Nitra | Námestie Jána Pavla II. 8, 949 01 Nitra https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- nitra | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |
| | SK- E98 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Banská Bystrica | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Banská Bystrica | Lazovná 8, SK-975 65 Banská Bystrica https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- banska- bystrica | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |
| | SK- E99 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Prešov | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Prešov | Hlavná 115, SK-080 01 Prešov https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- presov | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |

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| SK- E100 | Krajský pamiatkový úrad Košice | The Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - Košice | Hlavná 25, 040 01 Košice https://www. pamiatky.sk/ sk/page/kpu- kosice | Issuing of official qualitied standpoint and recommendations to archeological survey before exploration and mining is agreed | Y | Υ | N | The NR SR Law No. 49/2002 Coll. on the cultural heritage protection as amended by later regulations | None |
| SK- E101 | Úrad verejného zdravotníctv a Slovenskej republiky | Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic | Trnavská cesta 52, SK- 826 45 Bratislava http://www.u vzsr.sk/ | Inspection institution dealing with the working conditions, quality of drinking water, noise level, etc. | Υ | Υ | Y | The competences and the field of action of this inspection institution are based on the NR SR Law No. 355/2007 Coll. | None |
| SK- E102 | Štátna ochrana prírody | State Nature Protection Agency | Tajovského 28B, SK-974 09 Banská Bystrica http://www.s opsr.sk/web/ | Qualified official standpoint to exploration/mining activities in intended area concerning the recent and future nature and land protection, incl. fauna, flora and NATURA 2000 sites | Y | Y | Y | The nature protection In Slovakia is based on the laws No. 543/2002 Coll. and 15/2005 Coll. | None |

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| permitting (regional, central, national) | SK- E103 | Hlavný banský úrad v Banskej Štiavnici | Main Mining Office in Banská štiavnica | Hlavný banský úrad, Kammerhofsk á č. 25, SK- 969 50 Banská Štiavnica http://www.h bu.sk/sk/Iden tifikacia- organizacie/K ontakty/Hlav ny-bansky- urad.alej | Supreme permitting authority for issuing the mining licences and assignment of mining areas | N | Y | Y | Stature is based on the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. as amended by the laws nos. 498/1991 Coll., 154/1995 Coll., 558/2001 Coll., 214/2002 Coll., 219/2007 Coll., and 104/2010 Coll. The mining is futher regulated by the laws nos. 51/1988 Coll., 577/2007 Coll., 336/1992 Coll. and 618/2007 Coll. | None |
| Second instance perm | SK- E104 | Najvyšší kontrolný úrad Slovenskej republiky | The Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic | Priemyselná 2, 824 73 Bratislava 26 https://www. nku.gov.sk/h ome | The supreme inspection body supervising the subjects (state institutions, private companies or persons) having allocated for their activities the finances from the state budget in any extent. | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law No. 39/1993 Coll. about the Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic | None |

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| Court jurisdiction | SK- E105 | Krajský súd v Bratislave | Regional Court Bratislava | Záhradnícka 10, SK-813 66 Bratislava https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_101 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Y | Υ | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| SK- E106 | Krajský súd v Trnave | Regional Court Trnava | Vajanského 2, SK-918 70 Trnava https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_109 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| SK- E107 | Krajský súd v Trenčíne | Regional Court Trenčín | Námestie sv. Anny č. 28, SK-911 50 Trenčín https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_116 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| SK- E108 | Krajský súd v Žiline | Regional Court Žilina | Orolská 3, SK-010 01 Žilina https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_130 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Υ | Y | | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| | SK- E109 | Krajský súd v Nitre | Regional Court Nitra | Štúrova 9, SK-950 48 Nitra https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_123 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Υ | Υ | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| SK- E110 | Krajský súd v Banskej Bystrici | Regional Court Banská Bystrica | Skuteckého 7, SK-974 87 Banská Bystrica https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_138 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Υ | Y | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

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| | | | | Address / web access | | | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | |
| | SK- E111 | Krajský súd v Prešove | Regional Court Prešov | Hlavná 22, SK-080 01 Prešov https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_155 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

| | Name of entity | English name of entity | Address / web access | | | Relevant to | | | |
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| Code | | | | Role in permitting | exploration | extraction | post extraction | Statute or relevant piece of legislation | Remarks |
| SK- E112 | Krajský súd v Košiciach | Regional Court Košice | Štúrova 29, SK-041 51 Košice https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_147 | Because the eventual lawsuits related to issuing of the exploration and mining licences / assignment of the exploration and mining areas / exploration and mining activities relate the subjects of the whole-country or large regional impact, as well as higher levels of the State Administration, the first-instance courts represent as a rule the Regional courts (not the County courts). | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |
| SK- E113 | Najvyšší súd Slovenskej republiky | Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic | Župné nám. 13, SK-814 90 Bratislava https://obcan .justice.sk/inf osud/- /infosud/reg- detail/sud/su d_100 | The Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic has a function of an appellate review court. Being the supreme judicial body, the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic never acts as a first instance court. | Y | Y | Y | The NR SR Law 757/2004 Coll. about courts as amended by later regulations | None |

1.5. Licensing procedures for exploration

Summary of all the different permitting procedures for exploration

The first step of permitting procedure for exploration of reserved minerals in Slovakia is the elaboration of a Request for assignment of exploration area, or a special exploration area, by the applicant and submitting it for the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic with all necessary documents (§ 21-23 of the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll.). If for the same geological works and the same exploration area several subjects are applying, the Ministry starts the permitting process for the exploration area determination on the request of the first applicant.

The second step represents the issuing of a Decision on the designation of exploration area or a special exploration area by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (§ 23 sect. 12-15 of the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll.).

Note: A special exploration area is determined in the case when geological works in this exploration area are financed from the state budget or other public sources (§ 27 sect. 1 of the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll.)

<u>Differences for the different types of mineral deposits</u>

In Slovakia, the mineral deposits are of two categories: Reserved deposits are the deposits of reserved minerals (Division on reserved minerals and non-reserved minerals is defined by the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll.; reserved minerals encompass not only metals, but also some industrial/construction minerals):

- a) radioactive minerals,
- b) all kinds of coal, oil and natural gas, bituminous rocks for energy use,
- c) minerals for industrial metal production,
- d) magnesite,
- e) minerals for industrial phosphorus, sulphur and fluorine production,
- f) rock salt, potassium, boron, bromine and iodine salts,
- g) graphite, barite, asbestos, mica, talc, diatomite, glass and foundry sand, mineral pigments, bentonite,
- h) minerals for industrial production of REE and semiconductor elements,
- i) granite, granodiorite, diorite, gabbro, diabase, serpentinite, dolomite and limestone, if they are polishable and mineable in blocks, travertine,
- j) technical crystals and gemstones,
- k) halloysite, kaolin, ceramic and refractory clays and claystones, gypsum, anhydrite, feldspar, perlite and zeolite,
- l) quartz, quartzite, limestone, dolomite, marl, basalt, clinkstone, trachyte, if they are suitable for chemical processing and smelting,
- m) mineralized waters for reserved minerals production,
- n) technically usable natural gases, other than stated in b).

Deposits of reserved minerals (reserved deposits) represent the state's mineral wealth.

Other minerals (i.e. minerals not included in the list of reserved minerals above) are non-reserved, and their deposits belong into category of non-reserved deposits. They are part of the land and belong to owner of the estate. Geological license is not required for the surface prospecting of non-reserved minerals performed by the land owners (§ 4 of Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll.).

