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**Organizacja władz górniczych i hutniczych Królestwa Polskiego
w pierwszej połowie XIX wieku**

**The organization of the authorities of the governmental mining
and metallurgical industry in the Kingdom of Poland in the
first half of the 19th century**

SUMMARY

The aim of the current paper is to present the organizational framework of the governmental mining and metallurgical industry in the Kingdom of Poland in the first half of the 19th century. This was a period when many legal regulations were introduced in order to give direction to economic activity, which led to the initiation and development of governmental industrial plants. As time went by, however, the plants gradually came to be closed down and were taken over by private capital.

Printed source materials do not provide sufficient data on the organization of the mining authorities during the period of partitioned Poland (i.e. during the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries). The vast literature of the subject concerns mainly economic issues, and is based on enormous amounts of archival materials, some of which are no longer existent today. However, the available writings do not contain any relevant name lists, which would make it possible to follow the changes within particular plants, as well as the industry as a whole.

The mining and metallurgical industry in the Kingdom of Poland went through many periods of growth and of standstill alike. Changes in the industry were due to the effective activities of numerous specialists. The establishment, in the first half of the 19th century, of a number of industrial regions went hand in hand with the actual emergence of specialized industry. This led to the appearance of a stable cadre of qualified workers of the governmental mining and metallurgical industry in the Kingdom of Poland. However, it is nowadays very difficult to follow all the personnel changes, as well as to draw up a complete list of those employed in the industry.

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