THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL EUROPE Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia

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The Central European transitional economy countries of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia represent one of the more economically dynamic regions of the former centrally planned economy countries of Europe and Central Eurasia. As founding members of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovenia joined in 1999), these countries have continued to implement policies designed to harmonize standards and trade with a view to integrate themselves fully into the European Union (EU), as they had done already in the European security sphere through membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. To accommodate new standards, the development of new commercial infrastructure in the region has added special importance to the region's cement and steel industries; major consumption increases of these commodities serve as markers for likely consumption increases of base metals and many other mineral commodity groups.

The trend toward large-scale foreign investment in the cement and associated quarrying industries in the Central European region that emerged during the 1990s became discernible more clearly in the region's iron and steel sectors during 2002 and 2003. In 2003, the denationalization of the iron and steel sectors was among the major issues in the Central European region. On balance, however, mining continued to undergo rationalization to meet market economy norms and no longer had the same share of industrial production and gross domestic product as it had during the years of central economic planning when Government policies dictated mineral self-sufficiency at all costs.

CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic was an important Central European producer of heavy industrial goods manufactured by the country's toolmaking, machine building, and chemical industries. Steelmaking, the mining and processing of industrial minerals, and the production of construction materials continued to be of domestic and regional importance.

In 2003, the Czech Republic's gross domestic product (GDP) based on purchasing power parity increased by about 3.2% compared with that of 2002 (International Monetary Fund, 2004, p. 199). Industrial production increased by about 5.7% (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, 2004, p. 250). According to data provided by the Czech Geological Survey (GEOFOND), which was the country's leading mineral information agency, the mining and processing sector's share of the GDP declined to 1.4% in 2002 from 3.7% in 1993 largely because of the economic transition to a market-based economy from a centrally planned economy (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 208). In 2003, the

privatization of the iron and steel sector continued to be a dominant issue in the country's mineral industry.

Government Policies and Programs

The Government continued policies of economic development that were aimed at integrating the country into the European Union (EU). The country's membership in the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Trade Organization, as well as participation in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was largely an outcome of the Czech Republic's full orientation toward a Western European political system and market economy.

Three constituent acts comprise the country's mining law, which forms the foundation of the Government's mining and other mineral-related policies. These are Act No. 44/1988 Coll., on Protection and Use of Mineral Resources (the Mining Act), as amended; the Czech National Council Act No. 61/1988 Coll., on Mining Activity, Explosives, and State Mining Administration (Authority/Sedenka), as amended; and the Czech National Council Act No. 62/1988 Coll., on Geological Works, as amended. The Mining Act classifies minerals into "reserved" and "unreserved" categories. The "reserved" category refers to mineral deposits that, apart from immediate market considerations, are determined to be necessary for the development of the national economy (Luks, 1997; GEOFOND, 2004, p. 10, 11). Other provisions in the mining law address issues of licensing and Federal and regional compliance with environmental regulations during the exploration and exploitation of mineral deposits and the reclamation of mined-out areas.

To meet the needs of a developing market economy, major changes in the Czech Republic's environmental policies were enacted in 1997. On the basis of environmental principles that were approved by the Government in 1995, the new policy was officially formulated in the environmental law of 1997, Act No. 125/1997. Also, four of the six enabling provisions of the new law were formally adopted at the same time as the new law on January 1, 1998. The environmental law focuses on reducing the volume of waste, discreet collection of waste by category, and recycling. The law adopts the main provisions of EU and OECD regulations and the Basel Convention. The catalogue of wastes is compatible with the European Catalogue of Wastes of the EU.

Production and Trade

In 2003, the iron and steel industry, which constituted the major part of the country's metallurgical sector, continued to

increase output of pig iron (by 7.4%) and crude steel (by 4.4%). The production of hot-rolled steel semimanufactures amounted to about 5.5 million metric tons (Mt), which was an increase of about 3.7% compared with that of 2002 (International Iron and Steel Institute, 2004, p. 53, 55).

Since 2002, when mine output of iron ore ceased, the Czech Republic has depended entirely on imports for its iron ore requirements. Trade data for 2003 indicate that total iron ore imports by the Czech Republic amounted to about 8.2 Mt, or about 21% more than total imports in 2001. Ukraine (about 64%) and Russia (about 30%) accounted for the major share of the Czech Republic's imports of iron ore and concentrate. Net imports of pig iron amounted to about 22,000 metric tons (t), which was a decline of about 75% compared with those of 2002. Net exports of iron and steel scrap amounted to 673,000 t, which was about 2% less than those of 2002 (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 24).

In 2002, the production of mineral fuels registered mixed results. The production of brown coal and lignite increased by about 2% compared with that of 2002; bituminous coal declined by about 5% to almost 13.4 Mt. Natural gas production increased by about 44% compared with that of 2002 to about 131 million cubic meters; crude petroleum output rose by about 23%. Although the Czech Republic remained a net exporter of all forms of coal, the country continued to rely on imports of natural gas and petroleum to meet almost all its requirements. Total imports of petroleum amounted to about 6.3 Mt, which was a 4.3% increase compared with that of 2002 and about 68% of the Czech Republic's total petroleum imports. Russia also accounted for more than 74% of the Czech Republic's imports of natural gas, which in 2003 declined by almost 3% compared with those of 2002 and amounted to about 6,772 million cubic meters (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 71, 77, 80, 83, 89).

Major production changes in the industrial minerals sector included production increases of cement and feldspar and production downturns for graphite and gypsum (table 1).

Commodity Review

Metals

The Czech Republic's metals sector produced a broad range of base metals and semimanufactures from imported primary raw materials (ores and concentrates) and secondary materials (scrap). Although interest in gold mining continued in some parts of the Czech Republic, other metals were reported to have been depleted. According to official data, most of the country's metallic mineral deposits as of December 31, 2000, were not economic. Gold-bearing and tin-tungsten ores were among the exceptions (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 21).

Aluminum.—With sources of aluminum limited to imports, the Czech Republic's aluminum industry chiefly processed secondary aluminum and fabricated semimanufactured and finished aluminum commodities. In 2002, the Czech Republic's imports of unwrought aluminum, alumina, and bauxite amounted to 149,570 t, 23,142 t, and 13,871 t, respectively. Bauxite and alumina imports were consumed by the country's industrial minerals sector. The Czech Republic's main export of unfabricated aluminum consisted of 43,045 t of unwrought aluminum (primary shapes) (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 191).

Copper.—The Czech Republic relied almost exclusively on imports of refined copper, copper alloys, and scrap to meet its industrial needs. In 2003, imports of refined copper, which amounted to 6,209 t, fell for the second straight year, by about 48% compared with those of 2002. Germany, Poland, and Austria supplied about 51%, 31%, and 9%, respectively, of total imports.

The Czech Republic remained a substantial net exporter of copper scrap. In 2003, copper scrap exports, which exceeded imports of copper scrap by about 18 fold, amounted to 36,874 t. Germany was the major importer of copper scrap from the Czech Republic (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 34).

Iron and Steel.—As of December 31, 2003, only one economic deposit of magnetite was on the official registry. The remaining magnetite deposits were located at Kovarska in the northeastern part of the Czech Republic. These deposits contained about 15 Mt of subeconomic resources (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 24).

All the raw materials consumed by the country's steel industry—iron ore and concentrate, and pellets and agglomerate—were imported. In 2003, more than 8.2 Mt of iron ore and concentrate was imported mainly from Ukraine and Russia, which accounted for about 64% and 30% of the total imports, respectively. Net imports of pig iron amounted to about 22,000 t. Russia and Slovakia accounted for 94% of the total imports of pig iron by the Czech Republic (72,000 t); net exports of iron and steel scrap by the Czech Republic amounted to about 673,000 t (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 24).

The steel industry operated eight steel plants with a collective capacity to produce almost 11 million metric tons per year (Mt/yr) of steel. The main steel producers, in order of crude steel production capacity, were Nova Hut s.p. Ostrava (NH), Zelezarne Vitcovice (ZV), Trinecke Zelezarny (TZ), and Poldi United Steel Works; these producers accounted for more than 87% of the country's total crude steel production capacity.

The rationalization of the iron and steel industry and the increasing foreign investor interest in Czech ferrous metallurgy continued in 2003. After extended negotiations for the purchase of NH, LNM Holdings Ltd. (LNM) of the United Kingdom finally acquired NH in January 2003. The value of the transaction amounted to more than \$800 million, of which about \$464 million was to be earmarked to cover NH's debts and liabilities, and about \$356 million was to be used for capital investment and as working capital. The deal also included the acquisition of pig iron producer Vysoke Pece Ostrava (Metal Bulletin, 2004b). In accordance with the EU's restructuring policies, LNM announced a downsizing of the workforce as part of NH's restructuring plan; the plan envisaged a 21% reduction of NH's 11,300-employee workforce (Metal Bulletin, 2004c). Another issue was talks held between representatives of NH's management and the Hungarian Steel Industry Association to rescind Hungary's quotas on imports of steel from NH, which total about 40,000 metric tons per year (t/yr) (Metal Bulletin, 2004a).

Other developments in the Czech steel sector included the decision by Osinek A.S. [a branch of the Czech Republic's National Property Fund (NPF)] to renew the sale offering of the Vitcovice A.S. iron and steel works; no sale date, however, had been set by yearend. In 2002, Osinek obtained about 99% of ZV stock in a transaction valued at about \$90 million (Metal Bulletin, 2003b).

Lead and Zinc.—The mining of the Czech Republic's lead and zinc ore deposits ended in early 1994. The number of registered lead deposits declined to 8 in 2003 from 17 in 1998. Similarly, the number of registered zinc deposits declined to 9 in 2003 from 18 in 1998. All but one of the registered deposits accounted for both metals, having galena and sphaelerite (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 36, 40).

In 2003, net imports of unwrought lead amounted to about 48,600 t. Germany, Sweden, and Poland were the main suppliers of primary lead to the Czech Republic and accounted for 70%, 14%, and 7%, respectively, of Czech lead imports (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 38). The Czech Republic's net exports of lead scrap amounted to 2,018 t, of which all was shipped to Germany (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 38). The chief source of domestic lead scrap raw material was recycled batteries that were collected and processed by the Czech Republic's sole recycler of secondary lead, Kovohute Pribram. According to a company spokesperson, Kovohute Pribram expected sales of secondary lead to decline by yearend owing largely to a decline in the availability of battery scrap (Metal Bulletin, 2003a).

In 2003, about 37% of the Czech Republic's net imports of crude unwrought zinc (27,078 t) were supplied by Poland; Germany and Belgium supplied about 21% and 11%, respectively, of total imports. Net exports of zinc waste and scrap amounted to about 2,200 t, of which Germany was the major recipient (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 41).

Manganese.—Manganese, which is of prime importance to the steel industry, was obtained entirely from imports of ores and concentrates. In 2003, the Czech Republic imported 11,966 t of manganese ores and concentrates from Ukraine (54%), the Netherlands (21%), and Georgia (13%). Imports of ferrosilicomanganese amounted to about 56,000 t, which was more than twice that of 2002; Slovakia, Ukraine, and Romania supplied about 57%, 22%, and 9%, respectively, of total ferrosilicomanganese imports. Imports of ferromanganese amounted to more than 24,000 t; Ukraine and Norway accounted for about 41% and 31%, respectively, of total imports of ferromanganese (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 29).

Industrial Minerals

The Czech Republic was well endowed with and produced a broad range of industrial minerals that met most domestic construction and chemical industry requirements, as well as those for export. The availability of these minerals at the recent (2000-03) average rate of mining ranged from about 43 years for gem-grade pyrope ore to about 3,000 years for silica raw materials. Such corrective additives as clays, loams, loess, sands, and shales needed by the country's cement industry to regulate the content aluminum (Al₂O₃), iron (Fe₂O₃), and silicon oxides (SiO₂) during clinker production were reported to have a combined mining life of about 1,380 years. The industrial minerals that had the largest resources suitable for exploitation were, in order of deposit sizes, limestone, kaolin, and glass sand (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 92-93).

During the late 1990s, foreign investment in the Czech Republic's mineral industry focused primarily on the acquisition of cement plants and associated raw materials quarries.

Mineral Fuels

The energy policy of the Czech Republic has promoted the following aims: the decontrol of energy prices; denationalization, rationalization, and restructuring of the energy sector; increase in the level of conservation, health and safety, and pollution controls in the energy sector; diversification of electricity, natural gas, and petroleum supply; and raising of the efficiency of domestic fossil fuel production. To help make its governmental and economic structures more compatible with those of the EU, the Government will move to harmonize the country's energy sector's standards with those of the EU.

