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Cautious optimism for alufoil sales



Cautious optimism in an economic recovery has been expressed by the European Aluminium Foil Association (EAFA) following publication of alufoil data for the first nine months of 2009. Latest figures show a 9.2 % fall to 569,200t in members' alufoil production, compared with the first three quarters of 2008 but the figures for September 2009 compared with 2008 indicate that there are some green shoots of recovery. A quietly confident Stefan Glimm, EAFA's Executive Director, said: «There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel but there are still many uncertainties in the market. We are particularly pleased with the performance of foils used for both flexible packaging and containers such as foil trays, where the signs of recovery are most pronounced». EAFA shipments of thin foils, mainly used for flexible packaging and household foil, fell by only 3.2% to 327,500t for the first three

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Nespresso Capsule Recycling Program

At the beginning of this month, Nestlé announced in Madrid, Spain, the launch of the Nespresso Capsule Recycling Program, part of Ecolaboration, not only recycling the packaging, but also the used coffee grounds. The aluminium capsules both guarantee the quality of the

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Rusal still waits for Hong Kong approval

Hong Kong regulators are studying new reassurances from aluminium company UC Rusal before deciding if its planned \$2 billion IPO can tap retail investors or effectively be restricted to being a Russian state bailout. Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) is deciding whether to back a stock exchange decision to conditionally approve the flotation of the company, but has proposed ordinary investors be left out of it. Concern has been raised about RUSAL's \$4.5 billion loan from Russian state bank VEB, which is due to be repaid next

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Alcoa, partnership with Ma'aden

Alcoa has formed a joint venture with Ma'aden, the Saudi Arabian Mining Company, to develop a fully integrated, world-class aluminium industry in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The joint venture will become the world's preeminent and lowest-cost supplier of primary aluminium,

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Metal Prices

Non Ferrous Metal prices		
LME official of 01/08/2010		
	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					
2430	2335	2345	2302	2312	2230
2380					2100
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	4619850		-4275		
RSI	65,31				
Short period trend			UP		
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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Miniriser technology

The castings used in the engineering and automotive industries are expected to meet increasingly higher standards. State-of-the-art riser technology offers a huge potential in terms of streamlining production, cutting costs and increasing the quality of the castings.

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Recent trends in the packing industry

As the aluminium extrusion industry moves more and more towards a globalized market, PA - Pezzorgna Armando Srl, located in the province of Mantua, have noticed more and more attention being shown towards the handling and packing sector in extrusion, anodizing and powder coating

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Poor melt quality causes casting defects

Casting defects, such as oxide inclusions, gas porosity, shrinkage porosity, and macro shrinkage are often due to poor melt quality. Nine basic mistakes should be avoided during melting, otherwise defects into the finished component will be unavoidable even before the casting phase

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