

Special Issue

Traceability of Minerals and Metals via Geochemical Fingerprinting

Message from the Guest Editors

The traceability of minerals and metals refers to the ability to identify and trace the history, location, distribution, and application of the product, part, and material in the supply chain. With a mounting interest in raw material traceability, it is reckoned that more proof-of-concept studies should be carried out. This Special Issue, "Traceability of Minerals and Metals via geochemical fingerprinting", is specifically devoted to such proof-of-concept studies. It is hoped that this SI may provide the first opportunity of its kind for communicating and publishing novel results on mineral and metal traceability. The SI will welcome all submissions concerning traceability concept and techniques, but a preference will be given to mineral deposit studies and geometallurgy that address the deposit-scale homogeneity and along-chain trackability issues. The SI has no preferences about the raw material under study. The material could be critical or strategic or neither, and it could be industrial metals, construction materials, or even gemstones.

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