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According to the Mexican Mining Chamber, 88.6% of total copper production in 1990 about 300,000 metric tons was generated by the Mexicana de Cobre and Mexicana de Cananea mines, both of which are owned by Jorge Larrea. Last year, Mexico ranked as the 8th largest copper producer world-wide, and contributed 4.1% of global output. Mexican refined copper production accounted for 1.6% of the global total. In 1990, domestic copper anodes and blister production came to 175,374 MT. Mexicana de Cobre accounted for 62.7% of the total; Mexicana de Cananea, 22.8%; and, Industrial Minera Mexico (also owned by Larrea), 14.5%. Domestic copper consumption in 1990 reached a record 177,500 MT, which included about 20,000 MT of imports (both industrial inputs and consumer goods). (Source: La Jornada, 08/04/91)

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