



## Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) Appendix A Definitions

**Exploration:** The act of searching for or investigating a mineral deposit, including sinking shafts, tunneling, drilling core and bore holes, digging pits, making cuts and other works for the purpose of extracting samples prior to commencement of development or extraction operations and the building of roads, access ways and other facilities related to such work. Exploration does not include activities that cause little or no surface disturbance, such as airborne surveys and photographs, use of instruments or devices that are hand carried or otherwise transported over the surface to perform magnetic, radioactive or other tests and measurements, boundary or claim surveying, location work, or other work that causes no greater disturbance than is caused by ordinary lawful use of the area by persons not engaged in exploration.

**Mineral:** A non-living commodity that is extracted from the earth for use or conversion into a saleable or usable product, but does not include Sand and Gravel Mining as defined herein, surface water or subsurface water, geo-thermal resources, or oil and natural gas.

**Mineral Resource Extraction and Processing:** The process of obtaining a mineral from the earth's crust or from previously disposed or abandoned mining waste, including open-cut mining and surface operations, the disposal of refuse from underground and in situ mining, mineral transportation, concentrating, milling, evaporation, leaching and other processing, but excluding Sand and Gravel Mining as defined herein, the exploration and extraction of natural petroleum in a liquid or gaseous state by means of wells or pipes, the extraction of geothermal resources.

**Mining:** see "Mineral Resource Extraction and Processing."

