

Spatial planning and its interaction with mining laws and future waste management act in Croatia

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Management policy for stone aggregates is derived from the conceptual diagram (scheme) as shown in the picture below. Its central component is space planning at the regional level with strategic environmental assessment (S.E.A.), which is the basis of spatial planning. Spatial planning accepts the results, conclusions and recommendations about the mineral resources from the mining-geological studies provided by Strategy of Mineral Resource Management according to the Mining Act. It is clearly visible that decision for exploration of mineral raw materials for the purpose of granting a concession for exploitation may be issued for areas planned for execution of mining activities in physical planning documents (Are solids in planned area for mining activity?). Negative decision goes to revision, and can be rejected or accepted. If the answer is "Yes" (solids are in planned area for mining activity), we can perform the procedure for granting concession for exploitation mineral raw material. This procedure involves environmental impact assessment for micro location.

Granting a concession for exploitation of mineral raw materials is a single concession granting procedure for exploitation (scheme). Exploitation of mineral raw materials shall require a concession for economic use of general or other goods pursuant to the Concessions Act, or a

concession for the exploitation of mineral raw materials. Granting a concession for exploitation shall be performed on the basis of one public tender in a single procedure consisting of the 4 phases (see scheme). A concession shall be granted at the request to the natural person or legal person in compliance and in the manner laid down by the Concessions Act that has been selected in the public tender procedure in accordance with the provisions of Mining Act as the most advantageous bidder, provided that after the completion of the exploration activities mineral raw material reserves are verified (structure, shape and size). The exploitation field is determined in compliance with the location permit and the natural or legal person in question meets also other requirements laid down in Mining Act. All the procedures comprised in an individual phase of the single concession granting procedure shall be conducted by a single body competent for mining affairs (Ministry of economy Department for mining). After determination of an exploitation field, the procedure of passing a decision to grant concession and conclude a concession contract shall be initiated. This procedure shall be initiated at the request if all the requirements specified in Mining Act are met prior to the initiation of the proceedings.

