

INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

We are presenting a new issue of our monograph entitled “Salt Review”, prepared in cooperation with the AGH University of Science and Technology Press in Krakow. Owing to a large number of submitted papers and reports on the salt industry and business, this year’s edition is composed of **two volumes** of the “Geology, Geophysics & Environment” Quarterly, numbered 1 and 2.

We would like to thank our authors of papers and business reports and studies for the abundant materials submitted for publication. Considering the difficulties of many editors with obtaining specialist contributions, our scholarly activities indicated by the increased number of publications are absolutely outstanding on a national scale. Undoubtedly, that is a result of the consolidation of the Polish salt industry animated by the Polish Salt Mining Association.

A considerable role in our circles is played by constructive co-operation of the scholarly and research institutions with the Polish industrial companies.

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