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# Mining

Our tiny blue planet is endowed with a huge variety of elements and minerals, many of which humans have found ingenious uses for. Attitudes to mining activities can be mixed and discussions are often controversial. But most material of commercial significance, including those making up the objects around us, were in some way at some point extracted from the Earth's crust, or otherwise manufactured using equipment that was itself made of such materials. Mining is a pivotal but often undervalued aspect of human existence.

ABB's presence in the mining industry spans a broad range of different fields. It ranges from the electrical supplies that keep it all powered, to mechanical items such as hoists and ventilators as well as the drives that control them. It also encompasses instruments, control and monitoring systems as well as numerous other aspects.

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