

Ministerio de Minas y Energía
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3.3.2. Carbones de Colombia S.A. (CARBOCOL)

This is a State-owned commercial and industrial enterprise established in 1976 with the purpose of channeling all national efforts in the area of coal mining. At present it is in charge of promoting private investments in export projects and exploratory activities, of managing the resources of the Coal Promotion Fund (Fondo de Fomento del Carbón), and of encouraging the development of regional enterprises in those fields of activity. Additionally, it is a major direct investor in large thermal coal projects such as El Cerrejón.

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3.3.3. Minerales de Colombia S.A. (MINERALCO)

Is a state-owned enterprise in charge of managing the nation's mining contributions relating to precious metals, precious stones and other ores other than coal and hydrocarbons. The scope of its purpose was recently expanded to cover the management of promotion funds for mining, the creation and administration of stock markets for precious stones, and ore merchandising. At present, the enterprise has a more flexible hiring and operating juridical framework which enables it to promote foreign investments in projects relating to gold, emeralds, phosphoric rock, gypsum and copper. The company's activities include an important technical assistance component and legal advice regarding mining activities in Colombia.

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3.3.4. Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Geológico-Mineras (INGEOMINAS)

This is a state-owned agency in charge of developing geologic research and of maintaining