# Mineral Resource Potential and Mining Practices in Pakistan

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#### **Our Geological History**



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### **Our Geological History**



#### • Geological Perspective



- Local Perspective
  - \* Reconnaissance mapping on 1:250,000 scale of the entire outcrop region of the country has been completed
  - \* Systematic geological mapping of about 50% of the outcrop region on 1:50,000 scale has been completed apart from from the large scale mapping of the priority areas of identified mineral deposits
  - \* Aeromagnetic survey of an area of 112,000 sq. km has been carried out in the Provinces of Balochistan & Sindh

• Local Perspective

About a 188,000 sq. km. of an area has been covered by different types of geophysical surveys and 15,000 sq. km. by geochemical surveys

2,746 bore holes with a cumulative depth of 525,000 metres have been drilled in support of mapping, research, mineral exploration, engineering & hydrogeological investigations

#### • Local Perspective



- Local Perspective
  - <u>Saindak & Reko Diq Copper Gold Deposit</u>
    Saindak

Reserves	> 400 million tonnes
Copper	= 0.4 % with 1.7 million tonnes
Gold	= 2 .24 million ounces
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Reko Diq Copper – Gold Deposit

One of the world's biggest deposit discovered by GSP in 1978-79 Presently M/S TCC is investing 150 million US \$ to develop the deposit which is expected to start production within 2 years.

Reserves	> 800 millions tonnes
Copper	= 0.64% with 50 million tonnes
Gold	= 9 million ounces

• World Bank Perspective

Existing geological anomalies under varying stages of investigation by Geological Survey of Pakistan and the state owned Regional Development Corporations are economically interesting and comprise among others, the Duddar zinc-lead deposit, the Saindak copper-gold deposit, Punfmin iron ore deposit, the AKMIDC poly-metallic deposit and the private sector porphyry copper/gold prospects at Tethan Copper and Reko Diq. Based on the experience of other countries with similar geological endowment, it is estimated, that under reasonable assumptions these could be turned to account and generate significant growth and local economic development. Even if these occurrences represent 25% of the country's potential, the mineral sector with sufficient capital and a favorable investment climate has the capacity to contribute annual revenues and foreign exchange in the range of \$1.5-2.0 billion or 2-3 % of GDP, stimulate secondary and tertiary economic activity, promote growth and provide employment and community development in largely remote regions of the country. The main reasons why this potential has not been developed seems to be the country's traditional focus on manufacturing and agriculture, and an unattractive investment climate.

# **Mining Practices in Pakistan**



## **Exploration and Estimation Gaps**

### Exploration

- Prospects or prospect
- Shape, orientation, and extents of the ore body
- Maximum depths and extents
- Code of practice

#### - Geological data management system





- Knowledge Gaps
- Technology Gaps
- Social-Political-Economic Factors

## School of Advanced Geomechanical Engineering (SAGE)

#### **Our Vision**

SAGE aspires to provide leadership in geomechanical capacity bldg of the Army and Nation through optimization of existing practices and innovations to deal efficiently with 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and opportunities.

#### **Our Mission**

Impart Pakistan-specific postgraduate education with cutting edge research to solve complex geomechanical problems with a view to bridge the knowledge gaps and evolve sustainable solutions through national and international collaborations.



#### Size, Substance, Style



### **Research Mechanism**



# **Our Collaborators**



### What Will it Take to Realize Pakistan's Mineral Potential?

**Bridging the Gaps** 

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