



## **Brazilian Mining Day 2016**

# **Overview of Mining Regulation in Brazil**

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## Summary

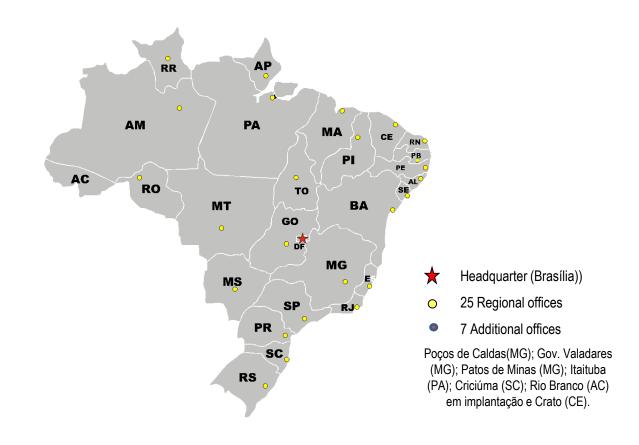
- DNPM and mining regulation in Brazil
- Mining 1967 Act and its characteristics
- Responsible authorities for environmental and mineral rights



### NATIONAL DEPARTAMENT OF MINERAL PRODUCTION

Managing the Brazilian mineral resources using regulatory tools for the benefit of society **1,200** officials

Over 4,600 inspections by year

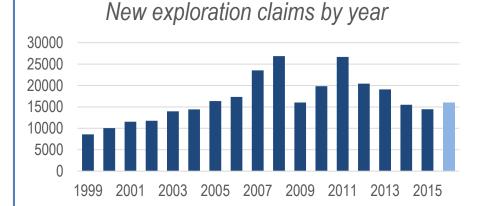




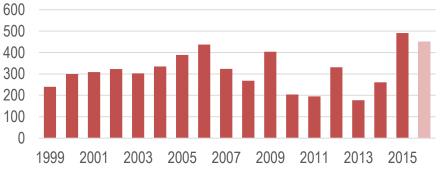
### NATIONAL DEPARTAMENT OF MINERAL PRODUCTION

The mining rights managed by DNPM:

- **9.565** mining concessions
- Over 15.000 exploration licenses by year
- 2.000 artisanal mining permits by year



#### New mining concessions by year



\*2016: estimated



## Brazilian mining Act and regulation

Regulation, administration and technical procedures relating to mineral exploration and mining in Brazil are dealt with by the *Mining Act of 1967* and regulations.

In brief these:

- Provide that all minerals (onshore and offshore) are the property of the Brazilian State
- Provide for the issue of mineral tenements that give rights with respect to mineral exploration and production
- Establish landholder and licensee rights with regard to access to land and provides for compensation for any resulting damage
- Provide for the regulation of operations within tenements
- Provide for the royalties on production; plus a range of fees for required approvals, annual tenement fees and penalties for breaches of the legislation
- Provide for the appointment of inspectors and authorized persons to have access to tenements
- Provide specific definitions of minerals, prospecting, exploration and mining

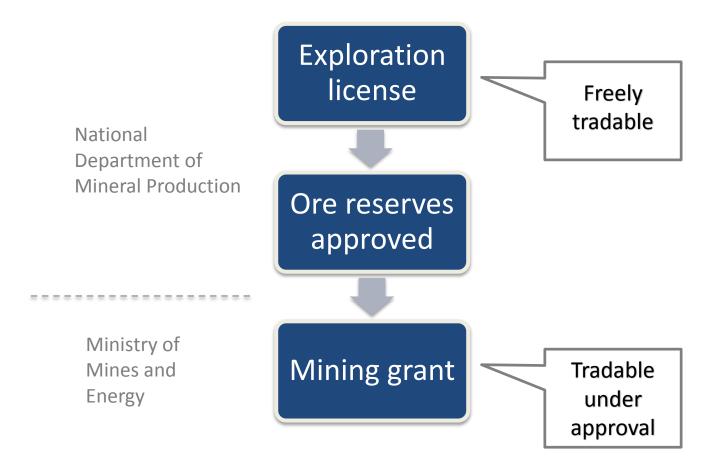


Responsible authorities for environmental and mineral rights





## Sequencing and characteristics of mining rights





- **Exploration license basis**: 'First Come, First Served'
- Application for exploration license: Brazilian citizen or legally authorized companies
- **Term**: 1-3 years (may be extended by equal period)
- **Maximum area per claim**: 50 to 10,000 hectares, depending on the mineral type and location

### • Entitled obligations:

- Mineral exploration activities according approved plan
- Payment of the annual fee
- Payment of the landowner's revenue and compensation



