

Special Issue

Smelting and Refining Processes for the Primary and Secondary Production of Metals

Message from the Guest Editors

Base metals are now key elements of the sustainable development of our society. Electromobility, decarbonization, and the coming green hydrogen availability are some of the conditions that the development of primary and secondary production are taking into consideration. This special issue of *Metals* invites researchers from academia and industry to present original papers addressing primary and secondary smelting and refining, the interface between mining operations and manufacturing industries. We are looking for contributions covering fundamental aspects related to the physical chemistry of smelting, as well as the analysis of processes and reactors. Manuscripts on operational and technological development topics are also of high interest for this Special Issue. We encourage you to publish your latest developments and research to be part of this effort to provide both academia and industry with a comprehensive view of advancements and trends in this relevant subject.

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