

2016 Minerals Yearbook

IRAQ

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF IRAQ

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Hydrocarbons were a leading segment of the economy of Iraq in 2016, accounting for the majority of the country's exports of goods (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, 2017, p. 19–20). The country ranked fourth in the world among the leading producers of crude petroleum (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, 2017, p. 32). The nonfuel minerals and hydrocarbons sectors are regulated by law No. 38 of 2011 and law No. 84 of 1985, respectively. 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 Iraq 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
IRAQ: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

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

Commodity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
METALS					
Iron and steel, raw steel	--	--	-- ^r	-- ^r	--
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS					
Cement, hydraulic	10,000 ^e	12,000 ^e	9,000 ^{r,e}	10,000 ^r	10,000 ^e
Clay and shale:					
Bentonite metric tons	6,530	6,288	255	--	--
Kaolin do.	3,000	--	--	--	--
Unspecified	33,380	34,000 ^e	34,000 ^e	34,000 ^e	--
Gypsum	1,370 ²	1,500 ^r	1,200	1,000 ^e	1,000 ^e
Nitrogen, N content:					
Ammonia	143	146	182	40 ^{r,e}	35 ^e
Urea	129	135	142	29 ^r	25 ^e
Phosphate fertilizer	80	68	64	--	--
Phosphate rock:					
Gross weight	250	350 ^r	34	--	--
P ₂ O ₅ content	44	64 ^r	7 ^e	--	--
Salt	143	182	200	209 ^r	200 ^e
Stone and sand and gravel:					
Sand and gravel, construction, unspecified	23,200 ³	24,000 ^e	24,000 ^e	24,000 ^e	25,000 ^e
Silica, mine production, unspeci metric tons	1,439	12,900	3,100 ^r	-- ^{r,e}	--
Stone, crushed, limestone:					
For cement	4,648	5,000 ^e	2,460	7,360	6,000 ^e
For construction	326	500 ^e	400 ^e	400 ^e	500 ^e
Sulfur, S content, native	20	38	37	40 ^r	40 ^e
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS					
Natural gas, marketable million cubic meters	6,675 ^r	7,445 ^r	7,927 ^r	7,685 ^r	10,416 ^r
Petroleum:					
Crude, including condensate thousand 42-gallon barrels	1,137,340	1,146,465	1,199,025	1,471,315	1,629,725
Refinery production					
Distillate fuel oil do.	46,574	48,326	38,070	26,390	17,960
Gasoline do.	27,886	31,354	24,163	20,440	12,370
Kerosene, including jet fuel do.	16,243	15,184	11,279	10,147	24,460
Liquefied petroleum gas do.	910 ^r	840 ^r	1,100 ^r	1,300 ^r	1,350 ^e
Residual fuel oil do.	103,076	106,945	90,958	80,957	80,520
Other do.	18,068	17,666	26,353	24,346	28,580
Total	213,000 ^r	220,000 ^r	192,000 ^r	164,000 ^r	165,000

^eEstimated. ^rRevised. Do. Ditto. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through February 28, 2018. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Totals and estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Reported in cubic meters and converted to metric tons; includes only primary gypsum.

³Reported in cubic meters and converted to metric tons.