Description of the permitting procedures

According to the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., incl. later amendments, the mineral prospecting (exploration) can be executed on the exploration area only. The allocation of exploration area to applicant (physical or legal person possessing the geological license = legalization to do geological works) belongs to competency of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic. Concerning raw materials, the selected geological works executed on exploration area encompass the deposit geological survey of (1) reserved minerals, excluding the geological survey performed directly in the exploitation area, (2) natural rock structures and underground spaces for the purpose of stowage, and (3) natural rock structures and underground spaces for the purpose of setting up and operation of the underground gasses and liquids reservoirs.

The permitting procedure for allocation of an exploration area is also described below in Fig. 1.

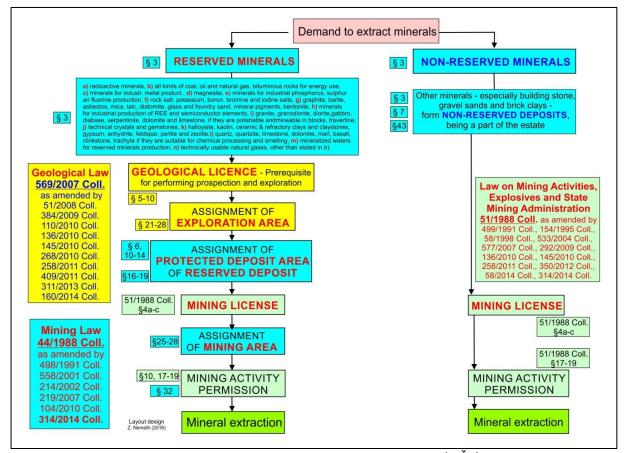


Fig. 1: Scheme of permitting procedures for exploration and exploitation in Slovakia.

Source: Slovakian Geological Survey (State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr)

Public entities involved in the process

The number of authorities and public entities involved in the permitting process for the allocation of an exploration area (all responsible authorities, not just the main ones, excluding appeal instances) is given below in Table 3.

Table 3: Slovakia. Number of authorities involved in the permitting process.

| Mineral type | Exploration |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Reserved minerals: | 1 ³ + up to circa 27 |
| Non-reserved minerals: | from 0 up to 27 |

Source: Slovakian Geological Survey (State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr)

For exploration of reserved minerals, the main authority is Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (SR).

For non-reserved minerals, it varies considerably from the case to case. Besides the main authorities, the standpoints also of local authorities are inevitable, encompassing the standpoints of the county and municipality offices (their number changes according to the extent of the territory, covered by the exploration or mining area), as well as all subjects of the nature protection. Next there are requested the standpoint of the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr (Division of Geofond), standpoint of the holder of exploration area for other purpose if there is any overlap (if requested new one is located partly or fully within it). There must be taken into account that the exploration and exploitation could be in conflict also with interests protected by special regulations. In such case there is a need to receive standpoints of a larger number of subjects (total number up to 27):

- 1. Competent District Environmental Office (nature and landscape protection)
- 2. Competent District Environmental Office (State Water Management requested in special cases)
- 3. Competent County Environmental Office (State Water Management) according to § 28 sect. 2 letter d) of the Law No. 364/2004 Coll. about water and the amendment of the Law No. 372/1990 Coll. on offenses as amended by the later regulations (Water Law)
- 4. State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr, Geofond, Bratislava
- 5. Competent District Mining Office
- 6. Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic Inspectorate of Spas and Springs, Bratislava
- 7. Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, Property and Building Management
- 8. Competent District Land Office
- 9. Competent Forest Office
- 10. Competent District Memorials Office
- 11. Slovak Road Administration, Bratislava
- 12. Národná diaľničná spoločnosť, a. s. (National Highway Comp.), Bratislava

³ Exploration: The main authority is Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic. Exploitation: The main authority is District Mining Office (being supervised by the Main Mining Office and the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic).

- 13. Slovak Railways, Directorate General, Expertise Division, Bratislava
- 14. Slovak Water Management Company (competent branch)
- 15. Relevant water supply company
- 16. Slovak Electricity Transmission System, Bratislava
- 17. Relevant Slovak Energy Comp.
- 18. Slovak Telekom, Comp., Bratislava
- 19. Towercom, a. s., Bratislava
- 20. Relevant company, which manages telecommunication networks and equipment (e.g.: Orange Slovakia, Comp., Bratislava; Telefónica Slovakia, Ltd., Bratislava; SITEL, Ltd., Košice; eventually others)
- 21. Eustream, Comp., Bratislava
- 22. SPP Distribution, Comp., Bratislava
- 23. Transpetrol Comp., Bratislava
- 24. Organization that has already designated mining area (if it is located in suggested exploration area)
- 25. Organization, registering and protecting the reserved deposit (if it is located in suggested exploration area)
- 26. The owner of exploration area, who has assigned the exploration area for other purpose (if it is located in suggested exploration area)
- 27. Municipalities and relevant higher land territorial unit (in the case of the deposit geological survey for radioactive minerals)

Timeframes

The legal timeframes for the Ministry of Environment of SR (authority for permitting exploration; Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll. as amended by later regulations; Law on Administrative Procedure No. 71/1967 Coll. as amended by later regulations) take into account the completeness of the documents submitted by the applicant. In most cases there are still missing some items which applicant is requested additionally to submit during the active decision making process on the Ministry of Environment of the SR, so as a rule the permitting process for exploration in the case of reserved minerals lasts 3-6 months. The deposits of non-reserved minerals are part of land (§7 of Mining Law), so their exploration by the owner of the land does not require an approval by the Ministry of Environment of the SR. In case of exploration by other company (not land owner) it requires the standpoints of a different number of subjects (total number varies from 0 up to 27).

Geographic areas covered by the permit

According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., incl. later amendments, the exploration area represents a space on the surface defined by a closed geometric polygon with straight sides without free segments, delimited under the surface by vertical planes passing through these sides. The vertices of the exploration area are determined on the surface by coordinates in the valid coordinate system (JTSK – Krovak system in Slovakia). The

exploration area is approved by the Ministry of Environment of SR after expert consideration, if the documentation is complete and stakeholder's standpoints are positive. The exploration areas for the same purpose cannot overlap. Exploration area can have maximum 250 km² territorial extent (§ 22, sect. 2). The exploration area for deposit geological survey of reserved minerals can encompass only one reserved deposit with protected deposit area for the same kind of raw material. A minimum surface of the exploration area is not stated by the law.

Rights and duties of the licensee

Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll. § 22 sect. 4: If geological works have not started in concordance with the project of geological task within one year from the date of validity of the license for exploration area, the Ministry can abolish it. If geological works have not started even until the second year of validity, the Ministry will abolish it. Geological works are considered as being started, when at least 10% from the budget of geological task was applied for their performing.

Legal nature of the rights

According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll. § 22 sect. 3, the exploration area can be transferred to other subject ("contractual transfer") with the agreement of the Ministry of Environment of the SR at the earliest after the realization of works at least of 10% of the projected budget of geological task.

Sect. 6: Based on the suggestion of the license holder, the Ministry can abolish or modify (reduce or enlarge) the exploration area.

Sect. 7: Ministry based on suggestion of the license holder or based on its own initiative will decide about abolishing of the exploration area, if geological works had permanently stopped before the end of time interval for their performing.

