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The main aim of the conference is to gather international scientists and key stakeholders such as Papua New Guinean government agencies, nongovernmental organisations, mining industry, and landowner representatives to disseminate and discuss the results of:

- a review of environmental performance of deep sea mine tailings placement (DSTP) practice;
- a review of environmental monitoring results undertaken at mine sites using DSTP;
- presentation of independent environmental investigations at Lihir and Misima Islands in 2007;
- guidelines and criteria for future DSTP practice in Papua New Guinea.

The world's population will always need mineral resources, and environmental issues associated with their extraction are expected to gain importance. The challenge, therefore, is to develop the best mining practices and technologies while minimising the environmental impact of mining operations.

Waste disposal is an important issue that requires consideration, and deep sea disposal of mine tailings remains a controversial option. Nevertheless, when mines are located on islands that have little appropriate land, have a risk of flooding due to high rainfall and have high instability risks due to seismic activity, it may be the disposal option with the least impact. For further information, please click:

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