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# The Importance of Standardizing the Mapping of Surface Mining Operations for the Purpose of Minimizing Errors and Impacts on the Environment

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## Abstract

This paper presents a comprehensive view of mine surveying and proposes standards of how to address this issue. The problem is related to the worn-out system for creating mining mapwork, which no longer meets the requirements of the present age. The aim of the research is to devise and propose a new functional system of standardization of map works (STAMAP) for the needs of the practice and the environment, which is being developed at FBERG. The creation of mine surveying documentation contains information relating to the environment and therefore it is necessary to harmonize the creation of a specific group of spatial information with current European legislation represented by the INSPIRE directive. The new system developed, STAMAP, uses a new classification of map symbols, the CMY (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow) colour scale and systematization of graphic files. The paper also includes practical and functional verification of the usability/functionality of the proposed standards using the example of creating digital mine surveying documentation for the Brestov quarry. The new scientific approach for standardizing map work, the STAMAP system, has up to 50% better results in terms of creating and identifying mine surveying documentation compared to the current situation.

**Keywords:** STAMAP system, mapping, mine mapping work, environment, research mapping systems

## Introduction

Biological diversity (biodiversity) is the variety of all forms of life and their mutual interaction on Earth.

It includes ecosystems, habitats, species of plants, animals, microorganisms and the variability of genes and their interactions. Chrabaszcz et al. state that the preservation of biodiversity is the most important task of human endeavour during the entire course of mining; its protection and sustainability is the main objective in the process of mapping the mining operation [1-3].

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The goods and services that biodiversity provides through healthy ecosystems are vital for maintaining well-being and for future economic and social development. In protecting the environment, the main emphasis must be placed on the surface and underground water that keeps the whole ecosystem alive and using the accurate monitoring of mining operations creating a complete view of the problems and also to protect forests and the atmosphere in the areas where there are mining operations [4-8].

Dong et al., state that the ecosystem of mining operations and the surrounding area is a very important element of the landscape and it is the location of a variety of forms of ecosystem services – these are benefits and uses provided by ecosystems, in this case the raw material in which a particular mining operation is rich [9]. Efficient and maximally cost-beneficial mineral extraction is the essential interest of mining activity. Precise targeting and documentation of the mining operation aid in proposing the opening of an additional quarry, but it is also by calculating deposits and monitoring the use of deposits that we can determine economically and ecologically balanced exploitation [10]. According to Kays et al., considering the dramatic pace of change in our planet we need to quickly collect environmental data so we can document how nature is coming to terms with human interventions and so we can assess the impact of our interventions on protecting nature [11].

In the process of documenting the real state, objects are largely replaced by simplified 3D models. During the acquisition of spatial data using geodetic methods, these models are created using a series of measured

point elements that are determined through a bound (connected to the geodetic framework), or a locally selected coordinate system with the coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ . Bak et al. claim that there are several surveying methods used in mine surveying activities which enable the mining surveyor to get a fair idea of the studied mining works [12-14]. The current state of science and technology is the basis for using these surveying procedures, methods and tools that result from an effort to rationalize measurement procedures by using the latest equipment and facilities [15-19]. Jaafar et al. say that the big problem of mine surveying activity has long been the lack of legislation across the EU; it is outdated and not adapted to the new trends and possibilities of our time and it also does not reflect the position of Europe as historically an important mining area [20]. The main objective of this paper is to unify and define the rules for creating mine surveying documentation, especially the graphical part, by defining rules which describe the creation of mine surveying documentation, however particularly basic mining maps, surface maps and special-purpose maps in digital form. The graphical part of mine surveying documentation should be drawn up in the CAD and GIS graphic environments [21-25]. Fulfilling this objective requires an assessment of the geodetic methods and a complete view of the current legislation in the field of mine surveying. The focus is on the benefit of the Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 1/1993 on mine surveying documentation and certain activities conducted using mining methods. It is necessary to supplement the binding regulations with new rules based on modern views on the issues under consideration. Then we

