

**Question for written answer E-004846/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Aremon

As part of the European Raw Materials Initiative, European Innovation Partnerships (EIPs) bring together private actors, public services and academics to promote innovative approaches designed to guarantee the supply of raw materials. One of these initiatives is Aremon, coordinated by the Technical University of Madrid, whose participants include the private company Quantum Minería S.L.

Between 2015 and 2016, Aremon sought to develop a means of processing monazite sands characterised by high technical efficiency, sustainable processes and economic viability. The most significant project is Matamulas, located in Campo de Montiel (Ciudad Real). Quantum Minería, established in 2011, purchased a number of mining research licences granted by the autonomous authorities in 2014 and carried out washing, sifting and concentration processes on monazite sands at a site in Torrenueva (Ciudad Real).

1. Is the Commission aware that Quantum Minería concealed from Torrenueva council the fact that these concentration processes were being conducted in a building in a residential area, as well as the resulting radiation risks, and that this led to activity being suspended (on 23 February 2016) and an administrative penalty being imposed (on 5 December 2016)?
2. Does the Commission believe that this action constitutes a sustainable and innovative process?
3. What specifically are Aremon's sources of financing?