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Germany is a leading industrial nation and the world's third largest trader manufactured goods. But the country's gradually mineral reserves are disappearing, and apart from a selfsufficiency in a handful of minerals, Germany is largely dependent on imports. During June, IM visited over 20 mineral producers, processors and traders in Germany to review their operations and acquire an insight into this particular industry sector. The cover picture this month depicts Castle Montabaur in the Westerwald region-one of the world's biggest ceramics clay centres. Montabaur was built in 1217 on the order of Archbishop Dietrich II von Wied, and today hosts the German Guilds Academy for further Education. (Photo: courtesy of Marcus Krau|3)

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refractories. As with all refractory raw materials the downturn in the steel industry has had a negative impact on demand. The good news is that despite the overall contraction in demand for refractory raw materials, high-alumina refractories are gaining market share. This feature details the operations of the major calcined and fused alumina producers and discusses the important trends that are driving demand. The cover photo this month shows refractories in service at a ferro-niobium plant and is reproduced by kind permission of Metallurg.

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The 4th North American Industrial Minerals
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October, will be an opportunity to discuss some
of the most topical issues facing the largest and
most important mineral sectors in North

America-the lime, limestone and carbonate industries. Α two dav programme consisting of 20 papers presetend by many of the leading produceres, technology suppliers, and government bodies will discuss new developments in processing technology and market opportunities for limestone, quicklime/burnt lime, hydrated lime, GCC and PCC. The cover photo this month shows the new rotary kiln and preheater at Carmeuse North America's Longview, Alabama plant - courtesy of the company.

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More than 50 countries produce an estimated 40m, tpa of kaolin which may be divided broadly into two categories: relatively low - cost unprocessed "common clays", and refined or processed grades of kaolin. Included in the refined or processed kaolins are the high - grade functional fillers and/or pigments used in paper, paint, plastics, and to a lesser extent rubber that command a premium price and penetrate a

broader geographical market area. High grade kaolin fillers are the focus of this contributed review which will appear in two parts; this month will cover world production, including comercial specifications; next month will cover international trade, methods of distribution, sales and marketing, and prices. This month's cover photo taken by Roger Dovey, shows kaolin workings at Goonvean Ltd's Trelavour pit, Cornwall

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A review of japan's mineral industry
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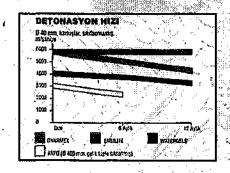
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