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Mining Chemicals Market to rise from \$10.59B in 2023 to \$14.60B by 2031 at 4.1% CAGR, boosted by sustainable reagent innovations and green mining practices.

CALIFORNIA, CA, UNITED STATES, July 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Market Overview :-

The [Mining Chemicals Market](#) reached US\$ 10.59 billion in 2023 and is projected to expand to US\$ 14.60 billion by 2031, reflecting a 4.1 % CAGR over the forecast period of 2024–2031.

This growth is underpinned by rising global metal consumption particularly for copper, nickel, and lithium driven by electrification trends and energy transition imperatives. In addition, mining operators are under mounting pressure to reduce freshwater usage and wastewater discharge, fueling demand for advanced flocculants and water-treatment reagents. Meanwhile, geopolitical

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The shift to sustainable, biodegradable reagents in the mining chemicals market is driving innovation, reducing environmental impact, and creating new growth opportunities in mining”

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considerations and supply-chain disruptions have accelerated investments in domestic mining projects, particularly in North America and Australia, further bolstering market expansion.

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Mining Chemicals Market Most Recent Key Developments and Technology Advancements :-



reduces membrane fouling in water-recycling circuits, extending equipment lifespan by up to 30 %.

June 2025: Clariant introduced a biodegradable flotation reagent derived from plant-based surfactants, achieving a 15 % increase in copper recovery while meeting rigorous effluent standards.

May 2025: Dow launched an advanced collector reagent optimized for nickel-cobalt sulfide ores, leveraging proprietary molecular structures to enhance selective attachment and reduce sulfur reagent consumption by 20 %.

April 2025: SNF Group released a high-performance polymeric flocculant that accelerates tailings solid-liquid separation time by 25 %, enabling water reuse and lowering overall freshwater demand.

Mining Chemicals Market Dynamics

Drivers:

Rising Metal Demand: Renewables, electric vehicles, and high-tech manufacturing are spurring demand for copper, nickel, lithium, and rare earth elements, thereby lifting reagent consumption.

Environmental Regulations: Governments worldwide are enforcing tighter effluent standards, prompting the adoption of biodegradable and low-TOC (total organic carbon) reagents.

Technological Innovation: The integration of nanotechnology and selective reagents is enhancing recovery rates and purity levels, driving market uptake.

Applications :-

Mining chemicals play integral roles in:

Flotation Processes: Collectors, frothers, and depressants are used to separate valuable minerals from gangue.

Hydrometallurgy: Leaching agents (e.g., cyanide alternatives) enable gold, copper, and nickel extraction under milder conditions.

Water Treatment: Coagulants and flocculants facilitate clarification of process water, reducing environmental impact.

Tailings Management: Polymers stabilize tailings, minimizing seepage and dust generation, and enabling safer storage.

Mining Chemicals Market Acquisitions or Mergers :-

In June 2025, Nouryon acquired AECI Mining's specialty chemicals division, broadening its portfolio in flotation and pH-control reagents, and strengthening its presence in African and Latin American markets.

May 2025 saw Solenis and Mining Chemicals South Africa merge their water-treatment operations, creating a combined entity with enhanced capabilities in effluent management and sludge dewatering solutions.

Mining Chemicals Market Opportunities

Sustainable Chemistry: Development of green reagents biodegradable, low-TOC, and plant-derived—presents a major growth vector as mine operators strive for ESG compliance.

Digitalization & Process Control: Integration of real-time monitoring and AI-driven dosage optimization can reduce chemical consumption, improving cost efficiency.

Critical Minerals Focus: With lithium and rare earth element mining surging, tailored reagents for these ores represent a lucrative niche.

Circular Economy Initiatives: Water recycling and tailings valorization (e.g., recovery of residual metals) create demand for multifunctional chemical solutions.

Mining Chemicals Market Key Players :-

3M, AECI Mining, Clariant, Dow, Kimleigh Chemicals SA, Mining Chemicals South Africa, Nouryon, SNF Group, Solenis, and Solvay. These companies dominate through global distribution networks, extensive R&D investments, and comprehensive technical support services.

Mining Chemicals Market Segmentation :-

By Product Type:

Flotation Reagents (Collectors, Frothers, Depressants)

Hydrometallurgical Reagents (Leaching Agents, Precipitating Agents)

pH Regulators and Modifiers

Water Treatment Chemicals (Coagulants, Flocculants, Scale Inhibitors)

By Application:

Hard Rock Mining

Coal Mining
Metal & Mineral Mining
Industrial Minerals

By Region:

North America
Europe
Asia Pacific
Latin America
Middle East & Africa

Latest News of USA :-

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded US\$ 12 million in July 2025 to a consortium led by Solvay and Clariant for pilot-scale testing of next-generation biodegradable flotation reagents, aiming to cut toxic discharge by 50 % in major copper and gold mines. Concurrently, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) granted funding for research into selective leaching agents for lithium extraction from brine sources in Nevada, signaling increasing governmental support for domestic critical mineral supply chains.

Latest News of Japan :-

In June 2025, Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) announced a collaborative project with 3M and Kimleigh Chemicals SA to develop nano-engineered reagents for rare earth element separation, targeting a 20 % increase in recovery rates. Additionally, Mitsubishi Materials Corporation piloted an innovative water-treatment plant in Hokkaido using SNF Group's advanced flocculants, achieving a 30 % reduction in water consumption and aligning with Japan's water conservation goals.

Concluding Paragraph :-

As the mining sector navigates mounting environmental scrutiny and the surge in critical mineral demand, the Mining Chemicals Market stands at a pivotal juncture. Innovations in sustainable reagent chemistry, coupled with strategic mergers and digital process enhancements, are reshaping reagent portfolios to deliver greater efficiency and lower ecological footprints. With key players investing in R&D and expansion, and regulatory bodies incentivizing green technologies, the market is poised for steady growth through 2031, driven by a collective push toward safer, cleaner, and more cost-effective extraction methodologies.

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