

Management of waste from extractive industries. Mining Waste Directive

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The Commission accepted in full, in part or in principle 46 of the 74 amendments proposed by the European Parliament at its first reading. The Commission accepted all the amendments that offer better legal clarity to the text, improve the scope of the Proposal in terms of the range of materials covered, promote long-term safe operation of waste facilities by tightening up in particular the closure and after-care provisions, and address pollution from historic sites. On the other hand, the Commission rejected in particular amendments that are overly prescriptive and detailed or extend significantly the scope of the Proposal.

The Council has to a large extent taken account of the Parliamentary amendments and has made a number of further changes. Whereas the Commission would have preferred a broader scope for the Directive, avoiding several possibilities for derogations in particular insofar as non-hazardous non-inert waste is concerned, it considers that the common position does not, as a whole, alter the approach and

aims of the Proposal and can thus support it.