

# 2016 Minerals Yearbook

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## FIJI

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF FIJI

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In 2016, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement, gold, and silver—represented only a minor part of the economy of Fiji (Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2017). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Fiji is provided by the Mining Act, the Oil and Petroleum Act, the Quarry Act, the Surveyors Act, the Land Use Decree 2010, the Land Use Regulations, and the Environment Management Act. 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 Fiji can be found in previous editions

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

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

(Thousand metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity <sup>2</sup>		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>METALS</b>						
Bauxite <sup>c</sup>		500	600	640	250	58
Gold, mine production, Au content	kilograms	1,453	1,218	1,187	1,289 <sup>r</sup>	1,499
Silver, mine production, Ag content	do.	342	462	361	354	354
<b>INDUSTRIAL MINERALS</b>						
Cement, hydraulic		150	181	188	204	219
Stone, crushed, limestone <sup>c</sup>		50	60	60	60	60

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. do. Ditto.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through December 11, 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, dimension stone, coral sand, marble, and other construction materials may have been produced in Fiji, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
FIJI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity <sup>c</sup>
Bauxite	Shangdong Xinfu Aluminum and Electricity Group	Nawailevu Mine in Lekutu district, Bua Province	400
Cement	Pacific Cement Ltd. (PCL) (Fijian Holding Ltd. Corp., 50.1%, and Vinod Patel Group, 47%)	Lami, Suva	215
Do.	Tengy cement factory (Tengy Cement Company Ltd.)	do.	50
Gold kilograms	Vatukoula Gold Mines plc. (Zhongrun International Mining Co. Ltd., 66%)	Vatukoula, Viti Levu	2,000
Silver do.	do.	do.	500

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