



## China to ramp up aluminium production and revive old potlines : T. K. Chand



China's possibility of expanding aluminium production and reviving old and inefficient potlines has piled up worries for the primary aluminium producers who are already battling a flood of cheaper imports from that country as China's oversupply is also likely to have a bearing on LME aluminium prices.

T.K Chand CMD of National Aluminium Company and president of Aluminium Association of India said, "China is going to

ramp up aluminium production and also revive production at its old potlines. This is a case of concern for us though one of the bright spots for India is that it is a major centre for consumption." Though the US economy has shown signs of revival, the recent developments in Greece and the possible exit of Britain from the European Union has cast shadows on the aluminum industry."

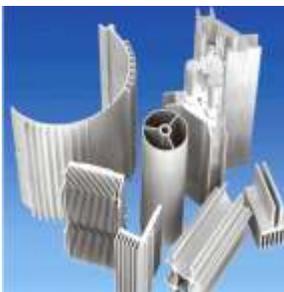
Satish Pai, Deputy Managing Director, Hindalco Industries said, "The downstream producers are very worried about the spate of imports. China's exports of finished products are on the rise and the country has now the second largest share in aluminium rolled products in the Indian market."

China's aluminium exports is expanding rapidly from 3 million tonne in 2010, it is tipped to touch 8 million tonnes by 2019. Almost half of the global aluminium capacity of 80 million tonnes is produced in China.

## Chhattiagarh CM announces new bauxite deposits in Jashpur

New bauxite deposits have been unearthed in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh in India, Chief Minister Raman Singh informed the State Assembly in a written communication. He also informed that the State geological team has not confirmed the presence of any limestone deposit in the region. Chhattisgarh accounts for 5 per cent of India's estimated bauxite reserves of 593 million metric tonnes. The state is home to high quality metallurgical grade bauxite, a characteristic of the eastern coast. Whether the deposits discovered match up to the standard of the other reserves found here remains yet to be confirmed by the team of experts. Chhattisgarh ranks fourth in terms of bauxite reserves found after Odisha (~70%), Andhra Pradesh (18%), and Gujarat (7%). Maharashtra too contributes 5% to the total bauxite reserves of the country.

## ITC to review Chinese aluminium extrusion duties



The US International Trade Commission (ITC) has voted to conduct a five-year sunset review of anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders on aluminium extrusions imported from China. The commission voted on July 5 to conduct the review, recognising that revoking the order or terminating the suspension

agreement would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping or subsidies and of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. Six members of the commission concluded that the domestic group response for the review was adequate, while three members concluded that current circumstances warrant a full review. The ITC is now collecting responses to the institution of the review, with interested parties invited to submit comments within the next three months. If the responses are adequate, the ITC will conduct a full review, including a public hearing and issuance of questionnaires.

"No surprises," Jeff Henderson, president of the Wauconda, Illinois-based Aluminum Extruders Council, said. "Of course, one always hopes for an expedited review. However, we are fully prepared for a full review." The original anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders on aluminium extrusions were issued in 2011, formalising anti-dumping margins between 32.79% and 33.28% and countervailing duties between 8.02% and 374.15%.

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