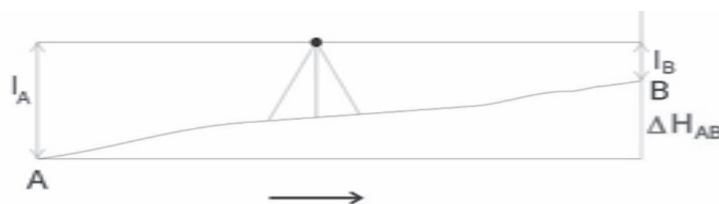


Fig. 1. Geodetic measuring methods [30].

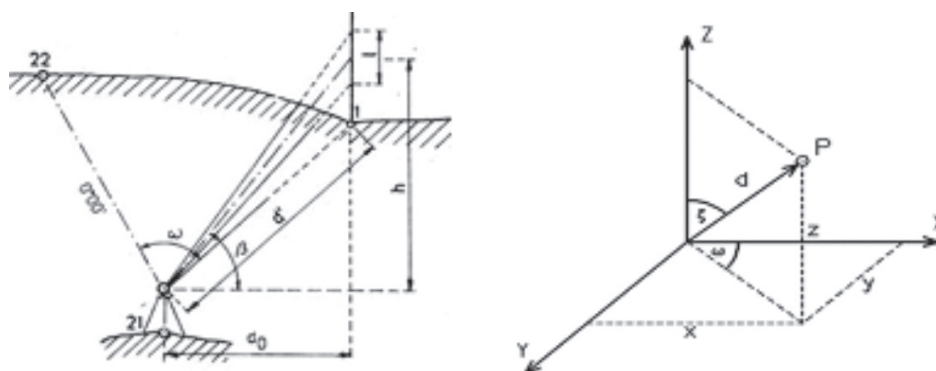


Fig. 2. Tachymetry and TLS [30].

will focus on field research and data collection, and the processing and creation of mine-surveying documentation in digital form in the context of the valid legislation on mine-surveying documentation and certain activities conducted using mining methods [26-29].

### Methodology

Geodetic methods and procedures for creating copies of documents used in the mapping of surface mining operations can be divided based on the method of data collection into two categories:

a) direct methods:

- contact (levelling, tachymetry, GNSS),
- Non-contact (laser scanning, radar, photogrammetry, remote surveying of the earth).

b) indirect methods (e.g. digitization, measurement from auxiliary measurement baselines) [30].

Documentation is drawn based on the coordinate system of the Uniform Trigonometric Cadastral Network (abbreviation: *S - JTSK*). *S - JTSK* is characterized by:

a) A Bessel ellipsoid with parameters:

$a = 6\,377\,397.15508$  m,  $b = 6\,356\,078.96290$  m,  $f = 1:299.152812853$ , where  $a$  is the length of the major axis,  $b$  is the length of the minor axis and  $f$  is the flattening;

b) Křovák's Conformal Conic projection for general location.

Křovák's projection describes the calculation of the right-angled rectangular plane coordinates of the conformal conic projection for the general location of the given geographical coordinates on the Bessel ellipsoid of 1841. The constants arising from projecting the axes of Křovák's projection are  $\varphi_0 = 49^\circ 30'$ ,  $\lambda = 42^\circ 30'$ ,  $\alpha = 1.000597498372$ ,  $k = 1.003419164$ ,  $a = 30^\circ 17' 17.30311''$ ,  $k_1 = 0.9999$  and  $\xi_0 = 78^\circ 30'$ , where " $\varphi_0$ " is the latitude of the undistorted base parallel on the Bessel ellipsoid. " $\lambda$ " is the geographic

length of the cartographic field on the Bessel ellipsoid defined on the Ferro base meridian, " $\alpha$ " and " $k$ " are parameters characterizing the conformal Bessel ellipsoid on the spherical surface, " $a$ " is the field distance of the cartographic field on the spherical surface, " $k_1$ " is the coefficient of reduction of the spherical surface and " $\xi_0$ " is the width of the basic cartographic spherical surface.

