

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

LIBYA

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Libya was the second largest crude oil producer in Africa, following Nigeria (BP Amoco Plc, 2000, Download for Oil—Production—Statistical review of world energy, accessed March 17, 2001, via URL <http://www.bp.com/worldenergy/downloads/main.htm>). With the exception of the Libyan Iron and Steel Co., which was supplied by imported raw materials, the nation's nonfuel mineral industry sector offered little

contribution to the economy. Nonfuel mineral output included clay, gypsum, limestone, and salt production. Cement manufacture was the sole domain of two state-owned companies—Arabian Cement Co. and Libyan Cement Co.

For more extensive coverage of the minerals industry of Libya, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

TABLE 1
LIBYA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/ 2/

(Thousand metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 3/	1995	1996	1997	1998 e/	1999 e/
Cement, hydraulic	3,210	3,550	2,524	3,000	3,000
Gas, natural:					
Gross million cubic meters	12,460	12,640	12,910	12,600	12,400
Dry do.	6,345	6,420	6,570	6,360	6,200
Gypsum e/	160	175	125	150	150
Iron and steel:					
Metal:					
Direct-reduced iron	963	862	990	1,010 r/ 4/	1,330 4/
Crude steel	909	863	897	925 4/	945 4/
Lime e/	260	260	275	275	270
Nitrogen:					
N content of ammonia	534	545	536	540	540
N content of urea	409	399	383	385	380
Petroleum:					
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	509,175	511,000	516,475	502,970 4/	481,000
Refinery products:					
Gasoline do.	15,500	16,000	16,200	16,200	10,000
Kerosene and jet fuel do.	13,700	14,200	14,300	14,300	7,000
Distillate fuel oil do.	29,000	31,400	31,500	31,500	20,000
Residual fuel oil do.	32,000	35,400	35,500	35,500	25,000
Other do.	10,500	18,000	18,000	18,000	13,000
Total do.	101,000	115,000	116,000	116,000	75,000
Salt	30	30	30	30	30
Sulfur, byproduct of petroleum and natural gas e/	13	13	13	13	13

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data available through December 26, 2000.

2/ Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

3/ In addition to the commodities listed, a variety of brick, construction stone, and tile was produced, but available information is inadequate to make estimates of output levels. Natural gas liquids were also produced but were blended with crude petroleum and reported as part of that total.

4/ Reported figure.