- Mining grant: order by the Minister of Mines and Energy
  - Depends of evidence of technical and economical feasibility
  - There is no expiration date
  - Exception: nuclear minerals (State monopoly)

## Requirements:

- Approval of exploitation project by regulation authority
- Environmental license
- Landholders: have no right of veto over mineral development on their property
  - revenue: 50% of royalties



# Mining and exploration along the Brazilian Border

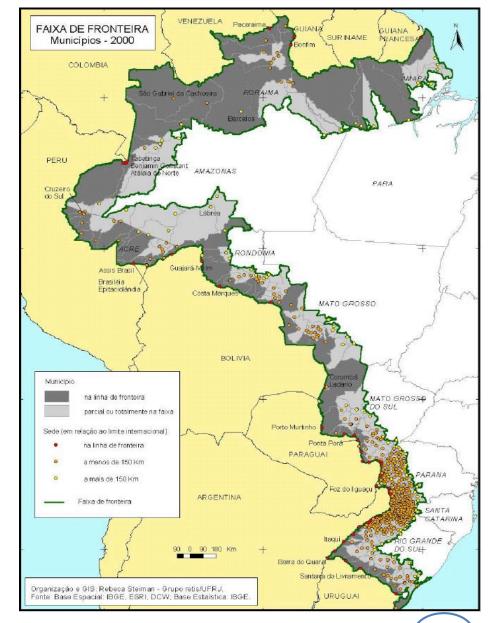
- 150 Km wide along 15,719 Km border
- Brazil has borders with 10 countries

### **CONDITIONS FOR MINING GRANT**

I - a minimum of 51% of the capital must be held directly and indirectly by Brazilian citizens

II - at least 2/3 of the mine's workers must be Brazilian citizens

III - the administrative functions or management must be undertaken by Brazilian predominantly





## **Minerals Royalties**

Basis: net commercialized value

- **3%** aluminum ore, manganese, rock salt and potassium
- 2% iron ore, fertilizer, coal and other substances
- 0,2% precious stones, colored gemstones, carbonates and noble metals
- 1% gold

Income distribution:

- Brazilian State: 12%
- States (territories): 23%
- Municipality: 65%



## Supervision of mining tailings dams

- Act 12.334 / 2010 establishing the National Dam Safety Policy and creates the National System of Dam Safety Information
- CNRH Resolution No. 143/2012: establishes general criteria for risk category by dams classification, potential damage associated and the volume of the reservoir
- CNRH Resolution No. 144/2012: establishes guidelines for implementation of the National Dam Safety Policy, the application of its instruments and operation of the National System of Dam Safety Information, in compliance with art. 20 of Law 12.334 / 2010, which amended art. 35 of Law 9.433, of January 8, 1997
- DNPM Administrative Order No. 416/2012: provides for the Security Plan, Security Periodic Review, Inspections Regular and Special Mining Dams of security and creates the National Registry of Mining Dams
- DNPM Administrative Order No. 526/2013: provides for the Emergency Action Plan of Mining Dams



## Supervision of mining tailings dams

### Federal Act 12.334/2010

- The miner is legally responsible for dam safety, and is responsible for the development of actions to guarantee it, forcing it to:
  - provide the necessary resources for <u>dam safety assurance</u>
  - provide for new projects, the development of the final project as built
  - organize and maintain in good condition the information and documentation relating to the <u>design</u>, <u>construction</u>, <u>operation</u>, <u>maintenance</u>, <u>safety</u> and, <u>where appropriate</u>, to the decommissioning of <u>the dam</u>
  - perform the <u>safety inspections</u> provided for by law
  - to prepare periodic safety reviews



## Review of Mining Act 1967

A review of the Mining Act has commenced, with all areas of the current legislation being examined. Major subjects of review are the number and types of mining title, royalties, institutional competencies, mining council establishment, the extractive areas rehabilitation directives, entitled assessments and more.

## Objectives:

- Enlargement of the regulatory procedures
- Improved exploitation of mineral deposits, prevention of healthy and safety in mines, and environmental control until the mine closure
- Further investments in the mining sector and promote the competitiveness of the mining industry
- Encourage value added mining and mineral processing activities
- Contribution to sustainable development



## **Useful Links**



### Mineral Business – Investor's Guide in Brazil

http://www.dnpm.gov.br/assets/minebusiness/pdf/livro.pdf



# Mining Information – National Department of Mineral Production (DNPM)

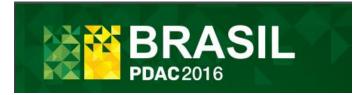
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# Geological Survey of Brazil (Companhia de Pesquisa de Recursos Minerais – CPRM)

http://www.cprm.gov.br/publique/cgi/cgilua.exe/sys/start.htm?UserActiveTe mplate=cprm\_layout\_EN&tpl=home





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