Altitudes are given in the Baltic height system after adjustment. The Baltic height system after adjustment based on the vertical datum reference point of the average level of the sea water gauge in Kronstadt (Russia) is used as the set of standard altitudes in the international levelling networks of Eastern European countries.

The permitted tolerance in the position of points in the basic mining positional field is determined by two independent surveying methods and may not exceed  $Po = \pm 6 \times 10^{-2}$  (m). The accuracy of the position of points on the basic mining position point field determined by the polygonal projection are assessed based on the achieved deviation in the direction of the last measured side and the achieved deviation in the position of the final point of the projection.

The achieved deviation (1) in the position of the end point may not exceed

$$D_{xy} = \pm 10^{-3} \sqrt{k_1 L + k_2 [RR]} \quad (\text{m}) \quad (1)$$

...where  $k_1 = 8$ ,  $k_2 = 0.04$ .

$L$  is the sum of the lengths of the measured sides of the polygonal projection in metres [RR] is the sum of the squares of the direct distances of individual points of the polygon projection from the final point of the projection in metres [31-32].

### Research

The dimensions and map grids on a large scale and the dimensions of the large grid Basic Map of the Slovak Republic are derived from the dimensions of the triangulation sheets. The grid of map sheets is rectangular, determined using parallels with the X and Y axes of the projection system. By splitting the triangulation sheet into 4 columns and 5 layers, a map sheet is formed on a scale of 1:5000 with dimensions 2500 x 2000 m (on a map of 500 x 400 mm). By dividing the map sheet of 1:5000 into 2 columns and 2 layers a map sheet is formed with a scale of 1:2000 with dimensions of 1250 x 1000 m (on a map of 625 x 500 mm). Also, by dividing the map sheets into quarters, more map sheets are derived on larger scales such as 1:1000, 1:500. The following will describe the selected surveying methods used to collect spatial data – planimetric and elevation data for the needs of mapping and spatial modelling of surface mining operations.

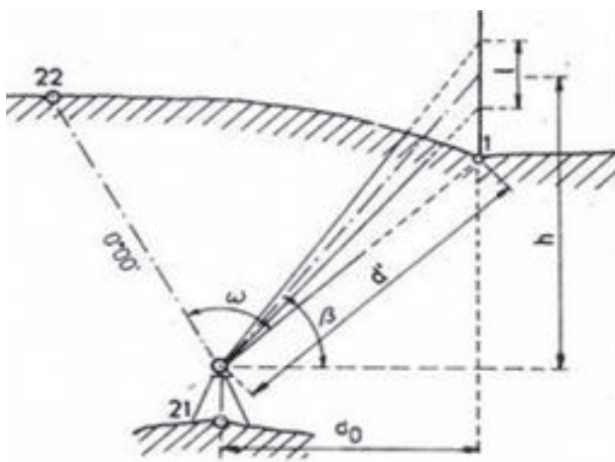


Fig. 3. Bessel ellipsoid [30].

Table 1. Dimensions of map sheets.

Map scale	Dimension of the frame of the map sheet [mm]	Dimensions of the displayed area [m]	Area of the displayed area [H]
1: 5000	500 x 400	2500 x 2000	500
1: 2000	625 x 500	1250 x 1000	125
1: 1000	625 x 500	625 x 500	31.25

Table 2. Example of the markings of the map sheets.

Map scale	On the map sheet
1: 5000	Košice 2 – 7
1: 2000	Košice 2 – 7/1
1: 1000	Košice 2 – 7/21

In creating, maintaining or restoring the graphical part of mine surveying documentation, we follow the Decree of the Economy Ministry of the Slovak Republic no. 1/1993 and STN 01 3411 Map Symbols, which specifies the drawing and positioning of symbols, orientation of symbols and their colouring.

