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| Early historic uses |  | |
| Construction materials | Buildings |  |
| Roads |  |
| Smaller items |  |
| Metals | Structural uses |  |
| Electrical/electronic uses |  |
| Chemical raw materials | Salt |  |
| Phosphates/potassium fertilisers |  |
| Fossil fuels | Crude oil, coal, natural gas |  |
| Water | Aquifers |  |