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Prof. Dr. Jens Götze studied Mineralogy and Geochemistry at the TU Bergakademie Freiberg. His Diploma thesis was on the geochemistry and environmental significance of aerosols. Prof Götze completed his PhD thesis in 1989 on quartz raw materials for industrial applications. He was then involved in research for the glass and ceramics industry. In 1992 he was appointed as member of scientific staff at the Institute of Mineralogy of the TU Bergakademie Freiberg. His Habilitation thesis is entitled "Cathodoluminescence microscopy and spectroscopy in Applied Mineralogy"(2000). He was appointed APL Professor for Technical Mineralogy in 2005.

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