The digital processing of documentation and integrating content into individual layers gains us another dimension for simpler maintenance, renewal and use of the map data.

For the presentation of information, the following will be used depending on the scale and type of graphical documentation and mapping generalization being produced [32-34]:

- simplifying the contours and shapes of the displayed objects,
- representing of objects or phenomena symbolically,
- combining the methods mentioned under a) and b).

Objects, the image of which on a scale of 1:2000 and greater exceed the smallest dimension of the drawing are displayed based on the measured data (with possible simplification), sometimes by drawing the appropriate symbol in the displayed object.

Objects, the image of which on the given scale is less than or equal to the smallest dimension of the drawing are in principle displayed with a symbol. The smallest dimension in this case is considered to be objects, rooms, structures and equipment with a simple floor plan where the shortest side of the drawing is 2 mm. The smallest dimension for detailed shapes is also considered to be 1 mm. The thickness of non-dimensioned lines is 0.18 mm. The variation in the size of a symbol may not be greater than 0.5 mm. If the points of the point field are located on structures, the symbol of the point is connected with the depiction of the structure. The positional location of the symbol may not be distorted. Symbols which label the footprints of objects are oriented depending on the situation (e.g. mouth of a tunnel). Other symbols and their description are oriented based on the frame of the graphical

documentation. The description of the symbol is usually to the right of the symbol.

Digital processing and documentation after integrating content into each layer offers another dimension for easier, maintenance, renewal and use of maps.

By setting uniform colours of drawing keys, symbols and descriptions we get fully functional and transparent sketches, ZBM, surface maps, utility maps mining and profiles, sections, surface maps, and single-purpose

Table 3. Technicolor colour scale.

Colour code	Colour	CMY colour model		Code
1	white	0,0,0		T1
2	chrome yellow	0,0,255		T3
3	orange	0,102,255		T4
4	vermillion	0,204,255		T5
5	carmine	90,255,222		T6
6	karmazin	51,255,255		T7
7	purple red	41,255,108		T8
8	bluish purple	102,204,0		T9
9	purple	0,255,0		T28
10	light blue	205,105,0		T10
11	ultramarine dark	255,204,51		T11
12	Prussian blue	255,255,102		T12
13	Berlin blue	255,255,0		T27
14	indigo	204,204,51		T13
15	viridiana	255,102,102		T14
16	light green	255,0,255		T29
17	leaf green	255,102,255		T16
18	brown ochre	102,153,204		T18
19	burnt sienna	102,204,255		T19
20	reddish brown	102,217,255		T21
21	natural sepia	51,153,255		T22
22	light grey	63,63,63		T25
23	dark grey	160,160,160		T23
24	black	255,255,255		T24

maps. A wide range of colours for drawing keys and symbols enable detailed presentation of the graphical part with which we can identify the kind of utility lines that there are, the material or dimension that was used in building, or in the case of a point element which is assigned a symbol, we just identify what the object in question is.

The factual situation will be presented, depending on the scale and type of graphic documentation, using mapping generalization, by:

- a) simplifying the contours and shape of the displayed objects,
- b) representation of objects or phenomena symbolically – with a symbol,
- c) a combination of the methods mentioned under a) and b).

In the event that the drawings overlap or there is decreased readability and clarity of the graphical documentation, the description of the symbol is placed in another suitable place. Description of long objects and linear constructions is done parallel to the longer dimension [31-33].

The dimensions of symbols correspond to their use in graphical documentation on a scale of 1:1000 or 1:2000. On a scale of 1:500, the dimensions of the symbols are doubled. In graphical documentation on a scale of 1:5000 and smaller, the dimensions of the symbols are shrunk by half. Symbols are drawn in black. In the case of the use of other colours, the Technicolor scale is used [32]. The Technicolor colour table is designed using a colour scale which contains 24 colours so that each colour is assigned a label from T1 to T24. The colour model used is the CMY model. 24 colours are used in the Technicolor scale for the purpose of easy orientation with a smaller number and in order to take into account the fact that there were 24 original Technicolor colours.

