

**PROJECT:**

**Reclamation of Abandoned Mixed Sulphide Mines in Cyprus**

**CLIENT:** DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT – MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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**SCOPE:**

The Project was undertaken in collaboration with Wardell Armstrong and its aim was to establish a strategy for the reclamation of a total of 25 abandoned mines in Cyprus, with the purpose of reestablishing the space around the mines into safe areas, the prevention of pollution and the overall reclamation of the area to an acceptable level for future use.

**RESULTS:**

Based on the above objectives, the study comprised a series of complementary activities aimed at documenting the factors and criteria that affect the restoration of abandoned mines and associated installations. The study also presented a generic three-phased approach for the implementation of restoration programmes at each mine site.

The study recognised that the scope of work associated with restoration of the mine sites could vary significantly and would also depend on the objectives at each site. The study concludes therefore with proposals for a pilot programme at the Kokkinopezoula mine site, which received the highest ranking on the Impact Matrix prepared as part of the scope, with the aim of providing preliminary field trials for use in the design of restoration schemes on all the abandoned sulphide mine sites.

