

Enhancing productivity and value of mineral sources

Almost all modern industrial materials and products depend on the mining, extraction, and quality of their corresponding raw materials. Indeed, geology and mining are fundamental to many of the manufacturing processes of products as diverse as metals, cement, ceramics, glasses, chemicals, petrochemicals, semiconductors, advanced devices, and energy. Mineral extraction and their processes have huge impact on the environment, energy consumption and safety. With ever increasing demand for high grade mineral sources, there is a need for improved productivity and value addition while meeting the environmental standards and quality.

This demand calls for efficient analytical techniques to help the mining operations and their laboratories so that faster decisions can be taken, and more value-added products can be processed. X-ray fluorescence (XRF) is a well-established elemental analysis technique for geological materials while X-ray diffraction (XRD) adds value by determining the mineralogy and phase composition. Apart from the economically important elements or their phases, these techniques can also identify and quantify toxic or undesirable elements or compounds which can adversely affect the final product or the environment. Both XRF and XRD instruments can address these challenges thanks to their wide-ranging capabilities to quantify with or without reference materials.





Top list of raw materials, minerals and industrial products:

- Iron ores
- Bauxite
- Copper, nickel, lead, zinc ores
- Limestone and clay minerals
- Chromite/magnesite ore
- Feldspars and fluorites
- Talc
- Soils and sediments
- Gemstones
- Bentonite, granite, etc.
- Zircon, quartz
- Rutile, ilmenite
- Phosphates
- Glass
- Ceramics, tiles
- Refractories
- Cement and slags





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Thermo Scientific[™] ARL[™] X'TRA Companion θ/θ Bragg-Brentano benchtop X-ray diffractometer

- State-of-the-Art Technology: Equipped with a cutting-edge solid-state pixel detector and advanced photon energy filtering, the system ensures fast and high-quality data collection, essential for reliable phase identification, quantification and degree of crystallinity.
- User-Friendly Operation: Features one-click Rietveld quantification capabilities, allowing seamless transition from data collection to results with a single click.
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Thermo Scientific[™] ARL[™] QUANT'X High-Performance EDXRF Spectrometer for lab & field

- Easy to use and transportable bench-top instrument for rapid screening and fingerprinting of ores, minerals, and industrial products for the major and minor elements or oxides
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Thermo Scientific[™] ARL[™] OPTIM'X WDXRF Spectrometer for routine minerals analysis

- Covers all oxides and minerals from sodium to uranium
- Best suited for the analysis of major and minor elements with high precision
- Fully calibrated for general oxides or specific mineral base
- Simple automation or OEM-controlled batch or continuous operation for unattended analysis

Thermo Scientific[™] ARL[™] PERFORM'X Advanced WDXRF Spectrometer

- Fully quantitative analysis of majors, minors and traces using GeolQuant & general oxide calibrations
- · Highest sensitivity and lowest limits of detection across the periodic table
- · Perfect solution for geochemical, R&D and contract labs with demanding quantitative mineral analysis
- Elemental mapping and spotting in rocks and related geological mineral bodies

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- Simultaneous and sequential XRF combined analysis for speed and element flexibility
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- Integrated XRD for specific phase analysis of the same sample to complement XRF for chemistry

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