



Minas Gerais,
an ideal partner.



SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

MINAS GERAIS

FRANCE

SWEDEN

SPAIN

Compare: Minas Gerais is larger than countries such as France, Sweden and Spain.



Minas Gerais is what we can call the right partner in the right place

BRAZIL

Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world in terms of territory and occupies an important position on the Latin American continent. Its population of about 191,7 million accounts for 35% of Latin America. In 2008, the Brazilian economy had a Gross Domestic Product of US\$ 1,573 trillion, which represents approximately 50% of the GDP on the entire continent.

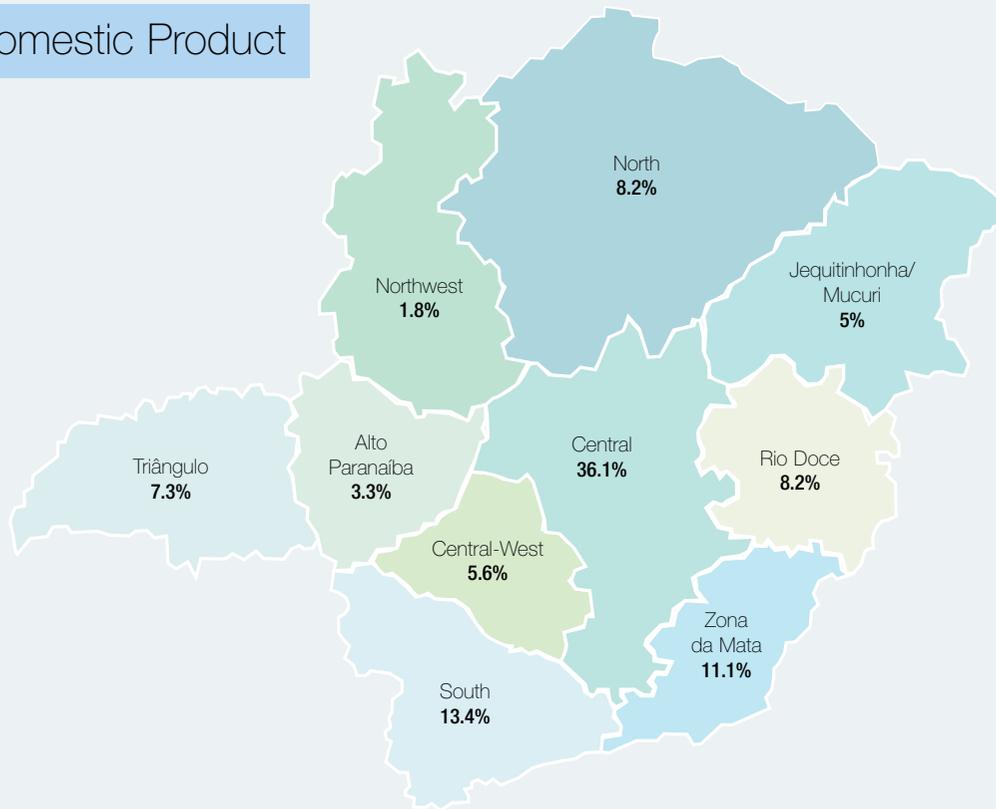
MINAS GERAIS

An entrepreneurial, daring and innovative public administration that works to promote and facilitate business. This is the concept of economic development in the State of Minas Gerais. Located in the Southeast of Brazil, its 19,7 million inhabitants are evenly distributed throughout its 853 municipalities (2,5 million people live in the capital city, Belo Horizonte).

Minas Gerais is a great State in terms of size (7% of Brazil's territory). It is larger, for example, than countries such as France, Sweden, Spain and Japan. In a privileged geographical position, close to 78% of the Brazilian consumer market, Minas Gerais is of great economic importance.



Gross Domestic Product



The third largest economy of Brazil

Minas Gerais is today the third largest economy of Brazil, with a Gross Domestic Product that represents 9,6% of the national GDP.

The State has a diversified economy. The service sector is 59,98% of the GDP, the industrial segment is 32,01% and agriculture accounts for the final 8,01 %.

The State has divided the territory into ten planning regions. In all of them there are important urban centers and the infrastructure necessary to set up new enterprises.



Transportation

Infrastructure in Minas Gerais



The roads of Brazil pass through Minas Gerais

Minas Gerais has the largest road system in Brazil. There are 24,9 thousand kilometers that own 13% of the total in the Country.

The State has 5,080 km of railroads. Large logistics companies operate in the State, since Minas Gerais is where railroads and highways connecting the south to the north of Brazil come together.

These roads and railroad network help to integrate the State and the largest Brazilian urban centers, as well as the countries of Mercosur.

Airports



Infrastructure in Minas Gerais



The only Brazilian airport with a defined master plan for the next 20 years

There are 70 paved public airports. The most important is the Tancredo Neves International Airport, with planning and defined areas for the next 20 years.

The first industrial airport in Brazil is to be set up at this airport, where it has operated as a free trade zone. The objective is to make it into a logistics hub for export companies that depend on global supply chains based on air transport.

In the International Airport and its surrounding area, the Belo Horizonte Airport City Project is being built, the first in South America.



Energy

Infrastructure in Minas Gerais



Guarantee of supply with world-class quality

Minas Gerais has the largest energy company in South America. Cemig (Companhia Energética de Minas Gerais) services over 18 million people in 774 Minas Gerais municipalities.

With some of the largest hydroelectric plants in the Country, Minas Gerais produces 17,74% of the electricity in Brazil.

The enormous hydrographic basin and the eucalyptus and pine forest reserves, which are available for charcoal production and other uses, guarantee that energy production is continuous and of high quality. The ongoing amplification of the gas program already implanted reinforces production to supply industry. More than just generating energy, Minas Gerais generates good results.



Telecommunications

Infrastructure in Minas Gerais



The world always on the other end of the line

In Minas Gerais, domestic and international telecommunication companies maintain a structure offering 6,04 million fixed telephone lines and 13.67 million mobile lines, with the capacity and technology to increase supply according to changes in demand.

In partnership with the telephone companies, the Government of Minas Gerais have carried mobile phones to 100% of Minas Gerais cities. One year ago, 412 municipalities out of the total of 853 did not have mobile phones.

In Belo Horizonte, investments in fiber optic technology connect the main cities of the State and of the Country, besides offering high-speed internet connection.



Foreign Trade



Brazil's second largest exporter

Minas Gerais occupies the second position in terms of exports among Brazilian States, with an index of 12,3%. And our exports continue to grow in terms of commercial partners, products and companies. In 2008, this increase was of 33,2%, reaching an all-time record high of US\$ 24,44 billion in foreign sales.

