

# SOLUTION MINING OF MAGNESIUM-BEARING SALTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- Billiton International Metals B.V., a wholly owned company of Shell. Active in metal exploration, mining, processing and trading of non-ferrous metals.
- Since 1972 active in the field of solution mining of magnesium salts in NE part of the Netherlands (Groningen-Veendam area).
- Project NOZO/MAGIN - \$ 150 Million project.

The objective is to produce sinter MgO from  $MgCl_2$  brine and dolomite (CaO. MgO). Base material for refractory bricks - Steel industry.

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