Coal.—Bituminous or hard coal occurs mainly in the Upper Silesian Basin. Of the resources in this region, only about 15% is in the Czech Republic; the balance of the resources is in Poland. Bituminous coal (phytokaustobiolite, as it is described in the Czech Republic's annual Mineral Commodity Summaries of the Czech Republic) has a higher degree of coalification than lower rank coals. Some of the characteristics of Czech bituminous coal include a carbon content of more than 73.4%; a volatile matter content of less than 50%; and a dry and ashfree calorific value that exceeds 24 megajoules per kilogram (MJ/kg). As of December 31, 2003, the Czech Republic reported that the total resource of bituminous coal amounted to about 16.110 billion metric tons (Gt). In 2003, the production of bituminous coal declined by about 5% compared with that of 2002. Imports that amounted to 1.281 Mt were derived almost exclusively from Poland (94%). About 5.7 Mt of bituminous coal was exported mainly to Austria, Germany, and Slovakia (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 70, 71).

In addition to bituminous coal, the Czech Republic distinguishes two types of lower rank coal-brown coal and lignite. Brown coal has a lower level of coalification; that is, it has a fixed level of carbon of less than 73.5%, volatiles of more than 50%, and a dry and ash-free calorific value of less than 24 MJ/kg. The vitrinite reflective boundary between hard/ bituminous coal and brown coal is lower than 0.5% for brown coal. The boundary between brown coal and lignite, however, is not differentiated owing to the inclusion of high volatile lignite in the brown coal category (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 69). The Czech Republic's brown coal deposits are worked in the northwestern part of the country in the Bohemian brown coal basins. The major brown coal basins are found in Krusne Hory Mountains region and cover an area of 1,900 square kilometers (km²). Coal also is mined in the Cheb, the Sokolov, and the Zitava Basins. As of December 31, 2003, total resources of brown coal amounted to more than 9.501 Gt. Brown coal was used mainly as a fuel in the country's electric power industry; a minor amount was consumed by the chemicals sector. In 2003, major foreign commerce in brown coal centered on exports of

about 1.3 Mt; Slovakia (63%) and Hungary (22%) were the major recipients (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 76, 77). According to GEOFOND (2004. p. 79), Czech standards for coal describe high-volatile lignite as a variety of brown coal that has undergone the least amount of coalification and still has xylitic characteristics (fragments of wood, preserved tree trunks, etc.). Its dry and ash free calorific value is less than 17 MJ/kg. The boundary between brown coal and high-volatile lignite is not distinct. Lignite, which usually was consumed by the electric-power-generating sector, also was used for heating. The chief deposits occur in the Vienna Basin, which extends from Austria to Moravia. Total resources of lignite in the Czech Republic at the end of 2003 amounted to about 1.012 Gt (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 80).

Natural Gas and Petroleum.—According to GEOFOND (2004, p. 76), the Czech Republic's oil and gas-bearing/ producing area is in the "Vienna-Moravia oil-bearing province." The deposits in this province are hosted in a large number of "individual oil-bearing structures and producing horizons" to a depth of 2,800 meters (m) (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 82, 83). Sandstones of Middle and Upper Badenian age are described as hosting the most productive oil deposits. Hrusky was once the largest deposit, but most of the oil at Hrusky had been extracted and the structure now serves mainly as an underground gas storage facility. Exploration was being conducted, however, in another oil-bearing area in the Moravian region of the Carpathian foredeep. Petroleum in this region occurs in weathered crystalline Paleozoic rocks. The prevailing type of petroleum is a light sulfur-free paraffin to paraffin-napthene oil. The Czech Republic's petroleum resources as of December 31, 2003, amounted to about 32.4 Mt, of which about 12.5 Mt was categorized as economic proven; 8.6 Mt as economic probable; and about 11.4 Mt as subeconomic (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 82, 83).

In 2003, the Czech Republic imported about 6.3 Mt of petroleum, of which about 68% (4.3 Mt) was imported from the Russian Federation and 15.8% (1 Mt), from Azerbaijan. Exports during the same period were about 133,000 t (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 82, 83). In 2003, domestic production of crude oil increased by about 23% compared with that of 2002. Petroleum production amounted to about 4.3% of net imports.

Natural gas production increased by about 44% to 131 million cubic meters compared with 91 million cubic meters produced in 2002. In 2003, the Russian Federation supplied the Czech Republic with about 74% of approximately 6.8 billion cubic meters of natural gas imports; about 26% was obtained from Norway (GEOFOND, 2004, p. 89, 90).

Outlook

The Czech Republic will continue to rely on imports of natural gas and petroleum, given the country's limited resources of these commodities. Import reliance on base and precious metals also will continue, although demand is not expected to increase significantly. Owing to the fairly high technological level of the Czech Republic's fabrication and service sectors, material input per unit of output was expected to continue to decline from the high material input per output experienced during the country's central economic planning period.

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HUNGARY

Bauxite remained the only major nonfuel mineral produced in Hungary that was significant in terms of European mineral production. In 2003, Hungary maintained production of modest amounts of fossil fuels, industrial minerals, and metals. Despite substantial production of bauxite and alumina, Hungary's production of primary aluminum remained modest owing to limited domestic sources of energy. The production of coal, natural gas, and petroleum was sufficient to satisfy only about one-half of the country's annual energy needs.

In 2003, Hungary's GDP based on purchasing power parity increased by about 4.5% compared with that of 2002 (International Monetary Fund, 2004, p. 199). The gross output (value) of industry rose by about 2.5% (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, 2004, p. 250).

Government Policies and Programs

The Government based its regulatory policies for mining and geologic survey work on provisions in the Mining Law of 1993 (Act XLVIII). Section 50 of the Mining Law was the basis for Governmental Decree No. 132/1993, which constitutes the legislative underpinning for the Hungarian Geological Survey. The Mining Law and related decrees and codes established the legislative bases for estimating reserves, determining environmental risks associated with mining, and providing the geologic and technical information needed to outline tender conditions.

Government agencies that were responsible for enforcing existing environmental protection laws and regulations included the Ministry of the Environment and Regional Planning (KTM) and the Hungarian Mining Office (MBH). The KTM was authorized to help only in the enforcement of existing environmental legislation prescribed by other ministries of the Government. With respect to mining and minerals, Hungary's Ministry of Industry and Commerce had the primary responsibility for establishing environmental regulatory standards. The chief responsibility of the MBH was that of a certifying agency, which could review only technical developmental and operational plans. These plans were required to include provisions that pertain to environmental protection and land restoration by responsible entities.

Production and Trade

The output of bauxite declined by about 7% compared with that of 2002. The production of crude steel decreased by about 7%, and that of rolled semimanufactures, by about 2% compared with respective production levels in 2002; all iron ores and concentrates consumed by the country's iron and steel sector were imported. Among industrial minerals, the production of cement remained at about the output level of 2002. Total coal output rose by about 7% compared with that of 2002 (table 3).

Hungary's output of fossil fuels and industrial minerals was modest. To meet the needs of its economy, the country relied heavily on imported mineral raw materials. In 2002 (the latest year for which trade data were available), the imports of crude raw materials, by volume, which included minerals, increased by about 3.7% compared with those of 2001; those of mineral fuels and electric power increased by about 7.4%. Crude raw material exports rose by about 3%; exports of mineral fuels and electric power, however, declined by almost 5% compared with those of 2001. The value of imports of metal ores and scrap rose above their 2001 import level by about 5.3%; exports of ore and scrap also declined by almost 12%. Imports and exports of iron and steel declined by 2.7% and 1.3%, respectively. Trade in nonferrous metals in 2002 registered declines in both imports and exports of 5.5% and 4.5%, respectively (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, 2003, p. 334, 340).

In 2002, imports of industrial mineral products rose by 11.4% compared with those of 2001. Exports of industrial mineral products, however, declined by 3.5%. With respect to mineral fuels, the total value of imports was about five times greater than the value of exports; imports of natural and manufactured gas, coal and coal products, and petroleum and refinery products declined by 13.4%, 6.3%, and 5.7%, respectively. The value of natural gas exports rose by more than 18%. Coal and petroleum exports declined by 53.4% and by about 5%, respectively, compared with those in 2001 (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, 2003, p. 341).

Commodity Review

Metals

Bauxite mining and refining to alumina and manganese mining (manganese carbonate and oxide ores mined at Urkut) remained the only major metal mining and processing operations in Hungary. Gallium was produced as a byproduct of alumina refining.

Aluminum and Bauxite and Alumina.—Bakony Bauxitbanya Kft. (Bakony Bauxite Mines Ltd.), which was a subsidiary of Magyar Aluminium Ltd. (MAL), mined bauxite in the Bakony District; Hungary's total resources of bauxite as of December 31 2003, were estimated to be about 39 million metric tons (Mt) with a range of from 47% to 52% Al_2O_{22} 6% to 8% SiO₂, and 20% to 25% Fe₂O₃. About one-third of the bauxite was mined by open pit method; the balance was mined underground (Fenyofo and Halimba). In 2003, bauxite production declined by almost 7% compared with that of 2002 owing mainly to the closure of the Halimba III Mine (table 1) (Magyar Aluminium Ltd., 2004, p. 6; Fodor and Kakas, 2005, p. 5). The new Halimba II bauxite mine, which was put into operation in 2003, was designed to account for about one-third of the bauxite feedstock needed by domestic alumina refiners through 2009. To assure continued supplies of bauxite to its alumina refineries, MAL acquired ownership of three bauxite mines (formerly Rudnici Boksita Jajce d.d.) in neighboring Bosnia and Herzegovina. In recent years, MAL has been the sole customer at the three Bosnian mines (Magyar Aluminium Ltd., 2004, p. 4).

Copper.—Although Hungary no longer mined copper, past surveys of the deep-lying [900 to 1,100 meters (m)] Recsk copper ore body in the Matra Mountains discovered between 172 and 175 Mt of copper ore at a grade of 1.12% copper and about 20 Mt of polymetallic ore at a grade of 4.22% lead and 0.92% zinc; smaller quantities of gold, molybdenum, and silver also were present. Geologic investigations conducted by the Government determined the area of mineralization to be about 10 square kilometers (km²). After years of failed efforts to attract foreign investment, the exploration shaft and adit at the Recsk copper deposit, which was under care and maintenance, finally was closed, the equipment removed, and the facilities flooded in 1999 (Molnar, 2001). Hungary's copper requirements were met through secondary refined copper production (table 3) and copper imports, which in 2002 (the latest year for which data were available) amounted to about 17,000 t. Hungary's imports of copper and copper semimanufactures amounted to about 42,000 t (International Copper Study Group, 2004, p. 32, 39).

Iron and Steel.—In Hungary in 2003, as in the other Central European countries, acquisitions and mergers in the steel sector increased, reflecting the Government's program to accommodate standards and practices that would ease Hungary's entry into the European Union (EU).

Following the decision in 2001 by the Hungarian state property agency (APV Rt.) to privatize Dunaferr Dunai Vasmû Rt. (Dunaferr), which was Hungary's leading integrated steel producer, the agency made only gradual movement towards the denationalization of the company. Until 2003, there were very few parties interested in acquiring Dunaferr owing to the company's low profitability and a capital requirement amounting to about \$750 million (Metal Bulletin, 2001). In 2003, a new tender for the sale of Dunaferr was proffered by APV Rt., which set the sale price at about \$279 million for about 80% of the company's shares of stock (Jones, 2003). APV Rt. required an increase of \$57 million in Dunaferr's capital over a 5-year period as one of the provisions in the tender (Shawcross, 2003). The major bidders on the tender included the Cia Siderurgica National of Brazil, the Donbass Group of Ukraine, LNM Group (via Ispat Nova Hut) of the United Kingdom, and JSC Severstal of Russia. In late December, APV Rt. chose the Donbass

Group for the sale of Dunaferr. Donbass agreed to invest about \$310 million and to retain the existing workforces at Dunaferr during the subsequent 5-year period (Reuters, 2003; Shawcross and Kinch 2003). Major investment projects at Dunaferr in 2003 included the modernization of a 300,000-metric-ton-per-year (t/yr) cold-rolling mill undertaken by Voest Alpine Industrieanlagenbau AG of Austria and the completion of the No. 3 coke battery's refurbishment (Jones, 2003).

