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Sommario/riassunto	The Encyclopedia of Mineral and Energy Policy is designed as a comprehensive reference work in the fields of mineral and energy policies. Mineral resources are the key to a growing economy. The demand for energy and non-energy mineral resources at a global scale has increased substantially in recent years, a development which can be

traced back to the economic growth of heavily populated, newly industrializing countries. This has caused enormous price increases on international commodity markets and, to some extent, shortages of mineral resources. Securing energy and minerals supply, and ensuring a competitive industry/economy will be a challenge. Mineral and energy policies play a decisive role here. Moreover, research and development of new policy conceptions and models are vital. Topical entries are presented alphabetically with extensive cross-referencing for easy and user-friendly reading, providing a comprehensive key resource for researchers, students, industry professionals, governments, and international organizations.
