



# 2019 Minerals Yearbook

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**ESWATINI [ADVANCE RELEASE]**

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF ESWATINI

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably coal, gold, and crushed stone—represented only a minor part of the economy of Eswatini (African Development Bank Group, 2019, p. 235). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Eswatini is provided by the Diamond Act No. 3 of 2011, the Explosive Act No. 4 of 1961, the Mines and Minerals Act No. 4 of 2011, and the Mines and Quarries (Safety) Regulations. 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 Eswatini 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  
ESWATINI: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES<sup>1</sup>

(Metric tons, gross weight, unless otherwise specified)

Commodity <sup>2</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>METALS</b>					
Gold, mine, Au content kilograms	--	--	30	12	8 <sup>e</sup>
<b>INDUSTRIAL MINERALS</b>					
Clay, unspecified, for bricks	72,669	43,004	8,975	--	--
Stone, sand, and gravel, construction:					
Sand and gravel, unspecified, sand	NA	NA	696,361 <sup>r</sup>	1,319,404	1,720,000 <sup>e</sup>
Stone, crushed, unspecified	657,436	696,616	483,226	427,951	460,526
<b>MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS</b>					
Coal, anthracite	141,733	158,419	202,277	144,375 <sup>r</sup>	109,926

<sup>e</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. NA Not available. -- Zero.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through June 8, 2020. 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, modest quantities of pyrophyllite (talc) and soapstone may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
ESWATINI: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2019

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies and major equity owners	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Bricks	Langa Brick (Fortis Enterprises Ltd.)	Mpaka	640,000
Do.	Mangweni Bricks	Kwalini quarry, Matsapha	NA
Coal, anthracite	Maloma Colliery Ltd. (Chancellor House Holdings, 50%; Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, 25%; Government, 25%)	Maloma Mine at Maloma	480,000
Gold kilograms	Lufafa Mine PTY Ltd. (SDZ Holdings LLC., 50%; Ingwenyama, 25%; Government, 25%)	Lufafa Mine, Hhelehhele, in the Hhohho region	400 <sup>e</sup>
Stone, crushed	Camdel Construction (Proprietary) Ltd.	Kwalini quarry, Matsapha	NA
Do.	Mbabane Quarry (Proprietary) Ltd.	Mbabane quarry, Mahamba	NA

Do., Ditto. NA Not available.