In 2003, high energy costs and the need for protective tariffs were major concerns of Hungary's iron and steel industry. Faced with rising energy costs as well as rising trade losses, Dam Steel (formerly Dam-Diósgyör Acélmuvek Rt.), which was owned by Cogne Acciai Speciali Srl of Italy, initiated a liquidation process in the early part of the year. OAM-Ozdi Acelmuvek Kft (Ozd), which was owned by Max Aicher GmbH of Germany, was forced to interrupt production in early 2003 because of high costs of fuel (Metal Bulletin, 2003a). To protect the domestic iron and steel industry from dumping, the Hungarian Iron and Steel Association lobbied for higher tariffs, having asserted that as much as 60% of steel consumption in Hungary had been met through imports. A new tariff regime was instituted in the first half of the year, which specified import quotas from a number of countries that included Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine, and a single quota for the EU. The new tariff regime would remain in effect until Hungary gains membership, which was scheduled for April 2004 (Metal Bulletin, 2003b).

Manganese.—In 2003, the output of mainly manganese carbonate ore by the Urkut Mine in the Bakony Mountains amounted to about 48,000 t, which was about 2% less than that produced in 2002. Hungary's manganese ore was used to produce mainly blast furnace ferromanganese (table 3).

Industrial Minerals

Hungary produced a broad range of industrial minerals that included aggregates, bentonite, kaolin, and perlite. Such industrial minerals as construction aggregates and cement continued to play an important role in Hungary's economy, especially in the modernization of the country's infrastructure. Highway construction planned through 2008 would continue to be an important element in the country's development of infrastructure.

Mineral Fuels

Domestically produced coal, natural gas, and petroleum have accounted for 40% of Hungary's energy needs. In 2003, Hungary produced about 1.13 million metric tons per year (Mt/yr) of crude petroleum from reserves that amounted to about 22 Mt; most petroleum (9 Mt), however, was imported from Russia via the Friendship pipeline (Fodor and Kakas, 2005; table 3). Similarly, a substantial and increasing amount of natural gas was being imported from Russia through Russia's gas-main network (Molnar, 2003).

Hungary classifies its coals into three categories—bituminous (hard) coal, brown coal, and lignite. Brown coal and lignite were mined, for the most part, to fuel the country's thermal

electric power stations. Lignite was mined by open pit at the Bukkabrany and the Visonta mines; the output from these mines was used entirely at the Matra electric powerplant. In 2003, the output of lignite rose by about 13% compared with that of 2002; the production of brown coal and bituminous coal declined by about 22% and 15%, respectively. Resources of bituminous coal and lignite plus brown coal as of January 1, 2003, amounted to about 197 Mt and 3,100 Mt, respectively (Fodor and Kakas, 2005).

Outlook

Hungary will continue to rely on imports of natural gas and petroleum and most metals. The need to develop modern infrastructure that conforms to EU standards should stimulate an increase in the consumption of construction-related industrial minerals and base metals.

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POLAND

Poland was endowed with significant mineral resources, which included bituminous coal, copper and lead-zinc ores, salt, silver, and sulfur. The country's reserve base of copper amounted to about 6% of the world total; that of elemental sulfur represented about 9% of the total (Edelstein, 2004; Ober, 2004). Resources of coal and salt were considered to be of world significance and those of silver, lead, and zinc amounted to about 18%, 8%, 3%, respectively. The latest available inventory of the country's mineral resources (for 2002) indicated net gains in geologically documented resources, mainly for gravel aggregates and natural gas (table 6). In 2003, Poland was the second ranked producer of copper in Europe and Central Eurasia after Russia and remained among the top 10 world mine producers of copper (Edelstein, 2004). Poland also continued to be among the world's leading producers of nitrogen (in ammonia), salt, silver, and sulfur. In Europe and Central Eurasia, the country was a significant producer of lead and zinc and a leading producer of lime. According to the most recent data available (2002), Poland accounted for more than 3.0% of total world output of bituminous coal (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2004, p. 529, 530).

According to the International Monetary Fund, Poland's gross domestic product (GDP) based on purchasing power parity registered a growth of 4.4% compared with that of 2002. The value of industrial production in constant prices increased by about 7.6% compared with that of 2002. During the same period, the value of output of the mining and quarrying sector declined by about 2%. The gross output of industry represented about 22% of the GDP (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2004, p. 438).

The sales value (current prices) of industrial minerals, coke and refined petroleum, and base metals accounted for 4.6%, 4.2%, and 3.6%, respectively, of total industrial sales in 2003 (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2004, p. 320, 321).

Total sales for the year by the mining and quarrying sector (constant prices) contracted by about 4.4% compared with those of 2002; of this total, collective sales by the coal, lignite, and peat mining industries fell by about 4.3%. Sales of industrial minerals, however, increased by about 10%; those of base metals rose by about 4.0% compared with those of 2002; and sales of coke and refined petroleum collectively increased by about 2% (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2004, p. 322, 323).

Government Policies and Programs

The Government of Poland remained committed to privatizing fully the country's iron and steel industry. The latest data available (2002) show that the total number of mining enterprises increased to 742 in 2002 from 695 in 2001, of which the state-owned enterprises declined to 33 from 35 in 2001 (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. x). Limited-liability companies, jointstock companies, and partnerships constituted about 80%, 11%, and 4%, respectively, of the total mining enterprises. Steel trade issues and efforts to restructure and privatize Poland's steel industry continued to be among the leading mineral industry concerns during the year.

Production and Trade

As in 2002, Poland's production of minerals showed mixed results in 2003. The metals sector reported output increases of copper (smelter and refined), gold, lead in concentrates and refined; pig iron, crude steel and semimanufactures; and silver. The production levels of aluminum and copper in concentrates declined compared with those of 2002.

Among industrial minerals, production increases in 2003, among others, were reported for hydraulic cement, dolomite, natural gypsum, lime, limestone, and salt. The production of most other industrial minerals also showed output gains when compared with respective output levels in 2002. Among mineral fuels, production gains were reported for coal, natural gas, and crude petroleum (table 1).

Although Poland was a leading European producer and processor of minerals and mineral fuels, Poland still depended heavily on imports to meet demand. According to the Mineral and Energy Economy Research Institute of Poland's Academy of Sciences, of the 130 mineral commodities that were reviewed, about 50 (38%) were in the category of total import dependence. Additionally, 14 mineral commodities, or about 11% of the total, were in the category of import dependence that ranged from more than 50% to about 99% of demand (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. xii, xvii).

In 2002, Poland's mineral imports, in order of value, included petroleum (\$2.9 billion), natural and associated gas (\$1.2 billion), unwrought aluminum and aluminum alloys (\$227 million), and iron ore and concentrates (\$182 million). Major mineral exports were, in order of value, bituminous coal (\$816 million), refined copper (\$419 million), silver (\$185 million), and iron, and iron and steel scrap (\$164 million) (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2003, p. 154-507; Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. xxiii). Poland's overall mineral trade deficit in 2002 amounted to more than \$3 billion. Given the anticipated increases in demand for aluminum, iron ore, natural gas, and petroleum, the mineral trade debt was expected to increase.

Commodity Review

Metals

Aluminum and Bauxite and Alumina.—Poland's primary aluminum, which was produced in Konin at Aluminium Konin-Impexmetal S.A. (Konin), was based entirely on imported alumina. Alumina imports in 2002 (the latest year for which trade data were available) amounted to about 123,000 metric tons (t) and were chiefly used in primary aluminum production. A small amount (less than 15%) was used in the nonmetallurgical sphere (cement, chemicals, glass, and refractories).

In 2003, the production of primary aluminum metal declined by about 8%. Imports of aluminum and aluminum products in 2002 totaled about 374,000 t, which was an increase of about 21% compared with those of 2001. Exports of aluminum and aluminum products totaled about 264,000 t, or about a 15% increase compared with that of the preceding year (tables 2 and 3).

Imports of bauxite in 2002 amounted to about 50,000 t and, given that no exports were recorded, were equivalent in volume to bauxite consumption during the same period. Bauxite was used to produce abrasives, aluminous cement, and refractory products. In 2002, bauxite imports rose by about 31% compared with those of 2001 (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 22, 46, 48).

In mid-2003, Impexmetal, which was Konin's parent company, studied possible sale venues of up to 50% of its 88% holding of Konin's stock shares (Reuters, 2003b).

Cadmium.—Because of its association with sphalerite (zinciron sulfide), cadmium in Poland was produced as a byproduct of lead and zinc mining and processing operations in the SilesiaKrakow region. In 2003, refined cadmium production at Huta Cynku "Miasteczko Slaskie" amounted to about 450 t, which was about 2% more than that produced in 2002. Data available for 2002 showed cadmium consumption to have risen almost threefold compared with that of 2001 and constituted about 89% of production. Cadmium reserves as of December 31 2002, amounted to 66,450 t, of which 21,990 t was being worked (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 65).

Copper.—All copper ore in Poland was mined by Kombinat Gorniczo Hutniczy Miedzi (KGHM) Polska Miedz S.A. (KGHM S.A.), which was a major world copper mining, beneficiation, smelting, and refining complex in the Lubin area. KGHM S.A. accounted for almost 4% of world mine copper production in 2002. Using the room and pillar method, the ore was worked at the Lubin, the Polkowice-Sieroszowice, and the Rudna Mines at five deposits at depths that ranged from 600 to 1,200 meters (m) (about 1,900 to 3,700 feet). Chalcocite was the principal mineral in the ore; smaller amounts of bornite and chalcopyrite also were present. The mineralization was mainly in the shale horizon, but extends into the overlaying carbonate and underlying sandstone layers. As of December 31, 2002, total copper resources amounted to about 2.4 billion tons (Gt) that contained about 48 million metric tons (Mt) of copper. Reserves that were under exploitation, amounted to about 1.5 Gt of ore that contained about 30 Mt of copper (table 3). In 2002, ore grades ranged from 1.86% to 2.01% Cu (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 126).

The Rudna Mine was the leading copper ore producer with a mining capacity of about 12.8 million metric tons per year (Mt/yr). The concentrator at Rudna processed Rudna ores, as well as some ores from the Polkowice-Sieroszowice Mine; its capacity was rated to produce about 700,000 t/yr of concentrate. Annual output by the Polkowice-Sieroszowice Mine and concentrator amounted to about 9.2 Mt of ore and 450,000 t of concentrate. The Lubin Mine accounted for about 7.5 Mt/yr of ore to produce about 465,000 t/yr of concentrate (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 128-129).

In 2003, Poland's production of copper (in ore) remained at about the level of output in 2002. Similarly, the recovery of copper in concentrate was at a slightly lesser level than that attained in 2002. The output of primary and secondary smelter copper registered an increase of about 1% to about 543,500 t from about 540,100 t in 2002. The total output of electrolytically refined copper (primary and secondary) increased by about 4% compared with that of 2002 (table 1).

Trade data for 2002 shows that Poland's net exports of unwrought refined copper and copper alloys amounted to 264,000 t (valued at about \$450 million), which was an increase of about 15% compared with that of 2001. Although exports of copper manufactures and semimanufactures declined by about 14%, total copper exports rose by 9.3% during the same period (Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2003, p. 143). France, Germany, China, and Austria (in order of volume of imports) remained the principal importers of copper from Poland in 2002. China's imports of copper from Poland amounted to about 45,000 t, which was an increase of about 29% compared with those of 2001 and more than twice the amount imported in 1998. In 2002, Poland's apparent consumption of refined copper returned to the demand level of 2000 (about 246,000 t) (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 131-133).

KGHM S.A. finished operations for the fourth quarter of 2003 with a net profit of about \$35 million, which contrasted with losses of about \$18 million during the same quarter in 2002 (Kozlowski, 2004). At yearend, KGHM S.A. reported having signed a contract for the sale of copper cathode, which was valued at \$123 million, to MKM Mansfelder Kupfer und Messing of Germany (Reuters, 2003c).

Gold.—In 2002, Poland's gold production continued to be based almost entirely on the country's copper mining operations. The gold content of the copper concentrates produced by KGHM S.A. were reported to be about 1 gram per metric ton; total reserves were determined to be about 50 t (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 197-199). Byproduct gold was produced at KGHM S.A. The gold was recovered at KGHM S.A.'s 550-kilogram-per-year precious metals plant (Boliden, Klado method), which was a division within the Glogow smelter and refinery. The amount of gold recovered at Glogow has varied with changes in the proportion of ores produced at the three mines, each of which has a different average gold content. Poland's annual domestic consumption of gold in recent years was in the range of from about 260 to 390 kilograms.

Iron and Steel.—In 2003, the output of crude steel and pig iron rebounded from the production shortfalls of 2002. Output levels of crude steel and pig iron rose by about 9% and 6.3%, respectively, compared with those of 2002. Hot-rolled steel output increased by about 8% compared with that of 2002 (table 5).

Poland depended on imported iron ores and concentrates, as well as on manganese, chromite, and titanium ores to produce the ferroalloys that were needed by the steel industry. According to the latest trade figures, in 2002, imports of these alloying metal ores amounted to about 7 Mt, 15,000 t, 9,000 t, and 75 t, respectively.

