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Oman's mineral production exceeded OMR142 million in 2014

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Muscat: Mineral products sold by Omani companies were valued at over OMR142.2 million in 2014, according to data published in Statistical Year Book 2015 by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

NCSI has not yet issued figures for 2015.

Over the three years from 2012-2014, however, the total value of minerals produced in the Sultanate showed a continued decline, with corresponding figures being 159.7 million, 146.6 million and OMR142.2 million.

During 2014, the Sultanate exported its entire production of 2300 ton of copper cathodes, earning revenues of OMR6.1 million. Also, 165 kg of gold and 3285 kg of silver, valued, respectively, at over OMR2.5 million and OMR732,000. were sold by Oman Mining Company in 2014, the report said.

During this period, production of marble rose to 1.56 million tons, valued at OMR21.7 million, as against 1.25 million tons worth OMR18 million produced in year 2013. The Sultanate produced 8.72 million tons of limestone, worth OMR9.9 million in 2014, with corresponding figures for 2013 being 5.48 million tons valued at OMR7.8 million.

Also, as much as 3.38 million tons of gypsum, worth OMR5 million, and 751,200 ton of chromite, valued at OMR22.8 million, were also produced in 2014.

Further, laterite production reached 753,100 tons, valued at OMR2.2 million, while quartz production was 282,900 tons, valued at OMR1.1 million.

During the same period, the Sultanate produced 72,100 tons of copper, worth over OMR22.5 million, and 37,500 tons of manganese, worth OMR417,800, while kaolin production exceeded 66,600 ton and was valued at OMR199,800.

Other minerals produced in 2014 include 12,900 tons of salt (OMR451,000), 305,400 tons of mud (OMR1.6 million) and 60,200 tons of sand dunes (OMR150,500).

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