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Seminar on exploration, sustainable access and extraction of raw materials:

Potential for exploration and exploitation in Greenland

- **How to reach the 'hard to reach resources?'** -

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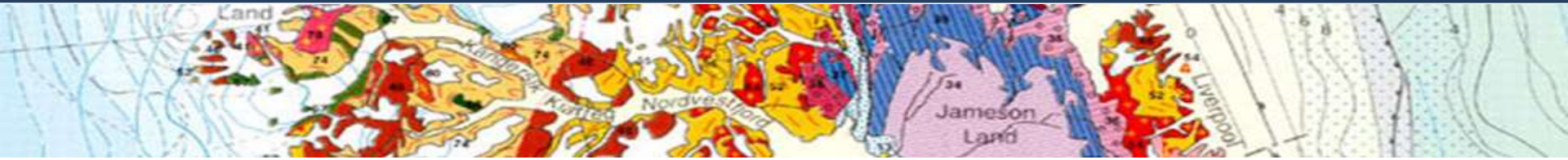
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Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)

- Danish research and advisory institution
- Located in Copenhagen with offices in Aarhus and Nuuk - active in Denmark, Greenland, Developing Countries, world wide
- A total of about c. 350 full time specialists, technicians and administrative staff. Approximately 200 hold PhD or MSc degrees
- Cover most geoscientific disciplines and activities – five programme areas:
 - Mineral resources, Energy resources, Water resources , Nature and climate and Data banks
- International collaborative partner; collaborative partner to the Greenland Government
- International research partner; Greenland as a natural laboratory...

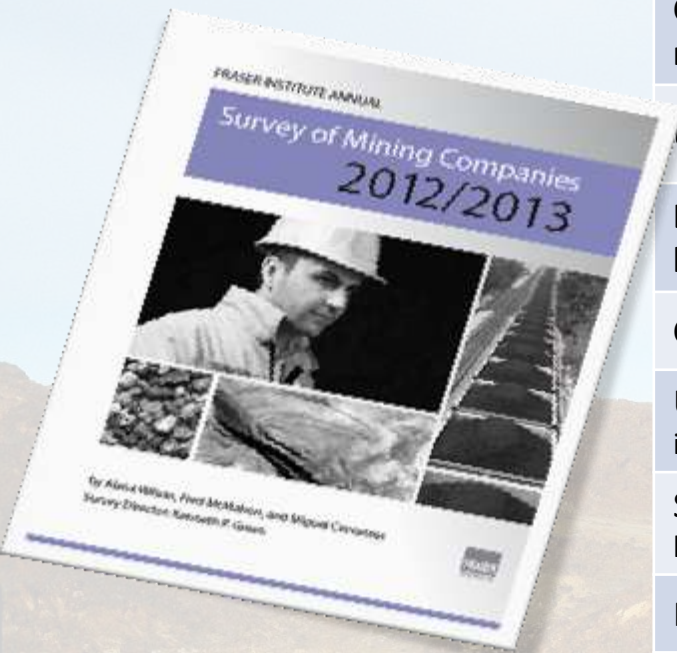


Greenland – a few facts?

- 2.670 km N-S; 1.050 km E-W
 - Southern tip at the height of Oslo
 - Kaffeklubben Island or the Coffee Club Island ; the northernmost point of land on the Earth
- Coastline 44.087 km
 - European Union ~66.000 km
- Total area 2.166.086 km²
 - 12th largest nation
- Ice-free area 410.449 km²
 - 60th largest nation; larger than Finland, Germany, Poland, Norway; Sweden is 450.000 km²; France is 551.500 km²
- 57.000 inhabitants
- 18 towns and 60 settlements
- Worlds largest island
- Fishery and block-grant is the main income







Greenland is in the top...

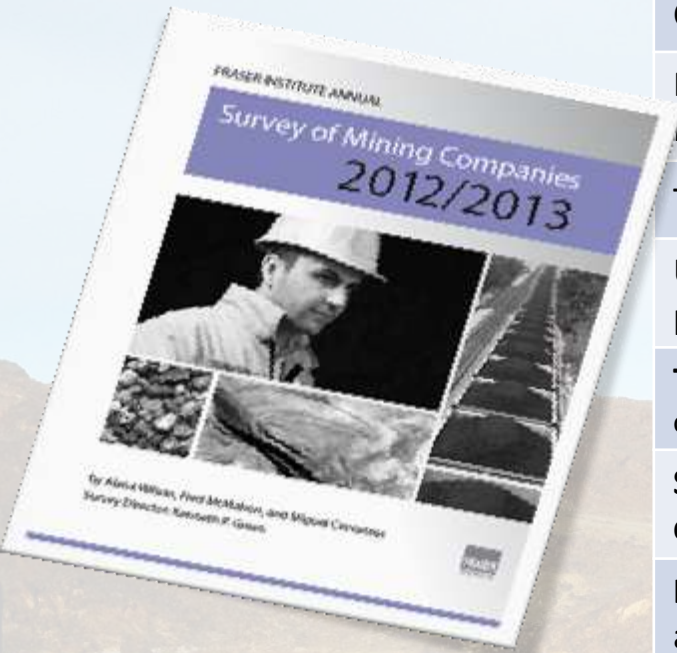


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Survey amongst mining and
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- 742 companies (4100 asked)
- 96 jurisdiction evaluated