In 2003, Poland's iron and steel sector continued to undergo denationalization. As an outcome of the "Iron and Steel Restructuring Program—Update 2002," which was a plan adopted by the Government of Poland to rationalize the steel industry for accelerated privatization, Polskie Huty Stali S.A. (PHS) (a state treasury-owned holding company) was created. PHS's holdings initially comprised Huta Cedler S.A., Huta Florian S.A., Huta Katowice S.A., and Huta im. T. Sendzimira S.A.

Although Poland's steel industry lagged behind the steel industries of the European Union (EU) with respect to energy, labor, and material inputs in the steel production process, significant improvements were achieved owing to capital investments (\$2.7 billion) that were made in the steel sector from 1991 to 2002. Open-Hearth steelmaking declined to virtually nil by 2002 from about 25% of total steel production in 1991; continuous casting increased to 74% of total casting in 2002 from about 8% in 1991. The "Iron and Steel Restructuring Program" [Journal of Law No. 111, item 1196 (article 2, Act of 24 August)] was developed to help ease Poland's entry into the EU by developing industrial conformity with EU standards and making the steel industry economically viable by 2006. The EU's European Commission reportedly audited and approved the restructuring program in 2002 (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 239).

A final version of Poland's restructuring plan for the steel industry sought EU approval to allow state financial aid to rationalize the steel production sector further in preparation for privatization. The planned state aid, which was approved in early 2003, would amount to about \$700 million and the planned investment outcome would be a modernized steel industry with an effective total crude steel production capacity reduction of 991,000 t (to about 13 Mt/yr) by 2006. About 80% of the planned capacity reduction was to be accounted for by the steel producers under the management of PHS (Reuters, 2003a).

In early 2003, PHS undertook the modernization of Huta Cedler's two-strand-wire rolling mill that would increase production by about 200,000 t/yr and would conform to EU steel industry standards. The project was initiated following a contract signed at the end of December 2002 with Danieli Morgardshammar (a U.S. subsidiary of Danieli & C. S.pA. of Italy), which undertook the modernization work (Metal Bulletin, 2003f).

The denationalization of PHS and other enterprises in Poland's iron and steel industry played a major role in the country's economy during 2003. Following bids that were submitted for the purchase of PHS by U.S. Steel Corporation and a number of European steel producers, the Government of Poland chose the LNM Group of the United Kingdom as the new owner of PHS properties at yearend. The deal was valued at \$1.05 million and called for bringing PHS into full profitability by 2006 (Kozlowski, 2003; Reuters, 2003d). In addition, LNM's total investment for new equipment at PHS was to amount to about \$600 million by 2009 (Metal Bulletin, 2003d).

Other steel companies that were privatized in 2003 included Huta Ostrowiec S.A. (HO) and Huta Zawiercie S.A. (HZ). HO, which was a producer of steel products that included bar, rebar, and forgings, was purchased in October by the Celsa Group of Barcelona, Spain, for about \$15.7 million. Additionally, Celsa planned to invest \$15.1 million on environmental protection technology in the HO melt shop and about \$3.8 million on upgrading the rolling mill (Metal Bulletin, 2003a). In December, Commercial Metals Company of the United Kingdom acquired controlling interest (71% stake) in HZ for about \$52 million. HZ was a producer of rolled and cast product that included reinforcing and merchant bar and billets. HZ officials also reported that the company had been operating at 90% of capacity and was expected to produce about 1 Mt in 2003 compared with 850,000 t in 2002 (Metal Bulletin, 2003b, c). Despite bids by foreign investors, which included LNM, the privatization status of platemaker Huta Czestochowa S.A. remained undetermined at yearend (Metal Bulletin, 2003e).

Lead and Zinc.—Poland worked 3 of the 21 known lead-zinc deposits in the Silesia-Krakow area, which held about 41 Mt of ore out of a total resource of about 180 Mt of lead and zinc ore. Lead and zinc also were recovered from copper ore mined by KGHM S.A. in the Lubin region. About 39% of total mined lead came from copper mining and processing. Despite the presence of sphalerite in KGHM's copper deposits, the low zinc content of the ore made metal recovery uneconomical (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 255-264).

In 2003, overall mine production of lead and zinc ore remained at the level of output of 2002. The total output of refined lead (primary and secondary) increased by about 3% compared with that of 2002. In 2002 (the latest year for which trade data were available), the volume of imports of refined lead was about equal to that of refined lead exports, which resulted in an approximate demand at yearend of 65,200 t, which was about 5% less than that of 2001 (tables 7 and 8).

Zinc was obtained from lead-zinc ores in the Silesia-Krakow area from two underground mines. The Olkusz-Pomorzany Mine, which is located near Olkusz and was part of the Zakiady Gorniczo-Hutnicze (ZGH) Boleslaw operation, produced ore that graded about 1.69% lead and 4.2% zinc, and the Trzebionka Mine and concentrator at Trzebionka produced ore that graded 1.67% lead and 3.4% zinc. The declining trend in the mine production of zinc for the years 1999 to 2003 (table 5) was attributed mainly to depletion of the ore (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 489-492).

In 2003, total refined zinc production (smelter and electrolytic) declined by about 6% compared with that of 2002. In 2002, total imports of zinc and zinc-lead concentrates, in terms of gross weight, amounted to about 112,200 t (about 67,400 t of contained zinc), which was a decline of about 4%. The main suppliers of zinc concentrates to Poland were, in descending order, Romania, Canada, and Honduras. Poland's exports of zinc concentrates amounted to about 61,400 t (about 33,600 t of contained zinc). Exports of zinc in all forms, including fabricated items, amounted to about 89,000 t and had a value of about \$75 million (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 258-299, 491).

Silver.—In 2003, Poland remained among the major world producers of silver and accounted for about 6% of world mine production (Hilliard, 2004,). Copper and, to a lesser extent, lead and zinc mining were Poland's domestic sources of primary silver. The country's copper mining, smelting, and refining complex, which was operated by KGHM S.A. in the Lubin area, produced about 98% of the country's byproduct silver, which amounted to 1,237 t in 2003. In 2002, exports of silver amounted to about 1,135 t and had a net value of more than \$181 million. The top three importers of Polish silver were, in descending order of value, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Belgium [Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2003, p. 147, 513].

Industrial Minerals

Poland produced a broad range of industrial minerals that included calcareous and silicate rocks and aggregates, clays, feldspar, gypsum, magnesite, salt, and sulfur, which served the needs of the country's chemical and construction industries. Poland remained among the leading world producers of lime, nitrogen (in ammonia), salt, and sulfur (Kostick, 2004; Kramer, 2004; Miller, 2004; Ober, 2004).

Cement.—In 2003, the output of hydraulic cement increased by more than 3% compared with that of 2002. In 2002, Poland's cement exports declined by almost 47% compared with those of 2001. Imports of clinker declined by about 73%. Total cement imports, however, increased to almost double those of 2001 (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 258-299, 491). **Sulfur.**—Native sulfur production in 2003 appeared to have stabilized with output slightly greater than that in 2002. Poland's native sulfur production declined substantially in 2001 following the closure of two of the country's three main mine producers. In 2002, native sulfur declined further to 760,000 t (19%).

Mineral Fuels

Coal.—Poland, which accounted for about 3.1% of the world's output of bituminous coal and about 6.9% of the total world output of lignite, remained a significant world producer of coal [Glowny Urzad Statystyczny, 2004, p. 492]. In 2003, the country's production of bituminous coal and lignite amounted to about 103 Mt and 61 Mt, respectively. Bituminous coal production declined slightly (by 1%) compared with that of 2002; the production of lignite increased by about 5%. In 2002, the country's net exports of bituminous coal and anthracite amounted to about 20 Mt, which was a decline of about 6.4% compared with those of 2001. The major importers of Polish coal were, in order of volume, Germany, Austria, and Finland (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 217-223).

Poland's bituminous coal was mined in three basins of Late Carboniferous age. The Upper Silesian, the Lower Silesian, and the Lublin Basins have exploitable resources that amounted to 44,100 Mt of coal in 128 deposits. The Upper Silesian Basin represented the major portion of the country's total reserves with about 79% of the total in 110 deposits (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 217-218).

Natural Gas and Petroleum.—The production of natural gas increased by about 1%; the extraction of petroleum increased by about 5% compared with that of 2002. Poland depended on imports to meet its needs for oil and gas. In 2002, Poland's imports of petroleum increased to nearly 18 Mt, or by about 2% compared with those in 2001. Poland's imports of natural gas, however, decreased by about 7%. The Russian Federation remained Poland's chief source of supply of both hydrocarbons which, in 2001, supplied most of Poland's imports of petroleum (96%) and natural gas (86%) (Ney and Smakowski, 2003, p. 177, 325).

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SLOVAKIA

Slovakia was a modest regional producer of a variety of minerals. Aluminum and steel production formed the dominant elements of the country's metals sector. Steel production was based largely on imported raw materials, and that of aluminum was based entirely on imported bauxite and alumina. Small quantities of copper, gold, lead, and zinc also were produced. Industrial minerals production included that of barite, clays, magnesite, and salt. Slovakia's production of mineral fuels comprised brown coal and lignite and minor quantities of gas and petroleum (table 7).

The economy of Slovakia continued to develop towards a full market system. The need to denationalize the state's commercial assets and to reduce subsidies to the public sector expeditiously often was tempered by policies promulgated to maintain social stability that often resulted in increased public sector employment and uneven economic performance. In 2003, Slovakia's GDP based on purchasing power parity increased by 5.5% compared with that of 2002. Industrial production in 2003 continued to show recovery with a growth rate of 7.2% compared with that of 2002.

Slovalco was Slovakia's sole producer of primary aluminum. The enterprise, which was originally known as ZSNP Aluminum Works, was put into full operation in 1953. Following the restructuring of the ZSNP's assets in 1993, Slovalco became a subsidiary of ZSNP and was solely involved in primary aluminum production. After 1993, Slovalco began a program of modernization and facility expansion that garnered investment capital from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Hydro Aluminium AS of Norway. Hydro and EBRD acquired 14.5% and 10% of Slovalco's shares, respectively; the balance remained with ZSNP (Slovalco,

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2000, p. 5-8). In 2001, following an agreement among Slovalco's shareholders, EBRD and Hydro each acquired 40% of Slovalco's shares of stock, and ZSNP retained ownership of the remaining 20%. A provision in the transaction gave Hydro the option to acquire EBRD's shares if the option is exercised by yearend 2006. This transaction also allowed ZSNP to restructure its bank debts.

Work on facility expansion at Slovalco, which included the addition of 54 new reduction cells, continued during 2003. Full primary aluminum production capacity was expected to amount to about 180,000 t by 2004 (Metal Bulletin, 2003). The production of alumina and primary alumina increased by 18% and 12%, respectively, compared with that of 2002 (table 10).

Although gold mine production ceased in 2001, small amounts of gold were produced from remaining stocks during the year. Exploration for gold and resource assessment at the Kremnica gold exploration area continued during 2003 under the auspices of the Tournigan Gold Corporation of Canada (Tournigan Gold Corporation, 2004).

In 2003, the output of iron pellets and concentrate declined by about 12% compared with that of 2002, which followed a decline of about 25% in 2002 (Balaz, 2003). Slovakia's production of iron ore concentrate and pellets from domestic sources in 2002 satisfied less than 7% of the country's industrial needs. Slovakia's total resources of siderite amounted to about 94 Mt, of which ore reserves totaled about 23 Mt. Russia and Ukraine were Slovakia's main suppliers of iron ore and concentrate and accounted for 47% and 52%, respectively, of the total imports of about 5 Mt in 2002 (Balaz and Treger, 2003). Major developments at U.S. Steel Kosice in 2003 included the startup of a new tinning line and a new annealing line, which raised the enterprise's tin production capacity to 375,000 t/yr from 154,000 t/yr (U.S. Steel Corporation, 2003). In 2003, pig iron production rose by almost 10% compared with that of 2002; the production of crude steel increased by about 6.4%.

In the mineral fuels sector, brown coal production declined by about 9.5% in 2003 compared with that of 2002. Petroleum production declined by about 9.5% (Balaz, 2003). In 2002, Russia remained Slovakia's chief supplier of natural gas and petroleum and accounted for more than 98% of the country's imports of these fuels.

