



Figure 11. Nonfuel mineral commodity exploration targets in Africa, Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and the Middle East 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 remained constant during the study period, and commodity focus may have changed. A, Africa; B, Europe; C, Commonwealth of Independent States; D, Middle East.