

**MINERAL EXPLORATION
IN
THE PARANÁ BASIN AREA,
THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC
OF
BRAZIL**

Phase I

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**JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY
METAL MINING AGENCY OF JAPAN**

PREFACE

In responding to the request of the government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Government of Japan decided to conduct mineral exploration including satellite image analysis and geological survey to identify the possibility of existence of nonferrous mineral resources in the Paraná basin area and entrusted the survey works to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA, considering the technical nature of geology and mineral resources, entrusted the survey works to the Metal Mining Agency of Japan (MMAJ).

This project started in FY 2001. In this fiscal year as the first year of the survey, MMAJ organized a mission consisting of four members and dispatched the mission to the site of the survey for the period from August 13 to November 2, 2001. The field survey was completed as scheduled thanks to cooperation of the Brazilian government offices.

This report is summarized the results of phase one survey.

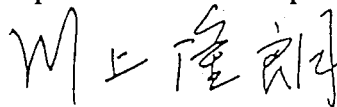
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Brazilian government and its associated organizations. We are also grateful to the officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and the Japanese Embassy in the Federative Republic of Brazil for their helpful supports to conduct the survey works.

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