

ZIRCONIUM IN TASMANIA.

The only source of Zirconia in Tasmania is the mineral zircon which occurs at numerous localities throughout the State. The zircons are particularly associated with the alluvial tin deposits, but not in such quantities as to warrant exploitation even in conjunction with alluvial tin mining.

The best known deposit (apart from the above) and the one most likely to be of commercial importance is that at Sister's Hills to the west of Table Cape. This deposit consists of shallow and narrow alluvial material along the courses of the present streams. The zircons are generally red in colour and range in size up to three eights of an inch.

The deposit is at present not being worked nor is it likely to be worked unless definite markets exist and marketing arrangements made in connection with the production.

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