

Special Issue

Prospecting, Processing and Evaluation of Mineral Raw Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

Recent developments in global markets are forcing developed societies to change their vision of mineral raw materials, with a special focus on sustainable exploitation and remining. All roadmaps to eco-efficient and low-C intensity economies stimulate the reliance on a large number of metals, whose demand cannot fully met on the basis of reuse, recycling, and/or substitution practices. Digital technologies of massive use reinforce tendencies toward the establishment of metal-intensive economies. ... All topics related to the life cycle of primary raw materials are welcome: fundamental geological (regional and local) knowledge; the availability of minerals; prospection and recognition; study of potential environmental impacts; exploitation of mineral deposits; treatment and beneficiation, processing; the disposal, treatment, and recycling of mineral wastes; decommissioning, closure and abandonment; geoenvironmental technologies; and any supporting science or technology, such as geodynamics, basin analysis, rock mechanics, geophysics, geochemistry, and geostatistics.

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