Fraser Institute Category	2012/2013	2011/2012
Current mineral potential assuming current regulations and land use restrictions	 1/96	2/93
Uncertainties concerning disputed land claims	 1/96	2/93
Labour regulations, employment agreements, and labour militancy or work disruptions	 3/96	14/93
Corruption	 3/96	21/93
Uncertainty concerning the administration, interpretation and enforcement of existing regulations	4/96	12/93
Security (includes physical security due to threat of attack by terrorists, criminals, guerrilla groups, etc)	4/96	4/93
Regulatory duplication and inconsistencies	5/96	3/93
Political stability	5/96	2/93
Growing (or lessening) uncertainty in mining policy and implementation	5/96	10/93
Uncertainty concerning environmental regulations	6/96	13/93
Geological database (includes quality and scale of maps, ease of access to information, etc.)	9/96	31/93
Legal processes that are fair, transparent, non-corrupt, timely and efficiently administered	10/96	25

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Composite policy and mineral potential	11/96	13/93
Policy mineral potential assuming no regulations in place and assuming industry best practices	12/96	27/93
Taxation Regime	19/96	20/93
Uncertainty concerning which areas will be protected as wilderness areas, parks or archeological	19/96	5/93
Trade barriers – tariff and non-tariff barriers, restrictions on profit repatriation, currency restrictions, etc.	↓ 26/96	34/93
Socioeconomic agreements/community development conditions	↓ 48/96	31/93
Infrastructure (includes access to roads, power availability, etc.)	↓ 83/96	75/93
Room for improvement	↑ 84/96	88/93

Projects with exploitation license

Black Angel Zn-Pb

Angle Mining Plc.

2010: exploitation license

Re-opening of former mine;
construction, awaiting financing -
currently on hold / insolvency

MVT type deposit

Underground, cable-car



Seqi Olivine Mine

LKAB

2005: exploitation license

Production from 2005-09

Closed (2009)

Ultramafic body – 150 Mt olivine

Open-pit



Malmberg Mo

KGHM International

2008: exploitation license

Awaiting market improvements

Climax-type porphyry Mo deposit

Open-pit, long haul-road



Nalunaq Gold Mine

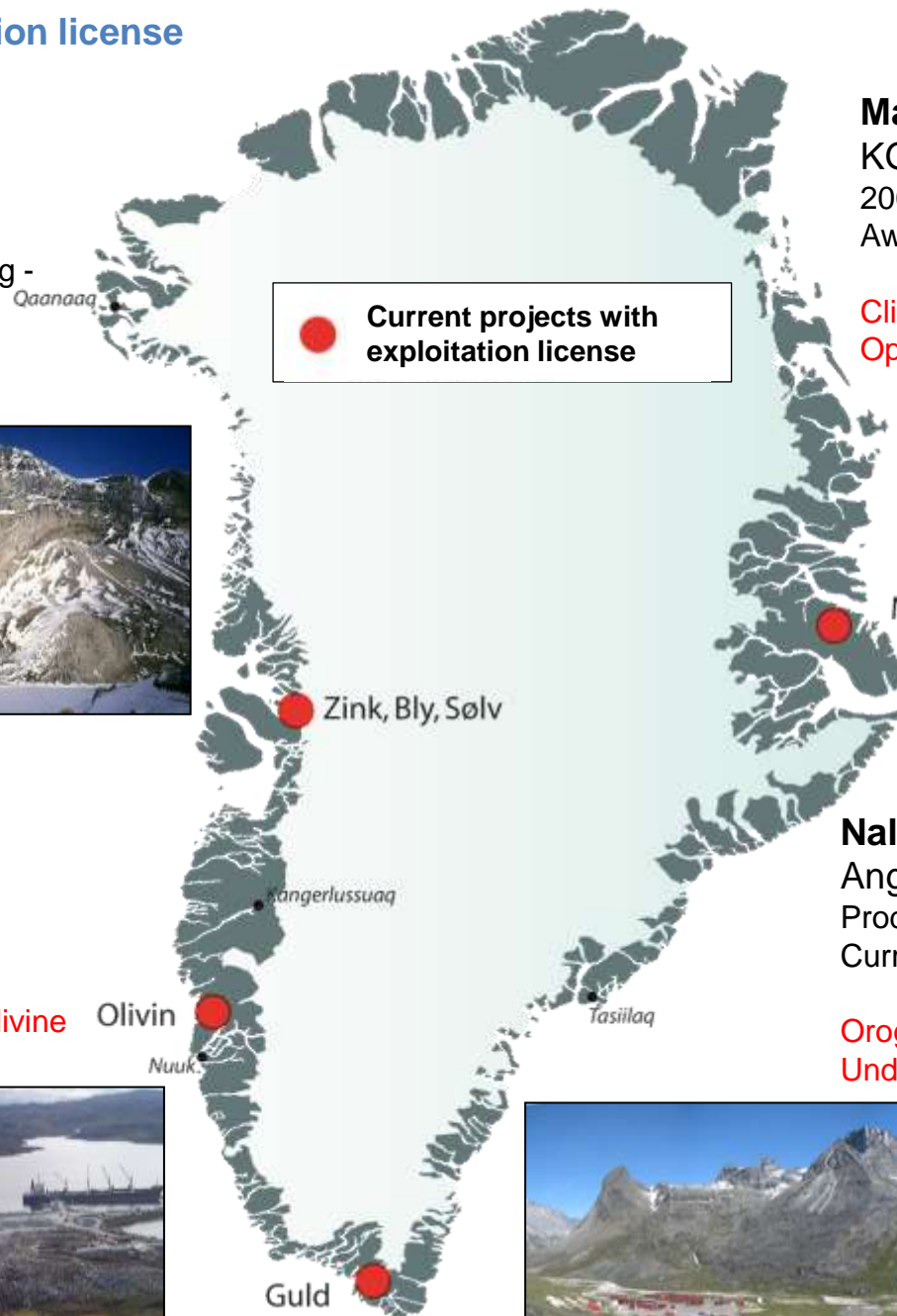
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Production (2001 / exploitation license in)

