



2016 Minerals Yearbook

BURKINA FASO

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF BURKINA FASO

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement, gold, lead, manganese, silver, and zinc—represented only a minor part of the economy of Burkina Faso (International Monetary Fund, 2016, p. 5–6). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Burkina Faso is provided by the Mining Code (law No. 036–2015/CNT). Data on mineral production are in table 1. Table 2 is a list of major mineral industry facilities. More-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Burkina Faso can be found in previous editions of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—

International—Africa and the Middle East, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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TABLE 1
BURKINA FASO: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS						
Gold, mine production, Au content	kilograms	28,939	32,713	36,199	35,223	39,200
Lead, mine production, concentrate:						
Gross weight		--	2,236	2,500 ^e	2,500 ^e	--
Pb content		--	1,017	1,100 ^e	1,100 ^e	--
Manganese, mine production:						
Ore, processed		50,000 ^e	50,000 ^e	50,000 ^e	50,000 ^e	--
Mn content		24,800	22,500	22,500	22,500	--
Silver, mine production, Ag content of Pb concentrate	kilograms	--	14,541	14,000 ^e	12,200 ^r	12,000 ^e
Zinc, mine production, Zn content		--	63,648	65,000 ^e	68,700 ^r	77,800
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Cement, hydraulic		658,595	579,928	403,000	263,200	265,000 ^e

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through November 29, 2017. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, dolomite, granite, marble, phosphate rock, salt, and sand and gravel and other construction materials may have been produced in Burkina Faso, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
BURKINA FASO: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Country and commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement		Diamond Cement Burkina S.A. (West African Cement S.A.)	Ouagadougou	700,000.
Gold	kilograms	Société des Mines de Bélahouro S.A. (Avocet Mining plc, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Inata Mine, 220 kilometers north of Ouagadougou	5,200.
Do.	do.	Burkina Mining Company S.A. (Endeavour Mining Corp., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Yougua Mine, 180 kilometers southeast of Ouagadougou	3,100.
Do.	do.	Essakane S.A. (IAMGOLD Corp., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Essakane Mine, 330 kilometers northeast of Ouagadougou	12,000.
Do.	do.	Kalsaka Mining S.A. (Amara Mining plc, 78%; IMARB Indústria Metalúrgica, 12%; Government, 10%) and Seguéniéga Mining S.A. (Amara Mining plc, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Kalsaka-Sega Mine, 150 kilometers west of Ouagadougou	2,300. ¹
Do.	do.	Semafo Burkina Faso S.A. (Semafo Inc., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Mana Mine, 200 kilometers west of Ouagadougou	9,300.
Do.	do.	Société des Mines de Taparko S.A. (Nord Gold N.V., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Taparko-Boroum Mine, 200 kilometers northeast of Ouagadougou	4,100.
Do.	do.	Bissa Gold S.A. (Nord Gold N.V., 90%, and Government, 10%)	Bissa Mine, 85 kilometers north of Ouagadougou	8,000.
Do.	do.	Pinsapo Gold S.A. (Pinsapo Group AG)	Sassa-1 small-scale mine, Passore Province	NA.
Lead		Perkoa Group (Glencore plc, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Perkoa Mine, 120 kilometers from Ouagadougou	1,100.
Manganese		ACM Corp. (Burkina Manganèse S.A., 100%)	Kiere Mine, 20 kilometers northeast of Hounde, Tuy Province	60,000 ore.
Do.		Pan African Minerals (Timis Mining Corp.)	Tambao Mine, Oudalan Province	3,000.
Silver	kilograms	Perkoa Group (Glencore plc, 90%, and Government, 10%)	Perkoa Mine, 120 kilometers from Ouagadougou	15,000.
Zinc		do.	do.	32,300.

Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹Mine closed in 2014.