

# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

# TOGO

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Agriculture, mining, and trade continued to dominate Togo's economy. In recent years, phosphate production has accounted for about 6% of Togo's gross domestic product (GDP) compared with agriculture's about 30% of the GDP and commerce's about 20% to the GDP.

Togo's mineral industry included the mining of limestone for the cement clinker plant and the production of cement, clinker, and phosphate rock for the export market. There was some artisanal recovery of diamond and gold. Other mineral occurrences, including attapulgite, barite, bauxite, bentonite, brick clay, dolomite, garnet, gypsum, iron ore, kaolin, kyanite, limestone, manganese, marble, monazite, peat, rutile, silica sand, and dimension stone, were known, and the Government considered many of the occurrences to be potential small-scale operations (Ministry of Mines, Energy, and Water Resources, 1995).

The 1998 privatization of the Office Togolais des Phosphates

(OTP) faltered. The Government planned a partial privatization of OTP in 1999. The alliance of the Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. and Resolute Ltd. of Australia held the Kabagni and Zogbegan exploration permits, and Coronation International Mining Corp. of the United Kingdom held the Pagala base metal license. At the beginning of 1998, International Tournigan Corp. of Canada held the Kara and Nadoba gold concessions.

For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Togo, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, International Review of Africa and the Middle East.

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TABLE 1  
 TOGO: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 2/	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	
Cement	350,000 3/	350,000 3/	413,000 r/ 3/	421,000 r/	565,000	
Iron and steel, semimanufactures 4/	500	500	500	--	--	
Phosphate rock, beneficiated product:						
Gross weight	thousand metric tons	2,149 5/	2,570 5/	2,731 5/	2,200	1,900
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1/ Includes data available through August 4, 1999.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, Togo presumably produced a variety of crude construction materials (clays, sand and gravel, and stone), diamond, gold, and limestone for the cement plant, but output is not reported, and available information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.

3/ Produced from imported clinker.

4/ Iron rod production from semifinished metal.

5/ Reported figure.