Currently on hold / insolvency

Orogenic gold / hydrothermal vein

Underground



Projects with new granted exploitation license or submitted application for exploitation license

Isua Fe

London Mining

2013 – granted exploitation

CAPEX 14 billion DKK

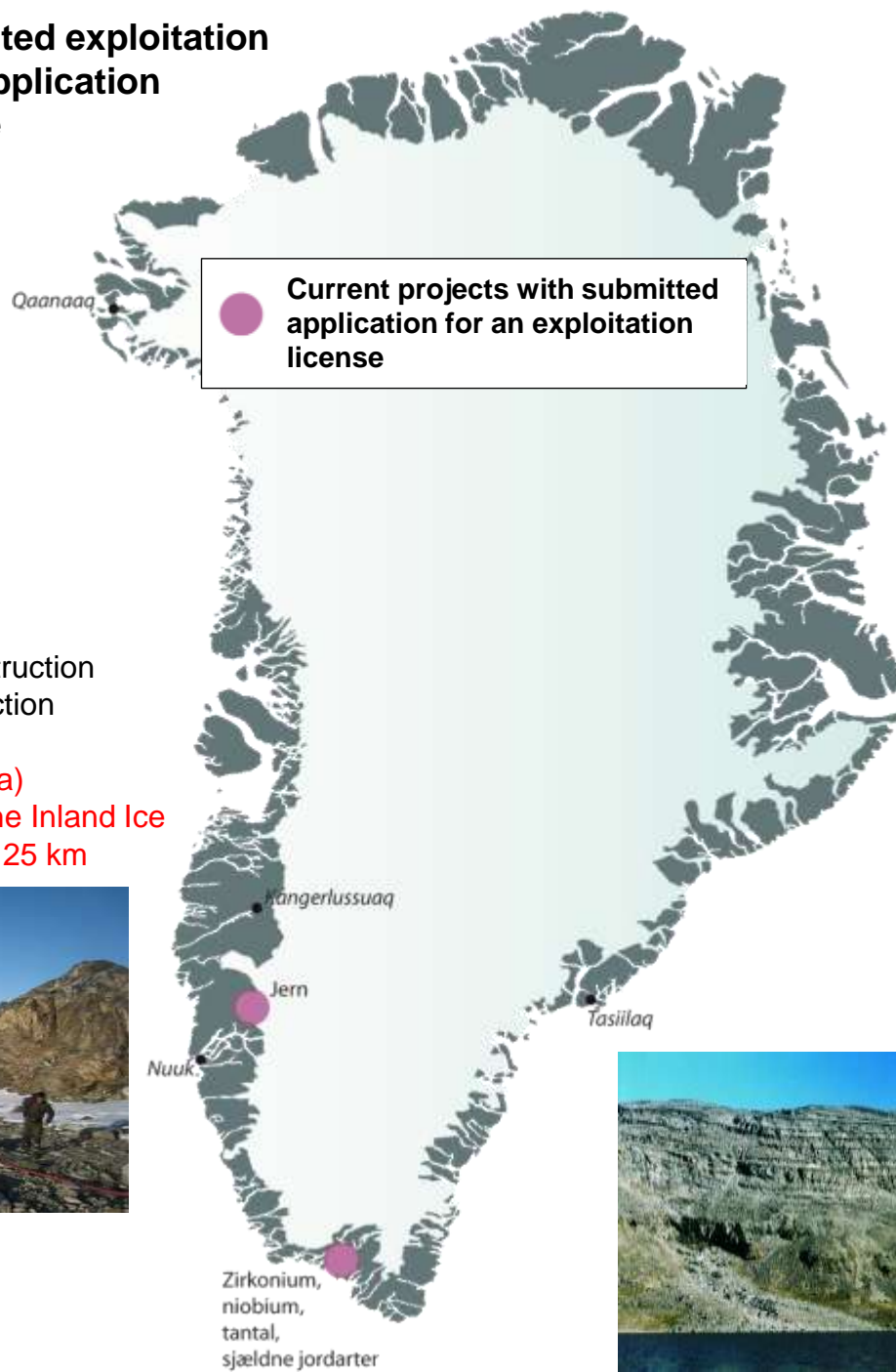
2500 employees during construction

700 employees during production

Banded iron formation (3.8 Ga)

Situated near the margin of the Inland Ice

Open-pit mining, slurry-pipe 125 km



Zirkonium,
niobium,
tantal,
sjældne jordarter

Kringlerne Zr-Nb-Ta-REE

Tanbreez Ltd.

