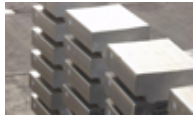




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Japanese aluminium outlook for 2009



Aluminium Survey Committee, set up by the Japan Aluminium Association, the Japan Aluminium Alloy Refiners Association and five other aluminium-related industry bodies, recently released the fiscal year 2009 (April 2008-March 2010) demand outlook for aluminium products. As the outlook is based on a fiscal year starting in April 2009 and was prepared when demand hit the bottom, it seems the rate of decline in fiscal 2009 is somewhat low compared to 2008. This can be attributed to the fact that the drop in demand in the second half of FY 2008 has been factored into the estimate. Domestic demand is expected to plunge 14.6% year-on-year in fiscal 2008 (April 2008-March 2009) to 3.579 million tons, according to the estimate in the outlook. And exports are estimated to total 213,000 t, down 14.5%. as a result, total demand is expected to be 3.792 million tons in fiscal 2008. Down 14.6% year-on-year, ..read more

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Non Ferrous Metal prices LME official of 06/05/2009		
	Cash (ASK)	3 months (ASK)
Aluminium	0	0
Aluminium alloy	0	0
Nickel	0	0
Lead	0	0
Copper	0	0
Tin	0	0
Zinc	0	0

Technical analysis: by Kauffmann & Sons



Aluminium QUOTATION (USD)

	3 MONTH		CASH		Support
	BID	ASK	BID	ASK	
Resistance	1438	1448	1403	1413	1425
					1370
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	4233650		5125		
RSI	36,54				
Short period trend			DOWN		
Medium period trend			DOWN		

ASK : the quoted market selling price.
 BID: the quoted market buying price
 CASH: the current price in the market for cash/spot contracts
 3 MONTHS: the current price in the market for a delivery delayed of 3 months
 SUPPORT: a price area where new buying is likely to come in and stem any decline
 RESISTANCE: a price area where new selling will emerge to dampen a continued rise

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The laser quenching of steel: New technology from STAV

Following its policy of continuous technological development, STAV located in Barberino del Mugello (FI) is fitting out a laser quenching system in its plant that can be considered state of the art technology in this field. Laser quenching, after the developments of recent years,

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Last July 16th in Rome, the main stakeholders of the aluminium industry organized a meeting, in collaboration with Centroal, with the present institutional interlocutors, in order to discuss about the Italian situation, which is facing a difficult moment caused by increases in raw

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