

# Weekly News Bulletin

## 25<sup>th</sup> August– 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### The Times of India

#### [Indian aluminium producers shift focus to domestic, UK markets | Bhubaneswar News - The Times of India](#)

Bhubaneswar: Indian aluminium producers have downplayed concerns over the effect of US tariff hike up to 25% on imports, with companies reorienting their exports to tariff-free destinations like the UK while simultaneously strengthening their presence in the domestic market. Nalco ruled out any adverse fallout from the tariff hike, stressing that its business strategy has already pivoted towards the UK, where aluminium exports face zero duty.

### Alcircle

#### [LME aluminium cash price slips to \\$2,614/t; opening stocks edge down to 481,150t.](#)

On August 28, aluminium prices on the London Metal Exchange softened slightly compared to the previous day. The LME aluminium cash bid price stood at USD 2,614 per tonne against USD 2,616 per tonne on August 27, marking a decline of 0.08 per cent, while the cash offer fell 0.11 per cent to USD 2,615 per tonne from USD 2,618 per tonne.

### Business Standard

#### [Hindalco to build aluminium unit in Andhra as state expands iPhone ecosystem | Company News - Business Standard](#)

Hindalco Industries plans to establish a new integrated aluminium facility in Andhra Pradesh's Kuppam, with an investment of ₹586 crore, according to a report by The Economic Times. The plant will supply aluminium for the production of Apple's iPhone chassis. Aluminium, widely used for its strength, durability, and lightweight properties, is the primary raw material in manufacturing mobile phone chassis and enclosures.

### Fastmarkets

#### [Brazil's aluminium market faces rising competition amid US tariffs](#)

Aluminium producers in other countries are increasingly viewing Brazil as an alternative market because of the growing difficulties in accessing the markets in the US because of that country's import tariffs, market participants said in the week to Thursday August 28.

### CNBC TV

#### [NALCO: Aluminium demand to grow at 1.5 times of India's growth, focusing on value-added products - CNBC TV18](#)

The National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is aiming to increase production of value-added, fused, special-grade alumina needed in India for refractory and other areas.

From the present consumption of 4.5 to 5 million tons, the PSU expects growth in Alumina consumption in India to 8 million tons by 2030. Stating that the company has no plans for disinvestment as of now, NALCO's CMD BP Singh said that the 1 million tons expansion of an Alumina refinery is to be commissioned by June 2026, and the company is planning to go for one more smelter of 5 lakh tons as well as add a power plant of 1 GW capacity by 2030.

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#### **[PMI for the aluminium processing industry reached 53.3 per cent in August, with structural recovery for Sept-Oct peak season](#)**

The PMI of various aluminium processing sectors showed significant divergence in August, with the aluminium plate/sheet and strip industry standing out notably. Its composite PMI surged 17.1 percentage points to 60.5 per cent, marking a strong return to expansion territory. Seasonal stockpiling in downstream sectors such as automotive, 3C electronics, can stock, and curtain wall panels drove M-o-M order growth for enterprises. Previously idled cast-rolling lines gradually resumed production, boosting operating rates for consecutive periods. Although the industry remained cautious about the September-October peak season and faced localised logistics constraints, overall production was not significantly impacted.

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#### **[September-October peak season in sight, aluminium prices hold up well](#)**

Futures: The most-traded SHFE aluminium 2510 contract opened at 20,760 RMB per tonne during the night session, reaching a highest price of RMB 20,780 per tonne and a lowest price of RMB 20,695 per tonne, closing at RMB 20,705 per tonne. Trading volume was 4.8 lots, and open interest was 241,000 lots. LME opened at USD 2,607.5 per tonne, with a highest price of USD 2,611 per tonne, a lowest price of USD 2,607.5 per tonne, and closed at USD 2,609 per tonne.

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#### **[Macro tailwinds and inventory accumulation clash aluminium prices move sideways awaiting consumption guidance](#)**

[Aluminum Morning Meeting Summary: Macro Tailwinds and Inventory Buildup Clash, Aluminum Prices Move Sideways Awaiting Consumption Guidance] Recently on the macro front, global trade tensions have continued to ease, and domestic industrial profits have shown ongoing recovery, especially with significant improvement in high-tech manufacturing profits, supporting expectations for aluminium semis demand; overseas interest rate cut expectations are also favourable for risk asset preferences.

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## [Global aluminium cans market set to grow rapidly - consumption expected to reach 627B units by 2030](#)

A recent market analysis indicates that the global food tins and drink cans market including aluminium is poised for steady growth, with its value expected to rise from an estimated USD 2.6 billion in 2025 to a solid USD 4.0 billion by 2035. This expansion, fuelled by a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.5 per cent, reflects the increasing consumer demand for convenient, durable, and eco-friendly packaging solutions. The report underscores how the market is evolving in response to the global push for sustainability and the growing popularity of ready-to-eat meals and beverages.

### **Business Standard**

#### [India-UK FTA to boost aluminium exports as carbon tariffs pose challenge | Economy & Policy News - Business Standard](#)

The recently signed India-United Kingdom (UK) free-trade agreement (FTA) could treble Indian aluminium export to the other signatory nation by 2030, even as the UK's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), effective January 2027, threatens to nullify these gains, according to experts and industry leaders.

### **Mining Weekly**

#### [Tariffs turn aluminium maker Rio Tinto into buyer in US market](#)

Rio Tinto, one of the world's largest aluminum producers, runs a [refinery](#) and five smelters in Canada's Quebec province, with most of the metal flowing south to the US market.

Now, with President **Donald Trump**'s tariffs, it's suddenly cheaper for Rio to buy aluminum in the US and resell it to American customers rather than move its own metal across the border.

### **Alcircle**

#### [Europe eyes retaliation over scrap leakage to US](#)

Tariff or no tariffs - the United States' renewed trade stance aluminium imports is affecting many countries and their domestic industries for sure. If the countries facing the staggering 50 per cent tariff from the US administration are suffering from poor export orders, sluggish economy, and job loss, the same countries are also suffering from the same for aluminium scrap being exempted from tariffs. How? The exemption on aluminium scrap is bleeding the countries off their resources as most of them are diverting to the US.