2013: Submitted application

CAPEX 1.2 billion DKK

60-80 employees

Alkaline-intrusion hosted
Open-pit mining



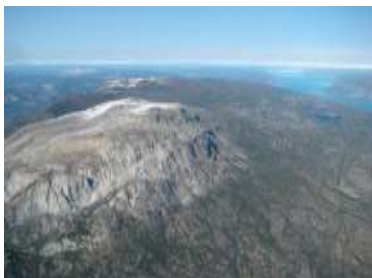
Projects with advanced preparations of an application for an exploitation license

White Mountain Anorthotite 🇨🇦🇨🇦

Hudson Resources Inc.

Chemical compound - alumina, silicon and calcium

Open-pit



Fiskenæsset Rubiner 🇨🇦🇩🇰

True North Gems Inc.

Submitted application for exploitation

CAPEX 0.2 billion DKK

50 employees

Open-pit



Citronen Fjord Zn-Pb 🇦🇺

Iron Bark Ltd.

CAPEX 2.8 billion DKK

200-300 employees

Underground, mining in high arctic



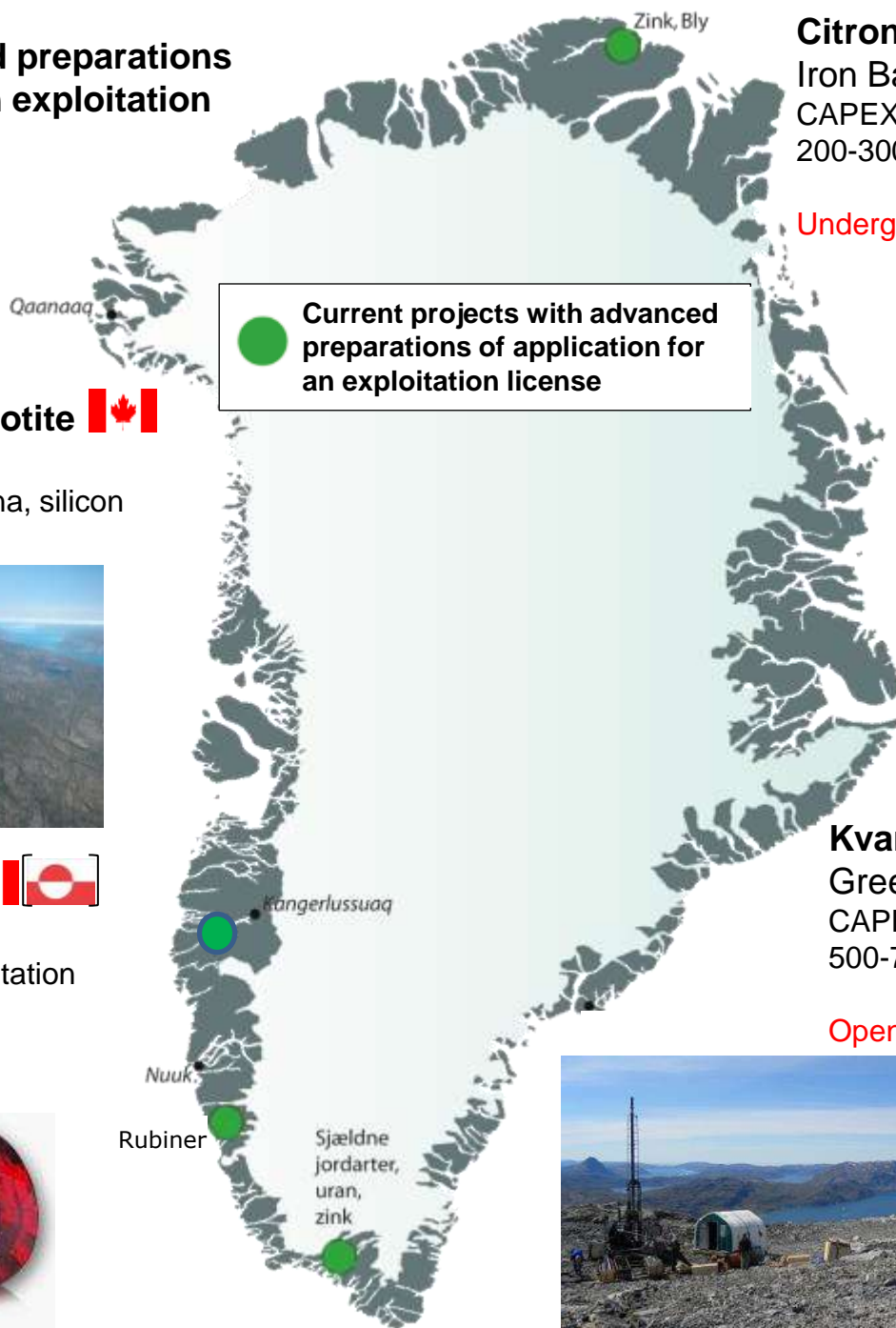
Kvanefjeld REE-U-Zn 🇦🇺

Greenland Minerals and Energy Ltd.

