Underpinned by strong demand from Asia, Western Australia’s resources exports were worth AU$89 billion in 2015.

Currently hosting nearly 1,000 operating mine sites, a further AU$44 billion worth of resource projects has been identified as planned or possible projects in coming years.

Western Australia is one of the most diverse resource regions in the world, with more than 50 mineral and petroleum products being produced in commercial quantities. Resource exports comprised 87 per cent of the State’s total merchandise exports and contributed 41 per cent of the nation’s total merchandise exports.

Western Australia leads the way as Australia’s premier mining investment destination, attracting 65 per cent of total national capital spending of AU$76 billion in 2015.

Perth is a global centre for servicing mining projects, and a hub of scientific and technological innovation driven by the needs of the energy and resources sector. The State continues to drive innovation to support the evolving needs of the mining sector.

**KEY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Core Engineering Design and Project Management
- Consulting Services
- Information Technology Equipment and Related Services
- Specialised Technology
- Core Mining and Processing Equipment
- General Support Services
The following subsectors have been identified by industry as opportunities for investment:

**Core Engineering Design and Project Management:**
- Engineering, design and fabrication

**Consulting Services**
- Supply chain modelling and management

**Information Technology Equipment and Related Services**
- Automation and remote operation capabilities, robotics, vision systems and control systems capabilities being integrated into mining operations
- Online analysis and real time remote control
- Geoscience information management
- Additive manufacturing (for downstream processing)
- Big data and data analytics

**Specialised Technology**
- Monitoring, testing and lab services
- Hydrometallurgy and bio-mining

**Core Mining and Processing Equipment**
- Water management systems
- Non-metallic minerals and processing

**General Support Services**
- Best practice standards in safe and responsible extraction
- Training and skill development

For any questions or requests for additional information on each of the subsectors above refer to the key contacts in your market below.

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