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TABLE 1 CZECH REPUBLIC: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
METALS						
Aluminum, secondary ^e		40,000	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Copper, refined, secondary ^e		23,037 ³	20,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Gold metal	kilograms	3,207	3,000 °	2,000	2,000 °	1,000 e
Iron and steel:						
Iron ore:	<u>.</u>			• •		
Gross weight	thousand tons	23	21	20		e
Fe content ^e		6,000	6,000	6,000		
Metal:						
Pig iron	thousand tons	4,022	4,621	6,316	4,840	5,200
Ferroalloys, total electric furnace ^e	do.	1	1	1	1	
Steel, crude	do.	6,107	6,216	6,316	6,512	6,800
Semimanufactures	do.	10,207	11,637	12,645	12,500 °	12,500 e
Lead, metal, secondary ^e		29,280 ³	25,000	25,000	25,000	20,000
Silver ^e		24 ³	25	25	25	25
Uranium, mine output, U content		605	498	490	477	458
Zinc, metal, secondary ^e		145 ³	150	250	250	250
INDUSTRIAL MINERA				_		
Cement, hydraulic	thousand tons	4,241	4,093	3,550	3,217	3,465
Clays:						
Bentonite	do.	160	280	224	174	199
Kaolin	do.	5,183	5,573	5,543	3,650	4,155
Other	do.	1,070	1,120	585	564	550 °
Diamond, synthetic ^e	carats	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Diatomite		37,000	34,000	83,000	28,000	30,000 e
Feldspar		244,000	337,000	373,000	401,000	421,000
Fertilizer, manufactured:						
Nitrogenous, N content		220,000	257,000	250,000 °	250,000 ^e	251,000
Phosphatic, P ₂ O ₅ content ^e		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Potassic, K ₂ O content ^e		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Mixed		77,000	75,000	75,000 °	75,000	36,000
Gemstones, crude, pyrope-bearing rock		54,000	62,000	47,000	52,000	50,000 °
Graphite		22,000	23,000	17,000	16,000	9,000
Gypsum and anhydrite, crude		136,000	82,000	24,000	108,000	104,000
Lime, hydrated and quicklime	thousand tons	1,142	1,202	1,300	1,120	1,263
Nitrogen, N content of ammonia ^e		250,000	250,000	206,000 r	215,000 r	235,000
Quartz		3,000				
Sand and gravel:		,				
Common sand and gravel	thousand cubic meters	12,781	12,640	12,100	12,464	13,400
Foundry sand	thousand tons	717	829	771	476 ^r	712
Glass sand	do.	980	985	974	853	904
Stone:						
Basalt (for casting)		89,000	14,000	15,000 ^e	14,000 ^r	13,000
Dimension stone	thousand cubic meters ^r	300,000	320,000	300,000	285,000	280,000 ^e
Limestone and other calcareous stones	thousand tons ^r	11,703	11,808	10,887	10,186	10,236
Building stone	thousand cubic meters ^r	9,442	9,451	10,500	10,600	12,500
Sulfur, byproducts, all sources ^e		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Sulfuric acid		350,000	350,000	220,200	240,524	239,000
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATE	D MATERIALS		,	- ,— • •	.,	,
Coal:						
Bituminous	thousand tons	17,227	17,028	14,808	14,097	13,382
Brown and lignite	do.	45,370	51,063	51,643	49,335	50,390
Coke	do.	3,340	3,411	3,519	3,536	3,556
Fuel briquets from brown coal	do.	288	253	280	302	314
See footnotes at end of table	u0.	200	200	200	502	514

TABLE 1--Continued CZECH REPUBLIC: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commo	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
MINERAL FUELS AND RELAT	TED MATERIALSContinued					
Gas:						
Manufactured, all types ^e	million cubic meters	800	800	800	800	800
Natural, marketed ⁴	do.	143	118	101	91	131
Petroleum:						
Crude:						
As reported	thousand tons	176	168	178	253	310
Converted	thousand 42-gallon barrels	1,197	1,142	1,100 ^e	1,620 ^e	1,984
Refinery products ^e	do.	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000

^eEstimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 2004.

²In addition to the commodities listed, arsenic, dolomite, illite, sodium compounds, talc, and zeolite are produced, but information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.

³Reported figure.

⁴Includes gas produced from coal mines. Gross output of natural gas is not reported, but is believed to exceed reported marketed output by an inconsequential amount.

TABLE 2 CZECH REPUBLIC: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2003

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commeditor			Location of main facilities ¹	Annual
Commodity		Major operating companies Keramost a.s.	Most	capacity 150
Cement		Bohemia, Cizkovice, Hranice, Karlov Dvor,	Bohemia	
Cement		Lochkov Pracovice, and Velary	Bonemia	3,500
Do.		Bystre, Malomerice, Mokra, Ostrava-Kunice, and Zahorie	Moravia	2,800
Clay, koalin		Mines in Karlovy vary area	West Bohemia	450
Do.		Mines in Plzen area	Central Bohemia	150
Coal:				
Bituminous		Mines in OKD coal basin	Ostrava-Karvina, north Moravia	22,100
Do.		Mines in KD coal basin	Kladno, central Bohemia	3,000
Brown		SHD administration	Most, northwest Bohemia	61,000
Do.		HDB administration	Sokolov, west Bohemia	17,000
Lignite		JLD administration	Hodonin, south Moravia	5,000
Copper, ore		Zlate Hory	North Moravia	300
Graphite		Grafitove doly Stare Mesto-F s.r.o.	Stare Mesto	35
Mica		GARMICA s.r.o.	Netolice	5
Lead-zinc, ore		Horni Benesov and Zlate Hory	do.	400
Lead, metal, secondary, refined		Kovohute Pribram	Pribram	26
Natural gas	billion cubic meters	Gasfields around Hodonin	South Moravia	25
Petroleum:				
Crude		Oilfields around Hodonin	do.	160
Refinery	thousand 42-gallon	Kolin, Kralupy, Pardubice, and Litvinov	Bohemia	200
	barrels per day			
Steel, crude		Nova Hut s.p. (Ostrava)	Kunice-Ostrava	3,800
Do.		Zelezarne Vitkovice	Vitkovice-Ostrava	900
Do.		Trinecke Zelezarny (Trinecke Iron and		
		Steel Works)	Trinec	3,000
Do.		Poldi United Steel Works	Kladno-Prague	1,700
Do.		Zelezarny Bila Cerkev	Hradek-Rokycany	300
Do.		Zelezarny Veseli, a.s.	Veseli and Moravou	300
Do.		Zelezarny Chomutov s.p.	Chomutov	350
Do.		Bohumin Iron and Steel Works	Bohumin	400
Titanium dioxide		Precheza A.S	Precheza	25
Uranium		DIAMO s.p.	Straz pod Ralskem	2

¹Names and locations of mines and crude oil refineries are identical.

TABLE 3 HUNGARY: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ^e
METALS					
Aluminum:					/
Bauxite, gross weight thousand tons	935	1,046	1,000	720	666
Alumina, gross weight, calcined basis do.	295	357	300	220 e	250
Metal:					
Primary	34,000	33,850	34,000	35,000 e	35,000
Secondary	54,000	55,000	76,000	75,000 °	50,000
Total	88,000	88,850	110,000	110,000 °	85,000
Copper, metal, refined, secondary ^e	12,000	12,000	12,000	10,000 r	10,000
Iron and steel, metal:					
Pig iron thousand tons	1,309	1,340	1,225	1,334	1,300
Ferroalloys ^{e, 4}	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Steel:					
Crude thousand tons	1,813	1,969	2,056	2,141	2,100
Semimanufactures, hot-rolled only ^e do.	1,954 ³	1,900	1,900	1,831 r	1,800
Manganese ore:	1,70	1,200	1,900	1,001	1,000
Run of mine:					
Gross weight	41,000	41,000	38,000	49,000 ^{r, e}	48,000
Mn content ^e	11,000	11,000	10,000	11,400 ^{r, 3}	11,000
Concentrate: ^e	11,000	11,000	10,000	11,400	11,000
Gross weight	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Mn content	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	2.079	2 259	2 452	2.510	2 500
Cement, hydraulic thousand tons	2,978	3,358	3,452	3,510	3,500
Clays:					
Bentonite:	0.001	4.010	5 8 9 9	2 5 00 r	2 500
Raw	9,301	4,818	5,200	3,700 r	3,500
Processed ^e	6,000	2,000	2,500	1,400	1,400
Kaolin, raw and washed	9,000	7,100	8,000	4,300 r	4,500
Gypsum and anhydrite ^e	222,000	251,000	252,000	72,200 ^r	75,000
Lime, calcined ^e thousand tons	500	500	500	500	500
Nitrogen, N content of ammonia ^e do.	250	250	224 ^r	238 r	232
Perlite	148,000	150,000 ^e	151,000	140,000	140,000
Sand and gravel:					
Gravel thousand tons	10,297	13,490	10,645 r	29,138 r	30,000
Sand:					
Common ^e thousand cubic meters	250	300	300	300	300
Foundry	175,000	173,000	168,000	152,000 r	150,000
Glass	490,400	340,000	339,000	317,000 r	320,000
Stone:	,	,			,
Dimension, all types ^e thousand tons	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,626 ^{r, 3}	5,500
Dolomite do.	861	787	800	4,196 ^r	4,000
Limestone do.	382	668	700	7,152 ^r	7,000
Sulfur, byproduct, elemental, all sources ^e	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Sulfuric acid ^e	,	<i>,</i>	,	,	
Talc ^e MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS	500	500	500	500	500
Coal:	720	~	<i>c</i> 7 2		
Bituminous thousand tons	738	744	573	660 r	567
Brown do.	5,207	5,670	5,384	4,570 ^r	4,038
Lignite do.	7,696	7,862	8,043	7,574 ^r	8,564
Total do.	13,641	14,276	14,000	12,804 ^r	13,169
Coke, metallurgical ^e	650	650	650	650	650
, ,					
Gas, natural, marketed million cubic meters ^r	3,100	3,350	3,280	3,353	3,010

TABLE 3--Continued HUNGARY: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Com	nmodity ²	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ^e
MINERAL FUELS AND REI	LATED MATERIALSContinued					
Petroleum:						
Crude:						
As reported	thousand tons	1,243	1,128	1,064	1,050	1,133 ³
Converted	thousand 42-gallon barrels	9,484 ^r	8,607 ^r	8,118 ^r	8,011 r	8,640
Refinery products ^{e, 5}	do.	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000

^eEstimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 2004.

²In addition to the commodities listed, diatomite and a variety of other crude construction materials, such as common clays, are produced, but available information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.

³Reported figure.

⁴Hungary is believed to produce some blast furnace ferromanganese.

⁵Excludes refinery fuel and losses.

TABLE 4 HUNGARY: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2003

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commo	dity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Alumina		Hungarian Aluminum Industrial Corp. (HUNGALU)	Ajka Timfoldgyar plant, about 120 kilometers southwest of Budapest, near Lake Balaton	400
Do.		do.	Almasfuzito Timfoldgyar plant near the Czech Republic border, 63 kilometers northwest of Budapest	240
Do.		do.	Moson-Magyarovar plant, in northwestern corner of Hungary, about 12 kilometers from Austrian and Czechoslovak borders	30
Aluminum, primary		do.	Inota plant, near Varpalota, 75 kilometers southwest of Budapest	46
Bauxite		Hungarian Aluminum Industrial Corp. (HUNGALU) (Bakony Bauxite Mines Ltd.)	Bakony District, extending roughly 100 kilometers northeast along Lake Balaton	1,500
Cement		Belpafatvalvi Cement es Meszipari Rt [Heidelberger & Schwenk (Germany) and Hungarian Group	Belapatfalva, near Miskolc, 125 kilometers northeast of Budapest	1,100
Do.		Beremend Cement es Meszipari Rt [Heidelberger & Schwenk (Germany), 100%]	Beremend, 45 kilometers south of Pecs	1,090
Do.		Dunai Cement es Meszmu Kft [Heidelberger & Schwenk (Germany), 100%]	Vac, 50 kilometers north of Budapest	1,200
Do.		Hejocsabai Cement es Meszipari Rt [Holderbank (Germany) and Hungarian Group]	Hejoscaba, 150 kilometers northeast of Budapest	1,450
Do.		Labatlani Cementipari kft [Holderbank (Germany), 100%]	Labatlan, 20 kilometers north of Tatabanya	550
Clays		Agyag-Asvany Kft [Navan Resources PLC (Ireland)]	Felsopeteny, one underground and two open pit mines and a 5,000-metric-tons-per-year processing plant. Products are ball clay, kaolin, and refractory clay	35
Coal: Bituminous and lignit	e	Magyar Szenbanyaszati Troszt (MSZT) (Hungarian Coal Mining Trust)	Tatabanya and Oroszlany coal mining region, 45 kilometers west of Budapest	8,900
Do.		do.	Mecsek coal mining region, near Pecs and Komlo, north of the Yugoslav border	3,100
Do.		do.	Borsod coal mining region, 130 kilometers northeast of Budapest	5,200
Lignite		do.	Thorez opencast mine at Visonta, 80 kilometers northeast of Budapest	7,000
Manganese		Orszagos Erc-es Asvanybanyak (National Ore and Mineral Mines)	Urkut manganese ore mines, 120 kilometers southwest of Budapest	160
Natural gas	million cubic feet	Hungarian Oil and Gas Co. (MOL)	Szeged and Algyo gasfields, southern Hungary	152,000
Do.		do.	Hajduszoboszo gasfields, 180 kilometers east of Budapest	50,000
Do.		do.	Smaller gasfields are Szank, Kardoskut, Bekes, Berefurdo, and others	39,000
Perlite		Perlit 92 Kft [Navan Resources PLC (Ireland) and Hungarian Grouip]	Palhaza, northeastern Hungary; open pit mine and processing plant	150
Petroleum: Crude	million 42-gallon barrels	Hungarian Oil and Gas Co. (MOL)	Szeged-Algyo Field, near Romanian-Yugoslav border; 50% of total capacity	7
Refined		Subsidiaries of Hungarian Oil and Gas Co. (MOL):		
Do.	do.	Danube Petroleum Refining Co.	Szazhalombatta	55
Do.	do.	Tisza Petroleum Refining Co.	Leninavaros	22
Do. Silica	do.	Zala Petroleum Refining Co. Uveg-Asvany Kft. [Navan Resources PLC	Zalaegerszeg Mine and plant at Fehevaresugo	4 660
		(Ireland) and Hungarian Group]		
Steel		Dunaferr Dunai Vasmu Rt	60 kilometers south of Budapest	1,400
Do.		OAM-Ozdi Acelmuvek Kft	120 kilometers northeast of Budapest	360
Do.		DAM-Steel	Diosgyoer, 145 kilometers northeast of Budapest	850

