



## China's Bauxite Consumption Increases on Rising Alumina Production



China's bauxite consumption has increased on the back of continuous growth in alumina production. During the first eight months of 2015, a total of 92.24 million tonnes (mln t) of bauxite was used in alumina production.

Bauxite consumption hit 12.08 mln t in

August, up 15.4% year on year. Consumption of domestic bauxite has grown by 14.7% on year to 7.95 mln t and imports have risen by 16.7% on year to 4.13 mln t.

During August, the consumption of domestic bauxite increased by 300kt month on month while the consumption of imported bauxite climbed about 10kt. Xing'an Chemical Co., based in Xiaoyi City, Shanxi Province, resumed production and the second phase of Guizhou Huayin Aluminium Co's. 800kpty capacity aluminium project come online - both producers using domestic bauxite.

Alumina output for August was 4.95 mln ton, up 11.7% year on year and up 0.88% month on month, according to the latest statistical data available.

## Locals Request Vedanta to Run Lanjigarh Alumina Plant



A representation of Ambadola residents went to Lanjigarh to discuss Vedanta COO on the closure of Vedanta's Alumina refinery in absence of bauxite security. Previously People in large numbers made the demonstrations on Save Vedanta.

Showing their displeasure, locals of Ambadola on the leadership of Mr. Subash, Majhi-Zilla Parishad (Muniguda A) and Sarapanch K Majhi submitted a memorandum to Mr. K.K.Dave, COO Vedanta Limited and expressed that they would go back to the dark old days of poverty, ill- health and lack of infrastructure in case the plant closes down. All the developmental by the company would be hampered drastically.

Mr. K.K.Dave, COO Vedanta Limited said that in absence of apt bauxite security from within the state and with global aluminium market turmoil, the company is compelled to start the process of gradual closure. The unit is currently operating with a daily loss of INR 3 crores which is unviable to sustain if this scenario prolongs, he added.

After Vedanta limited announced its decision to gradually shut down its refinery plant at Lanjigarh in Kalahandi because of raw material shortage and fall in aluminium price globally, locals' agitation against the closure is gathering steam in many parts of the region. To be expected that the plant closure would have a direct and indirect impact on the lives of around 10,000 employees in the region.

## Alba Announces New Chief Marketing Officer



Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), one of the world's leading aluminium smelters, announced the official appointment of Khalid Abdul Latif as Chief Marketing Officer following the Alba Board of Directors Meeting, which was held on September 30, 2015 at Alba.

Khalid Abdul Latif will lead the Company's global marketing strategies to drive innovation across Alba's business divisions.

Speaking on the occasion, Alba's Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray said "Khalid's appointment reflects Alba's commitment to develop Bahraini nationals from within the Company into key leadership positions. He has a right mix of marketing and operational experience to stimulate our existing business and develop new markets. I am confident that Khalid will steer Alba's global marketing strategy to meet its growth targets despite the volatile market and LME conditions. I congratulate Khalid on his well-deserved appointment and wish him the very best in his new role."

Latif joined Alba as an apprentice in 1989 and worked in various operational areas including Power, Potlines and Carbon. He swiftly grew up the ranks and was made Supervisor followed by Superintendent. In 2012, he was promoted to Manager of Engineering and then made Alba's Marketing Manager for Customer Service & Market Operations. In February 2015, Latif was appointed as the Acting Chief Marketing Officer.

An MBA from the French Arabian Business School/ESSEC (Bahrain), Latif holds a Bachelors of Electrical Engineering from Gulf University in Bahrain as well as a Diploma in Mechatronics from Abertay University, Dundee, UK.