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German foundries expecting weak 2009



Following a long period of continuous growth and production records, German metal foundries are now having to cope with a severe downturn. The fourth quarter of 2008 closed with a significant decline in orders received. Orders from the automotive industry plummeted by over 60% compared with the final quarter of 2007. Demand from the mechanical engineering sector was down by almost 40%. This development has continued into the first quarter of 2009. As a result of the downturn in orders received, there has also been a marked reduction in stocks. The main concern for the foundries is to maintain their permanent staff for the duration of the crisis but according to Hans-Dieter Honsel, the president of the German foundry industry federation (BDG), not all companies will succeed. The construction of road vehicles and mechanical engineering together account for about three-quarters of German

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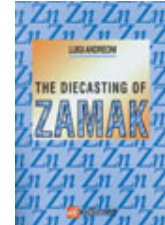
Aluminium fuel tank for BMW

It is unusual for a series-produced motorcycle to have an aluminium fuel tank. BMW has now developed an aluminium tank that weighs about 40% less than the usual steel tanks. The 17-litre capacity container, which is inconspicuous at first glance, conceals manufacturing

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Alscon begins local sale of aluminium

UC Rusal has announced the start of domestic sale of aluminium produced at its Nigerian smelter - Alscon. To date the total volume of contracts with local customers for Alscon aluminium amounts to about 1000 tonnes. Alscon's first customers are three local Nigerian companies - members of the Association of Primary Aluminium Producers (APAP). APAP members use Alscon's metal to produce value-added products like aluminium roofing sheets, aluminium extruded profiles, packaging materials for food and pharmaceutical industries, kitchenware products,

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Increase of can recycling in Europe

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Metal Prices

Non Ferrous Metal prices		
LME official of 06/26/2009		
	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	1720	1638	1611	1615	1570
	1670				1520
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	4368925		-2850		
RSI	62,64				
Short period trend			SIDE		
Medium period trend			UP		

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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Project for automotive components

There is a variety of data currently available to designers with reference to mechanical behaviour of aluminium foundry alloy fatigue. Unfortunately, however, being as said data is not organised organically, it is difficult to trace. For this reason, the need was recognised for developing

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New Developments for Achieving Environmentally Friendly Sinter Production

Environmental aspects are already decisive criteria in the design and operation of sinter plants. It is now mandatory in many urban areas and municipalities that permission for the installation of new sinter plants or for the expansion of existing facilities will only be granted

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- 2 Jul 2009
- 8 - 11 Hi Chi Minh City, MTA Vietnam 2009
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