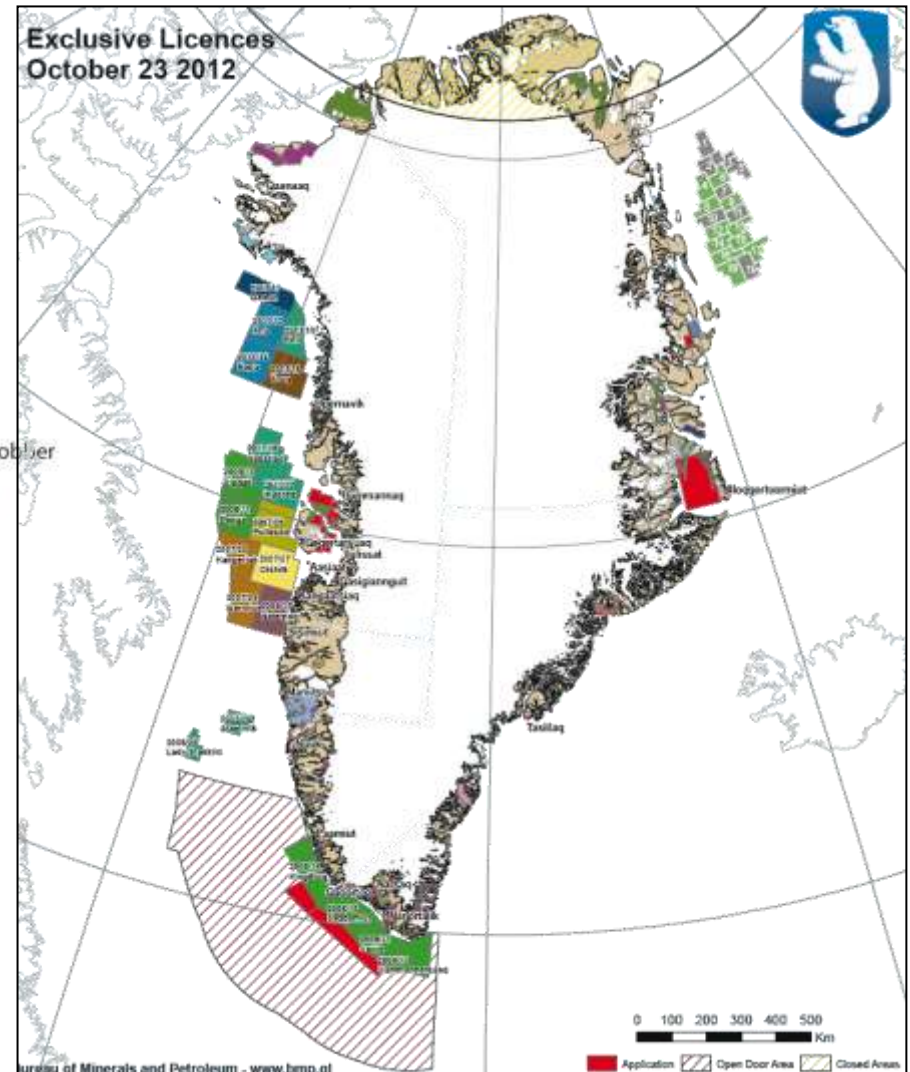
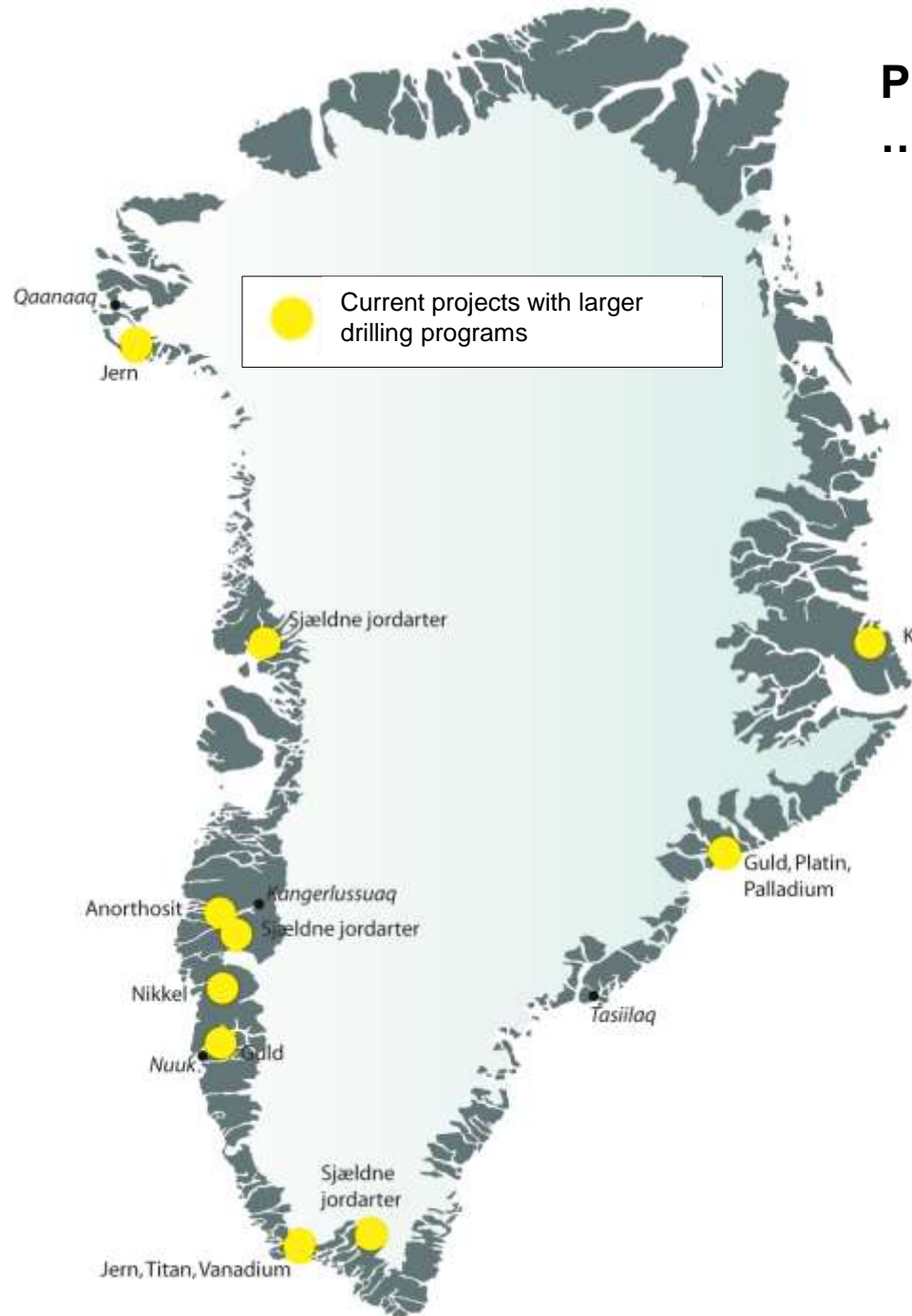
CAPEX 4.5 billion DKK;

