

# Argentina Mining Market Outlook to 2017 - Silver Mining Market to Foster the Future Growth

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### **Abstracts**

The report titled 'Argentina Mining Market Outlook to 2017- Silver Mining Market to Foster the Future Growth' provides a comprehensive analysis of the various aspects such as market size, segmentation, trends and developments and future projections of the mining market of Argentina. The mining market of Argentina is majorly comprised of minerals such as copper, lithium, silver and gold which are produced by various open pit and underground mines in Argentina. The report provides the market share and company profiles of major players in major segments.

Argentina is rich in mineral resources such as copper, gold, silver and zinc. Most of the mineral deposits in Argentina lie in the Andes region. The total production of minerals which include copper, silver, gold and lithium from the mines in 2012 was ~ metric tons. The contribution by the mining sector the country's GDP in 2012 was USD ~ million. In 2011, the country was the second largest producer of boron and the fourth ranked producer of lithium and strontium in the world. The mining companies invested about USD 2,700 million in the projects in the mining sector in 2011.

The Andean plateau hosts noteworthy concentrations of lead, zinc, silver and tin. The Pirquitas deposit is one of the world's largest deposits of silver and is situated in the north eastern part of the country. The southern region of the country is dominated by the Hombre Muerto salt lake which is a rich source of lithium and potassium. FMC Corporation which is the leading lithium producer in Argentina conducts their mining operations for lithium extraction in this region.

The Valle del Cura region is one of the most important gold and silver districts in the world with resources about ~ kilograms of gold and ~kilograms of silver. This region consists of the major project the Pascua Lama project which is shared with Chile. The



Pascua Lama project is operated by Barrick Gold and the estimated gold production by the project is about 22,680 - 24,097 kilograms of gold annually while the silver production of the project is estimated to be 992,232 kilograms per annum.

The production of silver augmented from ~ kilograms to ~ kilograms in 2012 growing at a CAGR of 26.0% during 2007-2012. The main silver producing mines in Argentina were Cerro Vanguardia, Pirquitas Mine, Manatial Espejo and San Jose Mine. In 2012, San Jose mine produced ~ kilograms of silver while Manatial Espejo produced ~ kilograms of silver.

The country's Lithium reserves are located in the Lithium Triangle which is located in north western Argentina in the Andes Mountain. The Lithium Triangle contains two-thirds of the world's lithium resources. The largest producer of lithium in Argentina is FMC Corporation.

The mining market of Argentina is projected to register a CAGR of 26.0% during the next five years 2012-2017 on account of new projects and infrastructure development in the country which will favor the exports of minerals from the country. The total production is expected to grow from ~metric tons in 2012 to ~ metric tons in 2017.

#### **KEY TOPICS COVERED IN THE REPORT**

Argentina mining market size.

The market segmentation of Argentina mining market by the type of mineral.

The market size, future outlook and projections of the copper mining market in Argentina

The market size, future outlook and projections of the lithium mining market in Argentina

The market size, future outlook and projections of the silver mining market in Argentina

The market size, future outlook and projections of the gold mining market in Argentina

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