

Weekly News Bulletin

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<https://www.alcircle.com/news/upstream-recap-bauxite-becoming-second-largest-capsize-commodity-to-vedantas-1-lakh-crore-dream-project-make-headlines-this-week-113192>

This week has been highly eventful for the upstream aluminium industry, especially the bauxite sector, which has dominated the headlines. Key highlights include Metro Mining's record-breaking bauxite production, Ukraine's seizure of \$50 million worth of raw materials from Russian tycoon Oleg Deripaska, an increase in bauxite shipments on Capesize vessels surpassing coal, and the successful completion of Canyon's RC and diamond drilling program at the Minim Martap Bauxite Project in Cameroon.

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[Upstream recap: From Donald Trump's tariff declaration to tariff reprieve to aluminium price hike, this week sees it all](#)

All eyes have been on the primary aluminium industry ever since Donald Trump directed his administration to impose tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China. Where will the United States source its downstream aluminium raw materials, and where will Canada redirect its primary metal? Trump's tariff declaration has led to too many questions while at the same time sparked a level of controversy with the President's most recent decision to reprieve his North American neighbours.

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[Trump's tariffs may push US aluminium buyers toward Middle East, India](#)

The United States metal companies and companies that import metals for their product manufacturing are likely to turn to the Middle East and India for aluminium supplies as they seek to bypass the extensive tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump, according to industry sources.

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[Aluminium Middle East: Focus 2025 – A glimpse into the future of the region's aluminium industry](#)

The Middle East has long been a powerhouse in the global aluminium industry, with its strategic location, abundant energy resources, and advanced technological infrastructure. As the world shifts towards sustainable production and decarbonisation, the region is embracing a new era of low-carbon aluminium production, renewable energy integration, and full operational capacity utilisation.

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[Ma'aden moves closer to acquiring Alcoa's 25.1% stake in Ma'aden bauxite and aluminium company with GAC's approval](#)

Here's an update about the share purchase and subscription agreement signed between Alcoa and Ma'aden on September 15, 2024. On February 4, 2025, the General Authority of Competition (GAC) approved Ma'aden to acquire Alcoa's 25.1 per cent ownership in Ma'aden Aluminium Company (MAC) and Ma'aden Bauxite and Alumina Company (MBAC).

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[Viva redefines architectural standards with fire-resistant aluminium honeycomb panels](#)

Viva, Asia's leading manufacturer and supplier of aluminium composite panels (ACP), has unveiled its FR A1-rated Honeycomb Panels, redefining industry standards for fire safety and architectural innovation. Designed for superior performance, these panels integrate cutting-edge fire-resistant technology with aesthetic adaptability, providing a groundbreaking solution for safety-critical applications.

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[Kilkenny residents recycle over 4.5 million aluminium cans & bottles in a year through the return scheme](#)

The people of Kilkenny have recycled over 4.5 million aluminium cans and plastic bottles in just one year through the Return scheme. According to SuperValu and Centra, their stores alone have facilitated the recycling of an amount equivalent to 42 containers per person in Ireland during the first 12 months of the Deposit Return Scheme. Kilkenny is a city in County Kilkenny, Ireland. It is located in the South-East Region and in the province of Leinster.

Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/aluminium-is-base-metals-analysts-bull-pick-2025-andy-home-2025-02-04/>

Aluminium is expected to be the top performer among the London Metal Exchange (LME) base metals pack in 2025, with analysts forecasting a supply shortfall of the light metal this year. Analysts participating in the Reuters January base metals poll also see higher average cash prices for zinc, copper and tin this year relative to 2024. Nickel is the conviction bear call even after the average LME cash price fell by almost 22% last year. No-one expects anything other than continued nickel oversupply both this year and next.