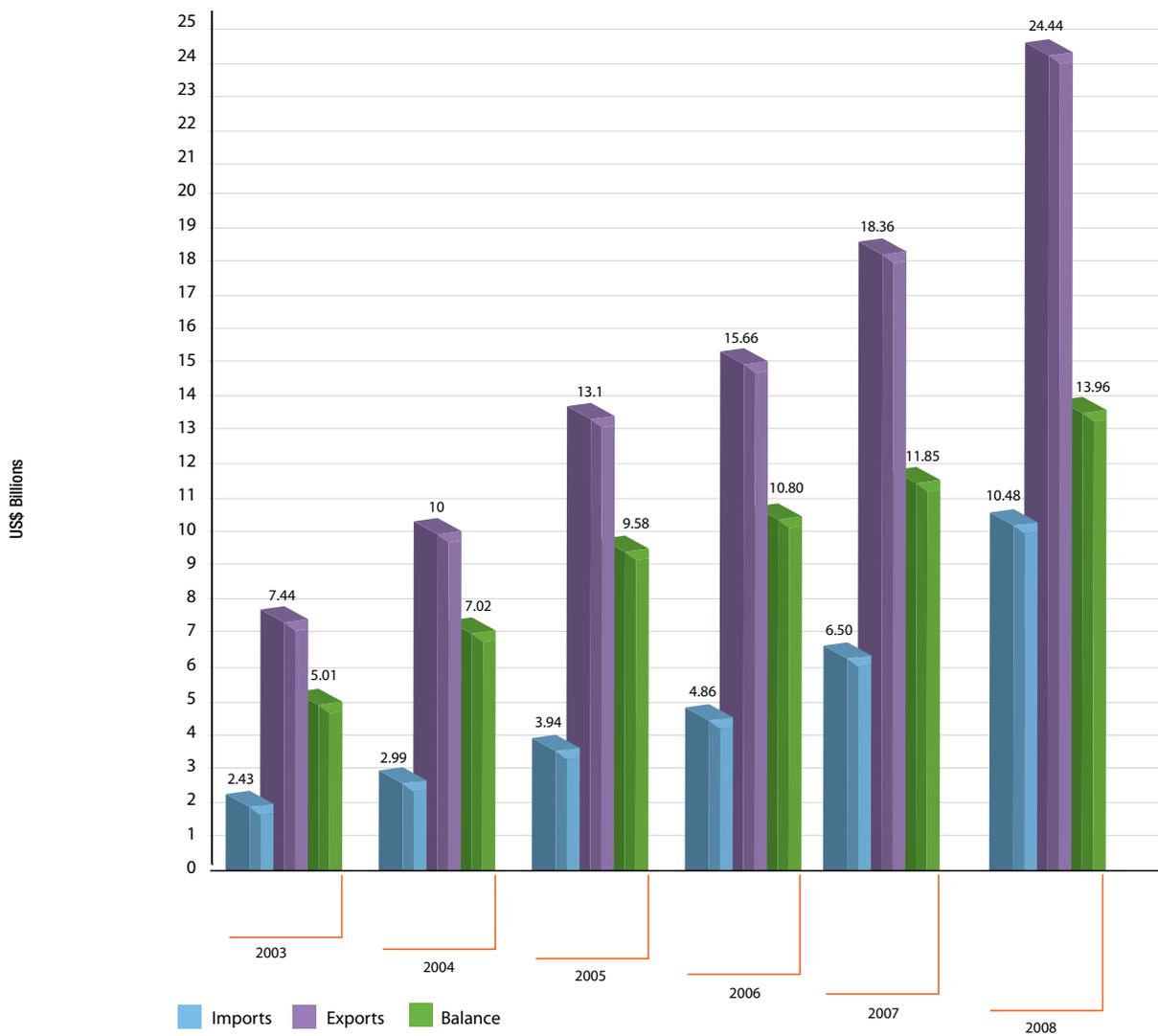
Inland Ports

Minas Gerais has five inland ports for exports and imports: Juiz de Fora, Varginha, Uberaba, Uberlândia and Betim, in Belo Horizonte Metro Area, which is the first industrial inland port of Brazil. They favor the integration with seaports in the Country and are linked to the highway, railway and air link systems in the State.

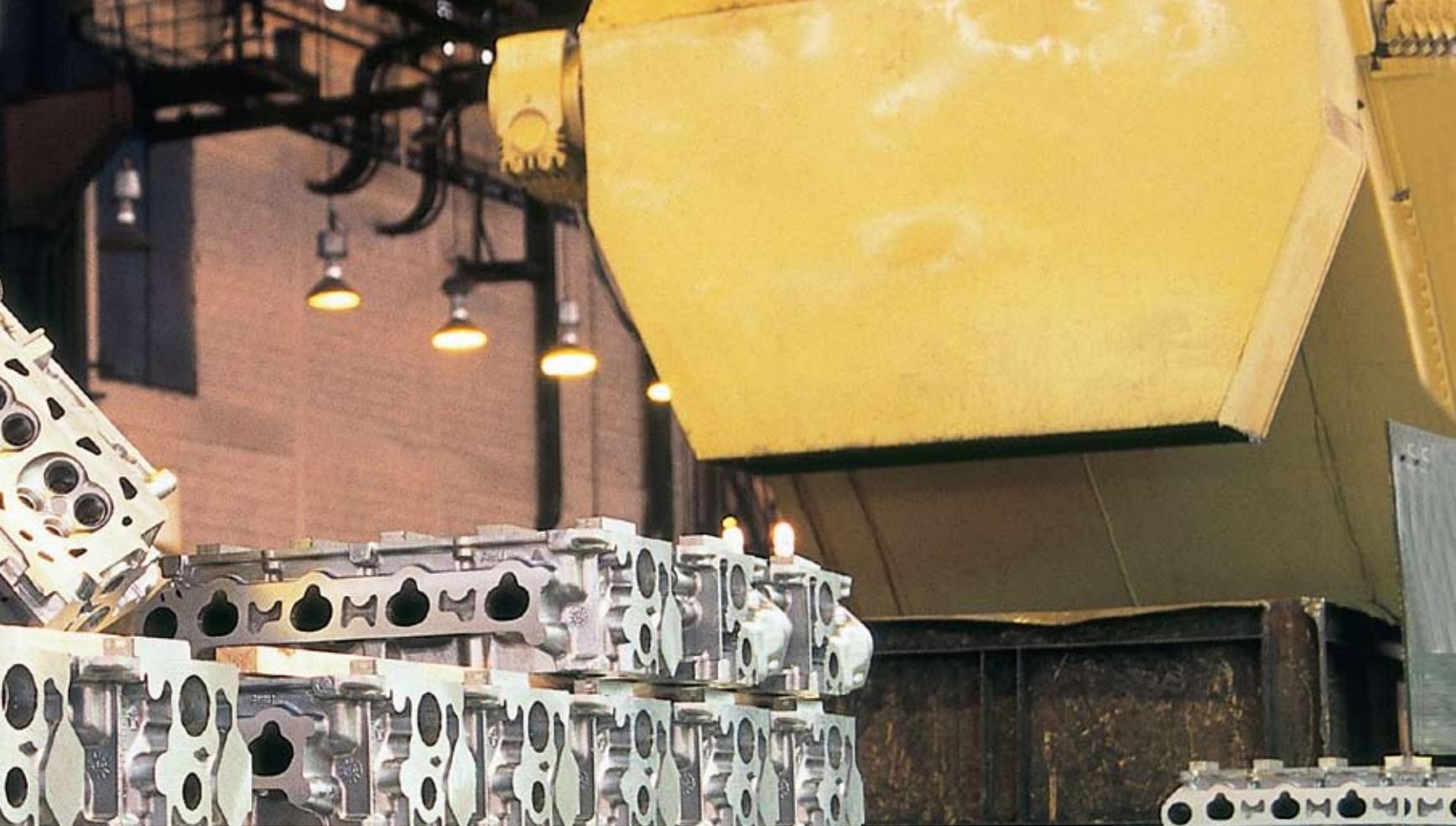


Foreign Trade

Trade balance of Minas Gerais



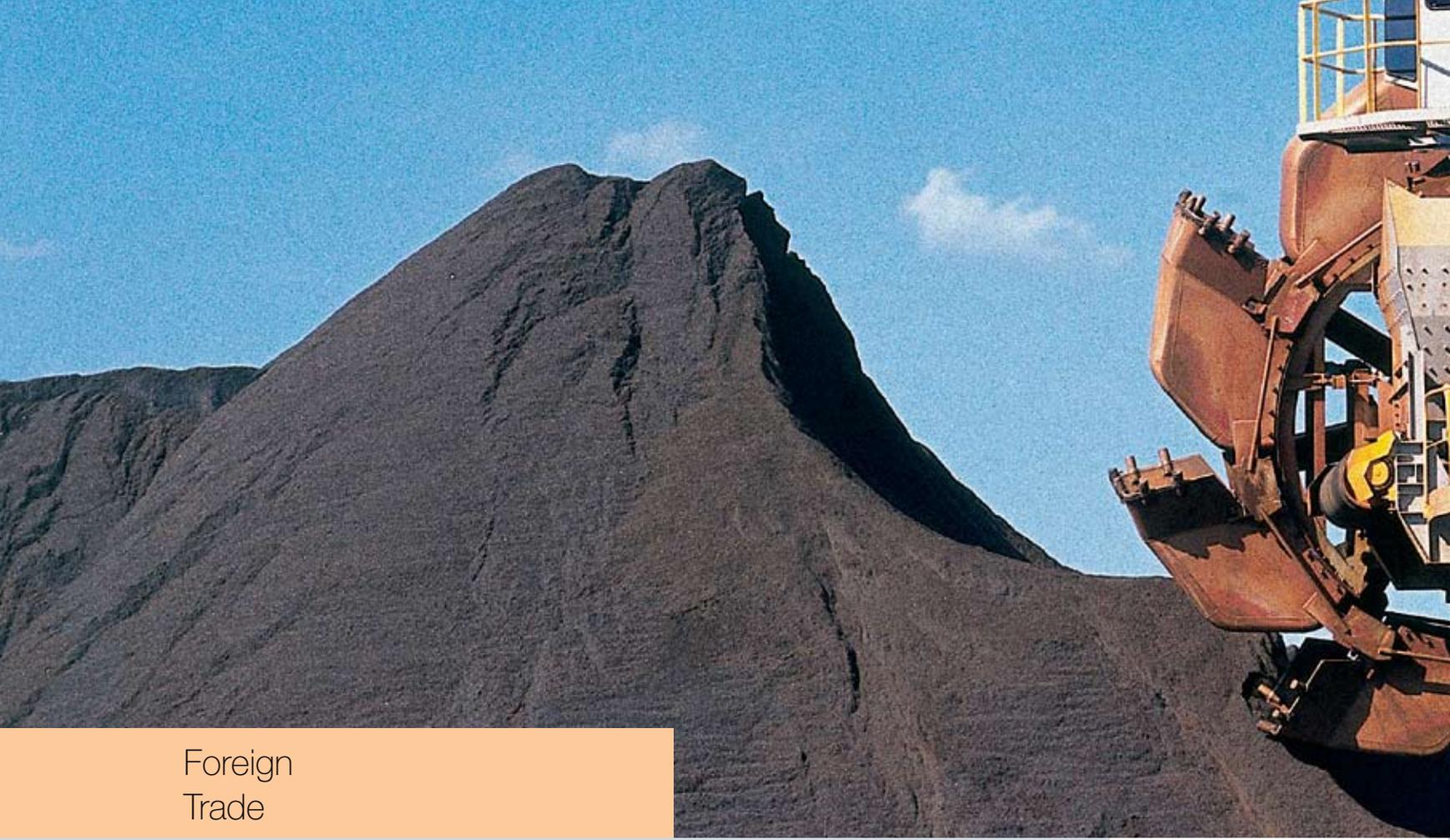
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Export highlights from Minas Gerais

