



Nordic eyes anorthosite plant

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Norwegian group forms development partnership to expand anorthosite use

Nordic Mining ASA has formed a partnership with an advanced materials producer which could see it building a new processing plant at its Gudvangen site in Aurland, Norway, the company said.

Nordic subsidiary, Gudvangen Stein AS, has entered a partnership agreement with an unnamed “leading producer of advanced material products” to develop the processing of the raw materials into value-added products.

The partners are looking into expanding the use of anorthosite into several markets, including ceramics.

“The parties have agreed to start a test programme with the purpose to escalate the use of anorthosite concentrate in the partner’s production,” said Nordic.

The partners plan to negotiate a long term offtake agreement subject to a successful test programme, which would see Gudvangen Stein build a new plant at the site.

Anorthosite contains high concentrations of feldspar, along with ilmenite and olivine, with end markets including stone wool, asphalt and ceramics.

Nordic Mining is also investigating the use of anorthosite minerals as stone meal for soil conditioning in agriculture (*IM 7 January 2010: [Nordic Mining test agrimarket](#)*).