

## INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

We are presenting the third volume of our annual *Salt Review* monograph. This year's edition was prepared in co-operation with the AGH University of Science and Technology Press in Krakow and published as volume 3 of the "Geology" quarterly. The two previous volumes were published under the "Mineral Resources Management" series of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN).

The articles published in this volume of the *Salt Review* concern widely understood issues of the Polish salt mining industry. Some of them were presented during the XIII *Quo Vadis Sal* International Symposium held in Demanovska Valley, Slovakia, in 2008.

In the second part of the monograph, important events taking place in salt mining are discussed, described and commented on, with presentation of the activities of the Polish salt mining companies, including their achievements and development plans. We are able to publish our *Salt Review* owing to our excellent co-operation with those companies.

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The *Salt Review*, prepared and published by our group of associates, has become not only an important literature item, but also an excellent example of involvement and creative work of the scholarly and technical personnel of the Polish salt mining industry, as well as of the possibilities and skills of co-operation between the scholarly circles and the industry. That type of co-operation, which has been consistently developed by us, brings specific benefits to the Polish salt mining industry, leaving important messages on our contribution to the future of our industry for the new generations.

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