

## **Industrial minerals and raw materials in Albania. How to put them in economic circulation?**

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The installation of the infrastructure in Albania needs industrial minerals and raw materials of the adequate technical quality. Among the most requested are the construction and filling materials, different cement sorts, decorative stones, ceramics, light-weight and refractory materials and so on. The requests for different clay types, gypsum, dolomites, pure limestones, travertines, volcanic glass, basalts, serpentinites, quartz and carbonate sands are made as well. Their quality must to be satisfactory for building and industrial purposes. North-South, West-East motorways are planed, while numerous plants producing construction materials are programmed. The majority of these mineral commodities are found in Albania. Prospecting and exploration works have evidenced numerous deposits with calculated reserves, while the preliminary technological studies supplied data on their industrial use. Nevertheless the abundant available data, high competent investigations relating to standard technical requirements are not carried out. There is need for ulterior studies in accordance with specific industrial and environmental constraints. The feasibility studies providing an accurate assessment of the economic viability for justifying further investigations and thereby to define an investment opportunity are of the first hand importance. The access of the Albanian products into the different markets is a potential opportunity. The geographical position of Albania on the doorstep of the European Community and at the significant crossroads between the East and West make this country attractive and interesting for the investors.