

VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL MINERAL COMMODITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA

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ABSTRACT

Nova Scotia possesses several industrial mineral commodities with excellent potential for development. The Various Commodities Project has attempted to identify, explore, promote and increase the database on deposits containing the commodities presently sought in the world marketplace. The 13 industrial minerals investigated are andalusite, barite, beryllium, brucite, celestite, garnet, graphite, limestone/dolomite, silica, spodumene, talc, titanium and wollastonite.

Each industrial mineral commodity is assigned a chapter and the mineralogy, uses, world producers and Nova Scotia potential of each are discussed. The project deals with the deposits which, in the author's opinion, have the best development potential. Time constraints and the elimination of minor occurrences of academic interest only, helped dictate this selection. Further study and investigative exploration are warranted on some promising Provincial deposits of commodities with existing markets and other known deposits of commodities presently not sought in the marketplace, but which could have future potential as demands change.