Table 5. Comparison of STAMAP and previously used rules.

	STAMAP	Previous state
Symbol	1	1
Classification of symbols	1	0
Summary of symbols	1	0
Colours	1	0
Colour scale	1	0
CMY colour model	1	0
GS structure	1	0
GS systemization	1	0
ML dimensions	1	1
ML scale	1	1
RESULT	10	5

The graphical data is the graphical part of mine surveying documentation and it is divided into separate files (drawings) in the \*.dgn format. The drawing part of the graphical part of mine surveying documentation can be done in analogue or in digital form.

For each file basic objects are defined, including all basic properties (attributes). The file name should be based on the identifying code of the mining operation (BP), an underscore and the content specification of the file.

The full file name has the form BP\_XXXX.dgn where:

BP is the code for the territorial unit to which the drawing refers; XXXXX is the name of the file characterizing the data contained in the file based on

Table 4. Structure of graphic files for mine surveying documentation.

File name	Shortcut File	Contents
BP_bodpole.dgn	BP	ŠPS, ŠTS, PPBP, ŠNS points used for the staking out structures, point number, height of point, connectors of the point.
BP_podrbod.dgn	PL	Detailed points, symbol of point, height of point.
BP_polohopis.dgn	PP	Full mining situation, equipment and buildings located within 100 metres of the boundary of the mining area.
BP_vyskopis.dgn	IN P	Contours, hatches and elevation markings.
BP_inzsieta.dgn	IS	Water pipe, equipment and structures for water pipes, sewer pipes, equipment and structures for sewer pipes, gas pipes, equipment and structures for gas pipes, power lines, equipment and structures for power lines.
BP_kataster.dgn	KN	The name and boundaries of the land registry area, parcel number.
BP_maplist.dgn	ML	Series of map sheets, hectometre grid network, information out of frame.
BP_nacrtbod.dgn	NB	Clear sketch of the positional point field.
BP_geodbod.dgn	GU	Geodetic data on points in the positional field.
BP_ortofoto.dgn	OM	Digital orthophotomap.



the structure defined for the graphical part of mine surveying documentation (see Table 4).

All \*.dgn files that are part of the Annex serve as a model for creating ZBM, surface maps, and special-



Fig. 4. Brestov Quarry.

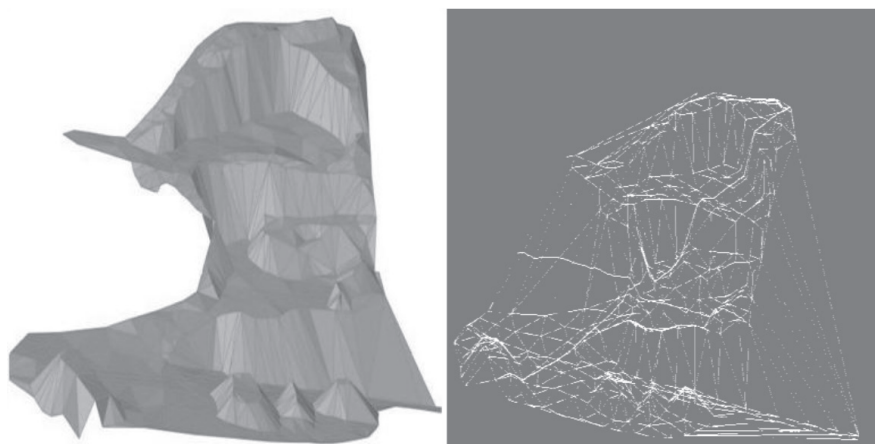


Fig. 5. 3D Model of Brestov Quarry.

