

# The growing importance of recycled aluminium in a carbon constrained world

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## The Paris Agreement



"Limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels"

Already at ~1.1°C in 2020

>70% of increase after 1970

# Bridging the gap

Global annual emissions and scenarios in 2030, Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e



#### Quarantine led to a 7% decrease in 2020

• Estimated 49 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted in 2020

Emissions by scenario in 2030

- 2 Degree Scenario 41 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e
- 1.5 Degree Scenario 25 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e

In total, 16% and 49% reduction by 2030

Annually – 1.7% and 6.5% reduction CAGR



**Primary Producers** 

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**Government Policies Consumers** Hvdro **RUSAL** 30% by 2030 15% by 2025 EU Green Deal and CBAM CHALCO BMW www.chalco.com.ci 40% by 2035 **UK & EU ETS RioTinto** Mercedes Benz 30% by 2030 **US CLEAN Futures Act** 50% by 2030 Apple ESOUTH32 18476 50% by 2030 Chinese 5-year plan and emissions PRESS METAL Damm trading scheme 30% by 2030 💓 vedanta Nespresso 20% by 2025 Canadian national carbon tax HINDALCO **NESPRESSO** 25% by 2025



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#### China wants to produce more, but can not

China annualised primary aluminium production, Mt

Chalco aluminium profit before tax, \$ bn



#### China's NDRC is controlling energy consumption

#### Dual Control Target Barometer for Energy Consumption Reduction

	Production		Q1 2021			H1 2021	
	'000 t	y/y change	Intensity	Total	Change	Intensity	Total
Yunnan	3,815	68%				•	
Qinghai	2,470	10%		0	<b>A</b>	•	
Guangxi	2,278	5%				•	
Ningxia	1,209	0%		0	<b>A</b>	•	
Fujian	75	0%	0	0	<b>A</b>	•	
Xinjiang	6,004	5%	•	•	<b>A</b>	•	0
Shaanxi	907	0%	0	•			0
Sichuan	992	62%	0	•	<b>A</b>	0	0
Gansu	2,352	3%	0	•	•	0	0
Henan	1,786	5%	0	•		0	
Guizhou	1,258	-7%	0	0	•	0	
Shanxi	970	30%	0	0		0	
Liaoning	430	18%	0			0	•
Shandong	7,995	1%		•			
Inner Mongolia	6,024	8%		•			•
Chongqing	503	13%		•			
Hubei	82	6%		۲	•		

## **Closures to date of operating aluminium smelting capacity**

Yunnan 2.1 Mt/y Shaanxi 315 kt/y Inner Mongolia 300 kt/y Guangxi 220 kt/y

#### <u>At risk</u>

Qinghai, Guizhou, Ningxia, Xinjiang. Across these provinces we expect an additional ~1.5Mt/y of curtailments



Growth in consumption and exports, million tonnes

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China aluminium rolled products exports, million tonnes



#### Covid-19 surplus was a blip, but Chinese imports were not

World ex. China aluminium market balance, million tonnes

China aluminium net exports, Million tonnes



#### Aluminium prices enter the fifth chapter of the modern era

LME aluminium price, real \$2021



#### The most promising projects still led by fossil fuels

Project NPV, 2021\$ /t (y-axis), vs ungeared IRR, % (x-axis) by energy source



Projects in Asia ex. China have the best financial prospects

Majority fossil-fuel powered

This does not price in:

- Carbon taxation
- Lost value of green premiums
- Additional capex of low carbon technology
- Costs of changing energy sourcing



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#### EVs and SFA: demand declines as we see more loss of ICE

#### Aluminium demand by product form, kg per vehicle



## **Recycling in China**



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China is building recycling plants, over 7Mt/y a 66% increase in capacity

The Chinese government is encouraging the investment in recycling

Post-consumer scrap generation is poised to rise substantially

Chinese companies might over-invest and need to increase imports

Key project : Quzhou Yongchuang (200kt)

Key project: Meijia Non-ferrous Metal (100kt)

Key project: Pingguo Aluminium (600kt)

## Recycled aluminium is gaining share from primary aluminium

Recycled aluminium share of total aluminium demand





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## Key points

Emissions focus is here to stay, and producers face sustained risks

China is now a net importer of primary aluminium

Global market in deficit, won't change soon and will keep prices high

Recycled metal will take share from primary aluminium but it is not easy!



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