Largest Brazilian exporter of ferroniobium	91.4%
Largest Brazilian coffee exporter	72.2%
Largest exporter of gold in semi-manufactured goods	59.7%
Largest exporter of wire rod and iron-steel bars	99.2%
Largest exporter of uncut precious stones	46.9%
Exports of iron ore	62.2%
Leading silicium exporter	83%
Leading exporter of diesel automobiles for up to 6 passengers	83.9%

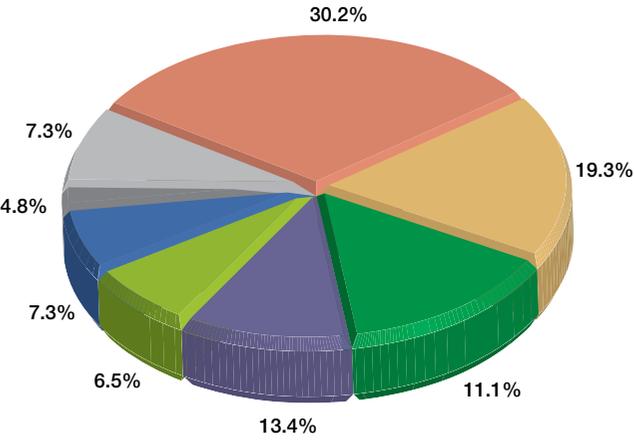
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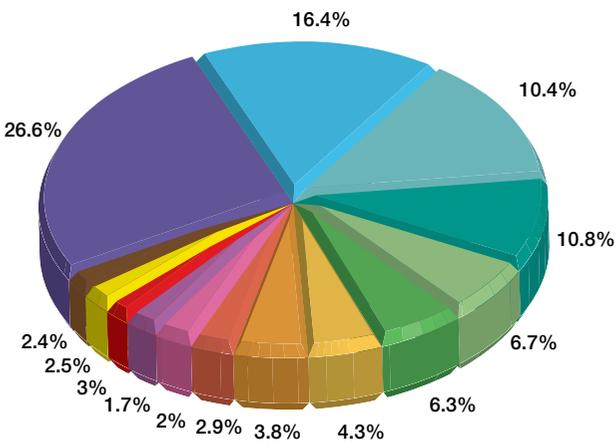
Destination of exports from Minas Gerais

By block



- European Union
- China, Hong Kong and Taiwan (Formosa)
- USA, Puerto Rico and Canada
- Asia - Others
- Aladi (Except Mercosur)
- Mercosur
- Middle East
- Others

By Country



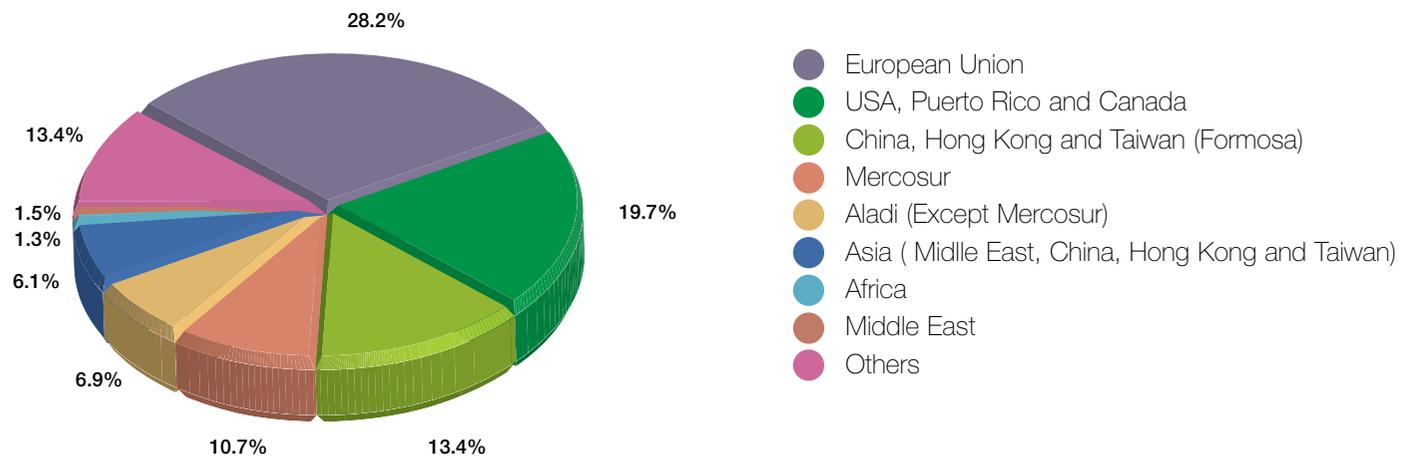
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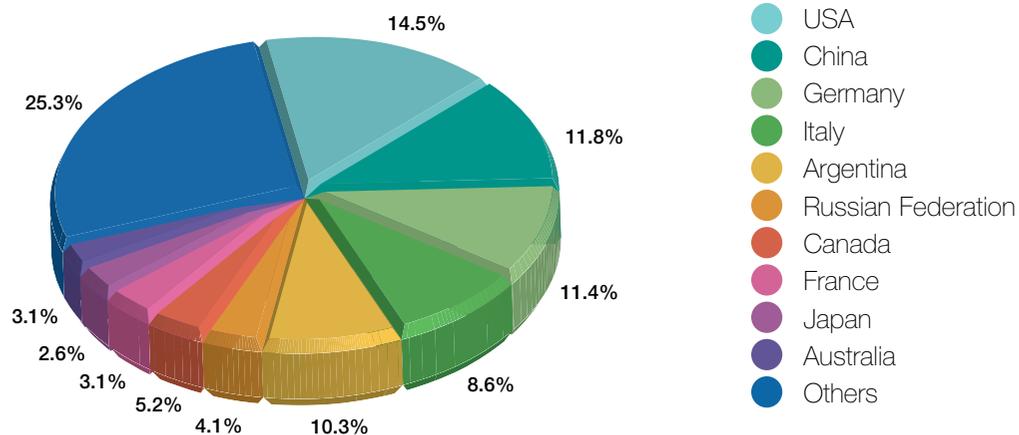


