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# INTRODUCTION

Granite is a premium construction material used to impart high aesthetic finish to buildings and is becoming a material of choice for the construction of sculptures, commercial complexes, and premium residential structures. The granite stones are cut and trimmed to specific sizes and shapes and polished to suit the taste of uses. Pakistan is also bestowed with large deposits of granite in NWFP, Baluchistan and Sindh. Extensive resources of such dimension stones deposits are present in the mountainous areas of Nagar parkar, Sindh. Due to the color, tone, grain size, mineralogy, geochemistry, and mode of occurrence, the deposits of granite available in Nagar parkar area is grouped in white, grey, black, pink to red, green, blue and grey-bluish.

# MARKET ANALYSIS

Granite, in the form of slabs and tiles, has several attractive features, which, inter alia, includes extra-fine mirror-polish, scratch-free glossy surface and durability. The dimensional stone is gaining increased acceptance in the civil construction industry all over the world. Italy, India, South Africa, Norway, Finland, Brazil, Spain, the United States of America and are the major Granite exporting countries. Pakistan is also rich in this natural resource and the Nagar parkar area of Sindh has about 15 billion tons of granite reserve. With average annual production of only 5,676 metric tons, Pakistan has been exporting only three per cent of its production. Some of the leading granite importers from Pakistan include Italy and Singapore. Italy alone imported 49% of Pakistan's granite in 1999. This reflects the investment opportunities existing in the sector which can be capitalized by making pre and post mining value addition activities including precision cutting and mechanized mining.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Through advance quarrying technology and adequate processing for value addition, the granite stones of Sindh have the potential of being exported to a large number of countries including the traditional customers such as North American Countries, Middle East and Western Europe. The increased demand for granite in the construction sector has helped a rapid growth in the granite production. With a large proportion of total world's construction taking place in UAE and Saudi Arabia, Sindh's proximity to the Middle East can be exploited profitably. The large granite deposits, with availability of surface as well as ground water, electricity and communication network, Nagarparkar, Sindh has the ideal potential for increasing granite exports by value addition at site. The recent extension of road network to Nagar Parkar, which had remained inaccessible until recently, has brought vaibility to the mining & processing of this precious material.







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