TABLE 5 POLAND: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ^e
METALS						
Aluminum:						
Primary		50,974	46,941	44,723	49,125	45,371 ³
Secondary		6,100	5,400 r	9,900 r	9,700 ^r	9,500
Total		57,074	52,341	54,623	58,825	54,900
Cadmium:						
Metal, primary			6	330	440 ^r	450
Oxide		27				
Copper:						
Ore:						
Gross weight	thousand tons	28,395	28,503	30,227	29,705	29,992 ³
Metal content		523,120	525,000	545,000	568,000 ^r	570,000
Concentrate:						
Gross weight	thousand tons	1,900 e	1,755	1,834	1,935	1,900
Metal content	·	464,000	509,000	532,000	503,000	495,000 ⁻³
Metal:						
Smelter:						
Primary		472,084	498,146	485,900	510,700 ^r	515,000
Secondary ^e		27,300	19,700	27,900	29,400 r	28,500
Total		499,384	517,846	513,800	540,100 r	543,500 ³
Refined, electrolytically, primary and secondary		470,494	486,002	498,451	508,674	529,616 ³
Gold, metal, smelter ³	kilograms	489	367	349	296	300
Iron and steel:						
Pig iron:						
For foundry use	thousand tons	197	246	98	52 ^r	132
For steel production	do.	5,036	6,246	5,343	5,245 r	5,500
Total		5,233	6,492	5,441	5,297 ^r	5,632 ³
Ferroalloys:						
Blast furnace, ferromanganese		100		500	600 r	500
Electric furnace:						
Ferrosilocomanganese		10,000	19,000	20,000	7,500 ^r	8,000
Ferrosilicon		62,481	56,000	48,600	41,800 r	42,000
Other		2,700				
Total		75,281	75,000	69,100 ^r	49,900 ^r	50,500
Steel, crude:						
From open hearth furnaces	thousand tons	379	424	178	169	207
From oxygen converters	do.	5,452	6,794	5,822	5,531	6,200
From electric furnaces	do.	3,022	3,290	2,809	2,667	2,700
Other	do.	1				
Total	do.	8,854	10,508	8,809	8,367	9,107 ³
Semimanufactures:						
Hot rolled	do.	6,433	7,616	6,599	6,114	6,595 ³
Cold rolled	do.	1,673	1,826	1,350	1,349 ^r	1,533 ³
Pipe	do.	484	483	440	309	309 ³
Lead:						
Pb-Zn ore, gross weight	do.	5,068	4,500	4,600	4,500 e	4,500
Mine output:						
Pb content of Pb-Zn ore		81,849	67,800	69,600	73,500 r	74,000
Pb content of Cu ore		35,000	46,000	52,000	46,900 ^r	45,000
Total Pb mine content		116,849	113,800	121,600	120,400 r	119,000
Concentrate:						
Gross weight		104,000 ^e	84,400	86,400	85,000	85,000
Pb content		62,900	51,200	52,600	56,600 r	63,000 ³
Metal:	·	,	,	,	,	,
Smelter:						
Primary		31,000	29,700	30,800	29,400 ^r	25,000
Secondary		53,600	46,400	39,500	44,700	45,000
Secondary						

TABLE 5--Continued POLAND: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ^e
METALSContinued						
LeadContinued:						
MetalContinued:						
Refined:						
Primary ^e		50,000	35,412 ³	45,000	26,000	28,000
Secondary ^e		13,985 ³	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
Total		63,985	55,412	65,000	66,000	68,000
Palladium, average content of slimes ^{e, 4}	kilograms	12	12	12	12	10
Platinum, average content of slimes ^{e, 4}	do.	21	21	20	20	20
Selenium		67	65	65	68	65
Silver, refined primary		1,100	1,144	1,190	1,222	1,237 3
Zinc:						
Mine output, Zn content		185,689	182,000	172,300	171,200 r	172,000
Concentrate output, Zn content		154,800	156,900	152,700	152,200 r	152,300 ³
Metal, refined, including secondary		178,900	173,000	174,700	158,900 r	$150,000^{-3}$
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS		170,900	175,000	171,700	150,500	150,000
Barite, beneficiated		500	2,000	2,500	2,700	2,700
Cement:		200	2,000	2,500	2,700	2,700
Clinker	thousand tons	11,678	11,559	9,335	8,500	8,000
Hydraulic	do.	15,555	15,046	12,074	10,948	$11,300^{-3}$
Portland	do.	14,310	13,802	11,115	10,000	9,500
Clays and clay products, crude:	<u>uo.</u>	14,510	15,002	11,115	10,000	9,500
Bentonite		96,000				
Fuller's earth		5,000	29,700	29,000	26,200 ^r	27,000
Fire clay	thousand tons	140	153	29,000	128 r	144 ³
Kaolin:		140	155	140	128	144
Crude	do.	286	344	267	252 ^r	250
		280	99	129	232 114 ^r	115^{-3}
Beneficiated Diatomite	do			1,000	1,000	1,000
		1,200	1,300	1,000	1,000	1,000
Feldspar:		0.000	54.000	(0.000	85 000 I	00.000
Run of mine		9,000	54,000	69,000 220,000	85,000 r	80,000
Processed, including imported material		120,100	165,200	220,600	293,000 r	290,000
Gypsum and anhydrite: ⁵	thousand tons					
Natural:		000	007	70.4	0.67 1	1 020 3
Gypsum rock		926	997	794	867 r	1,038 3
Anhydride		237	285	300	280 r	300
Total		1,163	1,282	1,094	1,147 ^r	1,338 ³
Synthetic		860	1,140	1,134	1,040 r	1,000
Total gypsum and anhydride		2,023	2,422	2,228	2,187 r	2,338 3
Lime, hydrated and quicklime	thousand tons	2,299	2,192	1,954	1,865	1,955 3
Magnesite:						
Ore, crude		54,800	30,000	23,000	24,000 r	24,000
Concentrate		38,800	26,100	22,200	22,100 ^r	22,100
Calcined				200	100 ^r	100
Nitrogen, N content of ammonia	thousand tons	1,151	1,208	1,169	1,362	1,912 3
Salt:						
Rock	do.	923	841	787	839	848 ³
Recovered from brine	do.	2,488	2,652	2,689 r	2,719 r	3,812 3
Total	do.	3,411	3,493	3,476 ^r	3,558 ^r	4,660 ³
Sand and gravel, excluding glass sand:						
Aggregates:						
Mine output		84,639	88,514	73,107	66,722 ^r	65,000
Processed		71,196	73,588	62,534 ^r	62,799 ^r	63,000
Foundry sand	thousand tons	905	1,055	849 ^r	628	650
Filling sand	do.	11,352	9,298	8,914	9,122 ^r	9,000
Lime-sand brick production sand	thousand cubic meters	673	718	492	411 ^r	450

TABLE 5--Continued POLAND: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ^e
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS	SContinued					
Silica:						
Glass:						
Construction, flat	thousand tons	479	427	394	400 ^e	400
Technical	do.	64	68	54	60 ^e	60
Commercial	do	79	79	81	80 ^e	80
Packing	do.	928	976	993	900 e	900
Processed:						
Glass sand		1,418	1,532	1,423	1,235 ^r	1,300
Quartz and quartz crystal		23,000	52,200	65,900	27,000 r	30,000
Quartzite, refractory		171,700	176,700	114,200	32,000 r	40,000
Quartz schist			5,500	5,500	3,000 r	3,000
Sodium compounds, n.e.s.:						
Carbonate (soda ash), 98%	thousand tons	910	1,018	1,062	1,054	1,110 3
Caustic soda (96% NaOH)	do.	737	394	348	395	413 ³
Stone:						
Mine output:						
Crushed and dimension stone	do.	23,877	24,483	22,466	22,619 r	23,000
Dolomite	do.	1,861	2,204	1,639	1,585	1,815 3
Limestone:		,	,	,	,	,
For lime production	do.	12,373	13,858	11,324	10,306 ^r	11,000
For non-lime end use	do.	28,914	28,257	24,289	23,233	23,747 3
Sulfur:		-)-	-,	,	-,	
Byproduct:						
From metallurgy	do.	278	279	277	275 ^r	275
From petroleum	do.	74	131	162	180	175
Total	do.	352	410	439	455 r	450
Native, Frasch	do.	1,175	1,369	942	760 ^r	762 ³
From gypsum ^e	do.	r		10	10	10
Grand total	do.	1,527	1,779	1,391 r	1,225 ^r	1,220
MINERAL FUELS AND RELAT		2	,	y	2 -	, .
Carbon black		18,700	12,500	15,100	16,900 r	17,000
Coal:		- ,	,	-,	-)	.,
Bituminous	thousand tons	111,894	103,331	103,992	103,546	102,873 3
Lignite and brown	do.	60,839	59,484	59,557	58,210	60,919 ⁻³
Total	do.	172,733	162,815	163,549	161,756	163,792 3
Coke, coke oven	do.	8,575	8,972	8,844	8,787	10,111 3
Fuel briquets, all grades	do.	50	50	50	50 e	50
Gas:						
Natural	million cubic meters	4,757	4,956	5,175	5,259	5,315 3
Manufactured:		.,	.,,	-,-,-	-,	-,
Town	do.	7	7	6	6	6
Coke oven	do.	3,579	3,905	3,919 ^r	3,752 r	3,800
Generator ^e	do.	400	400	300	300	300
Total	do	3,986	4,312 r	4,225 r	4,058 r	4,110
Peat, fuel and agricultural	thousand tons	310	380	325	300 °	300
Petroleum:	inousand tons	510	560	525	500	500
Crude, as reported	do.	425	653	767	721	754 ³
Refinery products ⁶	do.	16,784	18,695	18,680	17,540	16,886 ³

^eEstimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 2004.

²In addition to the commodities listed above, antimony and germanium, associated with polymetallic deposits, and cobalt and nickel, associated with copper ores, are produced in quantities that so far have not warranted further recovery.

³Reported figure.

⁴Estimates based on reported platinum and palladium-bearing final (residual) slimes and their average Pt and Pd content from electrolytic copper refining. ⁵Includes building gypsum, as well as an estimate for gypsum used in the production of cement.

⁶Includes virtually all major products.

