

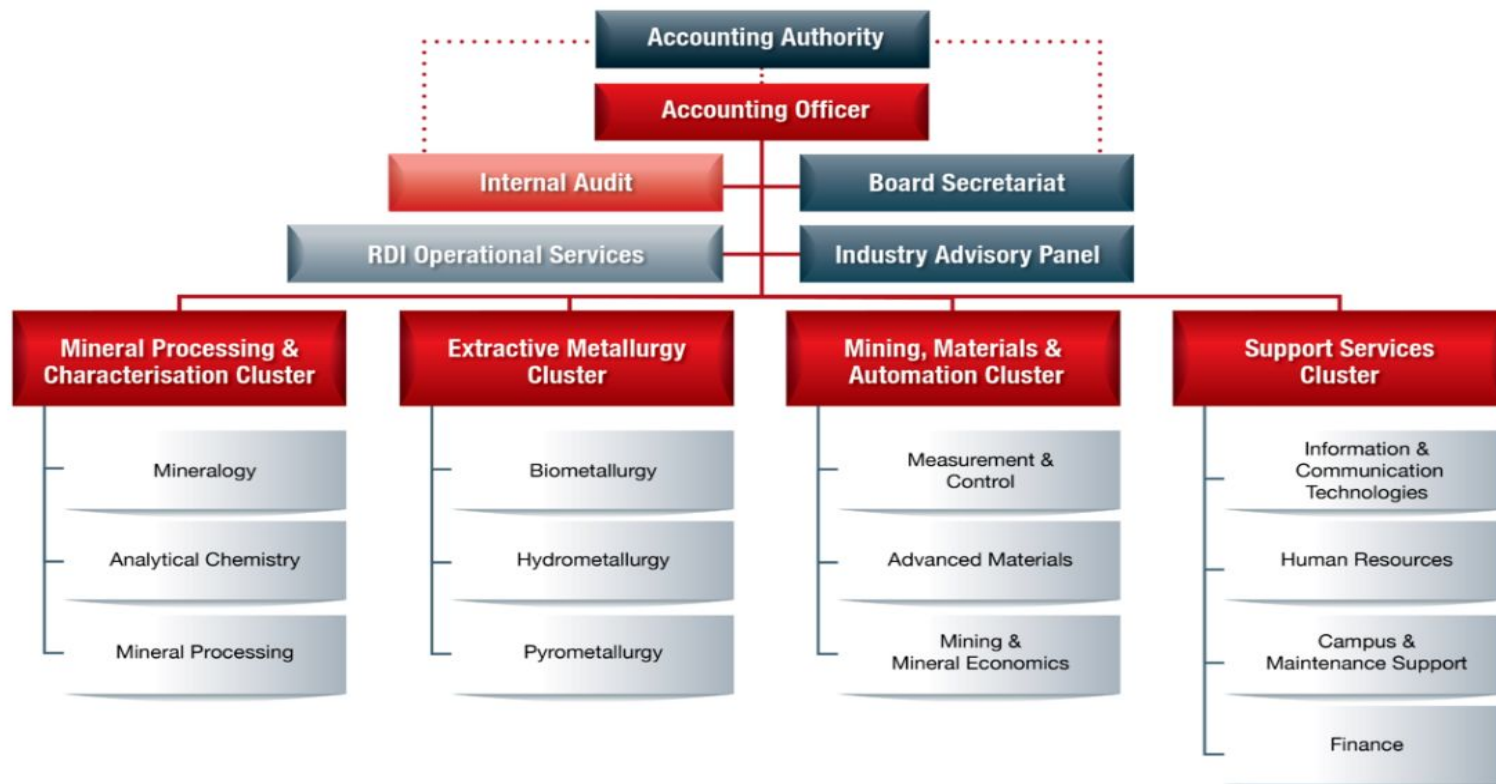


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Mineralogical &
Analytical Testing



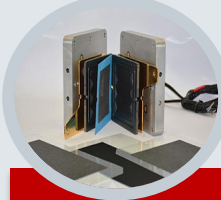
Mineral
Processing
(Concentration)



Pyrometallurgy



Small Scale
Mining & Urban
Mining



Digital Platform



Value Addition /
Manufacturing



Post Mining
Landscape



Hydrometallurgy



Biometallurgy

Core Focus Areas of the Cluster:

- (i) Flowsheet: design & Optimisation
- (ii) Technology know-how
- (iii) Plant audits
- (iv) Mineral characterization
- (v) Analytical services
- (vi) Modelling & simulation

EXPLORATION STAGE: Geochemical sample analysis and mineral ore characterization

CORE ACTIVITIES: range from **initial investigations** to **process development** and the **design, construction**, as well as **commissioning of industrial plants**.

