



# Minerals Metals Coal Mining Industry

## MARKET OVERVIEW

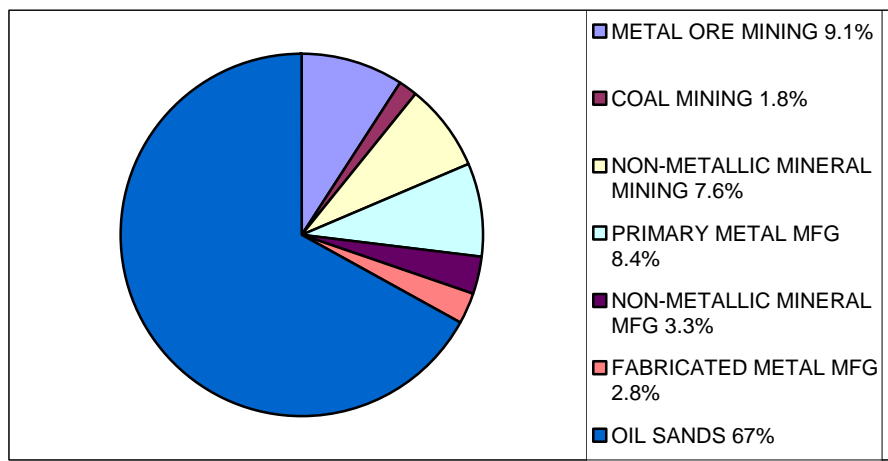
- Canada's overall value of production of the mining industry (mining, mineral processing and metal producing industries) valued over US\$40 billion of Canada's GDP in 2006. Mineral production was valued at US\$33.6 billion.
- Canada's "Top 10" leading minerals by value of production (2006): Nickel – US\$6.176 billion; Copper – US\$4.60 billion; Iron Ore – US\$2.584 billion; Gold – US\$2.247 billion; Potash – US \$2.212 billion; Coal – US\$2.205 billion; Zinc – US\$2.087 billion; Cement – US\$1.703 billion; Diamonds – US\$1.591 billion; Uranium – US\$1.431 billion;
- In 2006, Canada still remains 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world for diamond mining production value (US\$1.590 billion, 13.2 billion carats).
- Almost 80% of Canada's mineral and metal production is exported, making it one of the world's largest exporters.
- Total capital investment for mining was US\$7.2 billion in 2006, US\$2.0 billion in metal, US\$1.9 billion in non-metal, US\$1.5 billion metal manufacturing, US\$668 million non-metal manufacturing, US\$684 million fabricated metal products and US\$369 million in coal. On average, 60% of industry capital is spent on construction and 40% on machinery and equipment.
- Canada has over 2360 associated firms supporting domestic and global mining activities and over 65% of the world's mining companies are listed in Canada.

## EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES

- In 2006, Canada spent over US\$1.73 billion, a 33% increase from 2005  
Top three Provinces include:  
Ontario (US\$342 million)  
British Columbia (US\$304 million)  
Quebec (US\$260 million)  
2007 estimate: US\$1.89 billion
- Mining and exploration is backed up by a well developed Science and Technology infrastructure in Canada.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

2007: US\$24.1 Billion



Sources: Natural Resources Canada, Statistics Canada, Mining Assn. of Canada 2007

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