

Special Issue

Application of Emerging Technology in Mining Operations

Message from the Guest Editors

The most recent technological developments in the mining industry point to a significant change in favour of sustainability. A fully modern, safe, and productive mine that meets the rising demand for extracted resources, while also exceeding consumer expectations and contributing to global sustainability programs, is now more possible than ever thanks to digital technology. Rapid technological change is being implemented in the mining industry in order to reinvent itself. This Special Issue is organized into the following sections:

- Internet of Things (IoT);
- Mine digitization and automation;
- Spatial data visualisation;
- 3D imaging technologies for mineral exploration;
- Application of artificial intelligence in the mineral industry.

This Special Issue aims to see how technology plays a critical role in the mining industry to improve the efficiency of its processes, to reduce costs, and meet the increasing social and environmental concerns among communities and authorities.

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