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What was once discarded as waste (after the ~~mined~~ gold was extracted) has become infinitely more precious - for it contains uranium.

While the gold is being ~~refined~~ made into bars worth about £5,000 - the ore is subjected to an extracting process - and when the moisture is eliminated - granules of dry uranium oxide remain...

~~is then~~ - This precious substance is <sup>then</sup> exported overseas - uranium from South Africa - to power the atomic age...

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