



Geochemical and Mineralogical Characteristics of Palaeokarstic Bauxite Deposits

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Bauxite deposits, which are residual weathering products generated through the weathering of a variety of metamorphic, igneous, and sedimentary aluminosilicate-rich parent rocks under humid tropical to subtropical climates, have been the subject of study for many decades. In recent years, researchers have become increasingly interested in the geochemical features of bauxite deposits developed on carbonate and aluminosilicate bedrocks. Despite several decades of research, there is a lack of a comprehensive understanding of the geochemical features of bauxites formed on palaeokarsts, especially the mechanism of the enrichment and distribution of critical elements. In addition to the Al concentration, palaeokarstic bauxite deposits host several trace elements, such as Ti, Ni, Co, V, Cr, Li, Ga, Ta, Sc, Nb, Zr, U, and REE.

Lastly, we invite articles covering the latest achievements from all geochemists and economic geologists worldwide, focusing on mineralogical and geochemical characteristics of palaeokarstic bauxite deposits from different parts of the world in this Special Issue.





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