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1.2. Bentonite Market Overview

World production of bentonite was approximately 000 million t in 2010, a 4.1% increase from 000 million t in 2010.

Table 1. Bentonite: world mine production, 2006-2011 (thousand metric tons)

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
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Figure 1. Bentonite mine production volumes, 2006-2011 (thousand metric tons)

Table 2. Bentonite: world mine production, by country, 2010-2011 (Metric tons)

Country	2010	2011
Australia		
Argentina		
Brazil		
China		
Germany		
Greece		
Iran		
Japan		
...		
Other countries		
World Total		

In 2011 the USA and China were world leaders in bentonite production; their shares reached 33% and 22% of world total respectively.

Figure 2. Structure of bentonite production, by country, 2011



3.2. Brazil

In 2011 Brazilian bentonite production increased by 2%, consumption was almost the same level as in 2010.

Table 3. Bentonite production and consumption in Brazil, 2006-2011 (metric tons)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Production						
Consumption						

Figure 3. Bentonite production and consumption trends in Brazil, 2006-2011 (metric tons)

Bentonite producers in Brazil:

- Sud-Chemie (Sud-Chemie Group) www.sud-chemie.com
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Table 4. Export and import of Bentonite in Brazil, 2006-2011

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Export, thousand \$						
Export, tons						
Import, thousand \$						
Import, tons						
Trade balance, tons						

Figure 4. Export and import dynamics of Bentonite in Brazil in 2006-2011, tons

Figure 5. Trade balance of Bentonite in Brazil in 2006-2011, tons



Table 5. Structure of Bentonite export by country in Brazil in 2010-2011

Period / Brazil - Partner	Trade value, \$	Net weight, kg	Average price, \$/kg	Country share,%
2010 total including: South Africa Argentina El Salvador Ecuador Chile Indonesia Venezuela Australia Thailand Viet Nam				
2011 total including: South Africa Argentina India Australia Chile Ecuador Bangladesh El Salvador Thailand Indonesia				

Table 6. Structure of Bentonite import by country in Brazil in 2010-2011

Period / Brazil - Partner	Trade value, \$	Net weight, kg	Average price, \$/kg	Country share,%
2010 total including:				



Argentina				
India				
USA				
Spain				
Switzerland				
Italy				
France				
Canada				
China				
Germany				
2011 total including: Argentina USA India Spain Switzerland Italy Austria Turkey Uruguay France				