Origin of imports from Minas Gerais

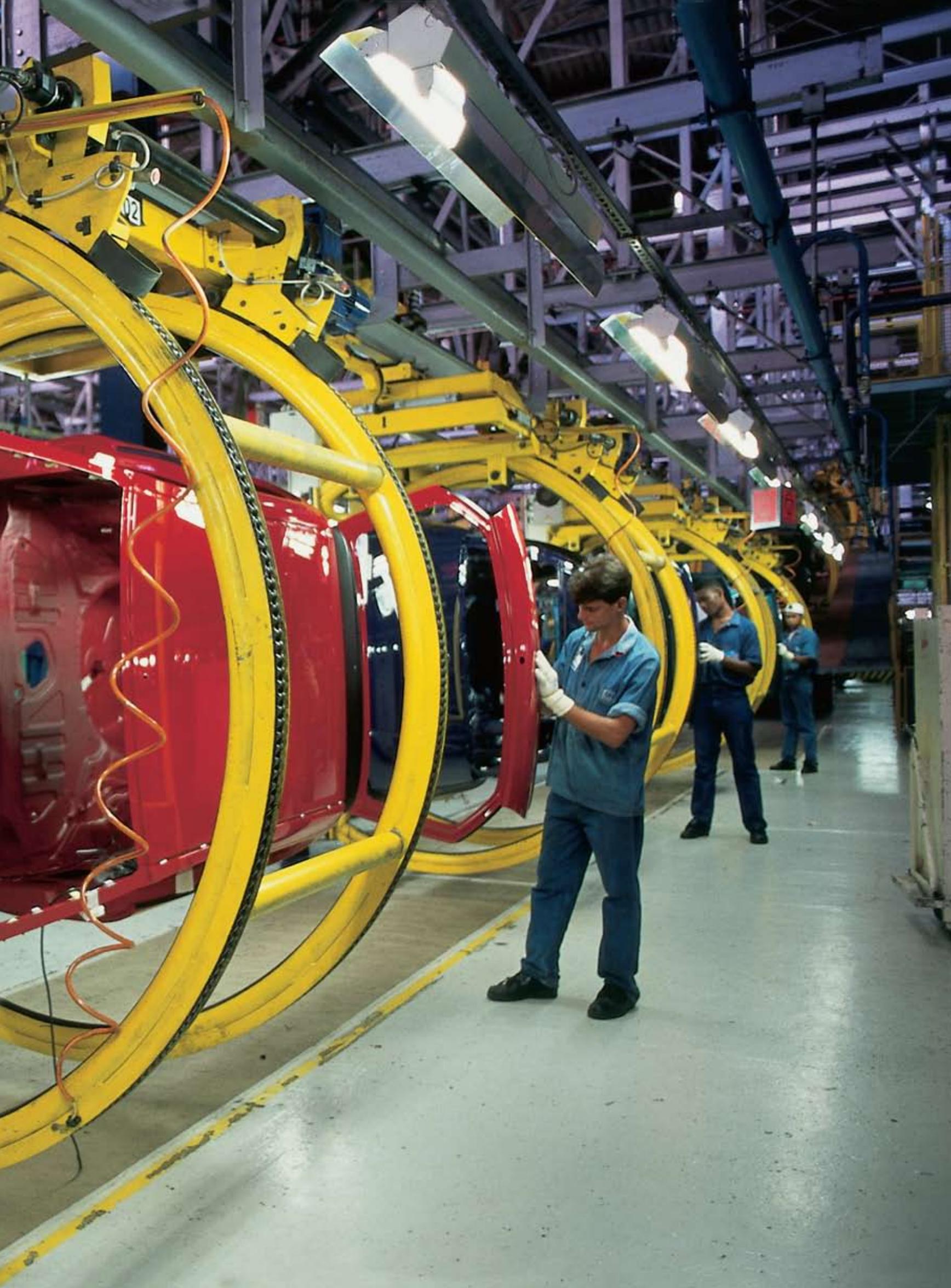
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By Country



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Business Opportunities



A variety of sectors

Minas Gerais has been one of the most sought-after destinations in Brazil for new investments and for international business deals. The large consumer market and strategic position in the Southeast Region, besides an excellent infrastructure, are the factors that have attracted national and foreign businessmen.

In Minas Gerais you will find the ideal partner and conditions to do big business. Find the most promising activities for new investments, whether because of the natural vocation of the State, the availability of raw material or the positive experience of proven results.

Economic highlights

Largest producer (and exporter) in the world of niobium

Largest Brazilian producer of iron ore

Largest Brazilian producer of milk and coffee

Largest hub of biotechnology companies in Brazil

Largest Brazilian producer of steel

Largest Brazilian producer of cement

Second automotive hub in the Country

Second foundry hub in the Country

Second largest cattle herd in the Country



Business Opportunities

Business opportunities

Automotive and auto parts - Second Automotive Hub in Brazil
Minas Gerais achieved the position of second automotive hub in Brazil in just two decades. Today, the State has a consolidated position in this sector, and accounts for 24,6% of domestic vehicles production.

Helicopters – the only manufacturer in South America

Minas is the only state that manufactures helicopters in all of South America. It provides 50% of the Brazilian civilian market and 67% of the military market. About 10% of total production is exported to Latin American countries.

Foundry Industry – a third of Brazilian production comes from Minas Gerais

Minas Gerais is responsible for 33% of the foundry production in Brazil and 18% of what is produced is exported. The growth of the automobile industry in Brazil, the first country to bring together the ten largest automakers in the world, has made a decisive contribution to the strengthening of the foundry industry, which today supplies 56% of its production to the automotive industry.



Nano and Micro-technology

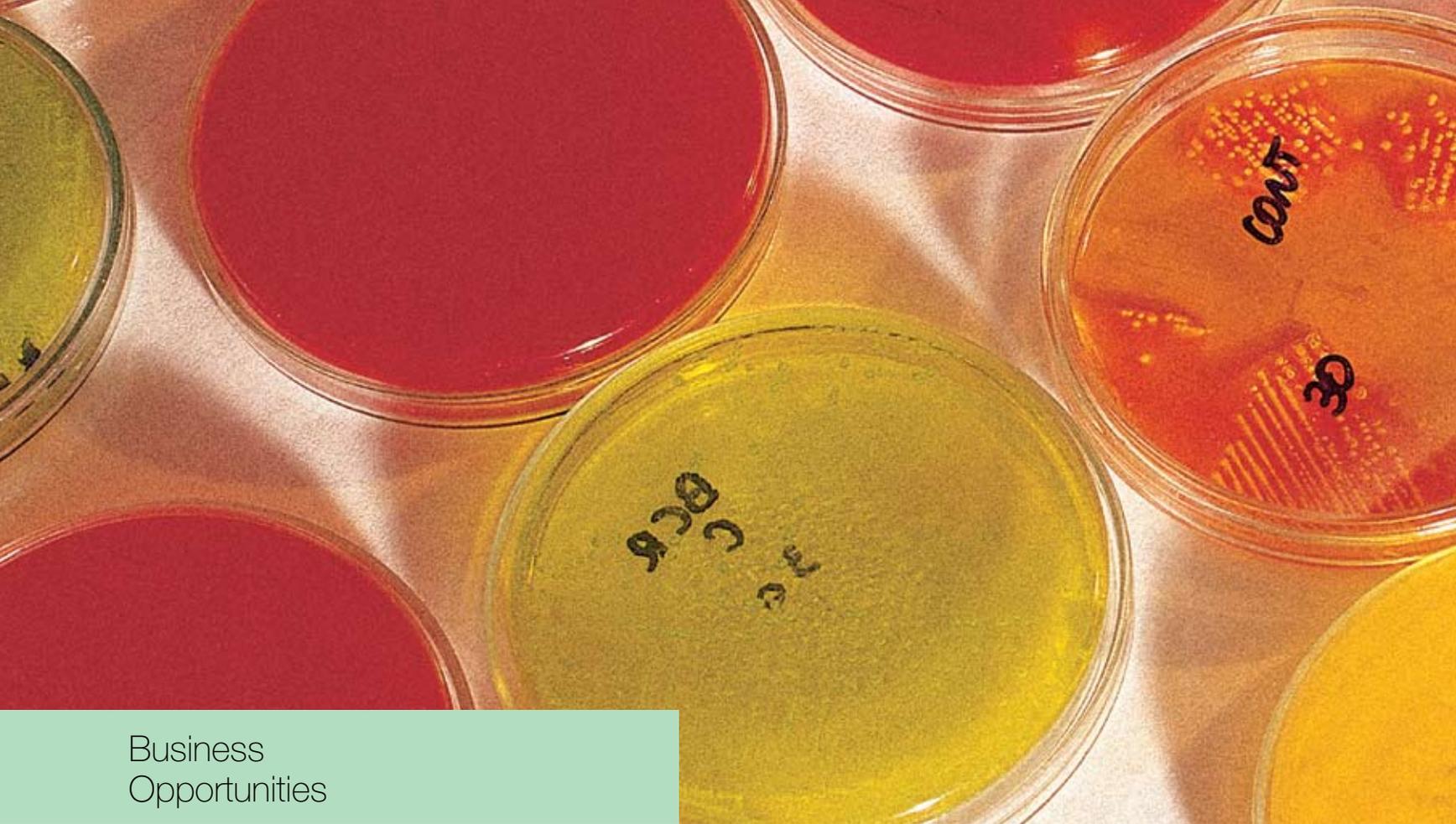
The State is establishing itself as an important hub for nano and micro-technology, attracting institutions and companies with high technological value. The Centre Suisse d'Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM) is implementing its first innovation center of South America in the State of Minas Gerais. They will develop and create products, carry out training of specialized labor and transfer technology to the Brazilian scientific and business communities.

Electrical and Electronics Industry – Great Growth Potential

Minas Gerais brings together all the necessary requirements for the installation of new business ventures, due to the availability of highly skilled labor, technological environment, industrial tradition and specific financing programs. In the past few years, the electrical, electronic and software industries have enjoyed rapid growth in the State, confirming its great potential for this type of activity.

Mining – The largest and most traditional mining state in Brazil

Minas Gerais already accounts for 44,05% of the value of Brazilian mineral production. Mining has been increasing significantly with the growing interest on the part of companies in exploring large mineral reserves of iron, gold, diamonds, phosphate, zinc, aluminum, limestone and decorative stones.



