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OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF LIGNITE MINING IN THE AREA OF OŚNO LUBUSKIE AND SULĘCIN (WEST POLAND)

The paper presents the history of lignite mining in the north west part of Ziemia Lubuska (Western Poland), in the region of Ośno Lubuskie and Sulęcín. It describes underground mining in complicated geological conditions (glaciotectonic deformations). The paper is based on remaining German archival materials (Main Mining Office) as well as Polish materials. The paper briefly describes the discovery of lignite deposits in the nineteenth century and provides a detailed history of the largest mines in the region, i.e. "Oscar" and "Borussia" in Smogóry, and "Eduard" in Długoszyn, and briefly discusses the remainder of the mines. The paper is supplemented with historical maps showing the locations of the mines and presents the available technical and statistical data.