TABLE 6POLAND: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 20031

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Aluminum:			
Primary	Huta Aluminium "Konin" S.A.	Konin	55.
Secondary	Zaklady Metalurgiczne "Skawina"	Skawina	20.
Do.	Zaklady Metali Lekkich SA "Kety"	Kety	NA.
Do.	Zaklady Metalurgiezne "Trzebinia"	Trzebinia	NA.
3arite ²	Przedsiebiorstvo Hondlowo Uslugowe R&S Spolka Jawna	Boguszow, Stanislawow	3.
Cement	Zaklady Cementowo-Wapiennicze Gorazdze S.A.	Chorula	1,800 clinker, 2,400 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Ozarow" S.A.	Ozarow	2,200 clinker, 2,400 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Chelm" S.A.	Chelm	1,440 clinker, 2,640 cement.
Do.	Kombinat Cementowo-Wapienniczy Warta S.A.	Dzialoszyn	600 clinker, 1,150 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Malogoszcz" S.A.	Malogoszcz	1,840 clinker, 1,800 cement.
Do.	Zaklady Cementowo-Wapiennicze Nowiny S.A.	Sitkowka	785 clinker, 1,070 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Strzelce Opolskie" S.A.	Strzelce Opolskie	1,257 clinker, 1,630 cement.
Do.	Kombinat Cementowo-Wapienniczy "Kujawy" S.A.	Bielawy	900 clinker, 1,000 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Rudniki" S.A.	Rudniki	840 clinker, 1,470 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Wierzbica" S.A.	Wierzbica	759 clinker, 1,000 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Nowa Huta" S.A.	Krakow	290 clinker, 1,100 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Rejowiec" S.A.	Rejowiec	600 clinker, 845 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Odra" S.A.	Opole	433 clinker, 800 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Warszawa"	Warszawa (Warsaw)	600 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Groszowice" Sp. z.o.o.	Opole	304 clinker, 425 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Polcement-Saturn"	Wojkowice	400 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Wiek"	Ogrodzieniec	710 clinker, 240 cement.
Do.	Fabrika Cementu "Wysoka"	Lazy	304 clinker, 425 cement.
Do.	Cementownia "Wejhorowie"	Wejhorowo	42 clinker, 45 cement.
Coal:			45 cement.
Anthracite	Zaklad Wydobywczo Przetworczy Antracytu Walbrzych-Gai	Lower Silesia	200.
Bituminous	Przetworczy Antracytu Walbrzych-Gaj Bytomska Spolka Weglowa S.A.	Upper Silesia (9 mines)	140,000.
	Rudzka Spolka Weglowa S.A. Gliwicka Spolka Weglowa S.A. Katowicki Holding Weglowy S.A. Nadwislanska Spolka Weglowa S.A. Rybnicka Spolka Weglowa S.A. Jastrzebska Spolka Weglowa S.A. Seven independent mines	do. (6 mines) do. (7 mines) do. (11 mines) do. (8 mines) do. (5 mines) do. (6 mines) do.	
	Walbrzyskie Kopalnie Wegla Kamiennego KWK "Nowa Ruda"	do.	
	KWK "Bogdanka" S. A.	do.	

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacit
CoalContinued:				
Lignite		KWK "Belchatow"	Belchatow	75,000.
		KWK "Turow"	Turow	
		KWK "Konin"	Konin	
		KWK "Adamow"	Adamow	
2.1		KWK "Sieniawa"	Sieniawa	10.000
Coke		Zaklady Koksownicze im. Powstancow Sl.	Upper Silesia	12,000.
		Zaklady Koksownicze "Przyjazn"	do.	
		Kombinat Koksochemiczny "Zabrze"	do.	
		Huta im. Sendzimira	do. (Krakow)	
		Huta "Czestochowa"	do. (Czestochowa)	
~		Zaklady Koksownicze "Walbrzych"	Lower Silesia	
Copper:				
Ore, gross weight		Kombinat Gorniczo Hutniczy	Lubin Mine, Lubin-Glogow District	7,000.
(1.2%-2.2% Cu)		Miedzi (KGHM) Polska Miedz S.A.		
		[KGHM, S.A.]		
Do.		do.	Polkowice- Sieroszowice Mine, Lubin-Glogow District	9,200.
Do.		do.	Rudna Mine, Lubin-Glogow District	11,000.
Concentrate, gross weight (25.2% -25.9% Cu)		do.	Lubin beneficiation plant, Lubin-Glogow District	465.
Do.		do.	Polkowice beneficiation plant, Lubin-Glogow District	450.
Do.		do.	Rudna beneficiation plant, Lubin-Glogow District	700.
Metal, refined		do.	Refineries at Glogow I, Glogow II, and Legnica	480.
Feldspar		Strzeblowskie Kopalnie Surowcow	Mine at Sobotka, Lower Silesia, workings at	50.
		Mineralnych	Pagorki Zachodnie and Pagorki Wschodnie	
Ferroalloys:				
Electric furnace (FeSiMn, FeMn	n,	Huta "Laziska" S.A.	Upper Silesia at Laziska Gome	170.
FeCr, FeSi)				
Blast furnace (FeMn)		Huta "Pokoj" S.A.	Upper Silesia, Ruda Slaska	90.
Gold	kilograms	KGHM "Polska Miedz" S.A.	Refinery at Glogow "Trzebinia"	550.
Gypsum and anhydrite		Zaklady Przemyslu Gipsowego "Dolina Nidy"	Southeastern Poland, Gacki	1,400.
		Zaklad Gipsowy "Stawiany"	Southeastern Poland, Szarbkow	
		Kopalnia Anhydrytu "Nowy Lad"	Lower Silesia, Niwnice	
		KGHM "Polska Miedz" S.A.	Lower Silesia, Iwiny	
Helium	million bic meters	Zaklad Odazotowania Gazu	Western Poland, Odolanow	3.
Kaolin		KSM "Surmin-Kaolin" S.A.	Lower Silesia, Nowogrodziec	50.
Lead-zinc:			· •	
Concentrate		Zaklady Gorniczo-Hutnicze (ZGH)	Mines and concentrators at Olkusz and	60 Pb, 160 Zn.
		"Boleslaw"	Pomorzany, Bukowno region	
Do.		Zaklady Gornicze "Trzebionka" S.A.	Mines and concentrator at Trzebinia	
Metal:		-		
Pb, refined		Huta Cynku "Miasteczko Slaskie"	Refinery at Miasteczko Slaskie	60.
Do.		Huta Metali Niezelaznych	Katowice	35.
		"Szopienice"		
Zn, refined		Huta Cynku "Miasteczko Slaskie"	Imperial Smelter at Miasteczko Slaskie	60.
Do.		Zaklady Metalurgiczny "Silesia"	Refinery at Katowice	-30.
D0.		(input from Huta "Miasteczko	, ,	
D0.				
D0.		Slaskie"		
		Slaskie" Zaklady Gorniczo-Hutnicze "Boleslaw"	Refinery at Boleslaw	65.
Do. Do.		Slaskie" Zaklady Gorniczo-Hutnicze "Boleslaw" Huta Metali Niezelaznych	Refinery at Boleslaw Katowice	65. 28.

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacit
Lime ³		Zaklady Przemyslu Wapienniczego Trzuskawica	Kieleckie County, Swietokrzyskie Mountains	4,500.
		Slaskie Zaklady Przemyslu Wapienniczego Opolwap S.A.	Opole County	
		Zaklady Przemyslu Wapienniczego Bukowa	Kieleckie County, Swietokrzyskie Mountains	
		Kombinat Cementowo-Wapienniczy Kujawy S.A.	Bydgoskie County	
		Zaklady Cementowo-Wapiennicze Gorazdze S.A.	Opole County	
		Zaklady Cementowo-Wapiennicze Nowiny	Kieleckie County	
		Produkcyjno-Handlowo-Uslugowe Wapmo-Sabinow	Czestochowa County	
		Wojcieszowskie Zaklady Przemyslu Wapienniczego Sp. z o.o.	Jeleniogorskie County	
		Zaklady Przemyslu Wapienniczego w Sulejowie	Piotrkowskie County	
		Zaklad Wapienniczy w Plazie	Katowickie County	
Natural gas	million bic meters	Ministry of Mining and Energy	Gasfields at pre-Carpathian foothills Carpathian Mountains Lowlands, near Ostrow Wielkopolski, Poznan, and Trzebnica, north of Wroclaw	4,900.
Nitrogen:			liotul of wrociaw	2,400.
Ammonia		Zaklady Azotowe "Pulawy" S.A.	Pulawy in eastern Poland	2,400.
Ammonia			Kedzierzyn in Upper Silesia	
		Zaklady Azotowe "Kedzierzyn" S.A.		
		Zaklady Azotowe "Wloclawek" S.A.	Wloclawek in central Poland	
		Zaklady Azotowe S.A. w Tarnowie	Tarnow in southern Poland	
		Zaklady Azotowe S.A. w Chorzowie	Chorzow in Upper Silesia	
		Zaklady Chemiezne "Police"	Police in northwest Poland	
Fertilizer (N)		do.	do.	1,700.
Petroleum:				200
Crude		Polskie Gornicstwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo Warszawa	Oilfields in northern and northwestern lowlands; sub-Carpathian region and Carpathian Mountains	200.
		Predsiebiorstwo Poszukiwan i		
Do.		Eksploatacji Rpy i Gazu "Petrobaltic"	Baltic Sea Shelf	100.
Refined		Petrochimia-Plock	Plock in central Poland	13,500.
		Rafineria "Gdansk"	Gdansk in northern Poland	
		Rafineria "Chechowice"	Czechowice in southern Poland	
		Rafineria "Trzebinia"	Trzebinia in southern Poland	
		Rafineria "Glimar" Gorilice	Gorilice in southern Poland	
		Rafineria "Jedlicze"	Jedlicze in southern Poland	
		Podkarpackie Zaklady Rafyneryjne w Jasle	Jaslo in southern Poland	
alt, all types				6,500.
		Inowroclawskie Kopalnie Soli S.A.	Gora, Mogilno I, and Mogilno II mines at Inowroclaw in central Poland	
		Kopalnia Soli "Klodawa"	Klodawa in central Poland	
		Kopalnia Soli "Wieliczka"	Wieliczka in southern Poland, near Krakow, mining deposits at Barycz and Wieliczka	
		Kopalnia Soli "Bochnia"	Southern Poland, mines at the Lezkowice and Siedlec-Moszczenica-Lapczyca deposit. Not known to have operated in 1999	
		KGHM "Polska Miedz" S.A.	Sieroszowice in southwestern Poland	
		Kopalnia Wegla Kamiennego "Debiensko"	Debiensko, Upper Silesia	
		Janikowskie Zaklady Sodowe	Janikowo in central Poland	

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Selenium	Huta Metali Niezelaznych 'Szopienice"	Katowice	80
	KGHM "Polska Miedz" S.A.	Refinery at Glogow	
Silver	KGHM "Polska Miedz" S.A.	Refined from dore produced by the	1
	Zaklady Metalurgiczne Trzebinia	Szopienice Pn-Zn smelter-refinery	
		largely from KGHM-supplied slimes	
Steel:			14,000 (crude).
Crude and semimanufactures	Huta Katowice S.A.	Plant at Dobrowa Gornicza, producing pig	
		iron, crude steel, hot-rolled products, and	
		cast steel	
	Huta im. T. Sendzimir S.A.	Steelworks at Krakow, producing pig iron,	
		crude steel, hot-rolled products, cold-rolled	
		products, pipes, and cast iron	
	P.P. Huta "Zawierciu"	Steelworks at Zawierciu, producing crude	
		steel, hot-rolled products, cast iron, and cast	
		steel	
	Huta Czestochowa S.A.	Steelworks at Czestochowa, producing pig	
		iron, crude steel, hot-rolled sheets, pipes,	
		and cast iron	
	Huta "Ostrowiec" S.A.	Steelworks at Ostrowiec-Swietokrzyski,	
		producing crude steel, hot-rolled products	
	P.P. Huta "Labedy"	Steelworks at Gliwice, producing crude	
		steel, and hot-rolled products	
	Huta "Lucchini-Warszawa" Sp. z o.o.	Steelworks in Warsaw, producing crude steel,	
		hot-rolled products, and cold-rolled strip	
	Huta Florian S.A.	Steelworks in Swietochlowicach, producing	
		crude steel, hot-rolled products,	
		galvanized sheet, and cold-rolled strip	
	Huta "Stalowa Wola" S.A.	Steelworks at Stalowa Wola, producing	
		crude steel	
	Huta "Jednosc" S.A	Steelworks at Siemianowice Slaskie,	
		producing crude steel, hot-rolled products,	
		and pipes	
	Huta "Batory" S.A.	Steelworks at Chorzow, producing crude steel,	
		hot-rolled products, and pipes	
	P.P.Huta "Baildon"	Steelworks in Katowice, producing crude	
		steel, hot-rolled products, cold-rolled strip,	
		and cast steel	
	Huta "Malapanew" S.A.	Steelworks at Ozimek, producing crude steel	
		and cast steel	
	Huta "Zabrze" S.A.	Steelworks at Zabrze, producing crude steel,	
		cast iron, and cast steel	
	Huta "Zygmunt" S.A.	Steelworks at Bytom, producing crude steel,	
		cast iron, and crude steel	
Semimanufactures only	Huta Cedler S.A.	Steelworks in Sosnowiec, producing hot-rolled	
		products, cold-rolled strip, and cast iron	
	P.P. Huta "Kosciuszko"	Steelworks at Chorzow, producing hot-rolled	
		products	
	Huta "Pokoj" S.A.	Steelworks at Ruda Slaska, producing hot-	
		rolled products	
	Huta "Andrzej" S.A.	Steelworks at Zawadskie, producing pipes	
	Huta "Ferrum" S.A.	Steelworks in Katowice, producing pipes	
	P.P. Huta "Bobrek"	Steelworks in Bytom, producing pig iron, hot-	
		rolled products, and cast iron	
	Huta "Buczek" S.A.	Steelworks in Sosnowiec, producing pipes and	
		cast iron	
	P.P. Huta "1 Maja"	Steelworks in Gliwice, producing hot-rolled	
	7.11.130/10.1	products	
	Zaklad Wielkopiecowy "Szczecin"	Steelworks at Szczecin, producing pig iron	
	Sp. z o.o.		