500-700 employees

Open-pit, processing outside Greenland?



Plenty of other exploration projects... ...and with rooms for more



Critical mineral resources? – potential in Greenland...

Critical mineral	EU 2010	US NAS 2007	Watch list (EU 2010)	Potential in Greenland	Primary product ● or by-product ○
REE	X	X		Very high	●
PGM	X	X		Very high	●
Niobium	X	X		Very high	●/○
Tantalum	X			Very high	●/○
Fluorspar	X			Very high-High	○ of REE
Gallium	X			High	○ of PGE
Tungsten	X			High	●
Vanadium			X	High	○ of Fe
Graphite	X			High	●
Germanium	X			High	○ of Zn
Beryllium	X			High	●/○ of REE(?)
Chromium			X	Moderate-High	●/○
Cobalt	X			Moderate-High	●/○
Antimony	X			Moderate	●/○
Indium	X	X		Low-moderate	○
Lithium			X	Low-moderate	○
Magnesite			X	Low	●
Magnesium	X			Low	●
Manganese		X		Low	●
Rhenium			X	Low	○

Product of Supply Risk and
Impact of Supply Restriction



...the opportunities of the Arctic – and Greenland:

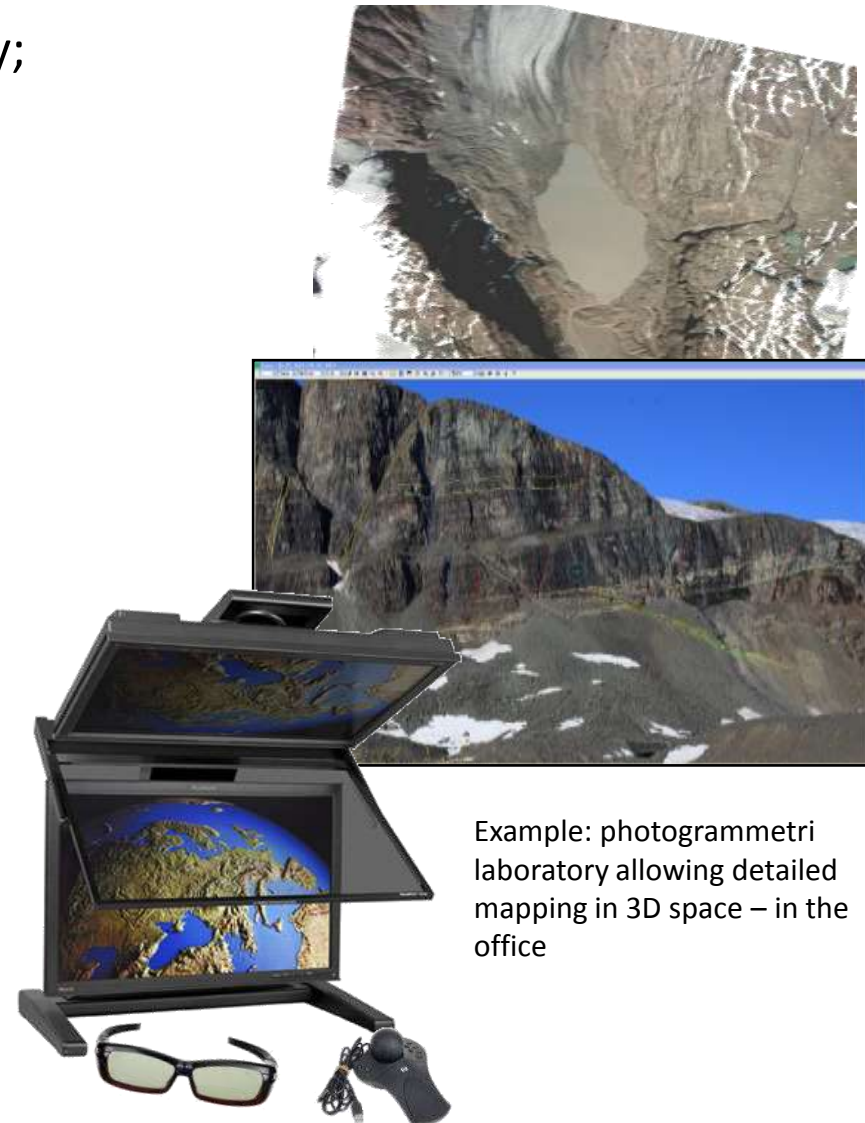
Not only a place of future resources...

