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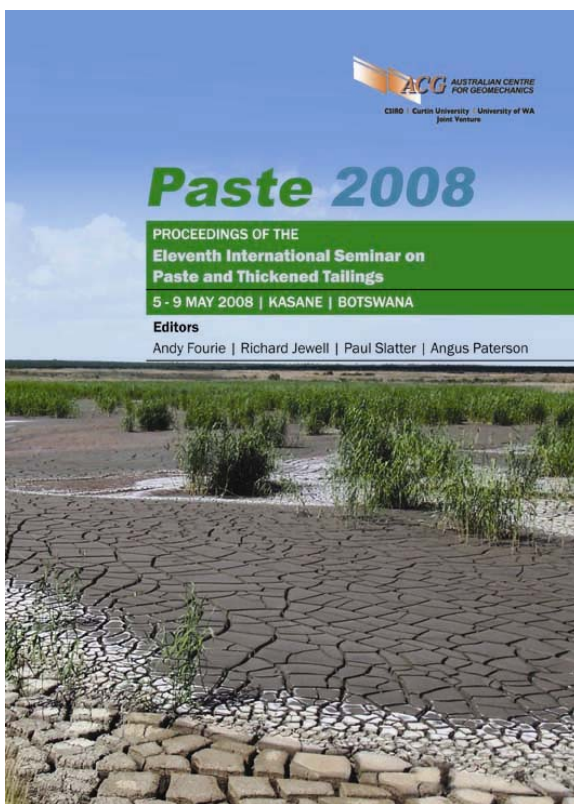
Paste 2008

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PASTE 2008 PROCEEDINGS

The objective of Paste 2008 was to promote technologies to reduce water usage by mining operations as well as to advance the use of environmentally superior management of mine residues.

Mining operations need large quantities of water to extract minerals from the ore. Competition for this scarce resource and, more importantly, the need to sustain mining operations, requires companies to find technologies to reduce the quantity of water they use. When water is extracted from the final residue for reuse or recycling, less new water is required. Hence, the focus on paste and thickened tailings. Besides saving water, the surface area required to store the mining residue will decrease as more water is extracted from it. The drier material can be used to fill up the old mined-out excavations. In addition, this material is easier to rehabilitate. The immediate and long-term environmental benefits are obvious.



Content

- Environmental – several papers focussed on environmental issues and the importance of sustainable water resources.
- Thickening – the advances in thickener technology, as well as flocculation and chemical conditioning, are dealt with in a number of papers.
- Surface disposal – papers from Australia, United Kingdom, Chile and Peru demonstrated the wide ranging use of this technology.
- Transport issues – sheet flow, channel flow, and pipeline flow are all discussed in several papers.
- Case studies – a showcase of international projects shows that this technology is now well established.

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