

# THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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The Central African Republic's mining industry remained dominated by the production and export of alluvial diamond and gold. Other mineral occurrences reported in the Central African Republic by the Direction Générale des Ressources Minérales included clay, copper, iron ore, lignite, limestone, manganese, rutile, tin, and uranium (Ministère des Ressources Énergétiques et Minérales, 1995). For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of the Central African Republic, see the 1996

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TABLE 1  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Carats unless otherwise specified)

Commodity 2/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Diamond:					
Gem	369,923	400,940	400,000	350,000	380,000
Industrial	125,000	131,000	130,000	120,000	120,000
Total	494,923 3/	531,940 3/	530,000	470,000	500,000
Gold kilograms	153 3/	138 3/	120	90	90

1/ Includes data available through August 12, 1998.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, modest quantities of unlisted varieties of crude construction materials (clays, gravel, sand, and stone) presumably are produced, but output is not reported, and available information is inadequate to make estimates of output levels.

3/ Reported figure.