

Special Issue

Towards Sustainability in Extractive Metallurgy

Message from the Guest Editor

The field of extractive metallurgy continues to advance as higher grade orebodies are being depleted and waste becomes more complex to recycle. Both mineral processors and extractive metallurgists have made considerable advances in the last few decades in developing new technologies, which make it feasible to recover metals from these lower grade resources. In this regard, the purpose of this Special Issue is to invite researchers in this area to share their research via open access and, in this way, help the field progress. Papers are invited which present new ideas, research and technologies, which can lead to not only economic but more environmentally-friendly processes.

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