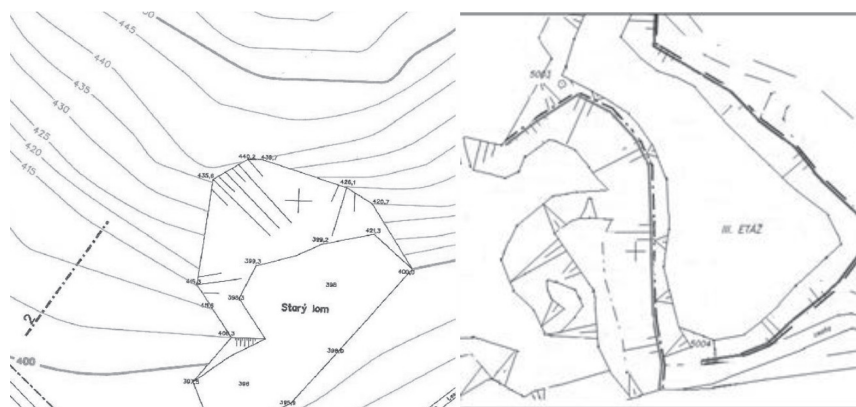


Fig. 6. Comparison of original mine surveying documentation and mine surveying documentation created in the proposed STAMAP system.

purpose maps. \*.dgn files contain a predefined library of cells and the colours in them are defined in terms of the Technicolor scale.

Comparing STAMAP and the previously used rules shows that the newly designed system got an overall score of 10 points, while the previously used rules only scored 5 points, showing that the STAMAP system has up to 50% better results than the previously used rules.

## Results and Discussion

For the purpose of verifying the functionality of the proposed rules for creating mine surveying documentation in digital form, a survey was performed on the Brestov quarry and this data was then compiled into mine surveying documentation in digital form using the proposed methodological approach. The Brestov quarry is in the district of Prešov in Slovakia's Prešov Region. It is located in the village of Brestov in the Brestov land registry area. The Brestov andesite deposit is mined using surface techniques and it is located on the southwest side of the Slanské Hills in the Brestov land registry area. It lies at a distance of 1 km northeast of the built-up area of Brestov. The deposit is mined in a wall-type quarry using a mechanical method.

The MicroStation V8 CAD system and its TerraModeler included extension were used to process the measured and obtained data. Use was also made of the Groma application that can be launched directly from the program thereby interconnecting the data and graphical part.

Information from measuring points, as well as information from the digital data obtained were placed in layers based on the written rules of the STAMAP system. Modifications subsequently removed unnecessary, duplicate or erroneous points. The 3D model created contours in the first and second stage in the MicroStation V8 program. The basic mining map and a map of the surface were also created.

Despite this finding, the issue of effective and sufficiently precisely defined creation of mine surveying documentation is still current and in this particular area it is necessary to give attention to the following questions.

Is the defined method for solving the problem also suitable for aerial scanning? How would the structure of graphical DWG files look? Is it appropriate to use the RGB colour model?

## Conclusions

The design and application of the new rules of the proposed STAMAP system, illustrated using the example of processing a map work for the Brestov Quarry, meets the requirement for a significant time-saving when creating this a map series. After testing,

we proved that the STAMAP system gives up to 50% better results than the rules previously used for creating mine surveying documentation. The primary interest of every commercial company is to improve the efficiency of work, reduce costs and provide quality products [35-37]. These principles are also reflected in the creation of mine surveying documentation and especially in above proposals for the use of the colour table, the structure of graphic files, the dimensions of the map sheets and the definition of rules when working with the drawing keys. Map works made well in this way offer a basis for fast and accurate mapping of mining operations, which contributes to environmental protection. The creation of these rules is fully supported by the subsequent protection of surface and underground water, soil and air quality in accordance with the INSPIRE Directive which orders a high level protection in environmental policy, which requires objective spatial information in addition to formulation and implementation. It is necessary to establish coordination between the users and providers of information, which we have done by defining the rules mentioned above. Rules have been proposed to ensure that spatial data is stored, made available and maintained at the most appropriate level to be able to combine spatial data and use it for the benefit of the greatest environmental protection.

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The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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