Mineral Resources Game – How to play

For 2 – 6 players
The aim of this game is to build as many products as possible before the Mineral cards run out!

Required

Mineral cards  x 58
Action cards  x 8
Product cards  x 15

Printing Instructions

Print the 34 page document double sided. Using card is preferable but laminated or plain paper will also work. Rounding the corners isn’t necessary.

Set up

Split the cards into two decks. The blue Product cards are one deck (the Product deck) and the red Mineral cards and green Action cards are another deck (the Mineral deck). Shuffle both of these decks and place them face down next to each other on the table. Leave space on the table for a discard pile – this is where cards that you throw away will go. All players start by drawing 6 cards from the Minerals deck and two cards from the Products deck.

Instructions

At the start of the turn, the player can do one of three actions.

1. The player can take a card from the Minerals deck, then put a Mineral or Action card from their hand onto the discard pile.
2. The player can play an Action card. To do this, put an Action card from your hand onto the discard pile, then follow the instructions on the card.
3. If a player has all three minerals shown at the bottom of one of their Product cards, they can put the Product card, and all three Minerals cards that were used to build it, down in front of them. The player then draws a new Product card and three new Mineral cards.

Remember, only one of these actions can be done in a turn! Once one action has been taken, the player’s turn is over. It is then the player on the left’s turn. Every player should always have 8 cards in their hand (6 Mineral or Action cards and two Product cards) at the end of their turn.

How to win

Once either the Minerals or Products deck is empty, the game ends. At that time, whoever has built the most products is the winner! If more than one player has built the same number of products, both players win!