Links between the exploration permit and a future license for extraction

The organization has a right of priority for issuing of future exploitation license = the right of priority for assignment of the Mining area only when it has explored the reserved mineral deposit on its own costs (using its own finances, not e.g. the financial sources from the state budget; Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., § 24, as amended by related laws). This right must be applied by the organization up to 1 year (amendment of Mining Law from 01. 01. 2015; before the stated time limit was 6 months) after the acceptance of reserves computation (i.e. the result of exploration) by the Ministry of Environment of the SR. If organization will not apply for the Mining area, the competent District Mining Office will announce a tender (selection process) for assignment of the Mining area to another organization.

The holder of the Exploration area for the deposit geological survey of reserved minerals has in 1 year period after the assessment and approval of the final report by the Ministry of Environment of the SR the priority for allocation of the Mining area under a special regulation (Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., § 25, section 2)

According to amendment of the Mining Law No. 219/2007 Coll., § 12, in the case of discovery of a new deposit of reserved minerals, the discoverer had a duty immediately notify about it the Ministry of Environment of the SR. After verifying it, the Ministry will issue a certificate to discoverer and reward him. The amount of remuneration has to be determined according to the scientific, technological and economic importance of the discovery. The organization as a discoverer has only a right of reimbursement of the costs

incurred. Despite, the next amendment of the Mining Law (No. 2019/2007 Coll.) has completely deleted such rewarding (§ 12) from the Mining Law.

Average length to get an exploration permit

According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., amended by later regulations (including the most recent one - No. 160/2014 Coll.), geological prospection or exploration for reserved minerals can be performed by physical or legal person only following the Geological license, issued by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic to Slovak or foreign person. Works can be executed on Exploration area only. The Exploration area is granted by the Ministry of Environment of the SR for 4 years (yearly remittance per 1 square km is 100 EUR; counted also for any open square km). Period can be extended in the case of need for further four years with yearly remittance 199 EUR/1 km2 and then for next two years with yearly remittance 332 EUR/1 km2. If after these 10 years still some exploration works are necessary, there is still possible a prolongation for a period strictly necessary for completing them (yearly remittance is such case is 664 EUR/1 km2). The application for extension must be submitted at least three months before the expiration of previous license.

The average length to get an exploration permit (real timeframe) corresponds to those stated in the legislative norms, i.e. between three and six months. There are no delays caused by the authorities.

Integrity Assessment

Similarly, as in exploration, the lack of transparency is not known. If there occur some uncertainties, these are explained by the District Mining Office or the Main Mining Office. According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 19 (Submission and access to the final reports), sect. 1: The customer is obliged to deliver the final report or other geological documentation free of charge to the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr within the specified extent and layout for the permanent storage and further use no later than one month from its approval or acceptance. (It relates the exploration as well as deposit geological survey documentation.)

Section 2: The customer at the submission of the final report announce to the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr the conditions for its access and providing an information from it, including requested financial charges. Conditions are binding for ten years from the date of their submission to State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr.

The public access to final reports improves the transparency in mining activities.

Main problems or major modifications related to exploration permitting

According to our Slovak expert: "The permitting chain concerning the decision-making process of authorities from the Ministry of Environment of the SR is effective. The main obstacle in obtaining exploration permits is the veto right, being frequently applied by the local self-governing subjects – the authorities of the village/town and district offices in case of radioactive minerals. It seems that the authorities of these offices meet the requests of their previous/future voters. As a principal problem, there occurs extended EIA approval process, which in real practice is very prolonged and of extensive cost. In Slovakia, there is known a case of more than 6 years lasting approval process, reaching only in the first stage of the EIA evaluation the total cost of 300,000 EUR. The positive decisions of authorities, leading to assignment of the Exploration area, are relatively frequently appealed by opponents through the courts.

Due to negative public opinion also the principal laws (Geological Law and Mining Law) were amended in 2014, encompassing additional demands and limitations in the approval

process (e.g. in each approval step the standpoint of the public plays a decisive role). The Ministry of Environment of the SR must reject the assignment of Exploration area, if the local administration authority does not agree with its assignment due to the protection of public interests of a village / town / self-governing region in case of radioactive minerals (e.g. due to intended different land use of the territory in question).

The permitting process of assignment of exploration areas would be more effective by cancelling the veto right and restricting the power of the public for the time only in the beginning phases of the permitting process. Higher phases of the permitting process should involve only competent experts from the ministries, exploration/mining organizations, environmentalists and other relevant stakeholders".

1.6. Licensing procedures for extraction

<u>Differences for the different types of mineral deposits</u>

According to Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration, incl. its later amendments, the mining activity permission in the case of reserved as well as non-reserved deposits is issued by the District Mining Office not later than 2 months after receiving the request (§ 17, sect. 4). If documents submitted by the applicant do not contain all necessary items, he is requested to complete them. This completing interval is not accounted into the two months' limit, so the decision of the District Mining Office is done in this case legally later.

The request for assignment of the Mining area has to contain (1) the standpoint of the relevant ministry according to type of raw material from the viewpoint of the raw material policy, (2) decision defining the Protected Deposit Area, (3) appropriate license for performing mining. Addressed subjects (stakeholders) will provide their standpoints in the period which must not be shorter than 15 days. If there is a need to prolong this period, the District Mining Office prolongs it according to the request. The District Mining Office can request also further documents related preferably to the protection and rational use of the reserved deposit and impacts of its mining.

According to our Slovak expert: "The process of assignment of Mining area may be very prolonged especially in the case of the most worrisome raw materials - e.g. gold (public concern due to application of cyanidation in processing - as an example there can serve the case of permits for gold mining in the Kremnica and Detva localities), U/Mo bearing ore (the threat of radioactivity; the case of the Košice deposit), because potential stakeholder opposing such projects still a possibility to challenge the favourable standpoint of the District Mining Office through the court. Therefore, there is a small chance for the success in allocation of the Mining area especially due to the prolonged court cases lasting numerous years. During the permitting process, especially the EIA considerations are much time and finances consuming".

Description of the permitting procedures

Mineral exploitation licensing process in the case of reserved as well as non-reserved minerals consists of several successive steps. Each of them starts with the application, submitted by the applicant to the relevant District Mining Office, being responsible for the mining in locality where the future mining is intended to be performed.

1. Elaboration of a request for determination of the Protected deposit area (Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., § 10, section 1, letter a), Directive No. 79/1988 Coll. of the Slovak Mining Office, in both cases as amended by later regulations). The request must be submitted to the relevant District Mining Office within an interval of 3 months from the delivery of the certificate on reserved deposit. The process finishes by issuing of the Decision about the protected deposit area by the District Mining Office.

- 2. Assignment of Mining area (Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 25-28) by the District Mining Office under authority of relevant nature protection body statement. Resolution on assignment of Mining area represents also a resolution on the land use and is included into the land use plan and relevant documentation. For the assignment of Mining area in some cases (but not as a rule in the case of simple geological conditions of the deposit), the applicant (organization) needs to perform the Detailed geological survey of the deposit, which requires again the determination of the exploration area. Such survey is finished by the approval of the computation of reserves in category Z-2 (eventually Z-1) by the Commission for the classification of reserves of reserved deposits of the Slovak Republic (Decree of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 33/2015 Z. z.Coll.). The request for the determination of the Mining area is submitted to the relevant District Mining Office (according to location of the deposit) by applicant (organization; Decree of the Slovak Mining Office No. 79/1988 Coll., § 10). The organization which explored the reserved mineral deposit on its own investments has a right of priority for assigning the Mining area. This right must be applied by the organization up to 1 year (formerly it was 6 months) after the acceptance of Computation of reserves by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic. If organization will not apply for the Mining area, the competent District Mining Office will announce a tender (selection process) for assignment of Mining area to another organization.
- 3. Mineral exploitation could then start after issuing of the Mining activity permission by the District Mining Office (Law No. 51/1988 Coll., § 17-19), being based on the Plan of mine opening and exploitation of the deposit (Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., § 32; Law No. 51/1988 Coll., § 10).

