

# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

# MALTA

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Malta's mineral industry rested mainly on trade and the storage of crude oil and refinery products, as well as other nonfuel mineral commodities. The mineral industry, consisting mainly of limestone and salt production, contributed less than 0.5% to the

gross national product. The transshipment and reexport of goods was significant to Malta's economy. For more-extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Malta, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, International Review of Europe and Central Eurasia, Volume III.

TABLE 1  
MALTA: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

Commodity 2/		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Limestone	thousand metric tons	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000
Salt	metric tons	30	30	30	30	30

1/ Table includes data available through March 1998.

2/ In addition to listed commodities, a small amount of cement, fertilizer, lime, and plaster is produced, but available information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.