

# 2016 Minerals Yearbook

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## DJIBOUTI

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF DJIBOUTI

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably basalt, clay, cement, dimension stone, limestone, salt, and sand and gravel—represented only a minor part of the economy of Djibouti (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 2017). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Djibouti is provided by law No. L 138, SB, 16, 7th of July 23, 2016, and law No. 117/AN/05 of October 16, 2005. 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 Djibouti can be found in previous editions

of the U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Africa, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/africa-and-middle-east>.

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TABLE 1  
DJIBOUTI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES<sup>1</sup>

(Metric tons, gross weight)

Commodity <sup>2</sup>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Cement, hydraulic	--	150,000 <sup>c</sup>	170,000 <sup>r, c</sup>	180,000 <sup>r, c</sup>	180,000 <sup>c</sup>
Clay, common, for use in cement	--	30,000 <sup>c</sup>	34,000 <sup>c</sup>	36,000 <sup>c</sup>	36,000 <sup>c</sup>
Limestone, for use in cement	--	230,000 <sup>c</sup>	250,000 <sup>c</sup>	270,000 <sup>c</sup>	270,000 <sup>c</sup>
Salt <sup>c</sup>	4,000	500	500	500	500
Sand and gravel, construction, for use in concrete <sup>c</sup>	720,000	900,000	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,600,000

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. -- Zero.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through June 21, 2017. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

<sup>2</sup>In addition to the commodities listed, basalt and dimension stone may have been produced in Djibouti, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
DJIBOUTI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement	Cimenterie d'Ali Sabieh S.A. (Government, 100%)	Plant at Ali Sabieh	240,000
Do.	Nael Cement Products (subsidiary of Nael General Contracting Establishment)	Plant at Balbala	220,000
Salt	Artisanal miners	Mines at Lake Assal	12,000 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. Do. Ditto.