We must emphasize that for mining there is inevitable also the Mining license (Law No. 51/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 4a-c): The mining activity in the case of reserved deposits and activity done by mining method in the case of deposits of non-reserved mineral (difference stated by § 2 and 3) can be done only under an authorisation issued by the District Mining Office.

Public entities involved in the process

Exploitation

Reserved minerals: 1 + ca 27

Non-reserved minerals: from 1 up to 27

Institutions and public entities involved in the process of mining approval correspond with those involved in the permitting process for exploration – cf. subchapter 5.5. For mining of reserved minerals, the total number is 1 (District Mining Office) + ca 27. In the case of non-reserved deposits, it is easier - required is a decision of the District Mining Office, though the local conflicts of interests have to be solved prior the District Mining Office allows mineral extraction. Number of entities depends on the type of mineral and ownership of the land.

Public entities (self-governing administration units) play a restraining role in the permitting process. In Slovakia, the towns/villages self-governments are associated by the Association of Municipalities, which decision represents one of principal factors in the permitting process.

Timeframes

According to Law No. 51/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, the mining activity permission should be issued by the District Mining Office not later than 2 months (§ 17). If documents submitted by the applicant do not cover all necessary items, he is requested to complete them. This completing interval is not accounted into the 2 months limit, so the decision of the District Mining Office is done legally later.

Geographic areas covered by the permit

Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments: The boundaries of the mining area are determined on the surface by closed geometrical polygon with straight sides, having vertices defined with coordinates in valid coordinate system (JTSK – Krovak system in Slovakia). Its spatial boundaries are usually determined by vertical planes passing through the surface boundaries. These spatial boundaries may exceptionally be determined by natural boundaries. Mining area can have also depth limitation (§ 26, sect. 1).

Rights and duties of the licensee

Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 24:

Section 1: The organization possessing the mining license and having allocated the mining area has a right to exploit the reserved deposit and to use of exploited raw material.

Section 2: The preferential right for allocation of the mining area has the organization, which has allocated the exploration area and the survey it did on their own cost. During the validity of decision about allocation of exploration area, there is not possible to determine the mining area to other organization for the same type of raw material, as the exploration area is devoted.

Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 27:

Section 7: Organization can its allocated mining area contractually transfer to other organization, which has relevant mining license after the prior decision by the District Mining Office. Such decision is valid three months after its entry into force.

Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 31:

Section 3: For the exploitation of reserved deposit, the organization is authorized to

- a) set up within the mining area, eventually in necessary also outside of it the buildings and operational devices necessary for opening, preparation and exploitation, as well as activities done in relation with the exploitation of the reserved deposit, as well as processing and refining of minerals, done in relation with their exploitation and transport of all necessary facilities and materials,
- b) perform the tasks covered by this Law to acquire real estates or rights to these estates by the decision on expropriation, or establishment of the right of their use.

Duties of organization at use of reserved deposit (Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, \S 10):

- a) Submit the determination, change, eventually abolition of the protected deposit area,
- b) Maintain mining-geodetic and geological documentation,
- c) Register the state of reserves of the reserved deposit and its changes,
- d) Solve currently the conflicts of interests at the determination of the exploitation area and at planned opening, preparation and exploitation of reserved deposit, aiming preferably to limit the adverse effects on the environment,
- e) Suggest the determination, change, eventually the abolition of the mining area,
- f) Register the exploitation parameters and pollution at exploitation of the reserved deposit and reached results at processing and beneficiation of the raw materials, done in relation with their exploitation,
- g) Taking care to protect the reserved deposit,

h) Fulfil further duties stipulated by the Mining Law and further generally binding regulations.

Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 31:

Section 1: If during the exploitation in the mining area a deposit of other reserved mineral is found, differing from that for which the mining area was determined, the organization is obliged to announce it immediately to the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic and the relevant District Mining Office. If the geological survey confirms that, this new deposit can be exploited and the exploitation by different organization would not be rational, the District Mining Office may impose an obligation to this organization to exploit also this reserved deposit. In the cases, which exploitation of this newly discovered deposit would not be rational, the organization is obliged to take appropriate measures for its protection.

Section 2: For more accurate knowledge of the quantity and quality of reserves, geological and mining-technical conditions of exploitation, during its exploitation the organization is obliged to ensure in necessary advance the next deposit survey within the allocated mining area.

Section 4: After the completion or termination of operation in the main workings and quarries, if there is not possible their other use according this Law or special regulations or there cannot be injured the interests protected by the special regulation, the organization is obliged to liquidate them according to § 32 of the Mining Law, as well as to do the recultivation of agricultural land and forest estate affected by mining, if organization and the owner of the land with the workings or quarry did not do other agreement.

- § 31a: Organization is obliged at mining of reserved deposit to detect and record:
- a) The number of exploited minerals, the amount of possible exploitable minerals in future mining, the pollution and losses from exploited reserved deposit,
- b) At processing and beneficiation of exploited minerals the content of their useful and harmful components in particular batch, semi-products, final product of processing and beneficiation also in its waste,
- 3) The organization observes and registers at exploited metals and accompanying rocks the petrographical and mineralogical composition, the manner and form of occurrence and mutual relations, content and chemical bounds of useful and harmful components, as well as physical-mechanical and chemical-technological parameters of exploited raw materials.
- § 38: At mining activity, the organizations are obliged to secure the safety of operation, including the accident prevention, as well as to carry out the tasks of the mining rescue service, immediately address the dangerous conditions endangering public interests, mainly the safety and protection of health at work, and to manage with advance the necessary preventive and precautionary measures.

Legal nature of the rights

The summarizing of relevant 63 Laws (Acts), related to exploration and mining, as well as related spheres of social life, nature protection, infrastructure, etc., is available in the previous section (1.3).

Links between the exploration permit and a future license for extraction

The priority right to get an exploitation permit for applicants has been described previously.

Average length to get an extraction permit

According to Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and State Mining Administration, incl. its later amendments, the mining activity permission, in the case of reserved as well as non-reserved deposits, is issued by the District Mining Office **not later than two months** after receiving the request (§ 17, sect. 4). If documents submitted by the applicant do not contain all necessary items, he is requested to complete them. This completing interval is not accounted into the 2 months limit, so the decision of the District Mining Office is done in this case legally later.

The request for assignment of the Mining area has to contain (1) the standpoint of the relevant ministry according to the type of raw material from the viewpoint of the raw material policy, (2) decision defining the Protected Deposit Area, (3) appropriate license for performing mining. Addressed subjects (stakeholders) will provide their standpoints in the period which **must not be shorter than 15 days**. If there is a need to prolong this period, the District Mining Office prolongs it according to the request. The District mining office can request also further documents related preferably to the protection and rational use of the reserved deposit and impacts of its mining.

There do not occur any delays caused by the District Mining Office and other stated authorities (two month according to § 17 of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll., incl. later amendments). Though, in real practice the obtaining of exploitation permit is a long process - usually it is more than three years, mainly due to the need of the time and finances demanding Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA; Law No. 24/2006 Coll. as amended by the Law No. 314/2014 Coll.). In numerous cases the obtaining exploitation permit is nearly impossible due to so many obstructions. Opposition is very well organized – e.g. the Greenpeace has issued a manual giving advice to layman, but also to local authorities, what to do legally, when they do not want extraction of minerals in their area. Even a successful issuing of exploitation permit may be reversed due to its challenging by the opponents through the court.

The process of assignment of the Mining area may be very prolonged especially in the case of the most delicate raw materials - e.g. gold (public concern due to application of cyanidation in processing - as an example there can serve the case of permits for gold mining in the Kremnica and Detva localities), U/Mo bearing ore (the threat of radioactivity; the case of the Košice deposit), because potential opponents have still a possibility to challenge the favourable standpoint of the District Mining Office through the court. Therefore, there is a small chance for the success in allocation of the Mining area especially due to the prolonged court cases lasting numerous years. During the permitting process, especially the EIA considerations are much time and finances-intensive.

Integrity Assessment

Similarly, as in exploration, the lack of transparency is not known. If there occur some uncertainties, these are explained by the District Mining Office or the Main Mining Office. According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., incl. later amendments, § 19 (Submission and access to the final reports), sect. 1: The customer is obliged to deliver the final report or other geological documentation free of charge to the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr within the specified extent and layout for the permanent storage and further use no later than one month from its approval or acceptance. (It relates the exploration as well as deposit geological survey documentation.)

Section 2: The customer at the submission of the final report announce to the State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr the conditions for its access and providing an information from it, including requested financial charges. Conditions are binding for ten years from the date of their submission to State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr.

The public access to final reports improves the transparency in mining activities.

Main problems or major modifications related to extraction permitting

According to our Slovak expert: "Slovak legislation related to exploration and mining is well harmonized, so no conflict-generated items are known. The only problem which has occurred during last years and hampers an effort of investors (after the amendments of Mining Lay No. 44/1988 Coll. especially by the laws No. 314/2014 Coll. and 374/2014 Coll.) is an excessive power put on decisions of citizens and local authorities of the self-government mainly on municipalities level. Recently, by this way there can be stopped or not allowed any exploration and mining. Another problem of the approval process for exploration and mining is that there is no time- and cost-limitation for EIA evaluations, and any final judgement can be challenged and forwarded to the court afterwards, which produces further exhaustive process lasting many years, which final judgement is either negative, or even duration of this exhaustive procedure demotivates any investor in the field of exploration and mining.

The prolongation of the approval procedures for exploration and mining are primarily caused by negative public opinion. This negative standpoint is reflected to decisions of local authorities (level of municipalities), arguing that the land use of the property concerned is intended by other way and it is the public interest of supreme priority. EIA and standpoints of environmentalists are often used for extreme prolongation of approval process and the final rejection of exploration and mining activities. So, the most important conflict-generating phenomenon are not the national and regional authorities, but the people (citizens) as a whole".

1.7. Court cases on permitting procedures

The procedural and institutional framework of court appeals

The courts in the Slovak Republic are defined by the **Constitution of the Slovak Republic** – **Law No. 135/2001 Coll.**, Chapter 7 - Judicial Power, Section 2, arts. 141-148.

No. 757/2004 Coll. about courts, as amended by later regulations. The first instance courts are DISTRICT COURTS (Chapter 2, § 14-15), higher instance courts are represented by REGIONAL COURTS (Chapter 3, § 16-17) and the supreme one is the SUPREME COURT (Chapter 4, § 18-24). An independent judicial body protecting constitutionality is represented by the CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (defined by the Chapter 7, Section 1, Art. 124-140 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic – Law No. 135/2001 Coll.

Most decisive and representative court judgements

Concerning the assignment of the Mining Area, the following 57 court cases with judgments (either positive or negative) are available in the database (publicly accessible on web site www.judikaty.info):

Regional courts:

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2015 - 1, 2014 - 3, 2013 - 3, 2012 - 8, 2011 - 8, 2010 - 1, 2009 - 3, 2008 - 2, 2003 - 1
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Supreme Court:

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2014 - 3, 2013 - 1, 2012 - 5, 2011 - 3, 2010 - 3, 2008 - 1, 2007 - 2
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Constitutional Court:

2015 - 2, 2014 -1, 2012 - 3, 2011 - 1, 2009 - 1, 2006 - 1.

Concerning the assignment of the Exploration Area, the following 5 court cases with judgments (either positive or negative) are available in the database:

Regional courts:

2011 - 2, 2010 - 1

Supreme Court:

2012 - 1

Constitutional Court:

2013 - 1

Review of four exemplary court cases describing succession of decisions from those of mining administration to following judicial decisions in several court levels

Case No.: I. ÚS 378/201550

Name of court: Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic

Date of judgment: 18 November 2015

Name of plaintiff (or appellant): Not stated explicitly (from the context it is recognizable that it was Mayor of the village of Bartosova Lehotka)

Name of defendant: The Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka

<u>Judgment in favour of:</u>

The applicant in the case ${\bf 1}$ - The decision of the Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka No. 2/20/07/2015 of 20 July 2015 was nullified.

The defendant in the case $\bf 2$ - The decision of the Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka No. 1/20/07/2015 of 20 July 2015 was confirmed.

Relevance to which stage of permitting: Extraction

Piece of legislation on which the claim (or appeal) is based: Constitutional Law No. 357/2004 Coll. on the protection of the public interest in the discharge of public office

Description (summary) of the case:

The applicant requested the review of the decisions of the Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka in the case of its decisions:

1. No. 2/20/07/2015 of 20 July 2015: The Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka has imposed to the applicant - being the mayor of the village - the public office holder - a fine under Art. 9 of Constitutional Law No. 357/2004 Coll. on the protection of public interest in the performance of functions of public office holders, as amended by later regulations (hereinafter "Constitutional Law") in the amount of 15,348 EUR, corresponding to twelve-month public functionary salary for violation of the obligations laid down in Art. 4 Section 1 and Art. 4 Section 2 Letter a) of the Constitutional Law, because "knowingly failed to inform the municipal council and the citizens of the village on the request of a private company, to be given to municipalities to conduct the administrative procedure for the authorisation of mining activities in the cadaster area Bartosova Lehotka, preferring personal interest above the public

interest and at the same time taking advantage of his role and related power and information acquired during the performance of his duties for the benefit in favour of a legal person".

- 2. No. 1/20/07/2015 of 20 July 2015: The Municipal Council of the village of Bartosova Lehotka has imposed to the applicant being the mayor of the village the public office holder a fine under Art. 9 of the Constitutional Law in the amount of 1,279 EUR corresponding to his monthly salary of public official for the breach of the obligation laid down in Art. 7 Sect. 1 of the Constitutional Law, because he "did not submit Notice of his functions, employment, activities and financial situation for the year 2014 in the manner and within the term stated by this Law".
- 1. The Constitutional Court has examined all submitted documentary evidence and statements of the participants in the proceedings and stated that in both cases the decisions of the municipal council directed against the applicant are ultimately illegal. In addition to existing essential formal deficiencies they do not sufficiently specify the factual reasons on which they are based. Therefore, these decisions are not reviewable, but also contrary to the constitutional principles of legal and democratic state.

