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Introduction to Ore-Forming Processes has been written as a core text for advanced undergraduates or graduate students in earth science programs taking a course in economic geology, mineral deposits, or ore geochemistry, and for geologists working in mineral exploration, the mining industry, and related areas.

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