

MINERAL MERCOSUR

WORKING SUBGROUP 15 - GEOLOGY, MINING AND MINERAL PROCESSING

Thirteen years ago, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay signed the Accord of Asunción, indispensable tool for the birth of the Southern Common Market (Mercosur).

Today Mercosur is a strong group that grows every year and maintains an unrivaled political stability. The Ministry of External Relations expresses the importance of the block: "Being the most recent experience with the integration of South America, Mercosur is undoubtedly one of the most successful diplomatic initiatives in the continent's history."

In this context, the Working Subgroup of Mining has sought to accomplish its function. It was created during the briefing of the first meeting Mining and Metallurgy, held in Rio de Janeiro, 9 and 10 June, 1994.

In September of that year the first meeting of the Mining and Metallurgical Mercosur took place, where representatives of the mineral sector and other authorities have signed the commitment to create a space in the structure of Mercosur to integrate the mineral sectors of the countries in the block.

Between 1995 and 2001 several activities were developed to facilitate the work of the subgroup. Since 2001 there has been a fusion between Energy and Mining, under the name of Mining and Energy, where few activities were motivated by the fact that issues related to geology, mining and mineral technology will not be treated separately. After several attempts, only on June 19, 2005 was the official separation of Mining and Energy, it recreated the SGT-15 "Mining," to address issues facing the geology, mining and mineral processing.

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