Concerning the case of mining area, the Constitutional Court found that earlier the District Prosecutor's Office in the notice No. Pd 75/15/66136 of 19 July 2015 at the initiative of a physical person stated that the mayor of the village of Bartosova Lehotka had not exceeded his powers, when in his standpoint of 28 April 2014 he stated that the village of Bartosova Lehotka has no objections to a Plan of opening, preparation and mining of bentonite in the mining area Dolna Ves under conditions specified in this standpoint, related to security measures against dust, noise and thorough drainage of the quarry. His decision related to already existing valid decisions related to mining in this locality (Mining area Dolna Ves), being issued since 2010 by the District Mining Office in Banska Bystrica. The Constitutional Court received a proof that the village Bartosova Lehotka, represented by its mayor (applicant in the proceedings before the Constitutional Court) by its standpoint No. 164/2011 of 12 August 2011 did not agree with the Mining area Dolna Ves. This standpoint was based on resolution the Municipal Council No. 108/2010 of 27 August 2010 in which the Municipal council did not agree with the establishing of the Mining area in the territory of Kremnické vrchy Mts. As follows from the Decision of the District Mining Office, on oral hearing in the proceedings on the determination of this Mining area that time participated 45 persons, including 30 landowners. Despite, this Mining area was established by the decision No. 692499/2011 of the District Mining Office in Banská Bystrica (12 September 2011).

2. As regards the second contested decision No. 1/20/07/2015 of 20 July 2015, the applicant stated that his notice according to § 7 of the Section 1 of Constitutional Law he submitted on 30 March 2015 – that means in time and in stipulated period according to the Constitutional Law. From the enclosed documentation, there follows that this notice really contains in the first and eight page the stamp of the Municipal Office Bartosova Lehotka No. 89/2015 with designation "Delivered" with the date 30.03.2015. Enclosed documentation contains also a copy of incoming post registration diary, where there was found that this notice was registered in 14 May 2015 under the No. 89/2015, which indicates an inconsistency with the applicant's arguing of the date 30.03.2015. Moreover, other delivered documents prior 14.05.2015 are properly registered in this post registration diary under serial numbers 81/2015 of 30 April 2015 to 88/2015 of 13 May. As Constitutional Court states, from above stated there most likely results that the arguments of the applicant about his timely delivery of the notice within a period to 31 March 2015 cannot be accepted (moreover the applicant as a mayor of the village possessed an official stamp).

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Case No.: 8Sžp/1/2013 2011200286

Name of court: Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

Date of judgment: 23. 01. 2014

Name of plaintiff (or appellant): KERKOSAND spol. s r.o., seated in Sajdikove Humence 134

<u>Name of defendant:</u> Main Mining Office of the Slovak Republic, seated in Kammerhofska 25, Banska Stiavnica

<u>Judgment in favour of:</u> Main Mining Office of the Slovak Republic - The supreme court of the Slovak Republic has confirmed the judgement of the Regional Court in Trnava No. 20S/11/2011-225 of 8 November 2012

Relevance to which stage of permitting: Extraction

<u>Piece of legislation on which the claim (or appeal) is based:</u> Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and the State Mining Administration; Law No. 44/1988 Coll. on Protection and Utilization of Mineral Resources (Mining Law)

<u>Description</u> (summary) of the case:

The Regional Court in Trnava dismissed the lawsuit by which the applicant requested a review of the legality of the decision and the procedure of the defendant No. 258-463 / 2011 of 23 February 2011,

dismissing the applicant's appeal and upheld the decision of the District Mining Office in Bratislava No. 69-3004/2010 of 8 November 2010 terminating the proceedings in the matter of the change No. 2 of Mining area Sajdikove Humence.

In justification, the Regional Court stated that the first instance decision of the territorially

competent District Mining Office according to § 38 Section 1 Letter c / Point 1 in the procedure according to § 41 Section 2 Letter a/ of the Law No. 51/1988 Coll. on Mining Activities, Explosives and the State Mining Administration (hereinafter "Law on Mining Activity") and with reference to § 1 Letter a/ of the Decree of the Ministry of Economy of SR No. 333/1996 Coll., defining the areas of competences of District Mining Offices, according to § 28 Section 3 of the Law No. 44/1988 Coll. on Protection and Utilization of Mineral Resources (Mining Law) has decided to stop proceedings in the case of the change No. 2 of mining area Sajdikove Humence, with the statement that the applicant in prescribed deadline did not submitted to the District Mining Office the valid proofs of resolving the conflicts of interests with all owners, respectively land managers, being moreover challenged by the request sent by the District Mining Office.

Case No.: 3Sžp/18/2012

Name of court: Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

Date of judgment: 12. 03. 2013

<u>Name of plaintiff (or appellant):</u> Obcianske zdruzenie Podpolanie nad zlato (Civic Association "The Podpolana region over gold"), A. Hlinku 903/9, Detva

Name of defendant: Main Mining Office of the Slovak Republic, seated in Kammerhofska 25, Banska Stiavnica, with the participation of the Eastern Mediterranean Resources - Slovakia, s.r.o., Námestie SNP 446/1, Detva

<u>Judgment in favour of:</u> Obcianske zdruzenie Podpolanie nad zlato (Civic Association "The Podpolana region over gold") - The supreme court of the Slovak Republic has confirmed the judgement of the Regional Court in Banska Bystrica No. <u>23S/113/2011</u>-72 of 04 April 2012, where the Regional Court in Banska Bystrica was of the opinion that according to the requirements of Art. 6 Section 4 and Art. 9 Section 3 of the Aarhus Convention and the Court of Justice of the European Union decision No. C-240/09 it is incumbent for the Court to interpret the procedural rules so as to allow the Civic Association to challenge in court the decisions taken during the administrative procedure, even if the decisions relate to the determination of the Mining area. If such a right is granted only for the participants of an administrative procedure, it is necessary to confer such status also to the applicant.

Relevance to which stage of permitting: Extraction

<u>Piece of legislation on which the claim (or appeal) is based:</u> Aarhus Convention, the Foreign Ministry of Slovak Republic Announcement No. 43/2006 Coll.

Description (summary) of the case:

The Regional Court in Banska Bystrica by the judgement under appeal has annulled the defendant's decision No. 1228-1950 / 2011 dated 14.10.2011, in conjunction with the first instance decision of the District Mining Office in Banska Bystrica No. 181-2260 / 2011 dated to 16.08.2011 according to § 250j Section 2 Letter a/ of the Code of Civil Procedure and returned the case for further proceedings.

The contested first-instance administrative decision did not grant to the applicant the status of participant in the proceedings to determine the Detva mining area, which has begun by a proposal of the Eastern Mediterranean Resources - Slovakia, Ltd., Detva.

The judgement of the Regional Court was justified by the fact that the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention, the Foreign Ministry of Slovak Republic Announcement No. 43/2006 Coll., hereinafter "the Aarhus Convention") is an international treaty within the meaning of Art. 7 Section 5 of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, which takes precedence over national laws.

Case No.: 3Sžp/14/2012

Name of court: Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

Date of judgment: 12.11.2012

Name of plaintiff (or appellant): K.-K. SR, s.r.o.

<u>Name of defendant:</u> Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Mierová 19, Bratislava, with the participation of G.-L., s.r.o.

<u>Judgement in favour of:</u> Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic - The Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic has confirmed the judgement of the Regional Court in Bratislava of 2S/208/2008-107 of 26 October 2011

Relevance to which stage of permitting: Extraction

<u>Piece of legislation on which the claim (or appeal) is based:</u> § 27 Section 12 of the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll.