OFFERINGS: Working closely with clients, and in conjunction with engineering partners, Mintek supplies a flexible package of technology for process development and optimisation, products and services.



 Gold

 PGMs

 Ferrous Metals

 Equipment & Technology

 Base Metals

 Industrial Minerals & Diamonds

 Process Control Strategies

 Uranium

 Rare Earth Elements

 Economic & Regional Studies

Applied Chemical Analysis Group

Applied Chemistry for Base metals, U, Th & REE's analysis using spectroscopic techniques

ISO-17025:T1183

Fire Assay and Reference Material Group

Precious Metals analysis from Various Ores using Fire Assay Techniques

ISO-17025:T0042

Environmental Analysis Group

Classical Chemistry

ISO-17025:T1183

Services Provided

Applied Chemistry

Sample preparation (Fusion, digestion); ICP-MS; ICP-OES; XRF and AAS

Determination of base metals + U&Th/ REE's/ PGM compositions in ore matrices such as Monazite, Zinkopstruit, Chambishi & Kipushi using ICP-OES, ICP-MS, AAS, and XRF from % down to ppb levels.

Precious Group Metals

Milling; Fire Assay; 3E; 4E; 6E; Total Au and PGM+Au

Analysis of precious metals from various ores such as Platreef, Merensky & UG2 Reef using fire assay preparation methods followed by ICP-OES, ICP-MS or AAS finish.

Classical Wet Chemistry

Total C&S; Anions; Calorimetry; Speciation (Cr^{6+} and Fe^{2+} / Fe^{3+})

- Analysis of Total C and S in solids, and oxygen & nitrogen in metals, by combustion;
- Gravimetric analyses such as proximate analysis of coal, silicate and sulphate determination;
- Routine water analysis (inorganic), including pH, TSS, TDS, conductivity, fluoride and toxic contaminants;
- TCLP & acid rain extractions;
- Colorimetric determination of P, SiO_2 , & ammonia.
- Speciation analysis, including carbonate, S species, Cr^{6+} & $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$



One-stop-shop Analytical Testing Solutions

Expertise in Geological and Metallurgical samples

Analytical Chemistry Division² CRM



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Certificate of Analysis
NIM-G GRANITE SARM 1
CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL

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There is no intention of an early revision of this certificate.
Further data from improved techniques may necessitate a revision in later years.
2. DATE OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION
September 1974.
3. DATE OF REVISION
May 1979 and June 1984.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

SARM 199
Gold ore

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This is the first issue of the certificate.
2. DATE OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION
2023-12-04

2024



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

SARM 146X
Chrome Ores

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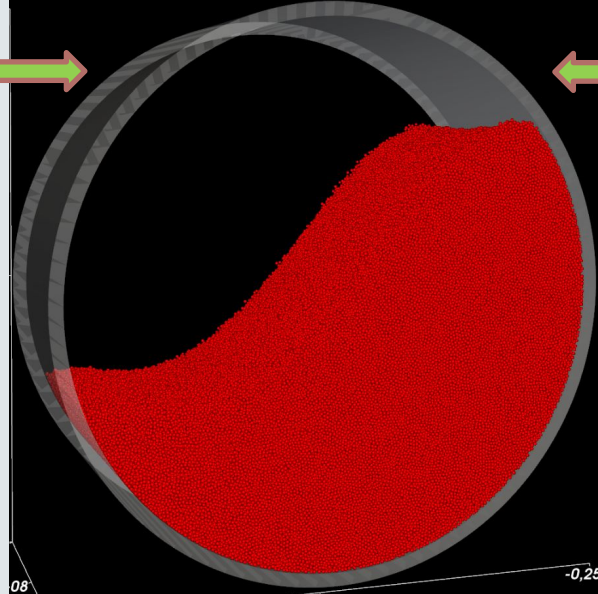
Purpose

- ❖ It is crucial for laboratory quality control/quality assurance procedures.
- ❖ More and more researchers, testing and calibration laboratory and measurement laboratories strive to use accurate CRM.

