



2017–2018 Minerals Yearbook

SINGAPORE

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SINGAPORE

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In 2017 and 2018, the production of mineral commodities—notably steel and refined gold—represented only a minor part of the economy of Singapore (World Steel Association, 2018; Department of Statistics Singapore, 2019). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Singapore is provided by the Deep Seabed Mining Act 2015 and the Sand and Granite Quarries Act 1971. 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 Singapore 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
SINGAPORE: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

| Commodity ² | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| METALS | | | | | |
| Iron and steel, raw steel | 540,000 | 501,000 | 520,000 | 596,000 | 600,000 ^c |

^cEstimated.

¹Table includes data available through December 3, 2019. All data are reported unless otherwise noted. Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits.

²In addition to the commodities listed, refined gold was produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2
SINGAPORE: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2018

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

| Commodity | Facilities, major operating companies, and major equity owners | Location of main facilities | Annual capacity |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Gold, refined | Metalor Technologies Singapore Pte. Ltd. (Metalor Technologies SA, 100%) | West Region, Singapore | NA |
| Steel, raw | NatSteel Holdings Pte Ltd. (Tata Steel Ltd., 100%) | do. | NA |

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