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**Fig. 1** Acidic mine drainage in a South African Strip-Mining operation (courtesy Henk Coetzee)

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| 2010 | 554 | 27 | 242 | 13 | 57 | 215 |
| 2011 | 635 | 39 | 254 | 16 | 85 | 241 |
| 2012 | 680 | 48 | 262 | 15 | 127 | 228 |
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FeS2 + 3 O2 + 2 H2O → Fe2+ + 2 SO42- + 4 H+ (2)

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