

Zinc - a raw material not to be underestimated



Zinc is known as a corrosion inhibitor for steel and iron parts, making it an important raw material in the automotive industry, for example.

The bluish-white brittle metal thus serves as a rust inhibitor. Zinc is also used in non-rechargeable batteries as anode material, for example in alkaline manganese batteries. There are large zinc deposits in the USA, Australia and Asia. China leads the world in zinc production. There are also zinc properties in Canada, India, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Mexico and Bolivia. The largest zinc mine in the world is located in Rajasthan, India, it is the Rampura Agucha Mine. Around 20 percent of global zinc production comes from Australia. The metal has been produced there since 1901. Most of the mining takes place underground. In the USA, the most important zinc mine is the Red Dog mine in Alaska. Almost 3,000 employees are involved in mining and smelting at this mine.

Peru is probably the second largest zinc producer. Zinc has been mined there since the 20th century. Today, mainly in the Peruvian highlands in the Andes. In the past, in ancient times, brass was made from zinc, consisting of zinc and copper. Today, about half of the zinc produced is used for galvanizing to protect against rust. For plants and humans, zinc is a mineral necessary for healthy growth.

The largest zinc producer in China is **Griffin Mining** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uFCyHCv-zs> -, as the company has an 88.8 percent stake in the producing Caijiaying mine (zinc, gold, silver, lead).

In the Northwest Territories, **Osisko Metals** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_znAPvgkYvM - operates at the large Pine Point zinc mining camp and the Bathurst Mining Camp.

Current corporate information and press releases from Griffin Mining (- <https://www.resource-capital.ch/en/companies/griffin-mining-ltd/> -) and Osisko Metals (- <https://www.resource-capital.ch/en/companies/osisko-metals-inc/> -).

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