Australia is the world’s largest exporter of coal, iron ore, aluminium ores and lead.

Australia’s leading industry for foreign direct investment totalling AUD $310.6B in 2016.

The Australian mining industry at a glance:

**Mining–industry economic contribution**

#1 Global export

$236B AUD annually

1.139M+ full time employment

240,800 directly employed in mining

65,000 managers and professionals employed in mining

15% of the Australian economy

10% FTE mining & METS combined

60% in regional areas

**Mining–creating jobs and new opportunities**

17.1% mining

13.1% wholesale trade

10.0% manufacturing

6.0% transport

4.1% agriculture

3.5% construction

10% FTE mining & METS combined

**% of professionals in different industries**

Highly skilled resources professionals will shape the future of the industry through innovation.

In the next 10 years, the areas predicted to have the biggest impact on the resources sector are:

- Robotics & automation: 22%
- Integration & continuous processes: 19%
- Remote sensing & data: 14%
- Energy technologies: 11%
- ICT & connections: 11%
- Artificial intelligence & data analytics: 10%
- Manufacturing techniques: 5%
- Advanced materials: 4%
- Biology & chemical engineering: 4%

Data source: AusIMM