Timeline

- ❖ 1934 - Establishment of MINTEK.
- ❖ 1974 - First SARM 1 produced
- ❖ 2024 - Accredited facility for the first time (**RMP0018**)
 - Technical Signatory

Comminution, the process of breaking down raw minerals into smaller particles, is the foundation of mineral processing. While laboratory tests yield promising outcomes, scaling up these processes can encounter hurdles like increased energy consumption and altered particle behavior. Addressing these challenges through comprehensive scale-up studies enables us to optimize the comminution process, resulting in higher yield and more consistent quality.



Flotation, a key separation technique, involves selectively attaching air bubbles to valuable minerals in a slurry. Scaling up from laboratory setups to industrial operations demands a deep understanding of fluid dynamics, ore/water composition and equipment performance. Unresolved scale-related issues can lead to decreased recovery rates and lower concentrate quality. Rigorous scale-up studies bridge this gap, ensuring optimal flotation efficiency and resource recovery.



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Physical separation methods like magnetic and gravity separation play a crucial role in extracting pure minerals from complex ores. These processes rely on manipulating differences in physical properties to achieve separation. When transitioning to larger scales, challenges arise in maintaining accurate control over variables like flow rates and particle behavior. Implementing well-designed scale-up studies enables us to refine these processes and enhance separation efficiency.



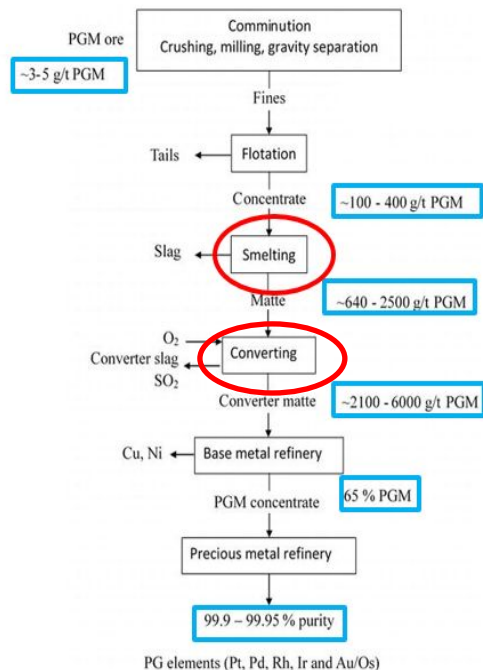
• PMD capabilities to support the PMGs industry

□ Conceptualisation and project development capabilities:

- Thermochemical and process simulations are undertaken using FactSage, HSC Chemistry, and Pyrosim
- Mathematical modelling and computer simulations of different flow regimes in PMGs processing
- Arc modelling work to support the electric arc furnace testing work

□ Laboratory scale testing: conventional and unconventional processes

- Material property measurement: liquidus temperatures, heat capacities and other thermochemical properties
- DSC-TGA, Hot stage microscopy – soon to have furnace rheometer system for determining viscosity and electrical conductivity of materials (NRF-Mintek co-funded facility)
- Smelting and converting testing: Chamber and induction furnaces



Typical process flowsheet used in SA

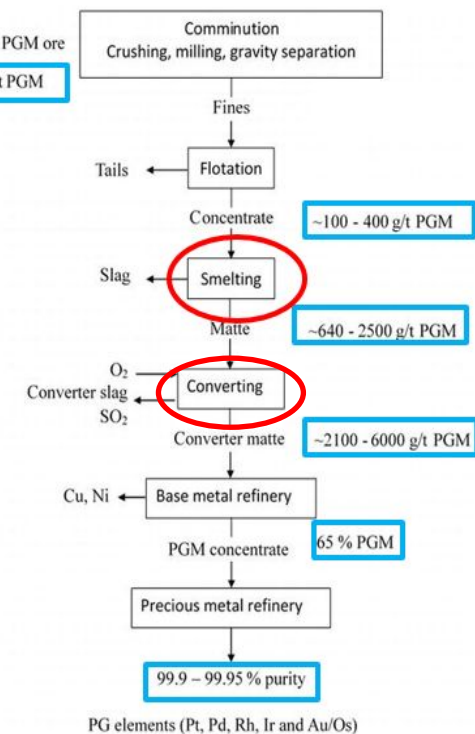
- **PMD capabilities to support the PMGs industry**

