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The Youssoufia site

Situated 60 kilometers from Benguerir and 100 kilometers northwest of Marrakech, mining operations began in 1931 in the northwest part of the site and gave rise to the Youssoufia phosphate center. Its reserves are approximately 10.2 billion cubic meters. The Youssoufia phosphate deposit is comprised of two kinds of ore. It is a clear phosphate, containing small amounts of organic matter and black phosphate, which is rich in organic matter. The phosphate is treated and transported by train to the fertilizer and phosphoric acid manufacturing plants in Safi. The share of the production intended for export is shipped through the ports of Safi, Jorf Lasfar and Casablanca. Since 1998, OCP has also operated the Bouchane mine (Station 6), located 40 kilometers from the Youssoufia site.

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