



# 2019 Minerals Yearbook

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**SURINAME [ADVANCE RELEASE]**

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# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF SURINAME

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In 2019, the production of mineral commodities—notably cement, gold, and petroleum (crude petroleum and refinery products)—was an important part of the economy (Central Bank of Suriname, 2020). The legislative framework for the mineral sector in Suriname is provided by the Mining Decree of May 8, 1986, and the Petroleum Law of 1990. 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 Suriname can be found in previous editions of the

U.S. Geological Survey Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Area Reports—International—Latin America and Canada, which are available at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nmic/south-america>.

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

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

Commodity <sup>2</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>METALS</b>					
<b>Aluminum:</b>					
Bauxite	1,600	--	--	--	--
Alumina	748	--	--	--	--
Gold, mine, Au content kilograms	23,800 <sup>e</sup>	25,500 <sup>e</sup>	25,349	25,536	24,105
<b>INDUSTRIAL MINERALS</b>					
Cement, hydraulic <sup>e</sup>	70	20	30	30	30
<b>MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS</b>					
<b>Petroleum:</b>					
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	6,189	5,980	5,953	5,980 <sup>r</sup>	6,050
Refinery, products do.	2,900	3,825	4,780	5,323 <sup>r</sup>	5,582

<sup>e</sup>Estimated. <sup>r</sup>Revised. do. Ditto. -- Zero.

<sup>1</sup>Table includes data available through August 26, 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, clay, gravel, sand, and crushed stone may have been produced, but available information was inadequate to make reliable estimates of output.

TABLE 2  
SURINAME: 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
Cement		Vensur N.V. (C. Kersten en Co. NV and Cementos Argos SA)	Clinker grinding facility near Livorno, Paramaribo District	65,000
Gold:				
Ore, Au content	kilograms	Newmont Suriname, LLC, 75%, and Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname N.V., 25%	Merian Mine, 60 kilometers south of Moengo	16,300
Do.	do.	NaNa Resources N.V.	Gold mine, Lawagebied, Benzdorp area	NA
Do.		Rosebel Gold Mines N.V. (IAMGOLD Corp., 95%, and Government of Suriname, 5%)	Rosebel Mine, Brokopondo District, about 85 kilometers south of Paramaribo	8,700
Do.		Sarafina N.V.	Aqua Azul	NA
Do.		Artisanal miners	Various locations, including the Brokopondo, the Marowijne, and the Sipaliwini Districts	25,000 <sup>c</sup>
Refined metal		Kaloti Suriname Mint House (The Government, Kaloti Jewellery Group, and private investors)	Kaloti refinery, Wit' Santi, about 50 kilometers south of Paramaribo	60,000
Petroleum:				
Crude	thousand 42-gallon barrels	Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname N.V. (Government, 100%)	Calcutta field, Tambaredjo field, and Tambaredjo North West field, Saramacca District	6,200
Petroleum products	do.	do.	Crude oil refinery at Tout Lui Faut, near Livorno, about 5 kilometers south of Paramaribo	5,500

<sup>c</sup>Estimated. Do., do. Ditto. NA Not available.