TABLE 2
IRAQ: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2016

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Cement:				
Portland		Southern Cement State Co. (Government, 100%)	Five plants: Al Basrah plant An Najaf Al plant Kufa plant Muthena Nora plant As Samawa plant	7,500,000.
Do.		Iraqi Cement State Co. (Government, 100%)	Five plants: Al Qaim plant Al Maamil plant (Baghdad) Kirkuk plant Al Fallujah plant Kubaisa plant	5,200,000.
Do.		Northern Cement State Co. (Government, 100%)	Seven plants: Al Tamin plant Badoosh I, II, and III plants (Mosul) Hammam Al Aleel I and II plants (Mosul) Sinjar plant (Mosul)	3,740,000.
Do.		Bazian Cement Company (LafargeHolcim Group, 70%, and Faruk Group Holding, 30%)	Bazian plant at Sarchinar, near Hayasi 40 kilometers west of Suleimaniyah	2,500,000.
Do.		United Cement Company (LafargeHolcim Group, 60%, and Faruk Group Holding, 40%)	Taslaja plant, near Suleimaniyah	2,300,000.
Do.		Karbala Cement Manufacturing Ltd. (Lafarge S.A., 51%, and Merchant Bridge Co., 49%)	Karbala plant, Karbala Governorate	1,000,000.
Do.		Lucky Cement Co. (Lucky Cement of Pakistan, 50%, and Al Shawi family, 50%)	Al Basrah plant	1,100,000.
Do.		Mass Group Holding Ltd. of Jordan (100%)	Bazian plant 35 kilometers west of Suleimaniyah	6,000,000.
Do.		do.	Al Shamal cement factory, Atbara	1,500,000.
White		Iraqi Cement Co. (Government, 100%)	Fallujah white cement plant, Fallujah	300,000.
Gypsum		Five companies: Al Ahlia Gypsum Industrial Co. Ltd. Al Ameen Gypsum Production Co. Ltd. Al Ma'moon Building Materials Co. Ltd. Al Rashid Gypsum Co. Ltd. Al Shemal Gypsum Industries Co. Ltd.	Baghdad	1,368,750.
Iron and steel	thousand metric tons	Al Anmaa Co. for Constructional Material Production [Al Tanmiya Co. for Steel Industries (100%)]	Plant at Khawr az Zubayr, Al Basrah Governorate	450.
Do.	do.	FF Steel Co., 100%	Erbil plant	580.
Do.	do.	Mass Iraq Iron and Steel Industry Co. (Mass Group Holding Ltd., 100%)	As Sulaymaniyah Governorate	1,250.
Do.	do.	State Company for Iron and Steel (SCIS) (Government, 100%)	Khawr az Zubayr, Al Basrah Governorate	NA.
Natural gas	million cubic meters	Basrah Gas Co. (BGC) [South Gas Co., 51%; Royal Dutch Shell plc, 44%; Mitsubishi Corp., 5%]	Hammar Mishrif and Rafidhiya facilities, Al Basrah Governorate	310.
Do.	do.	DNO International ASA, 40%; Genel Enerji A.S., 40%; Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), 20%	Summail gasfield, Dahuk Iraqi Kurdistan Region	2,044.
Do.	do.	Pearl Petroleum Co. Ltd. (PPCL) [Crescent Petroleum, 40%; Dana Gas PJSC, 40%; MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Co. p.l.c. (MOL), 10%; OMV Aktiengesellschaft, 10%]	Chemchamal and the Khor Mor fields, Iraqi Kurdistan Region	350.

See footnotes at end of table.