- Demonstration scale using pilot furnaces: conventional and unconventional processes

Smelting testwork at different scales and using different furnace technologies:

from 30 kW to 2 MW DC arc furnaces,
300 kVA to 2 MW AC arc furnaces

Converting work: using different scales of top-blown rotary converters – 20 L working volume or 50 kg batch, and 100 L working volume or 650 kg batch



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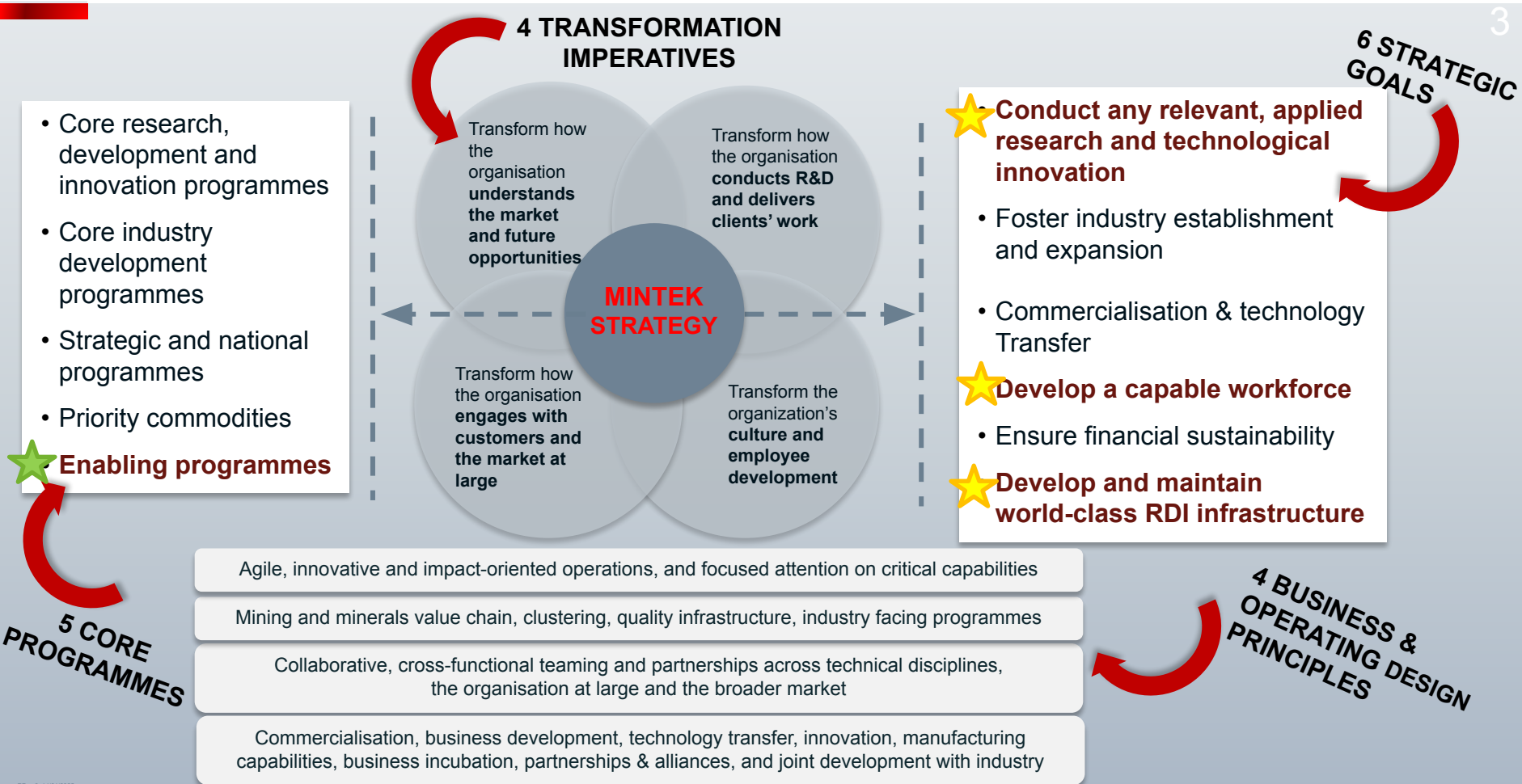
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- Level of testing capabilities: from mg scale, to 100s of grams, and to 100s of tonnes (TRL 1-7/8)



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