

Explanatory Comments to the Draft Report of the Inquiry Commission

1. Distance from the coast to the offshore dumping site and actual depths in the location of this site (Section 3.2.2 of the draft Report and message of 25.05.06):

Annex 7 contains the modelling results that characterize the distribution and spreading of suspended matter plume arising from dredging operations associated with the construction of seaward access channel (not from the dumping site). This plume is formed by fine-size suspended matter excavated during dredging operations.

In order to derive correct distances from the schematic map presented in Annex 34_1 (in accordance with the specified scale of 1:50000), the measurements should be done on the basis of hardcopy version of this map, printed from a pdf-file at 100% enlargement (Figure 1). Under this arrangement, the distance from the offshore dumping site centre to the nearest coastline (strictly westward) is 16 cm, which in real terms means 8 km. According to Annex 39, initial depths in the area of dumping site ranged between 22 to 24 m, whereas the currently measured depths in this area (see Annexes 34_2; 39) range between 20.5 to 24 m.

2. Area of land allocated to riparian storage sites for dredging spoils (Section 3.2.1 of the draft Report, the last but one paragraph):

According to Annex 19, the total area of land allocated to the riparian storage sites for dredging spoils is about 125 ha.