



Greenland Self-Government versus Greenland Minerals: History, process, implications for future mineral exploration

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Abstract

For many years, minerals and energy have been an important part of Greenlandic politics fueled by a strong desire to become economically independent of Denmark. In periods, large revenues have been provided for Greenlandic society, but in recent years with a relatively low level of activity and a declining interest from investors. Although there are many reasons for variations in resource investments globally, the decline seems paradoxically to be conditioned by political decisions and administrative procedures in Greenland. Among the main problems is a long-standing political disagreement among the governing parties over uranium. The history and the background for the initial course of the ongoing arbitration case and the upcoming court case between the Self-Government of Greenland and the licensee of the Kvanefjeld project, are introduced. The case is expected to be lengthy through several courts and may have a major impact on Greenland's economy and further exploration and exploitation of resources.

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