

GLOBAL ACTION ON TAILINGS ENEWS

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The Global Mineral Professionals Alliance is an international network of peak bodies collectively representing more than 50,000 professionals engaged in the minerals industries.

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Keeping you informed of tailings news, content and programs.

Following the catastrophic failure of a tailings dam at Brumadinho, Brazil in January 2019, the Global Action on Tailings (GAT) Initiative was established by the Global Mineral Professionals Alliance to address challenges concerning tailings disposal and storage. Our aim is to build the skills and knowledge in good tailings practice of our members as well as identify ways for the mining industry to eventually reduce or eliminate tailings storage facilities.

GMPA members are generating and sharing tailings course content, webinars, conference programs, industry standards, handbooks and technical papers to contribute to a knowledge base on good tailings practice and to support training of competent tailings professionals to meet industry needs.

A key goal is to support professionals in ways that lead to greater trust by society about industry's ability to manage tailings risks. Early in 2021, we will survey members of GMPA societies to better understand how we might target tailings related activities and meet member needs. In the meantime, if you are interested in assisting with the GAT or to find out more, contact:

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ONLINE COURSES in TAILINGS

Professional Certificate in Tailings Management

In October 2020, AusIMM completed its first intake of the Professional Certificate in Tailings Management, a six-module online course, and is taking enrolments for the February 2021 intake.

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RESOURCES

OneMine.org

GMPA members can access [OneMine.org](https://www.onemine.org) an online resource of more than 130,000 mining and minerals technical papers, journals, and books contributed by professional societies around the world. Enter 'tailings' in the keyword search function and refine by date, title, author, contributing organisation.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Mine Tailings: Perspectives for a changing world

Edited by Resa Furey and John F. Lupo

Proceedings from the Mine Tailings symposium held at the 2020 SME Annual Conference includes content on lessons learned on tailings dam failures, tailings governance, selection of the right technology and the importance of culture in safe tailings management.

Available for purchase from the [SME store](https://www.sme.org/store) January 2021.

2021 TAILINGS CONFERENCES

AusIMM Mine Waste and Tailings Conference

Date: 1 – 2 July 2021

Format: Brisbane, Australia and online

Tailings 2021 – 7th International Conference on Tailings Management

Date: 8 – 10 September 2021

Format: Online

Paste 2021

Date: 21 – 23 September 2021

Format: Perth, Australia and online

SAIMM Global Tailings Standards and Opportunities

Date: 8 – 9 November 2021

Format: Rustenburg, South Africa and online

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