- Pristine environment; base line, environmental studies
- A natural geological laboratory – unconcealed and unmatched outcrops; impacts on our understanding elsewhere
- Challenging conditions and environments imply innovative solutions, clean and green tech., efficient and effective solutions, technologies at



Exploration and technology for the Arctic: exploration

- Take advantages of the natural laboratory; the good exposure – learn about what's under cover elsewhere...
- Defining critical minerals; opportunities for new sources of materials/resources
- 3D geological database and techniques for the Arctic – for the rest of the world
- Warm and hot springs – geothermal systems for raw materials and energy
- Surface processes in the Arctic – remote sensing signal
- Geophysical and remote sensing techniques for the Arctic: dealing with snow/ice, lichen/moss vegetation, extreme topography, sun angle etc.



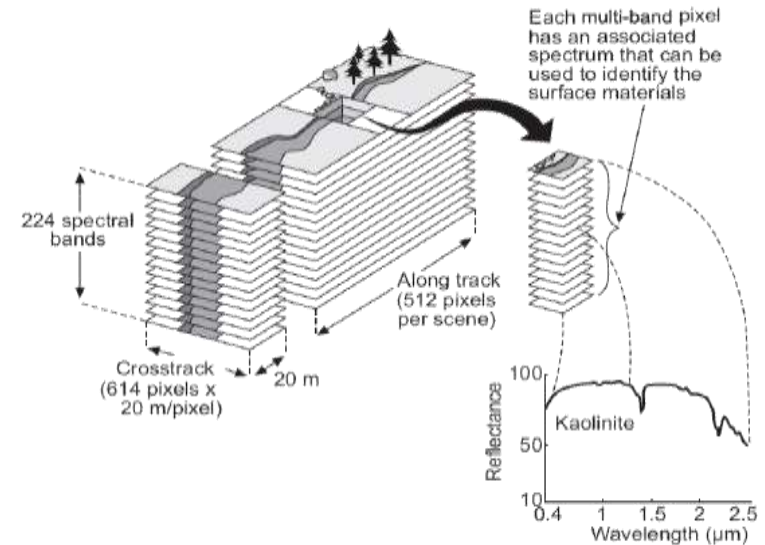
Example: photogrammetry laboratory allowing detailed mapping in 3D space – in the office

Example: Mineral Exploration using Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

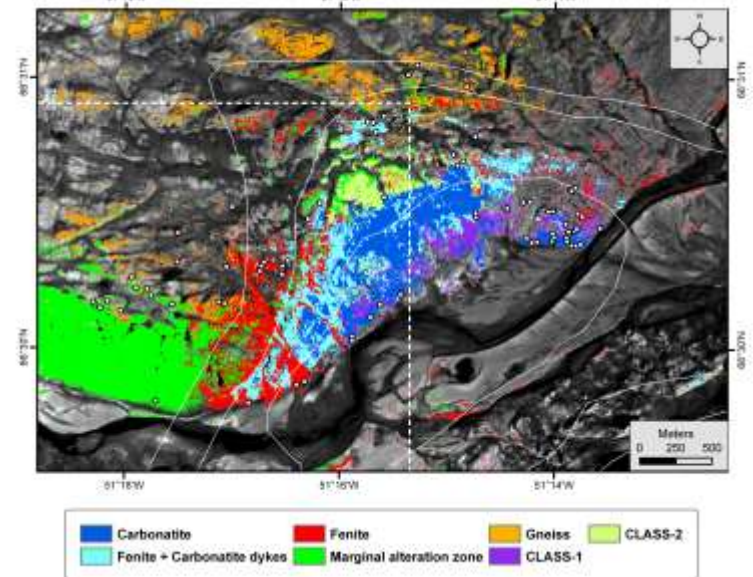
- Excellent tool for mineral exploration
- Mapping difficult accessible regions – data acquisition by satellites/aircrafts/drones
- Special Arctic considerations: clean atmosphere, vegetation, sun angle, snow/ice, etc.

