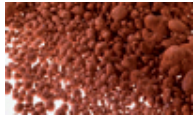




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Chinalco to restart its capacity



The Chinese aluminium producer Chinalco has restarted most of its idle capacity of alumina and primary aluminium, according to a company presentation prepared for a conference last week. As of end-October, 90% of Chinalco's total alumina capacity and 88% of its primary aluminium capacity in China was operating. Chalco's president Luo Jianchuan said in late August that the company was operating 67% of total alumina capacity and 83% of total primary aluminium capacity. It has about 11 million tonnes of annual alumina capacity and 4 million tonnes of primary aluminium capacity. Chinalco has been posting operating profits since August following cost-cutting measures and losses earlier in the year. Chinalco expects this year's investment plan to be cut by \$495.1 million. In the first ten months of the year, the firm completed investment of \$1.57 billion. In the first ten months of the year,

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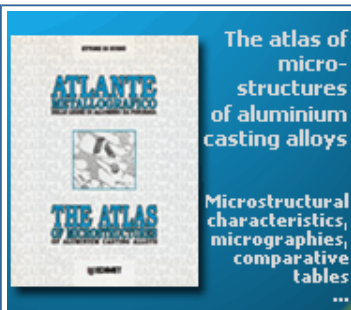
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Further to the announcement of 22 September, Rio Tinto has completed the sale of Alcan Composites, part of the Alcan Engineered Products division, to Schweiter Technologies for a total consideration of US\$349 million. Since February 2008, Rio Tinto has announced asset sales of US\$8.3 billion. In addition, Rio Tinto received a binding offer from Amcor in August 2009 for US\$2.025 billion for Alcan Packaging global pharmaceuticals, global tobacco, food Europe and food Asia divisions. During 2008, Rio Tinto completed divestments totalling US\$3.1

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	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					
2150	2040	2045	2012	2017	2000
2110					1950
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	4599475		-900		
RSI	55,18				
Short period trend			SIDE		
Medium period trend			SIDE		

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
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