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Mineral Sands Outlook: Green Shoots in TiO2 – Will Feedstocks and Zircon Follow?

The most recent earnings releases, and lack thereof, from global TiO₂ producers and Mineral Sands producers are now indicting the beginning of the turn in the TiO₂ cycle. What is actually happening with Mineral Sands producers? Is the industry in the middle of cyclical downturn, or is it in recovery? Was there really a downturn? Where actually does the Zircon market sit, and what does the short and long term future hold?

TiPMC's industry-leading *Strategic Review and Mineral Sands Forecast* looks at this question in detail and provides insight and analysis on the current Mineral Sands industry, and the prospects for its sort and long-term future.

We explore:

- Are volumes growing for chloride producers, and what does that mean for each chloride feedstock producer? Are the benefits similar or different for each, and which grades of feedstock are most and least favorable?
- Is feedstock supply ready for an upturn? How much does it depend if the majority
 of the growth is with Multi-National Producers (MNPs) or Chinese producers? Why?
- How are new projects developing? How fast are reserves depleting? How do these issues match projections for industry growth?
- Is Zircon really depressed, given price ranges for premium Zircon are still near record highs? How does supply and demand look in the short and near term. How much uncertainty is there in demand, given the current Chinese housing issues, but is it greater than the uncertainty in supply?
- What are the multitude of ways feedstocks can disproportionately impact TiO₂ producers? Where is the real value in the TiO₂ supply chain? Is it TiO₂, its feedstocks, or the co-products? How can that change?

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