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	Major operating companies	Location of main facilities	Annual capacity
Sulfur	P.P.Kopalne i Zaklady Przetworcze	Operations at Tarnobrzeg, mining the Jeziorko-	5,700.
	Siarki "Siarkopol"	Grebow-Wydza deposit.	
Do.	P.P. Kopalnie i Zaklady Chemiczne	Operations at Grzybow, mining the Osiek and	NA.
	Siarki "Siarkopol"	Grzybow-Gacki deposits.	

NA Not available.

¹The data presented in this table were compiled, in large measure, from information provided in the Minerals Yeabook of Poland (Bilans Gospodarki Surowcami Mineralnymi w Polsce Na Tle Gospodarki Swiatowej 1995) prepared and published by the Department of Mineral and Energy Policy, Mineral and Energy Economy Research Centre of the Academy of Science of Poland, The Ministry of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources, and Forestry. Additionally, very valuable information and criticism was provided by Mr. Krystof Galos and other members of his academic department. ²The production of barite at the "Boguszow " Barite Mine was stopped in 1997 because of large-scale area flooding and its future status is uncertain.

³In order of size.

TABLE 7 POLAND: RESOURCES OF MAJOR MINERALS IN 2002

			Geolog	Geologically documented resources ¹			
	Number of deposits				Annual percentage		
Commodity	Total	Exploited	Total	Exploited	change		
METALS				I			
Copper	- 14	5	2,369	1,451	-5.1		
Lead and zinc	21	3	180	41			
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS							
Raw materials for chemicals:	_						
Sulfur, native	17	4	471	41	-4.7		
Rock salt	20	4	80,251	8,327	-1.6		
Barite	5		6				
Potassium-magnesium salts	5	1	669	72			
Raw materials for construction:							
Chalk	186	64	195	36	-23.4		
Clay:							
Argillaceous material for construction ceramics	1,205	390	3,993	628	-4.0		
Bentonite	8	1	2.7	0.5			
Ceramic clays	28	7	141	11			
Refractory clays	18	4	56	6	-25.0		
Kaolin	14	2	215.9	83.5	NA		
Dolomites	11	4	352	163	-1.2		
Feldspar ore	7	2	86.9	12.3			
Gypsum and anhydrite	15	4	265	120	-0.7		
Magnesite	6	1	13.3	3.1	-53.0		
Sand and gravel:							
Filling sand	33	10	4,693	1,196	1.0		
Moulding sand	77	11	352	118	-0.8		
Quartz sand for brick and concrete	158	51	727	149	2.6		
Gravel aggregates	4,655	1,676	14,454	3,185	1.7		
Silica:							
Glass sand	30	7	605	138	-1.4		
Quartz, veined	7	3	7	6			
Quartzite, refractory	19	1	16	9			
Stone:	_						
Stone for construction and road use	534	216	8,065	3,860	-1.0		
Limestone and marl for lime and cement use	176	38	17,384	6,197	-0.4		
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS	_						
Coal:							
Bituminous	128	46	44,084	15,888	-1.0		
Lignite	76	10	13,861	2,014	-3		
Gas. ²	_						
Natural	245	183	149	128	8.5		
Coal methane	43	18	80	12			
Petroleum	85	73	13	12			

NA Not available.

¹Million metric tons unless otherwise specified.

²Billion cubic meters.

Sources: Central Statistical Office of Poland, 2004, Statistical Yearbook of Industry; Polish Academy of Sciences, 2004, Minerals Yearbook of Poland.

TABLE 8 POLAND: IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERAL COMMODITIES

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002
METALS			
Aluminum and articles thereof	303	310	374
Chromite	29	26	9
Iron ore and concentrate	9,737	7,709	6,957
Lead:			
Concentrates, Pb content		4	5
Refined	14	12	21
Manganese	39	44	15
Steel:			
Flat-rolled, nonalloy semimanufactures	1,897	2,535	2,357
Stainless and articles thereof	79	84	91
Pipes and hollow profiles	259	289	344
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS			
Alumina	151	135	123
Barite	7	7	6
Bauxite	27	38	50
Bentonite	62	65	68
Cement (clinker)	606	251	67
Feldspar	82	144	168
Fluorspar	5	5	6
Glass	429	466	549
Graphite	39	52	58
Gypsum and anhydrite	78	23	46
Kaolin, washed	90	101	114
Mineral fertilizers	1,288	1,426	1,609
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS			
Coal, including briquettes	1,503	1,903	2,768
Natural gas million cubic meters	7,676	8,325	7,775
Petroleum:			
Crude	18,002	17,513	17,872
Refined	1,797	2,318	2,501

Sources: Central Statistical Office of Poland, Yearbook of Foreign Trade, 2002 and 2003; Polish Academy of Sciences, Minerals Yearbook of Poland, 1998-2002.

TABLE 9 POLAND: EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERAL COMMODITIES

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	2000	2001	2002
METALS			
Aluminum and articles thereof	216	230	264
Cadmium metric tons		198	49
Cobalt do.	41	48	38
Copper:			
Refined copper and copper alloys	284	233	288
Copper manufactures	149	143	123
Lead:			
Concentrates, Pb content	45	56	58
Metal, refined	9	10	21
Silver and articles thereof metric tons	1,042	1,094	1,135
Steel:			
Pig iron	138	41	3
Steel, crude		2	3
Flat-rolled, nonalloy semimanufactures	2,185	2,219	2,151
Pipes and hollow profiles	178	202	35
Zinc:			
Concentrate, Zn content	12	16	34
Metal and articles thereof	87	92	89
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS			
Cement	978	897	478
Glass	598	682	662
Salt	427	376	343
Sulfur	1,024	774	600
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS			
Coal:			
Anthracite and bituminous	23,247	23,032	22,626
Lignite	9	15	41
Coke and semicoke	3,690	3,924	4,226
Petroleum, refined	2,154	2,523	2,446
Zero.			

Sources: Central Statistical Office of Poland, Yearbook of Foreign Trade, 2001, 2002; Polish Academy of Sciences, Minerals Yearbook of Poland, 1996-2001.

TABLE 10 SLOVAKIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES¹

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity ²		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
METALS						
Aluminum:						
Alumina		100,000 °	109,813	110,078	111,618 r	132,089
Aluminum ingot, primary		127,000	136,753	133,672	146,958	165,290
Copper:						
Mine output, concentrate, Cu content			11	6	2	2
Metal, refined, primary and secondary ^e		1,432 3	r	8,000 r	8,100 r	5,800 3
Gallium, metal ^e	kilograms	500	500	500	500	500
Gold, metal	do.	363	306	157	53 ^r	50
Iron and steel:						
Iron ore:				000 ľ		
Gross weight, Fe content (av. 34%)	thousand tons	891	909	888 r	1,300 r	1,324
Fe content	do.	255 r	255 r	238 r	175 r	200
Concentrate, gross weight	do.	465	477	435	326	400
Metal:		2 007	2.177	2 255	2 522 F	2 500 6
Pig iron	do.	2,987	3,166	3,255	3,533 r	3,500 °
Ferroalloys, total electric furnace ^{e, 4}	do.	95	95	95	95	95
Ferrochromium		6,986	17,702	5,968 r	5,695 r	1,924
Ferrosilicon ^e		70,000 3	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Steel, crude	thousand tons	3,569	3,733	3,989	4,275 r	4,549
Semimanufactures ^e	do.	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
INDUSTRIAL MINERALS						
Barite, concentrate		15,900	13,700	14,450	25,820	10,000
Cement, hydraulic	thousand tons	4,718	3,045	3,123	3,141	3,147
Clays:						
Bentonite		64,390	66,528	82,915	66,128	74,938
Kaolin		22,930	32,000	34,700	33,000 r	35,000
Refractory		3,000	2,000	3,000	3,000 e	3,000
Ceramic		47,000	61,000	59,000	55,000	50,000
Diamond, synthetic ^e	carats	5,000	5,000			
Dolomite	thousand tons	1,505	1,176	1,471	1,357	1,250
Gypsum and anhydrite, crude		117,000	124,000	169,000	121,700	125,000
Lime, hydrated and quicklime	thousand tons	759	754	816	911	847
Magnesite, concentrate		918,000	1,001,000 r	961,000	930,000	397,259
Nitrogen, N content of ammonia ^e		250,000	215,000	209,000	326,000	230,200
Perlite		19,460	17,020	14,910	18,630	19,000
Salt		119,000	121,700	123,000	97,400	95,000
Sand and gravel	thousand cubic meters	1,469	1,271	1,272 ^r	1,399 ^r	1,300
Stone:						
Limestone and other calcareous stones for cement	thousand tons	7,000	6,700	3,596	3,694	3,453
Crushed stone	thousand cubic meters	2,844	2,868	4,602	4,715	5,075
Talc		1,900	1,800	2,600	2,290	1,000
Zeolite		14,000	15,000	23,000 ^r	28,000 r	25,000
MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED M						
Coal, brown and lignite	thousand tons	3,745	3,589	3,424	3,401 r	3,077
Coke. ^e						
Metallurgical	do.	1,515 3	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Unspecified	do.	200	200	200	200	200
Natural gas	million cubic meters	235	202	212	212	212
Petroleum:						
Crude:						
As reported	thousand tons	59	60	54	53 r	48
	housand 42-gallon barrels	450	450	400	400	350
Refinery products ^e	do.	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000

^eEstimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits. ^rRevised. -- Zero.

¹Table includes data available through September 2004.

²In addition to the commodities listed, arsenic, diatomite, feldspar, illite, sodium compounds, sulfur, sulfuric acid, and talc are produced, but information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.

³Reported figure.

⁴May include some FeCrSi and FeNi, if any was produced.

TABLE 11 SLOVAKIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2003

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity		Major operating companies ¹	Location of main facilities ²	Annual capacity
Aluminum		ZSNP Aluminum Works (Slovalco)	Ziar and Hronom, central Slovakia	108
Antimony:				
Ore		Liptovska Dubrava	Central Slovakia	50
Do.		Pezinok	Western Slovakia	50
Smelter		Vajskova	Central Slovakia	2
Cement		Lietavska Lucka, Stupava, and Turna	Slovakia	5,400
Coal:				
Brown		Hornonitranske Bane, a.s.	Prievidza, central Slovakia	3,500
Do.		Bana Dolina, a.s.	V'lky Krtis, southern Slovakia	500
Lignite		Bana Zhorie, a.s.	Holic, Western Slovakia	400
Copper:				
Ore		Slovinky, Hodrusa-Hamre, and Rudnany	Central Slovakia	500
Refinery		Krompachy	do.	27
Gallium	kilograms	ZSNP Aluminum Works	Ziar and Hronom, central Slovakia	4,000
Iron:				
Ore		Nizana Slana and Rudnany	Central Slovakia	1,600
Concentrate		do.	do.	1,300
Lead-zinc, ore		Banska Stiavnica	do.	200
Magnesite		SMZ a.s. Jelsava	Eastern Slovakia	350
Do.		Slovmag a.s., Lubenik	Central Slovakia	150
Petroleum, refinery		Bratislava, Dubova	Slovakia	NA
Salt		Solivary a.s., Presov	Eastern Slovakia	150
Steel, crude		U.S. Steel Kosice	Eastern Slovakia, Kosice	4,000
Do.		Zeleziarne Podbrezova a.s.	Slovakia, Podbrezova	600

NA Not available.

¹All mining companies are Government owned. ²Names and locations of mines and crude oil refineries are identical.