

Oman's Mining and Quarrying Industry Overview

Why Oman?



"Oman has a strategic location as it has good sea transport links and is near to the successful African mining market. The main opportunities for us are devising the strategy to develop mineral wealth in the country, to ensure optimum implementation of information. Our main optimization areas are the north and south borders." - Oman's Directorate General of Minerals



Political stability



Friendly investment policies



Infrastructures



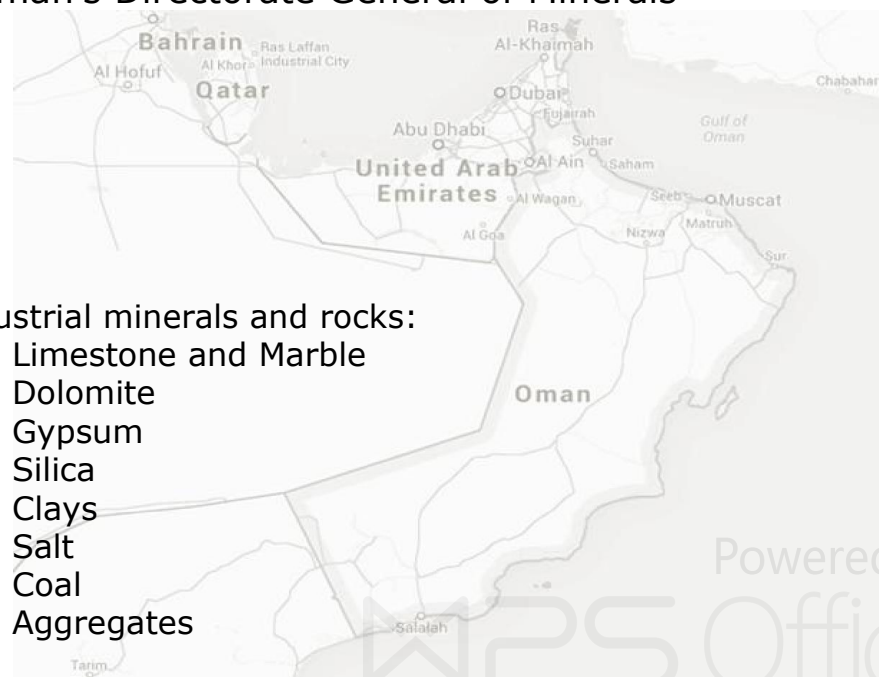
Availability of raw materials

Main metallic minerals:

- Copper
- Chromite
- Laterite
- Manganese

Industrial minerals and rocks:

- Limestone and Marble
- Dolomite
- Gypsum
- Silica
- Clays
- Salt
- Coal
- Aggregates



Mining Regulations and Laws in Oman



Exploration and mining permits

1. Submit application to DGM
2. DGM to study the application and coordinate with other governmental agencies
3. Provide an exploration program
4. Get the environmental license for exploration from the Ministry of Environment
5. Fees payment and issuing the exploration license (1 year)
6. Submission of the exploration study, feasibility study and mining plan
7. Submitted studies will be evaluated
8. Get the environmental license for mining from Ministry of Environment
9. Fees payment and issuing the mining license (5 years)



Omani companies or registered companies in Oman are allowed to apply for exploration and mining licenses



New governmental orientations

1. Enhance and develop local industries that are related to the available raw materials
2. Develop new regulations that help the mining sector to grow and attract investors

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