Description (summary) of the case:

The Regional Court in Bratislava by the judgement under appeal has dismissed the accusation forwarded by the applicant, where he requested examining the legality of the defendant's decision No. 574/2008-3400 of 20.03.2008 dismissing the appeal of the applicant and confirming the decision of the Main Mining Office, which by its decision No. 1641-3093/2007 of 09.12.2007 had cancelled, out of the appeal procedure, the decision No. 2174/511/Pk-Go/2005 of 07.12.2005, by which the District Mining Office in Banská Bystrica had granted to the applicant the mining activity "Opening, preparation and exploitation of the reserved deposit in the mining area Viglas".

The first instance administrative authority (District Mining Office in Banská Bystrica), issuing decision No. 2174/511/Pk-Go/2005, permitting the mining activity in the Mining area Viglas, did not respect § 27 Section 12 of the Law No. 44/1988 Coll. (Mining Law) in amendment valid to 31.05.2007, because the applicant had not start the exploitation of reserved deposit in requested term. According to that time valid regulations, the District Mining Office in Banska Bystrica was only obliged to issue a decision which cancels the mining area or designates it to another organization by the tender.

The mining permit of the applicant was cancelled by the Main Mining Office (decision No. 1641-3093/2007 of 09.12.2007) due to the applicant's inactivity within the three-year period for the start of mining of the reserved deposit in the mining area Viglas from the date of contractual transfer (applicant had acquired the Mining area in 29.06.1992), resp. from 01.01.2002, when the Law No. 558/2001 Coll. entered into force, amending the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. in the sense of the Law No. 498/1991 Coll.

The defendant in a written response to the applicant's appeal has proposed to the Supreme Court of Slovak Republic to confirm the judgement of the Regional court in Bratislava as factually accurate. The responsibility for the fact that the applicant was idle - not undertaking mining of reserved deposit in the Mining area Viglas for more than three years, bears the applicant alone, because he is obliged to follow the mining regulations and other generally binding legal regulations issued pursuant to it, so he had to be aware of the consequences of inaction in relation to § 27 Section 12 of the Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. The applicant obtained the Mining area Viglas by contractual transfer on 29.06.1992 and until 29.09.2005 when he requested the allowance of mining activity, he did not start exploitation in the reserved deposit of this Mining area, despite having license for it.

1.8. Success rates of exploration and extraction permits

Exploration

During the period 2013-2015, the permitting success rate for applications for new exploration permits averaged 80% for ores and 85% for industrials+aggregates (Table 4).

Table 4: Slovakia. Applications for new exploration areas (exploration permits) and prolongation of exploration areas (2013-2015).

| | 20 | 13 | | 2014 | 2015 | | |
|--|---|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Ores | Industrials+ aggregates | Ores | Industrials+ | Ores | Industrials+ aggregates | |
| Total number of applications | 10 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 10 | |
| Applications for new exploration area | 4 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 16 | 7 | |
| Exploration permits - new | 5 (1 from previous year; i.e. 100% success rate in approval) | 5 (100% success rate in approval) | 8 (72.7%) | 6 (85.7%) | 11 (68.8%) | 5 (71.4%) | |
| Applications for prolongation of the exploration area | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Prolongation of the exploration area | 5 (83%; 1 still under consideration) | 0 | 0 | 1 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (100%) | |

Source: Slovakian Geological Survey (State Geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr)

Exploitation

In Slovakia, the following Protected Deposit Areas and Mining Areas were established or cancelled in 2013-2015:

2013

- 1 newly established Protected Deposit Area Trstín I (dolomite)
- **4 cancelled Protected Deposit Areas** Cajla I and Turecký vrch (pyrite for industrial production of sulphur), Rohožník V (limestone dimension stone) and Marianka (building stone quartzy phyllite)
- 1 newly established Mining Area Záhorská Ves (natural gas)
- 1 cancelled Mining Area Gbely IV (oil and natural gas)

2014

- 1 newly established Protected Deposit Area Hliník nad Hronom I (bentonite)
- **2 newly established Mining Areas** Trstín I (dolomite), Borský Peter I (glass and foundry sand)

2015

6 newly established Protected Deposit Areas - Zemplínska Široká (natural gas and gasoline), Žbince, Moravany, Palín, Lastomir, Michalovce II (natural gas)

1 newly established Mining Area - Hliník nad Hronom II (bentonite)

1.9. EU legislation impacting permits and licenses for exploration and extraction

The restrictive regulations in Slovakia concern unfulfilled obligations especially concerning the terms and concessioner duties. According to Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. § 24, section 10 from the tender there will be excluded participant not fulfilling the conditions of the tender (e.g. missing or incorrect documents or provided information). If during the transfer of the mining area to another subject all requested items are not complete, or not correct, the District Mining Office will refuse such transfer request (ibid, § 27, section 9). The subject with allocated mining area will lose the license for exploitation of the reserved deposit if it does not start to exploit it in the appointed time, or cancelling the exploitation for a period longer than three years (ibid, § 27, section 13). The restrictive regulations, encompassed in the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., relate the dates for the start of geological works (§ 22, section 4) - it they do not start within 1 year after the assignment of an exploration area, the Ministry can abolish it, if works does not start to the end of the second year, the Ministry will abolish the exploration area. The exploration area will be abolished by the Ministry, if the holder of the exploration area repeatedly violates the obligations stipulated in the Geological Law, or decision issued on its base, or the legal regulations on environmental protection, or does not submit an annual report on exploration activities even neither the Ministry request to given period (ibid, section 8). The restriction encompasses also the duty of the Ministry to reject the proposal for determining the exploration area if it does not comply with the provisions of § 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the Geological Law.

Administrative offenses stated by the Geological Law (§ 38): Penalties: 100-6500 EUR to due to missing expert geological supervision at geological works, failure to keep geological documentation, failure in submitting the final report, etc., 100-1000 EUR to keeper of the exploration area not requesting its registration change when the data about its keeper were changed, doing geological works without approved project, or not in accordance with it, he did not declare geological works, or had failures in documentation, etc. Higher fines (1000-33000 EUR) relate to work without valid license, without assigned exploration area, etc. The fine 10000-166000 EUR may be imposed, if the transfer does not fulfil an obligation under the provisions of the Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll., § 34 section 12, and § 35 section 14. The penalty proceedings may be commenced within one year from the date on which the Ministry learned about the violation of obligations, no later than three years from the day when the violation act has occurred. The lower harmless acts are designated like offences and may be treated by the imposition of fine 331.93 EUR. The certificate of competency to perform geological works can be withdrawn to entrepreneur who has the principal share on violence the duties by the contractor, being penalized by a fine of 1659.7 EUR.

1) Does your country have any restrictive regulation on the private or legal entities performing the duties of an exploration or extraction concessioner, operator and/or holder of mineral rights as compared to the Services Directive (2006/123/EC)?

The restrictive regulations in Slovakia concern unfulfilled obligations especially concerning the terms and concessioner duties. According to Mining Law No. 44/1988 Coll. § 24, section 10 from the tender there will be excluded participant not fulfilling the conditions of the tender (e.g. missing or incorrect documents or provided information). If during the transfer of the mining area to another subject all requested items are not complete, or not correct, the District Mining Office will refuse such transfer request (ibid, § 27, section 9). The subject with allocated mining area will lose the license for exploitation of the reserved deposit not starting to exploit it in the appointed time, or cancelling the exploitation for a period longer than three years (ibid, § 27, section 13).

