



Figure 10. Nonfuel mineral commodity exploration targets in Canada, Australia, and Asia for 1995-2004. Exploration activity is expressed in terms of the percentage of total regional exploration, as determined by the number of active exploration sites considered for each year of this study. Other includes ferrous and additional nonferrous metals, industrial minerals, and semiprecious gemstones. Exploration in these regions has generally increased during the period, and commodity focus may have changed. A, Canada; B, Australia; C, Asia (including China, India, and Mongolia).