

# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

# TOGO

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Agriculture, phosphate mining, and regional trade continued to dominate Togo's economy. In recent years, phosphate production and exports have accounted for 20% to 30% of export earnings, 10% to 13% of Government revenues, and 6% to 10% of the gross domestic product, respectively. Besides phosphate rock for export and limestone for cement, exploitation of minerals in Togo was negligible. There was some artisanal recovery of diamond and gold.

A number of smaller-scale mineral occurrences were known and cited by the Government as potential artisanal or semi-industrial operations including aggregate, attapulgitite, bentonite, brick clay, diamond, dolomite, glass sand, gold, limestone, marble, peat, phosphate, rutile, and dimension stone (Ministry of

Mines, Energy, and Water Resources, 1995). In addition, the Ministry had documented barite, bauxite, garnet, gypsum, iron ore, kaolin, kyanite, manganese, and monazite occurrences. 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 (Mobbs, in press).

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TABLE 1  
TOGO: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 2/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 e/
Cement e/ 3/	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Iron and steel, semimanufactures e/ 4/	--	500	500	500	--
Phosphate rock, beneficiated product:					
Gross weight	thousand metric tons	1,794	2,149	2,570	2,731
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e/ Estimated.

1/ Includes data available through August 14, 1998.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, Togo presumably produced a variety of crude construction materials (clays, sand and gravel, and stone) 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.