Business Opportunities

Decorative Stones – One of the largest reserves in the world

Minas Gerais is one of the main producers of granite, slate, quartzite, marble, soapstone and serpentine, which reach the internal and external markets in some 160 commercial varieties.

Brazil is the fifth largest world exporter of the processed product in terms of physical volume and its reserves of decorative stones are among the largest in the world.

Cement – Brazil's Largest Producer

The largest and best economic limestone reserves in the Country are located in Minas Gerais. The State is Brazil's largest cement producer, responsible for 23,54% of domestic production, concentrated in its 14 plants that produced 11,3 million tons annually. This is the result of massive investments in the technology sector and in modern equipment, the application of competitive costs and excellent quality raw material.

Textile and Garment Industries – Recognition for our Good Business Tradition

A traditional activity in the State, the textile industry boasts over a hundred existing units, with production basically destined for mass consumption. Cotton is the main raw material used. Over the past few years, the sector has invested heavily in technological modernization, new products, cost and price reduction and improvement in quality and new models of management.



Footwear Industry: fourth largest producer in the Country

Minas Gerais is the fourth largest producer of footwear in Brazil, with about 3.000 companies - 98% small and medium-sized – with approximately 30 thousand direct jobs. Footwear production is to be found in 4 hubs, the main one, and second largest in the Country, is in the municipality of Nova Serrana, Central-West Minas Gerais, 125 km from Belo Horizonte.

Biotechnology – The largest concentration of biotechnology companies in Latin America

The State is home to some 66 organizations that work in the applications area of life sciences, over one third of the total companies operating in Brazil. This is one of the largest concentrations of biotechnology firms in Latin America and offers excellent opportunities for new investments and partnerships.

Cosmetics – A growing sector

The cosmetics industry in Minas Gerais is investing to increase its capacity to develop new products and in advertising. The results of these efforts can be seen with the growth of 10,1% in 2008, in addition to the structuring of new businesses in the sector.



Business Opportunities

Plastics – Good opportunities for new business deals

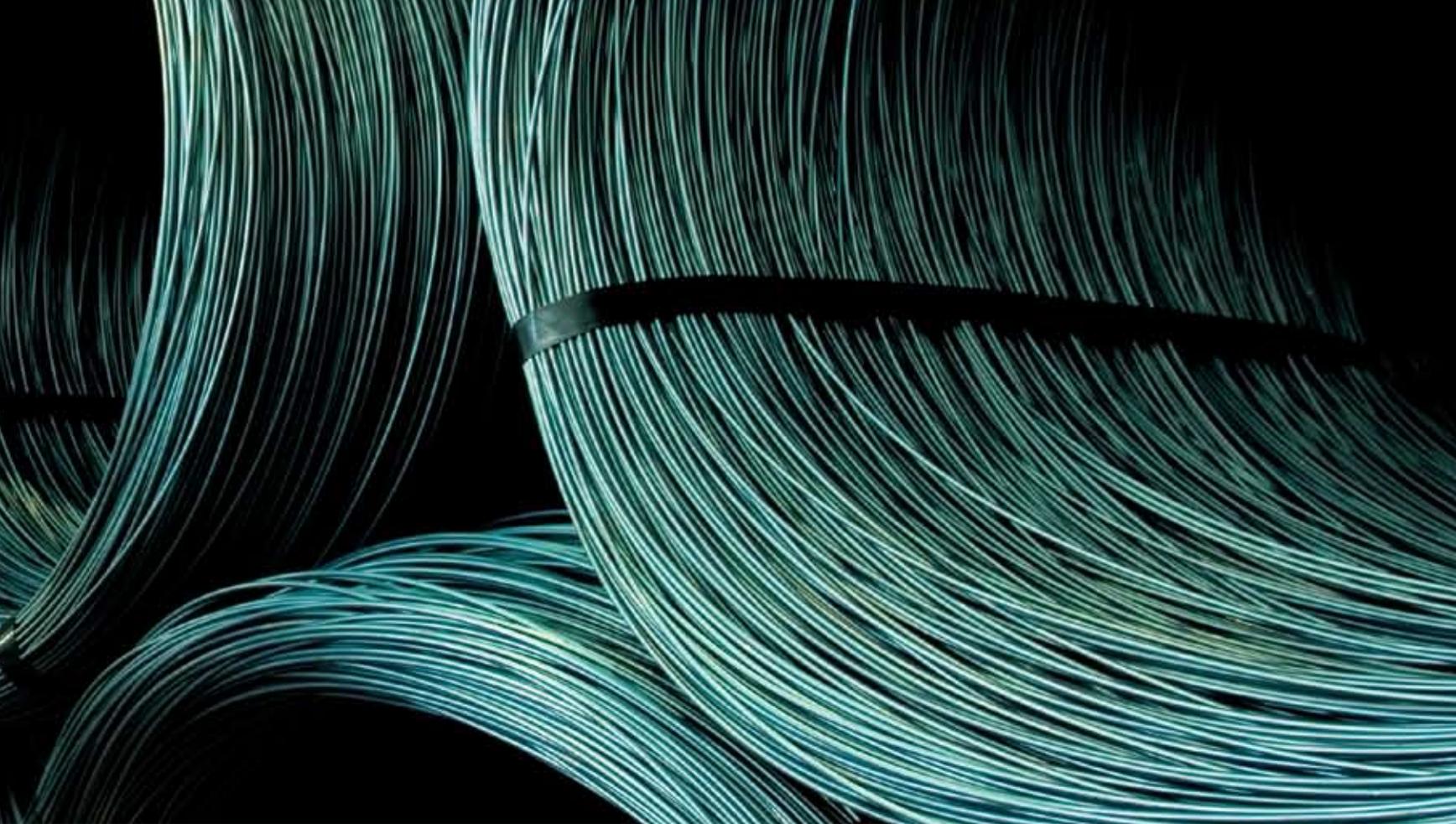
With the growth in world demand, the expansion of Brazilian plastic consumption is irreversible, and investments are already underway. Minas Gerais had a growth in the demand for thermo-plastic resins of 9,2% in 2008. In the coming years, with the appearance of new processing companies, the Brazilian petrochemical sector is already projecting an intense growth for the coming years.

Steel Industry – A sector which grows with the strength of steel

Minas Gerais accounts for 35,6% of total Brazilian raw steel production. The restructuring process carried out in the country's largest companies, reducing costs and adding greater value to production, with competitive prices and more flexibility to negotiate was responsible for the industry's production of 33.712 million tons in 2008. Production in Minas Gerais was 11.9 million tons. Five of Brazil's largest steel works are installed in Minas Gerais.

Small Hydropower Plants - the highest number of small hydro plants

Minas Gerais is the State with the highest number of small hydro plants. There are 252 potential places with the capacity to produce 2,8 thousand megawatts. Enterprises will be carried out through partnerships between private investors and Companhia Energética de Minas Gerais - Cemig.



Gas Distribution – A growing sector

In 2008, Gasmig started the works of expansion of the pipelines installed in the State, with investments of R\$ 1 billion. With the expansion, the volume of distribution of natural gas shall achieve this year 600 million cubic meters and in 2010 will jump 1.240 billion. And the expansion which today is 389 km shall achieve 860 km.

Natural Gas Research – New projects in execution

In 2006, 39 blocks were tendered in São Francisco Basin, of which 30 have qualified companies. Modeling the oil system of the São Francisco Basin as well as the geochemical survey of the surface are underway. Planned Activities: acquisition of seismic data; drilling of exploratory well.

Aerogeophysical surveys – New mineral reserves

The Government of Minas Gerais has carried out aerogeophysical surveys in partnership with the Federal Government, in order to study possible new mineral deposits in the State. The objective is to discover areas that may be the object of geological research for later mining of gold, nickel, diamond, phosphate, zinc and copper, among others, when economically viable.



Business Opportunities

Agribusiness: Wealth that springs forth from the land of Minas Gerais

Agribusiness is present in all regions of the State. Minas Gerais is Brazil's greatest coffee and milk producer, the second in the ranking of sugarcane production, and the third national producer of corn. Minas Gerais also has the Country's greatest equine herd and second bovine herd.

Weather favorable to cultivation, very rich soil and major water reserves support an efficient and very-diversified agriculture, with focus on the production of grains – with highlight for corn and soybean. Together, corn and soybean represent 89.2% of all grains produced in Minas Gerais, approximately 9.1 million tons.

The planted area throughout the State comprises 7.5 million hectares and the estimated number of rural producers today is 500 thousand. In 2008, the Minas Gerais harvest was 10.2 million tons of grains, which corresponds to 7.5% of the national production or the 5th position in the Brazilian ranking. Minas Gerais agribusiness exports represented 23.7% of the State's total exports. Minas Gerais agribusiness GDP in 2008 was R\$ 90.5 billion, 35% of the State GDP.



