

Name 1	ANTHONY'S MAIN ROAD (PART 1: ŠELŠTEV)
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ID number	002.62.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Center, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija (ground floor, 31%); Vital d.o.o., Kosovelova 3, SI-5280 Idrija (the remaining part of the building, 69%)
Ownership	Public
Owner	Republic of Slovenia (ground floor, 31%); Vital d.o.o. Idrija (69%, remaining part of buildings)
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 4826
Type of Object	Mine, Development of new activities

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The brick two-storey building with the entrance in the mine has a mansard at the top. The middle part of the ground floor is a highly arched lobby, which continues in the mine tunnel. The doors in the pit are on the back wall of the building. There are changing rooms with toilets and a souvenir shop on the left side and a lecture room or the projection room on the rights.
Measures	Area 250 m ² (length 20 m, width 12.5 m), height 12.8 m.
Materials	Stone, brick, wood, plaster.

Dating 1756–1977

Author / Producer Idrija Mercury Mine

Picture attachments

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Original use

The Šelštev (originally wooden) is an entrance building through which they entered the mine. Šelštev (from German word "die Gesellstube") means "comrade room", "call room" or "collection facility". The miners gathered in the call room before work. The guard called the miners to work by hammering the rail on top of the Šelstev entrance building. At 4 AM, in the call room, the manager read the miners by name to check their presence and announced them their daily work obligations from the book. Before entering the pit, the miners took their mark - identification number off a special board called the "Death Clock", and returned it after the shift, which confirmed their safe return from the pit. In 1787, the hospital started to operate in the building, where an injured miner or miners poisoned with mercury were treated. After that, the mine surveyors got premises in the building. At the end of the 19th century the apartments in the building were intended for the migrant mining workers. In 1890, Stanko Bloudek, the professional aircraft and automotive design engineer and constructor, planner and builder of sports facilities, also lived in the building.

Present use

The building is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. The Šelštev entrance building is one of the oldest preserved mining buildings, which, along with the Ahacij Square, forms the entire old town centre. The ground floor premises of the building are intended for the museum display. The model, which shows the location and the diversification of the Idrija mine, is built in the floor of the hallway. Further on, there is an entrance in to underground area. There are changing rooms with toilets and a souvenir shop on the left side. The call room on the right side, is nowadays in use as the lecture room, the projection room and visitors' collection point before entering the pit. The first floor is intended for restaurant and the second floor with the mansard is intended for the accommodation.

Original location 2357 Idrija - town, lot no. 1460 (buildings no. 664).

Present location No changes.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:

- 1993–1994: the static reconstruction, drainage, hydro-isolation of the building and the facade were made. The roofing and shingle were replaced. The call room was reconstructed internally.
- 1994: museum presentation;
- 2014: the upgrade of the museum display.

Present state good

Necessary activities: Performing regular maintenance services in accordance with the Guidelines of the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, including the status control and preservation, security and presentation of the heritage.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:

- The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia;
- Ordinance on the proclamation of the technical heritage in the Idrija and its surroundings for cultural monuments of national importance. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 66/01, 55/02, 16/08;
- ZVKDS Restavratorski center. Konservatorski načrt Idrija - Antonijev rov. Ljubljana, Idrija, 2010.
- Rules on the designation and protection of natural values (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 111/04, 70/06, 58/09, 93/10 and 23/15);
- Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Culture. Starting points of the programme of the comprehensive protection of the

cultural heritage and natural values, related with the Idrija ore deposit. Idrija, 2010.

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