

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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Primarily an agrarian economy, Côte d'Ivoire's mineral industry made a modest contribution to the nation's gross domestic product. The country's Birimian greenstone geology has, however, attracted considerable attention from international gold exploration companies. Nonfuel mineral production was relatively meager. (*See table 1.*) The state mining company, Société pour le Développement Minier, had documented numerous mineral deposits, including bauxite, brick clay, ilmenite, iron ore, manganese, lateritic nickel, rutile, glass sand, dimension stone, and tantalite (Ministère des Mines et de

l'Energie, 1994). For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of Côte d'Ivoire, see the 1996 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

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TABLE 1
CÔTE D'IVOIRE: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

Commodity 2/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Cement thousand metric tons	500	500	500	500	500
Diamond carats	15,000	84,400	75,300	301,591 r/ 3/	306,665 3/
Gold kilograms	1,500	1,860	1,983 3/	1,883 r/ 3/	2,419 3/
Natural gas million cubic meters	--	--	36	547 r/ 3/	879
Petroleum:					
Crude thousand 42-gallon barrels	--	--	2,000	5,833 r/ 3/	5,334 3/
Refinery products do.	18,300	19,300	19,300	7,620 r/ 3/	7,850 3/
Tantalite kilograms	--	--	500	500	1350 3/

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1/ Includes data available through November 23, 1998.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, Côte d'Ivoire produced clays, crushed granite, sand and gravel, and stone for the local construction industry. Information is inadequate to make reliable estimates of output levels.

3/ Reported figure.