Coffee – The State is the largest and most traditional producer in Brazil

Minas Gerais is the leading coffee producer in Brazil, responsible for 51% of the production of grain in the Country. In 2008, the production was 23.6 million bags, in a planted area of approximately 1 million hectares, distributed in 620 municipalities.

In 2008, Minas Gerais coffee producers exported the equivalent to US\$ 3 billion, that is to say, 52% of all exports of Minas Gerais agribusiness (US\$ 5.8 billion).

Milk – The largest producer in Brazil

Minas Gerais is the greatest milk basin in the Country. The State occupies the first position in the domestic ranking of milk production. In 2008, 7.6 billion liters were produced, equivalent to a third of the production throughout the Country.

In 2008, exports of milk and its derivatives registered a turnover of US\$ 252 million, which meant a growth of 117.2% in relation to the previous year.

Celulose – Growth potential proven on paper

Minas Gerais produces 14% of the country's cellulose (pulp). The sector has a great capacity for growth and new investments have been made by companies to increase production.



Business Opportunities

Corn – The third largest producer in Brazil

In 2008, corn production in the State reached 1,32 million hectares under cultivation. Minas Gerais is the third largest producer in Brazil, with 6,6 million tons.

In 2008, corn exports had an 89.3% growth with turnover of US\$ 44 million.

Soy – Brazil's sixth greatest producer

Minas Gerais harvested 2.5 million tons of soy during its most recent crop, with 866 thousand hectares under cultivation. In 2008, exports reached US\$ 271 million, including soybean, soy flour and soybean oil.

Today the State is the sixth largest producer in Brazil, and its rich soil and productive potential mean it could produce much more.

Charcoal – The largest producer in the Country

The State of Minas Gerais is the largest reforester in the country, with an area of 1,2 million hectares of planted forests. Charcoal is an important raw material, especially for the steel industry. The largest Brazilian companies in this sector are



concentrated in Minas Gerais.

Total coal consumption in 2008 was 25 million m³, with 40% deriving from planted forests.

Beef – The third largest herd of cattle in Brazil

Minas Gerais bovine herd consists of 22.5 million heads, occupying the second place, 11.7% of the country's total production. Meat exports (bovine, porcine, poultry and others) totaled US\$ 649 million, with the 4.7% growth in relation to 2007.

Jaíba Project - The largest area of irrigation agriculture in South America

The Jaíba Project turned the Northern region of the State of Minas Gerais into one of the most promising hubs of irrigated agriculture in Latin America, with total planned area of 192.5 thousand hectares and total irrigable area of 66 thousand hectares. It is also the greatest producer of vegetables seeds in Brazil, exceeding 1 thousand tons of production of vegetables per year. The total area destined to the production of seeds is approximately 1 thousand hectares. The project has a major vocation for fruticulture, with production of approximately 170 tons per day of fruits for the internal and external markets. In 2008, approximately 70 types of crops were cultivated, with commercialization of 900 thousand tons in the year. The expansion of the project gave oxygen to product exports: as of 2006 it reached around US\$ 60 million per year.



Business Opportunities



Ethanol – Investments increase share in national and world markets

Minas Gerais is the third producer of ethanol in Brazil.

In 2008, 48 million tons of sugarcane were produced. Approximately 54% of this total was destined to the ethanol industry. Minas Gerais was Brazil's second greatest ethanol producer, with 1.9 billion liters in 2008.

Thirty-six (36) plants are in operation in the State. In 2009, more than six plants shall get into operation. The sugar-ethanol sector is growing and has an important share in the Minas Gerais economy and will receive about 5,6% of the investments announced in the State.

With the new mills to be built in Minas Gerais, the production capacity of the State will increase to about 7 billion liters of ethanol in 2014.

Concerned with renewable energy generated from the waste crushed sugarcane, Cemig has partnerships with the mills to buy excess electricity. It is estimated that each mill can sell an average of 30 megawatts.



Investments in Minas Gerais



The ideal place to build the future

The companies that have chosen Minas Gerais to invest in did not reach that decision by chance. They thought about the future. The State planned, in an institutionalized way, for the economic and social development of its people. Excellent public sector companies offer support to entrepreneurs.

Minas Gerais is strengthened by the trust of national and foreign companies and reaffirms its commitment to continue to work to make the State into the best place in which to invest and live.

The result of the synergy between government and society can be seen also in the first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in the Country in highways.



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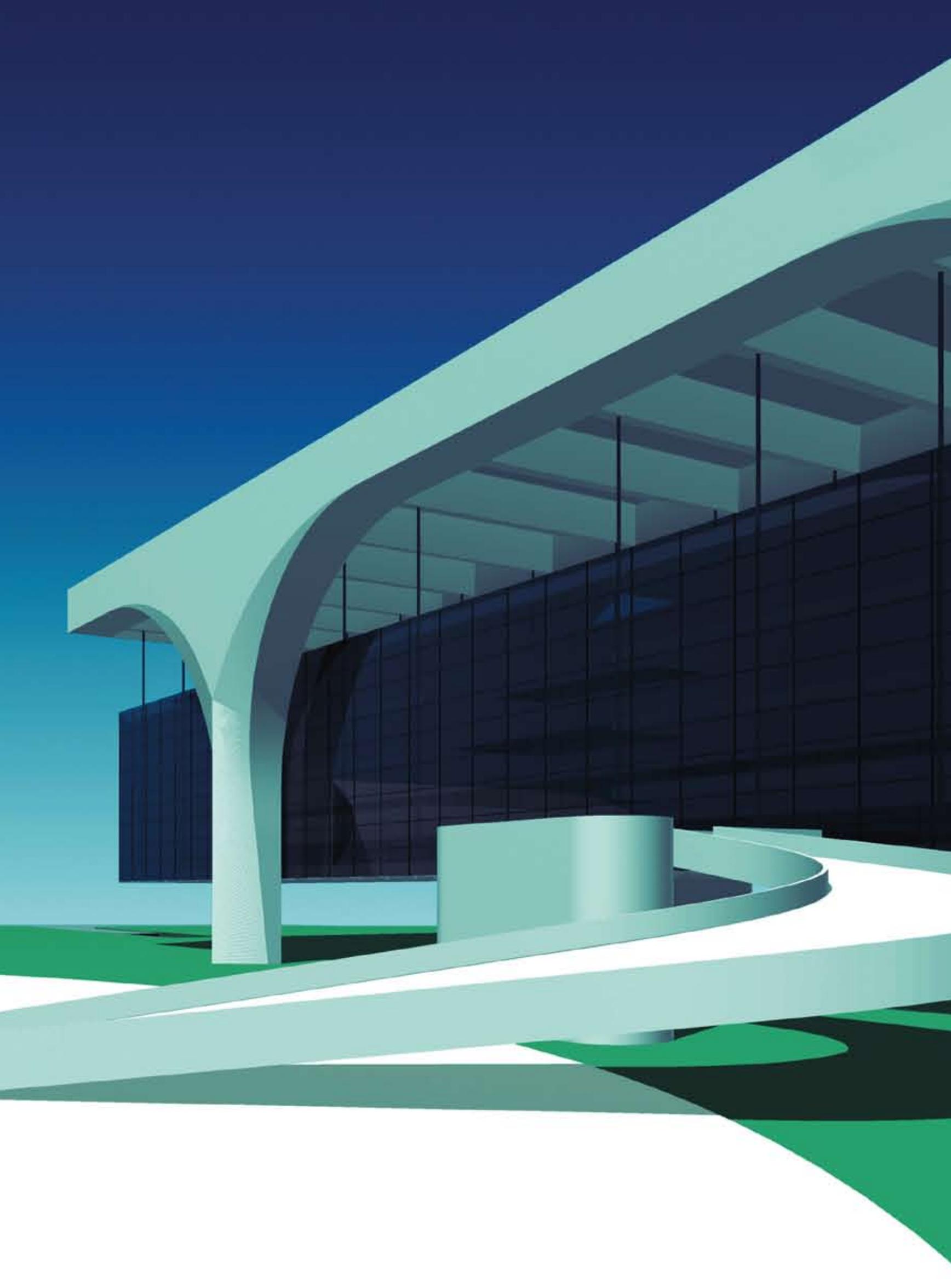
The first Public-Private Partnership in highways in Brazil

The Public-Private Partnership Program (PPP) established the foundations to implement a new model to contract services from the private sector. It is considered strategic for the sustainable development of the State and is based on principles such as good governance. It intends to promote the adoption of practices that result in the best use of public resources.

The first PPP contract in highways in Brazil is already underway and involves investments of about R\$ 712 million in recovering 372 km of the MG-050 Highway, linking Belo Horizonte to São Paulo.

The projects for construction and management of a penal and correctional complex with 3 thousand vacancies and concession of 7 thousand km of roads are underway. The program has funds from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

This is how the Government of Minas Gerais is meeting its obligations, creating the necessary conditions, facilitating and supporting economic growth.