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(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Nitrogen	thousand metric tons	State Enterprise for Fertilizer and Petrochemical (South) (Government, 100%)	Plant at Abu Al-khasib, Al Basrah Governorate	230 ammonia; 350 urea.
Do.	do.	State Company for Fertilizers Northern Area (Government, 100%)	Plant at Baiji, Salah ad Din Governorate	231 ammonia; 202 urea.
Do.	do.	1st Global Company for Chemical Fertilizers Production Ltd., 100%	do.	365 ammonia; 525 urea.
Petroleum:				
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels per day	BP p.l.c., 47.6%, and China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC), 46.4%	Rumaila, Al Basrah Governorate	1,350.
Do.	do.	China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC), 75%, and North Oil Co., 25%	Al-Ahdab, Wasit Governorate	140.
Do.	do.	China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC), 37.5%; South Oil Co., 25%; Petronas Carigali International Sdn Bhd, 18.75%; Total S.A., 18.75%	Halfaya, Maysan Governorate	70.
Do.	do.	CNOOC Ltd., 63.75%; Iraq Drilling Co., 25%; Türkiye Petrolleri Anonim Ortaklığı (TPAO), 11.25%	Maysan, Maysan Governorate	450.
Do.	do.	DNO International ASA, 55%; Genel Enerji A.S., 25%; Kurdistan National Oil Co., 20%	Tawke, Iraqi Kurdistan Region	100.
Do.	do.	Exxon Mobil Corp., 60%; Royal Dutch Shell plc, 15%; Oil Exploration Co., 25%	West Qurna 1, Al Basrah Governorate	400.
Do.	do.	Eni S.p.A., 41.56%; Occidental Petroleum Corp., 26.69%; Korean Gas Corp. (Kogas), 23.75%; Missan Oil Co., 5%	Zubair, Al Basrah Governorate	270.
Do.	do.	Gazprom OAO, 30%; Oil Exploration Co., 25%; Korean Gas Corp. (Kogas), 22.5%; Petronas Carigali International Sdn Bhd, 15%; Türkiye Petrolleri Anonim Ortaklığı (TPAO), 7.5%	Badra, Wasit Governorate	170.
Do.	do.	Lukoil Oil Co., 56.25%; South Oil Co., 25%; Statoil ASA, 18.75%	West Qurna 2, Al Basrah Governorate	NA.
Do.	do.	North Oil Co. (Government, 100%)	Kirkuk, Kirkuk Governorate	280.
	do.	Petronas Carigali International Sdn Bhd, 45%; Japex Corp., 30%; North Oil Co., 25%	Garraff, Dhi Qar Governorate	35.
Do.	do.	Royal Dutch Shell plc, 45%; Petronas Carigali International Sdn Bhd, 30%; Missan Oil Co., 25%	Majnoon, Al Basrah Governorate	18.
Do.	do.	Sociedade Nacional de Petróleos de Angola (Sonagol), 75%, and South Oil Co., 25%	Qiayarah, Ninawa Governorate	120.
Do.	do.	Sociedade Nacional de Petróleos de Angola (Sonagol), 75%, and North Oil Co., 25%	Najmah, Ninawa Governorate	110.
Do.	do.	Taq Taq Operating Co. Ltd. (Genel Enerji A.S., 55%, and Addax Petroleum Corp., 45%)	Taq Taq, Iraqi Kurdistan Region	105.
Refinery products	do.	Midland Refineries Co. (Government, 100%)	Daura refinery at Daura	140,000.
Do.	do.	do.	An Najaf Governorate	30,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Samawah	30,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Diwanya	20,000.
Do.	do.	North Refineries Co. (Government, 100%)	Baiji	230,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Kirkuk	30,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Haditha	16,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Qaiyarah	16,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Kasak	10,000.

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Petroleum:				
Refinery products— Continued	thousand 42-gallon barrels per day	South Refineries Co. (Government, 100%)	Al Basrah Governorate	135,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Nassiriyah-Samawah	30,000.
Do.	do.	do.	Missan	20,000.
Do.	do.	Kar Oil & Gas Co. (private)	Kalak, Erbil	80,000.
Do.	do.	Bazian refinery (Qaiwan Group, 100%)	Suleimaniyah	20,000.
Phosphate rock		General Company for Phosphate (Government, 100%)	Mines at Akashat, Al Anbar Governorate	3,400,000.
Phosphoric acid ¹		do.	Plant at Al-Qaim	400,000.
Phosphatic fertilizer ^{2, 3}		do.	do.	600,000 TSP; 280,000 MAP; 650,000 NPK.
Sulfur	do.	Mishraq Sulphur State Co. (MSSC) (Government, 100%)	Qaiyarah	820,000.
Sulfuric acid ¹		do.	do.	500,000.
Do.	do.	General Company for Phosphate (Government, 100%)	Phosphatic fertilizer plant at Al-Qaim	1,500,000.

Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.

¹No production has been reported since 2003.

²The fertilizer production unit U400 produced triple superphosphate (TSP), monoammonium phosphate (MAP), and compound fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, or NPK).

³Fluoride salts production unit U500, which had the capacity to produce 11,000 metric tons per year of aluminum fluoride, was idle for technical problems but was being used to produce unknown quantities of ammonium chloride, pure silica, silica gel, sodium fluorosilicate, sodium phosphate, and zeolites.