

## VII. SUPPLIERS OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR MINING.

### VII.1 Characteristics of Supply.

The volume of supply of equipment and services for mining in Chile can be seen from the register of suppliers existing at Codelco-Chile, the largest mining company in the country. About 10,000 companies and individuals are registered. Notwithstanding, according to estimates of the corporation itself the number of active suppliers is in the range of 400 to 500.

Generally, the suppliers of goods and services in the mining sector can be grouped in the following categories.

- National Suppliers
- Representatives of Foreign Suppliers

#### Classification of Suppliers of Goods.

The National Suppliers and Representatives of Foreign Suppliers can be classified in the following six categories:

01.- Geology, Geodesy, Geophysics, Geochemistry. Equipment, accessories and spare parts for sounding equipment, drilling bars, core barrels, photogrammetry, inclinometers, and seismometers.

02.- Mine Exploitation. Equipment, accessories and spare parts for fortification, blasting, drilling, mining freight and transportation, general mining services.

03.- Mineral Processing. Equipment, accessories and spare parts for reduction of size, classification and concentration of minerals, filtration, thickening, drying and feeding of mineral.

04.- Various Processes. Equipment, accessories and spare parts for the following processes, amalgamation, calcination, manufacture of cement, extraction by solvents, fusion, refinery, siderurgy, roasting.

- Computer equipment, data processing, communications.
- Equipment, accessories and instruments for the electrical area.
- Weighing, instrumentation and control, combustion equipment.
- Heat exchangers.
- Equipment, accessories and spare parts for laboratories.
- Reducers, motor reducers and speed variators.

05.- Transportation in General.

Trucks.

Equipment, accessories and spare parts for railroads, handling of materials, earth movement.

Accessories and spare parts for belt conveyors and motorized vehicles.

Equipment, accessories and spare parts for administration, medicine, safety.

06.- Various Materials and Inputs.

Metals and Alloys.

Valves, fuels and lubricants.

Equipment, accessories, materials and spare parts for workshops.