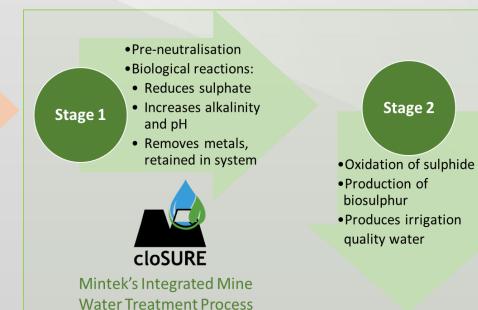


E2020-5 - Treatment of Acid Mine Drainage for Reuse in Irrigation

Mintek's cloSURETM Process

Acid Mine Drainage

- Acidic
- High sulphate
- Metals
- Severe and persistent environmental impact



Irrigation

- •Irrigation of fields and tunnels
- Production of value products
- Flowers and fruit
- Grains
- Silage
- Energy crops

Technology Application



Mines post closure



Legacy mine sites



Sites with limited infrastructure



Sites with low flows (1-2 ML/d)

Long term aim of cloSURE™



Reuse of treated mine water



Job creation and food security



Protection of communities



Preservation of natural resources

Laboratory Work

- 1. Optimisation of oxidation stage:
 - i. residence time
 - ii. nutrient (N and P) addition
 - iii. biofilm harvesting
- 2. Biofilm composition
- 3. Design parameters for scale up
- 4. Design concept for biofilm harvesting

Biofilm:

- 234g/m²
- 24% sulphur
- 74% struvite

Treated water in line with irrigation water quality targets





Integrated pilot plant at EWRP

- Integration and continuous operation of pilot plant
- 2. Market evaluation for biofilm product
- 3. Produce irrigation quality water

Treated water:

- pH 7.5
- 75% sulphate removal
- Metals removal
- 500 L/d