Basics of hyperspectral remote sensing:

- A large number of minerals display absorption features in reflectance spectra
- Measuring the reflected light it is possible to quantitatively map the surface distribution of minerals

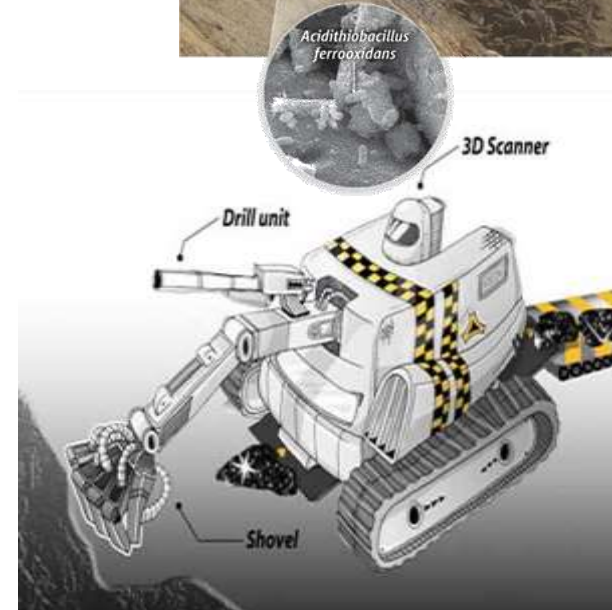


Lithological Classification of Sarfartoq carbonatite complex.



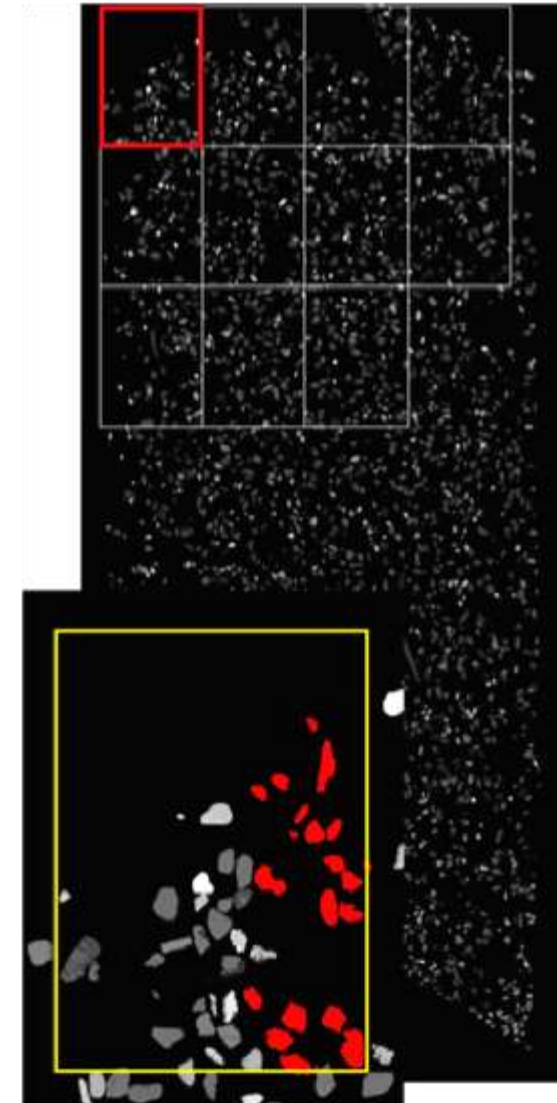
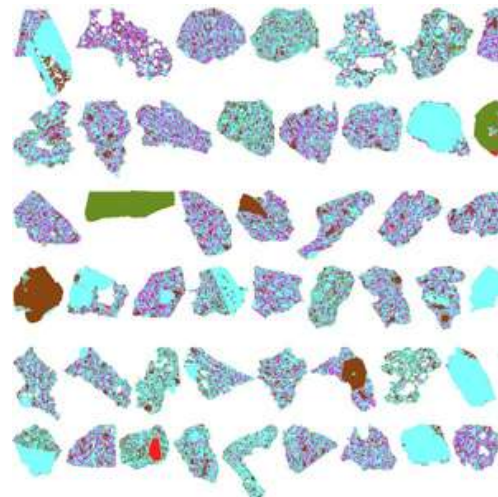
Exploitation and technology for the Arctic: processing and production

- Bioleaching under harsh climate; natural laboratory
- Pristine baseline studies
- Online environmental control and remediation
- Automatization in mining production; far-remote control, robots
- Green technology solutions for mining and energy in Arctic
- Efficient transportation
- Improving recovery: automative online analysis of middling products during processing
- Characterization of recycling material



Exploitation and technology for the Arctic: product

- Heavy mineral sands or aggregate characterization
- Fingerprinting Arctic raw materials; certification of production
- New sources of minerals/metals
- Implications for society and economy
- Setting the standards





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