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2) Does any of your permitting documentation require the involvement/signature of a geologist or mining engineer? If yes, which are these permits? Does it require a BSc or MSc or PhD or chartered (certified) professional?

The permitting documentation requires the involvement / signature by the authorized professionals from the relevant Ministries and Mining Office, where such position explicitly needs a university geological or mining education (Dipl. Eng., Dr., MSc.). According to Geological Law No. 569/2007 Coll. the university geological education of the 2nd or 3rd level is requested at persons applying for professional qualification for carrying out geological works. Only such persons are competent to sign documents related to exploration areas, etc. At the mining, the qualification requests are stated by the Decree No. 208/1993 Coll. of the Ministry of Economy of Slovak Republic about the requests for qualification and its verification at employees implemented to work carried out by mining method. According it (\S 2), the Head of mine and quarry has to have a university education and at least 5 years of practice in given specialization. In the case of the Head of the quarry with annual exploitation lower than 500 kt there is an exception - there is valid completed secondary education and at least two years of practice in given specialization. Employee projecting objects and facilities for mining, or elaborating plans, eventually documentation for mining has to have relevant university education and at least 2 years of practice in this topic, or completed secondary education and at least 4 years of practice in mining. Finally - summarizing the answer to this question - in any case, the permitting documentation in Slovakia requires involvement / signature by the high quality educated geologist or mining engineer.

3) Do you have legislation on financial guarantees (with regard to the Extractive Waste Directive, Art. 14)? Is the cost calculation of this guarantee done by an independent third party?

Yes, Slovakia has well developed legislation dealing with the financial guarantees related to the mine waste storage and treating - Law No. 514/2008 Coll. on the management of waste from extractive industry, including the amendments Nos. 563/2009 Coll., 255/2011 Coll., 180/2013 Coll., 79/2015 Coll., § 14: (1) The operator before and during the operation of the mine waste deposit is obliged to create the financial reserve, which finances will be used for the closing of the waste dump, its further monitoring, recultivation, as well as recultivation of the area influenced by this waste dump. The operator of several waste dumps is obliged to create the financial reserve for each dump separately. (2) The special purpose financial reserve is created annually, being charged to expenditure in the amount of determined proportion of the total cost for the closing of the storage site, monitoring of this storage site after its closure and land recultivation. The amount of the special purpose financial reserve is updated every five years, or at each change of the deposition plan according to § 5, section 9. (3) The calculation of the purpose financial reserve is based on the proposed plan of closure of the storage site, being approved as an integral part of the deposition plan according to § 5. The annual amount of the purpose financial reserve is calculated by the formula: R = CN: Ž, where "R" represents the annual sum for the purpose financial reserve in EUR, "CN" represents suggested investment and operating costs stated in the project, being adjusted by the annual rate of inflation, and "Ž" represents the planned life span of the repository at the beginning of the purpose financial reserve according to this law (514/2008 Coll.). Because the cost calculation is determined by the law, its correctness is guaranteed, and in any moment, it can be checked by independent experts ("the third party").

4) Is there a list of inert mine waste published in your country in accordance with Art. 1(3) of Comm. Dec. 2009/359/EC?

In Slovakia, parameters of the inert mine waste are defined by the Law 514/2008 Coll. on the management of waste from extractive industry (§ 2, letter d; though no precise list of particular inert mine waste is available). The parameters of the waste are further treated in Laws Nos. 255/2011 Coll. and 79/2015 Coll.

5) Do you use the risk assessment of 2009/337/EC Commission Decision of 20 April 2009 on the definition of the criteria for the classification of waste facilities in accordance with Annex III of Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the management of waste from extractive industries for abandoned sites as well?

No answer by the author.

6) Has your country applied the waiver of the Landfill Directive paragraph 3 of Art. 3: MS may declare at their own option, that the deposit of non-hazardous non-inert mine waste, to be defined by the committee established under Art. 17 of this Directive can be exempted from the provisions in Annex I, points 2, 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 (location screening, multiple barriers, leachate collection)?

No answer by the author.

7) Does a mine operator have to prepare and submit both a general waste management plan and a mine waste management plan as well? To the same or separate authorities?

The Law of NR SR No. 514/2008 Coll. on the management of waste from extractive industry incl. its later amendments contain § 36a stating "This law transposes legal acts of the European Communities and the European Union as listed in the annex: "Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council 2006/21/EC of 15 March 2006 on the management of waste from extractive industry amending the Directive 2004/35/EC (Ú.v. EÚ L 102, 11.4.2006)." Despite this transposing, the Law No.

514/2008 Coll. defines only the "waste management plan" ("plán nakladania s ťažobným odpadom" - in further text shortened to "plán nakladania"). There is not defined the category of "general waste management plan". Therefore the "waste management plan" according this Law evidently encompasses both - the general waste management plan as well as the mine waste management plan. A mine operator is obliged to prepare and submit the waste management plan to competent state administration body, and to comply with the approved plan (§ 5). The State Administration responsible for the waste management (§ 17): (a) Ministry (this Law does not state which one; § 18), (b) Ministry of Economy of SR (§ 19), (c) Slovak Environmental Inspection (§ 20), (d) county offices in the district location (§ 21), (e) county office (§ 22), (f) Main Mining Office (§ 23) and District Mining Offices (§ 24), (g) Building Offices (§ 25). The first institution, approving the waste management plan and its modifications is the District Mining Office (§ 24).

8) Has your national legislation transposed the Accounting Directive (2013/34/EC), with special regards its Art.s 41-48 on the extractive industry? Do these rules on financial reporting appear in the concession law or mining act either?

Slovak national legislation has transposed the Accounting Directive (2013/34/EC) into the amended NR SR Accounting Law No. 431/2002 Coll., in force from 01. 01. 2016. Despite the transposition of the Accounting Directive 2013/34/EC is not explicitly stated in the Slovak Mining Law, the Accounting Law 431/2002 Coll. is mandatory also in the mining and concession sphere.

9) Has your national legislation transposed the Transparency Directive (2004/109/EC, 2013/50/EU), especially Article on the extractive industry? Do these rules appear in the concession law or mining act either?

The term transparency is not included explicitly in the Geological Law, or in Mining Law. In Slovak legislation, the financial transparency is covered by the Constitutional Law No. 493/2011 Coll. dealing with the budget of public administration and the publication of relevant economic data - so it covers also some subjects included in the exploration and mining. The transparent behaviour is also enshrined in the secondary legislation dealing with the quality of services (Law No. 143/1998 Coll.), connection and interconnection (Law No. 351/2011 Coll.), ownership (Law No. 220/2007 Coll.) and the election campaign (Law No. 181/2004 Coll.).

10)Does your competent authority ask for or check the CE marks of the exploration or extraction equipments when permitting or when having on-site inspections? Does the mining authority have a regulatory/supervision right in product safety/market surveillance in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance?

The Mining Inspectors of the Main Mining Office represent competent authorities for permitting, as well as having the on-site inspections of the exploration or extraction equipments. The inspection is comprehensive and detailed, undoubtedly encompassing also the check of the CE marks. The mining authority has a regulatory/supervision right for safety/market surveillance. The related acts: The NR SR Law No. 51/1988 on mining, explosives and the State mining administration as amended with validity from 01. 01, 2015, Law No. 124/2006 Coll. on safety and health protection at work and on change and amendment of several laws. This law states the adopted EU laws: DIRECTIVE OF THE COUNCIL No. 89/391/EHS of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work and the DIRECTIVE 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market.