Investments in Minas Gerais



Administrative Center – Quality and innovation in public management

With an innovative architectural project, the Administrative Center of the State of Minas Gerais will transform the concept of public administration, bringing together planning, technology and efficiency.

This center will increase the effectiveness of public services, reducing bureaucratic procedures and administrative routines and enabling the full operation of public machine.

The complex of five buildings with all the secretariats and direct and indirect state administrative agencies will be constructed within an area of 804 thousand m². The buildings were designed to value the concept of sustainable development.

The project includes the longest concrete free span in the world, measuring 150 meters. It will be part of the Government Palace. The construction of the Administrative Center will involve investments of R\$ 948,7 million.



Companies located in the State of Minas Gerais

Companhia Energética de Minas Gerais – Cemig



Cemig is active in the field of electric power generation, transmission and distribution. The company operates 62 hydroelectric plants, 4 thermoelectric plants and one wind power plant with existing capacity of 6.692 megawatts. Cemig is the largest electricity distribution company in Brazil and its grid, with 429.399 km, is the largest in Latin America.

Companhia de Gás de Minas Gerais – Gasmig



A subsidiary of Cemig, the company has the concession to distribute natural gas in Minas Gerais. The State has a potential demand of 10,5 million cubic meters of natural gas per day, with a supply of 3,5 million cubic meters. Petrobras entry into Gasmig capital stock, as of 2005, is allowing for an expansion in the offer. In 2008, it started the expansion works that will make it achieve in 2010 a growth greater than 100% in the pipeline network and natural gas distribution volume. Investments of R\$ 1 billion will enable the company to expand the extension of its pipelines, from 389 to 860 kilometers.

Banco de Desenvolvimento de Minas Gerais – BDMG



The Bank is committed to strengthening the economy of Minas Gerais, supporting companies that seek financing for installation, expansion or modernization projects or to increase their competitiveness. The Bank also supports the public sector, by offering credit lines to city governments that invest in urban infrastructure and regional development projects. BDMG strives to contribute to creating sustainable development in Minas Gerais, to encourage entrepreneurship, thus generating jobs, income and a better life for the inhabitants of Minas.

Companhia de Desenvolvimento Econômico de Minas Gerais – Codemig



Codemig works on projects, construction, services and enterprises, especially in the infrastructure sector. It



makes investments in mining so as to create opportunities for new enterprises in the State, in partnership with the private sector. It also coordinates projects in industrial districts, as well as supporting and carrying out actions to value business tourism and events. Codemig is also coordinating the building of the Administrative Center of the State of Minas Gerais. Codemig is also responsible for the construction of the Administrative Center of the State of Minas Gerais.

Instituto de Desenvolvimento Integrado de Minas Gerais – Indi



Indi is a State agency whose function is to promote investment. It works with industry, commerce and services, as a partner with businesspeople who wish to invest, as well as with those who are already established in Minas Gerais. Indi helps the reduction of bureaucracy and offers assistance that ranges from project development to initial production and rendering of services. It also supports initiatives related to reinvestment, such as expansion, relocation and modernization.

Junta Comercial do Estado de Minas Gerais – Jucemg



As well as carrying out the attributions of public registration of mercantile companies, Jucemg, considered the best board of trade of the Country, has the mission to facilitate, simplify and speed up the process of opening companies, with legal security and legalization, in harmony with the agencies involved in this function. In partnership with the town halls, it is responsible for setting up the Minas Fácil offices, where it is possible to start a new company in only 8 days.

Companhia de Saneamento de Minas Gerais – Copasa



Copasa has been working to transform itself into the best sanitation company in the Country. The company is active in 610 municipalities in Minas, providing water and collecting and treating sewage, contributing to improve the quality of life, environmental conditions and economic and social development of Minas Gerais. The company is investing R\$ 3 billion until 2010.



Important companies
located in Minas Gerais



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Foreign Investment

 **ARGENTINA** – ESAB S/A Indústria e Comércio

 **AUSTRALIA** – Samarco Mineração (BHP Billiton)

 **AUSTRIA** – Mineração Lavras dos Verdes Ltda

 **BELGIUM** – Belgo Bekaert Arames / Magotteaux Minas Metalúrgica Ltda / Mineração Belocal Ltda (Lhoist)

 **CANADA** – Intier Automotive Closures do Brasil Ltda / Rio Paracatu Mineração S/A / São Bento Mineração S.A.

 **DENMARK** – Novo Nordisk (Biobrás) Produção Farmacêutica

 **FRANCE** - Aymoré / Carrefour / Cimento Campeão / Converteam Brasil / Danone Ltda. / Dupont do Brasil / Essilor / Helicópteros do Brasil Helibras (Eurocopter Company) / Lafarge Brasil / Orteng / Polenghi / Quartzolit / Saint Gobain Materiais Cerâmicos Sekurit Saint Gobain / Thomson Componentes do Brasil / Vallourec & Mannesmann do Brasil / Vallourec & Mannesmann Florestal / Vallourec & Mannesmann Mineração / Vitrage Santa Maria

 **GERMANY** – AGF Brasil Seguros / A.W. Faber Castell S.A. / Converteam Brasil / DaimlerChrysler / Emh Eletromecânica e Hidráulica Ltda. (Emg) / Ferrostall do Brasil / Flender Brasil / Fuchs Agro-Science do Brasil

Ltda. (Fuchs GmbH) / H. Strattnner & CIA. / Hormann do Brasil / Kampmann do Brasil Ltda / Krupp Sistemas Automotivos (Krupp Ag) / Kuttner do Brasil / Man Takraf Mapal do Brasil / Neuman & Esser América do Sul Ltda. / Nilos do Brasil Ltda. (Nilos GmbH Förderband) / SMS Demag / Thyssen Fundições Ltda. (Thyssen Ag) Thyssen Krypp Metalúrgica / Thyssen Sur AS / Zollem Transmissões Mecânicas Ltda

 **INDIA** – Acesita Energética / Acesita S/A / Alcan / Siderúrgica Belgo Mineira

 **ISRAEL** - Café Três Corações S.A. (Strauss Elite)

 **ITALY** – Bombril S/A / Brembo do Brasil / Cablettra do Brasil Ltda. / Case New Holland - CNH Comau do Brasil / Comec – Construções Metálicas e Civil Ltda. / Danieli do Brasil / Daytec Ltda / Denso Sistemas Térmicos do Brasil / Ferrero Rocher / Fiat Automóveis S.A. / Fiat Iveco S.A. / Fiat Stola S.A. Ilpra América Latina / Insibra – Ind. Siderúrgica Brasileira / Isvor Fiat / Magneti Marelli Sistemas de Exaustão Ltda. / Marangoni do Brasil / Rhodes S/A Savelli do Brasil / Sciavicco Comércio e Indústria Segafredo Zanetti / Sila do Brasil / Sinterama do Brasil / Sipcam Isabro Brasil / Stoppani do Brasil / Teksid do Brasil Ltda. / Telecom Itália Mobile



 **JAPAN** – Calmit Industrial / Cenibra Celulose Nipo Brasileira (Jbp-Japan Brazil Pulp) / Daido Química do Brasil Ltda. / Daiwa do Brasil Têxtil Ltda / Denso Máquinas Rotantes do Brasil Ltda. (Nippondenso) / Denso Sistemas Térmicos do Brasil / Fertilizantes Mitsui S.A., Ind. & Com. / Inonibras Inoculantes e Ferro Ligas Nipo-Bras. SA (Osaka Special Alloy) / Mitsui / Sankyu S.A. / Sumidense Indústrias Elétricas Ltda. / Toshiba do Brasil S.A. / Usiminas Mecânica – Usimec / Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais - Usiminas

 **LUXEMBURG** – Paul Wurth do Brasil Ltda

 **MEXICO** – Eletromanganês

 **NETHERLANDS** – C&A / Minasgás Distribuidora de Gás / Unilever Best Food

 **PORTUGAL** – Atex do Brasil / Cabelauto Brasil

 **SOUTH AFRICA** – Anglo Gold Ashanti Mineração Ltda

 **SOUTH KOREA** – Wellus do Brasil

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Business
Tourism



An attraction for entrepreneurs

Minas Gerais provides full infrastructure for business tourism. The capital, Belo Horizonte, stands out in the national setting attracting fairs, conferences and meetings of various sectors. Expominas, a Center of Fairs and Exhibitions, is the most modern in South America and has become a reference because of the national and international events it has received. It has 72 thousand m² and brings together functionality and technology. It has air conditioning, acoustic walls and direct access to the metro train. Expominas also has 40 thousand m² of parking space.

Various medium sized towns in the State of Minas Gerais, such as Juiz de Fora, Uberaba, Uberlândia, Poços de Caldas and Araxá are also able to receive all kinds of events, with a necessary infrastructure and the hospitality typical of the people from Minas Gerais.



