



# MINING SECTOR PROFILE



# Invest Jordan

## Mining Sector Overview

### Unearthing Potential: Jordan's Mining Sector

In recent years, Jordan has been gradually expanding its mining sector, transforming the industry into a key player in the nation's economic development. With a rich history of mining dating back to ancient times, Jordan's diverse mineral deposits and strategic location are fueling a resurgence in this vital sector.

The mining sector in Jordan has experienced numerous positive developments and achievements over the last several years. These have contributed to the country's economic growth and diversification, strengthened the national economy, created employment opportunities, and attracted new foreign investments.

### Highlights of Jordan's Mining Sector

#### • Mining Industries in Jordan

- Increased interest in Jordan's rich mineral deposits and their utilization has been a catalyst for growth and investment in the Jordanian mining sector, which consists of two key industries:
- **Extractive Mining Industries:** Phosphate, Potash, Mineral Mines and Quarries, and Silica
- **Transformational Mining Industries:** Chemical Acids, Fertilizers, Cement, and Bromine
- These two industries are serving growing local and international demand for raw materials, intermediate products, and final products. Jordan's mining sector has become recognized regionally and internationally in terms of quality, especially in the mining and manufacturing of phosphates, potash, bromine, chemical acids, and fertilizers.

#### • Mining Sector Exports

- Jordan continues to capitalize on its natural resources and is a significant exporter of phosphates (number 7 globally in terms of total reserves) and potash (number 12 globally in terms of total reserves).

#### • Sustainable Practices

- The mining sector in Jordan has been making constant improvements in incorporating sustainable and environmentally responsible practices. Employing advanced technologies and methodologies, the sector is reducing the environmental impact of its operations and minimizing resource depletion, which has played a significant role in its modernization.

#### • Infrastructure Development

- The growth of Jordan's mining sector has resulted in wide-reaching infrastructural improvements, including the development and upgrade of roads, railways, and port facilities. The expansion of the Aqaba port has helped Jordan's coastal city elevate its profile as a regional hub for the export of minerals and many other goods. The port's modern facilities and strategic location have attracted both regional and international investors, making it an essential contributor to the country's economic growth.

#### • Collaboration with International Partners

- Jordan's mining sector has established strong relationships with international partners, attracting foreign investments and facilitating valuable knowledge exchange, including the transfer of technology and expertise, which has further enhanced the capabilities of the local mining sector. Moreover, the export of Jordan's mineral resources has helped further diversify the national economy, reducing its reliance on traditional industries and promoting long-term economic stability.

## Why Invest in Jordan's Mining Sector?

### • Strategic Location

- **Proximity to Europe, Asia, and Africa:** Jordan is situated at the crossroads of three continents, which allows mining companies to access a vast range of markets with relative ease. This strategic position enables efficient transportation of mineral products to consumers in Europe, Asia, and Africa, reducing transportation costs and times. Currently, the top three export destinations for the local mining sector are India, USA, and KSA.
- **Access to major trade routes:** Jordan's location provides access to important trade routes and transportation hubs, which are essential for the export and import of mining products and materials. Some of these key trade routes include:
  - **The Suez Canal:** This vital shipping route connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, facilitating trade between Europe, Asia, and Africa.
  - **The Red Sea ports:** Jordan has access to the Red Sea ports, which serve as important gateways for the transportation of goods to and from the region.
- **Land routes:** Jordan's road network connects it with neighboring countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria, allowing for efficient overland transport of mining products and materials.
- **Regional markets:** Jordan's location in the Middle East places it in close proximity to several growing regional markets, including the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. These countries have experienced rapid economic growth and increased demand for mineral resources, offering exceptional potential for Jordanian mining exports.

### • Abundant Mineral Industries

#### • Extractive Mining Industries

- **Phosphates:** Phosphates are a vital component in the production of fertilizers and Jordan has one of the largest phosphate reserves in the world. As the global population grows and demand for food increases, the need for fertilizers is expected to rise, making phosphate mining a highly lucrative opportunity.
- **Potash:** The country possesses significant reserves of potash, a key ingredient in fertilizers and various other industrial applications. With the global potash market anticipated to grow, investing in Jordan's potash resources offers exceptional potential.
- **Quarries and mines:** Quarries and mines are scattered across Jordan, providing a solid foundation for large-scale investment projects in the mining sector, as well as investments in infrastructure and service development projects to support these mining communities. These mines and quarries play a key role in countless industries and contribute to nearly all industrial development, with the raw materials used in products like basalt, granite, marble, limestone, pozzolana, cement, building manufacturing, and more.
- **Silica sand:** Silica sand is found in large quantities in the south of Jordan. It is characterized by a high degree of purity and its close proximity to the surface, which makes it easy to mine. These reserves are also near to all necessary infrastructure and services, including main roads, electrical supplies, and the port of Aqaba. Silica sand is an important raw material in the manufacture of glass, casting sand, optical and crystal glass, and various renewable energy systems.

### • Government Support and Incentives

- **Customs duties Exemption:** Importing machinery and raw materials subject to Customs duties Exemption, and 0% sales tax making it more cost-effective for mining companies to operate in Jordan.
- **Streamlined licensing procedures:** The government has simplified licensing procedures to make it easier for companies to obtain the necessary permits and approvals, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and expediting project implementation.

- **Stable Political and Economic Environment**

- Jordan has been able to maintain a stable political environment, which is essential for long-term investment planning and risk management. The country has a relatively stable economy, supported by a diverse range of industries and sectors. This economic stability can provide a solid foundation for investment in the mining sector.

- **Growing Demand for Minerals**

- As more countries urbanize and industrialize, the need for minerals used in construction, manufacturing, and agriculture is expected to increase, driving up demand for Jordan's natural resources. The growing demand for these minerals in emerging technologies, such as electric vehicles and renewable energy systems, presents additional opportunities for investment in Jordan's mining sector.

- **Skilled Workforce**

- Jordan has a high literacy rate and a strong educational system, making skilled professionals in various fields widely available. Skills include engineering, geology, and project management. The prevalence of English speakers in the country facilitates easy communication with international partners and investors, ensuring smoother operations.

## Insights

- 1.4 Billion USD total exports
- 2.2 GDP Contribution
- 96% of workforce are Jordanian



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