

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

OMAN

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In 1998, the hydrocarbon mineral sector sustained Oman's developing economy, providing about 40% of the gross domestic product (GDP) and 75% to 80% of export earnings and budget revenues (Arab Petroleum Research Center, 1999, p. 314). Other commercially viable mineral ventures included the mining of chromite; the smelting and refining of copper, with gold and silver as byproducts; the manufacturing of cement; and the production of crushed and dimension stone and sand and gravel. The mineral industry in total accounted for about one-half of the GDP.

For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Oman, see the 1997 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, International Review of Africa and the Middle East.

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TABLE 1
OMAN: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 e/
Cement, hydraulic thousand tons	1,200	1,177 r/	1,260	1,300 e/	1,300
Chromite, gross weight	6,166	5,300 e/	15,252	18,000 2/	18,000
Copper:					
Mine output, Cu content	6,500	--	--	--	--
Metal:					
Smelter	31,200 3/	34,200 3/	24,663	22,800 2/	25,000 2/
Refinery	24,194 3/	33,900 3/	24,150	23,600 2/	22,700 e/
Gas, natural:					
Gross million cubic meters	6,000 e/	6,860 e/	9,071	8,200	8,800 2/
Dry do.	3,200 e/	3,015	6,716	7,750 2/	7,800
Gold kilograms	137	591	576	577 2/	575
Gypsum	121,446	104,490	130,900	113,600 2/	115,000
Natural gas liquids e/ thousand 42-gallon barrels	2,300	3,000	3,650	3,800	4,000
Petroleum:					
Crude do.	293,800	311,300	322,300	329,960 r/	328,500 2/
Refinery products:					
Liquefied petroleum gas do.	(4/)	404	400	450 r/	500
Gasoline do.	4,600 e/	4,632	4,888	4,200 r/	4,500
Jet fuel do.	2,500 e/	2,000 e/	2,500	1,100 r/	1,200
Kerosene do.	90 2/	1,314	90	90	90
Distillate fuel oil do.	4,800 e/	5,523	4,800	4,745 r/	5,000
Residual fuel oil do.	12,500 e/	13,606	12,500	12,775 r/	13,000
Other do.	900 e/	500	500	700 r/	700
Total do.	25,390 e/	27,575	25,278	23,610 r/	24,490
Sand and gravel thousand tons	8,000 e/	9,395	9,629	9,800	9,800
Silver kilograms	1,500 e/	100 e/	97	95	95
Stone:					
Marble thousand tons	70	145 e/	117	169 2/	170
Other do.	2,000 e/	2,119 e/	2,263	1,992 2/	2,000
Sulfur e/	40,000	35,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data available through December 1, 1999.

2/ Reported figure.

3/ Includes toll/custom output.

4/ Included in "Other" category in 1994.