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The Deliverable D1.5c of the BioMinE Integrated Project is a report entitled:

**" Report on macro-economic analyses of the Au, Pb, Ni and Ag industrial sectors in Europe in their global context "**

The level of dissemination of this deliverable is restricted. A public summary is proposed hereafter.

**Public Summary:**

One of the aims of BioMine is to reconsider the exploitability of European resources taking into account progresses of biotechnologies that could provide for an economical and environmental-friendly means of treating resources and an innovative way to recover metal. This requires R&D works on the bioprocesses themselves but also studies on their economic background. The favourability of the global economy and the particular European market has to be outlined. This is the aim of that report on the case of zinc.

A maximum of facts and data in the limited framework of this study are given to provide BioMine members with essential economic background to the technological and scientific research they are committed to.

This report follows and completes the Deliverables D1.5a "Copper market – macro economic outlook" and D1.5b "Zinc market - macro economic outlook" previously issued.

Part 1 gives an overview of the global Au market; part 2 gives an overview of the global Pb market; part 3 gives an overview of the global Ni market and part 4 gives an overview of the global Ag market. For the 4 metals, a focus on the European situation is presented.