

Overview of the industrial mineral industry in Malaysia

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Abstrak (Abstract)

The non-metallic mineral based industries cover a wide range of products that are made from clay, sand, limestone and granite. At the end of 1997, there were a total of 262 medium to large scale manufacturers in operation with a total investment of RM7,314.1 million and employing an estimated 37,080 workers. This does not take into account the many small clay-based industries producing bricks, potteries, etc.

The main clay-based industries are involved in the production of ceramic decorative ware, ceramic wall and floor tiles, clay pipes, sanitaryware, tableware, roofing tiles, ceramic formers, refractory, advanced ceramic components and activated clay. The total value of clay based products manufactured in 1998 was estimated at RM1,391 million. Selangor recorded the highest value of RM724 million followed by Johor with RM337 million and Sarawak RM132 million.

Rock-based industries produce marble dimension stone, granite dimension stone, lime, limestone powder, cement and terrazzo. The total value of rock-based products manufactured in 1998 was estimated at RM2,068 million. Johore recorded the highest value of RM1,082 million followed by Selangor with RM403 million and Perak RM378 million.

The sand-based manufacturers in the country produce glass, sodium silicate, filter sand and silicon wafer. The total value of sand-based products manufactured in 1998 was estimated at RM1,510 million. Selangor recorded the highest value of RM1,163 million followed by Johor with RM304 million and Pahang RM40 million.

