

Table 2.3: Unit Cost of Production of Selected Minerals, 1985

Mineral	Unit	Wages and Salaries	Materials & Supplies Purchased	Fuels & Utilities	Ad Valorem/ Royalty Tax	Royalties to Claimowner	Depreciation and Depletion	Mine General Overhead	Other Operating Expenses	Total Unit Cost
Copper	P per lb.	0.57	4.32	5.07	0.47	0.04	2.12	0.54	3.22	16.35
Gold	P per oz.	722.64	1,722.71	795.48	111.12	28.32	842.37	404.74	520.82	5,148.20
Met. Chrosite Conc.	P per Dst.	322.88	368.69	323.89	43.49	0.00	246.97	177.59	1.56	1,435.07
Met. Chrosite Ore	P per Dst.	21.97	88.31	40.28	333.78	46.50	160.56	14.62	88.76	1,544.78
Refractory Ore	P per Dst.	184.09	331.06	147.20	169.74	0.00	79.81	179.44	12.76	1,042.10
Hickie	P per lb.	1.12	1.66	13.45	0.13	1.07	11.29	1.25	2.55	32.52
Share to total Unit Cost:										
Copper		3.5%	26.4%	31.0%	2.9%	0.2%	13.0%	3.3%	19.7%	100.0%
Gold		14.0%	33.5%	15.5%	2.2%	0.6%	16.4%	7.9%	10.1%	100.0%
Met. Chrosite Conc.		21.7%	24.8%	21.0%	2.9%	0.0%	16.6%	12.0%	0.1%	100.0%
Met. Chrosite Ore		1.4%	5.7%	2.6%	21.6%	3.0%	10.4%	0.9%	54.3%	100.0%
Refractory Ore		17.7%	31.0%	14.1%	10.4%	0.0%	7.6%	17.2%	1.2%	100.0%
Hickie		3.4%	5.1%	41.4%	0.4%	3.3%	34.7%	3.8%	7.8%	100.0%

Source: BMS