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**Rope guides**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Many mining companies, and many of the engineering companies that provide designs for mines, operate globally so ISO 19426 was developed in response to a desire for a unified global approach to the safe and robust design of structures for mine shafts. The characteristics of ore bodies, such as their depth and shape, vary in different areas so different design approaches have been developed and proven with use over time in different countries. Bringing these approaches together in ISO 19426 will facilitate improved safety and operational reliability.

The majority of the material in ISO 19426 deals with the loads to be applied in the design of structures for mine shafts. Some principles for structural design are given, but for the most part it is assumed that local standards will be used for the structural design.

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# Structures for mine shafts —

## Part 7: Rope guides

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the design loads and the design procedures for the design of rope guides and rubbing ropes used for guiding conveyances and preventing collisions in vertical mine shafts for permanent operations. It covers personnel and material hoisting, as well as rock hoisting installations. There are no fundamental limitations placed on the size of conveyances, the hoisting speeds, shaft layout configurations, or the shaft depth.

This document can be applicable to shaft sinking operations when kibbles run on the stage ropes.

There are many reasons, based on technical, timing, and cost factors, why rope guides are selected or not for a particular application, following careful assessment at feasibility stage of any project where rope guides are considered. This document provides some comments regarding the advantages and disadvantages of using rope guides compared to rigid guides, and specific design aspects for consideration when using rope guides. However, it is primarily intended to provide the technical information required to ensure good engineering of shafts where rope guided hoisting is the chosen solution.

This document does not cover matters of operational safety.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 19426-1, *Structures for mine shafts — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 19426-2, *Structures for mine shafts — Part 2: Headframe structures*

ISO 19426-5, *Structures for mine shafts — Part 5: Shaft system structures*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 19426-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org>

#### 3.1

##### **cheeseweight**

stack of weights, usually steel castings, suspended from the bottom of a rope guide forming a dead weight tensioning system