

Mining in Bolivia: Implications for trade and production

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Abstract

Since colonial times, the mining sector has had an important participation in the productive structure of Bolivia and it also has faced events of vital transformation that have shaped its performance until the present. Currently, there is no an extensive literature of formal empirical analysis about the behavior of the Bolivian mining sector. In this sense this document contributes to the analysis of the relationship between the most important variables of the mining sector (production, exports and mining GDP) and the path of relevant external variables during the period 1990 - 2018. The results show that exports of main minerals react principally to the production dynamics, whilst minerals production responds to the industrial production indexes of Japan, South Korea, United States, and China.

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