Tourism



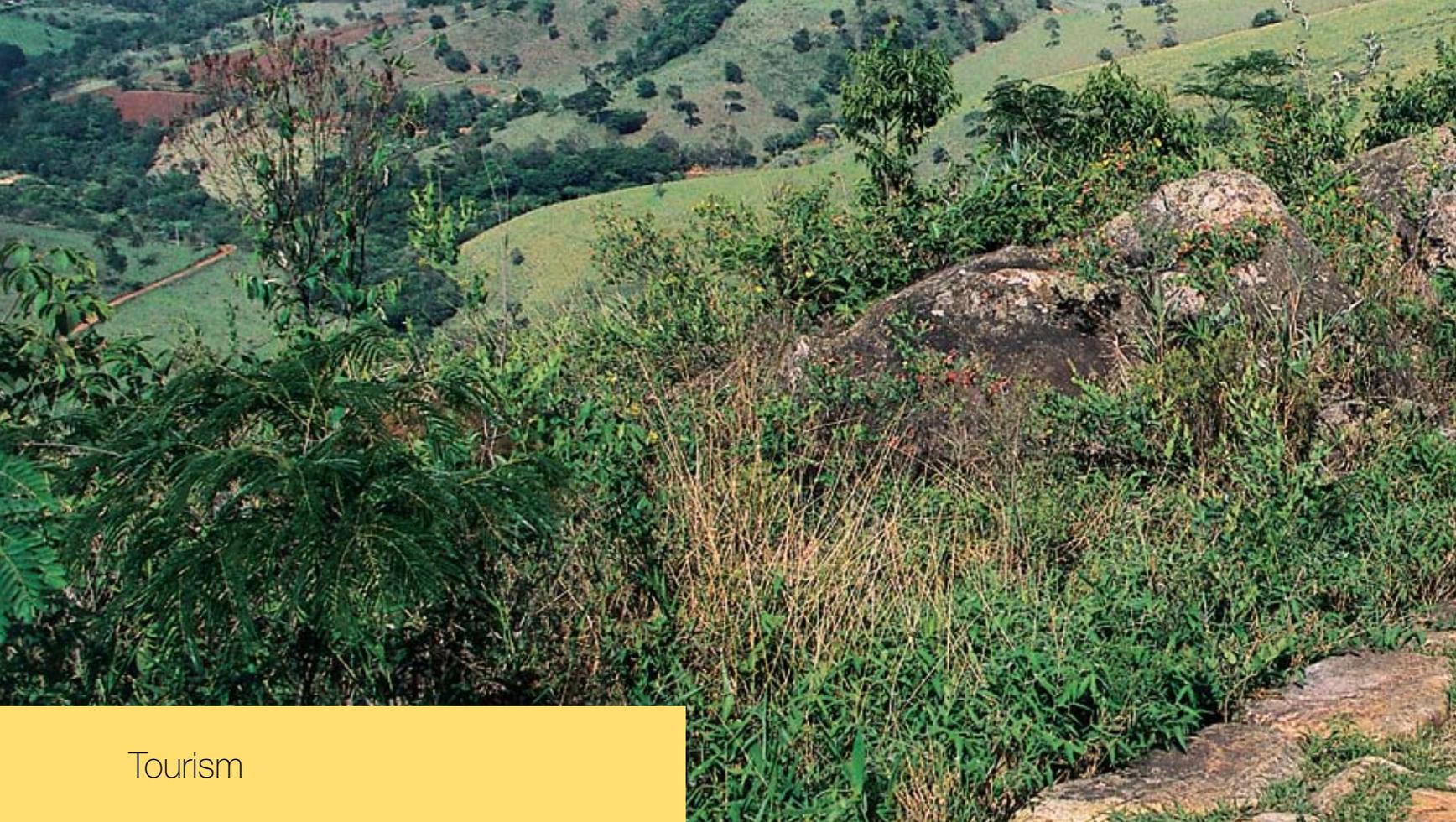
An enormous variety of attractions

Tourism is one of the strongest comparative advantages in Minas, thanks to its enormous variety of attractions. The State is home to the largest and most traditional mineral water springs resorts, and a large variety of parks, offering ecological and adventure tourism, as well as one of the most important historical circuits in the Country. Business tourism has grown in an expressive and important way in the State.

Craftwork – The art of Minas Gerais right in our hands

Craftwork from Minas Gerais is among the richest in Brazil. From the artisans' hands come decorative pieces, jewels, utensils, toys, furniture and much more. All are created using different raw materials, such as soapstone, wood, straw, cloth, clay, metal and stones.

To foment activity in this sector, the State Government supports projects that help artisans with technical and management training, to help make commercial opportunities viable.



Tourism

A trip along the *Estrada Real*

The *Estrada Real*, the emperor's old colonial route, is presently being revitalized and comprises 162 municipalities. 18th century cities, like Ouro Preto, Congonhas and Diamantina, designated by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage, offer diverse historical, cultural, religious, gastronomic and natural attractions. The *Estrada Real* offers excellent opportunities to do business in over 50 sectors of the economy, in the industrial, service and agribusiness areas. This project will attract and motivate investment in tourism infrastructure, creating a 1,460 kilometer long tourist circuit that passes through a region of incredible natural and historical beauty.

Ecotourism

It is possible to explore mountains, hills, caves and rivers in Minas Gerais, covering more than 200 thousand hectares, in addition to environmentally protected areas of more than 656 thousand hectares. The parks and biological reserves are awash in priceless natural and cultural attractions, such as archeological sites and cave paintings.



Social Programs



Education

From Kindergarten to the best University

Minas Gerais gets a grade of A plus in education. Excellence in teaching is recognized by UNICEF. The State has a network of more than 18 thousand schools at just the basic educational level, as well as the largest network of public universities in the country.

The second largest public school system in Brazil

Minas Gerais has the second largest public school system in the Country, with 5.3 million students enrolled in classes. It is also the first Brazilian State to offer 9 years of basic education, enrolling children starting from age 6 in classes. The State invests 29% of its revenue in the education sector, which represents R\$ 4.8 billion.

Technical Schools

The Federations of Agriculture, Commerce, Industry and Transportation maintain schools and technology centers to train and prepare specialized and high skilled workers. This guarantees that the State has trained professionals to meet the demands of companies from all sectors. Also, the State Secretariat of Education maintains a Professional Education Program (PEP). There are 74 options of free-of-charge technical courses, in all knowledge areas. In 2009, 45 thousand new vacancies are being offered.

343 higher education institutions

The various universities and training centers located in the State, many of which can be considered world-class, train a flexible and diversified workforce, able to meet even the most sophisticated needs.



Social Programs

Health - The largest preventive health program in Brazil

Minas Gerais has an extensive public network of health care institutions, with about 700 hospitals, both general and specialized, strategically distributed in all of the State's regions. The Government also maintains an extensive investment program dedicated to improving regionalized health care, with the goal of treating people where they live and thus avoid the traditional migration of patients to large urban areas in the State.

The State has the largest program of preventive health care in Brazil, with 3,623 health teams covering more than 64.8% of the State's territory. Special activities are under way to fight infant and maternal mortality in the poorest regions. The investments made and the programs, shared by the State, Federal Government and the municipalities have led to important advances during the past decade.

Safety - More security and a better quality of life

Minas Gerais is the Brazilian State with the largest investment in Public Security. Between 2003 and 2007 R\$ 16.6 billions were invested in social defense agencies, guaranteeing greater efficiency in the work combating violence. The result is a drop in violent crime rates which comes from a management model based on police integration and strategic planning, involving preventive and repressive actions. Proof of the commitment of the government to its citizens.



Environment - Sustainable development with the guarantee of quality of life

The Government of Minas Gerais has intensified its work in environmental management. With its Environmental Management Project, the Government plans to modernize its command and control mechanisms, creating opportunities for sustainable development in the State. The fundamental points of the new environmental policy are as follows:

- Management of water resources
- Improvement in environmental quality
- Conservation of biodiversity
- Forestry development

SIAM Project – Integrated Environmental Information System. The most modern in the Country

Yet another innovation on the part of the Minas Gerais Government was the creation of the SIAM Project – Integrated Environmental Information System. Considered the most modern system developed in the Country, the result of more than R\$ 30 million in investments, the system offers access to an extensive network of georeferenced data, complete with satellite images, which allows all environmental licensing processes to be accessed from the Internet. In addition to making it easier to access the information, the SIAM system facilitates control and supervision of polluting activities.



Talk to Minas Gerais

The State of Minas Gerais has an experienced system to support investment and international business, formed by public institutions and representatives of the business sector, ready to guarantee all the support necessary to facilitate your business with the State. The Minas Gerais State Economic Development Secretariat, together with all the government agencies linked to it, is available to provide you with detailed information about the markets in Brazil and in Minas Gerais.

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