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Century Aluminum's Iceland smelter set to reopen 6 months ahead of schedule

US-based aluminium producer, Century Aluminum, expects to restore shuttered capacity at its Grundartangi smelter in Iceland significantly ahead of schedule, with operations now set to resume by the end of April 2026, around six months earlier than initially projected.

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Century Aluminum company statement on US Supreme Court IEEPA ruling

Century Aluminium proudly stands with President Donald J. Trump and his America First trade policies, which have been instrumental in ensuring a level playing field for American industry and workers and restoring the US industrial base. Those trade policies include the IEEPA tariffs addressed in today's Supreme Court ruling, as well as the Section 232 steel and aluminium tariffs, which were not impacted by the decision and remain in full force and effect.

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LME aluminium prices make a recovery recover with cash offers recorded at 3,053/t

From the previous close, the London Metal Exchange (LME) aluminium prices recovered with a steady increase. LME inventory side, on the other hand, recorded a steady figure, an improved figure, as well as a declining trend as earlier. On February 20, the LME cash bid increased by 0.88 per cent from USD 3,025.5 per tonne to USD 3,052 per tonne. Following the increasing graph, the cash offer price went up from USD 3,026 per tonne to USD 3,053 per tonne, marking a 0.89 per cent rise.

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Trump's 15% tariff push puts Australia-US partnership to the test

Australia is reassessing its trade position with the United States after President Donald Trump announced plans to impose a new 15 per cent tariff on all imports, a move that could directly affect Australian exporters and test the resilience of a long-standing free trade partnership. The decision follows a US Supreme Court ruling that struck down a sweeping tariff regime introduced in April last year, finding that the President had exceeded his authority in applying the so-called "reciprocal" tariffs on more than 100 countries, including Australia. While the court left intact the sector-specific 50 per cent tariffs on steel and aluminium, it overturned the across-the-board 10 per cent "liberation day" tariff.

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[Indonesia aluminium market deep dive: Dynamics and policy-driven Stability]

The Indonesian aluminium market demonstrated operational resilience during the 2026 Chinese New Year period, with smelting and refining production activities continuing unabated. This stability, confirmed by multiple industry sources, underscores the mature nature of the downstream processing sector, which remained unaffected by the regional festivities.

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[Post-holiday aluminium prices rebound, alloy enterprises still feel lingering effects of Chinese New Year]

Futures: There was no night session on the evening of February 13, 2026. On the last trading day before the holiday (February 13), the aluminium alloy 2603 contract closed at RMB 22,040 per tonne, down RMB 100 or 0.45 per cent from the previous trading day. Trading volume was 5,427 lots, and open interest was 11,955 lots. Trading volume increased slightly, but open interest decreased, indicating that some bullish funds exited the market and wait-and-see sentiment was relatively strong. The K-line ran below the D-line, and the J-line retreated from highs to around 40, showing insufficient short-term momentum and the possibility of further weakening.

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[Austrian aluminium maker AMAG receives €75 million EIB loan for cutting-edge research and development]

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is lending AMAG Austria Metall AG, Austria's leading aluminium producer, EUR 75 million for technological advances in research, development and manufacturing. AMAG will use the EIB loan to develop cutting-edge aluminium products and to promote the digitalisation and environmental sustainability of manufacturing processes at the company's plant in Upper Austria.

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[Nigeria eyes $2 billion Chinese investment for aluminium sector]

On a warm afternoon in Abuja, conversation turned to an industry many had long written off as dormant. Nigeria's steel and aluminium ambitions, often discussed, rarely realised, were back on the table as the Minister of Steel Development, Shuaibu Abubakar Audu, received a delegation from GCL Group.

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[LME aluminium sees mild price uptick with cash offer at $3,077/t amid 0.42% stock decline; Bauxite Mining, Price, Ore, Mineral, Formula, Production.]

LME aluminium prices recorded a modest increase on February 24 from the previous trading session, even as exchange inventories registered a decline. On February 24, the LME aluminium cash bid price stood at USD 3,075 per tonne, up from USD 3,068 per tonne on February 23 - a rise of 0.23 per cent. The cash offer price increased to USD 3,077 per tonne from USD 3,070 per tonne, marking a 0.23 per cent gain.

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[With 5% shipment decline, Century Aluminum's 2025 is all about weather, wires & wobbly profits; Bauxite Mining, Price, Ore, Mineral, Formula, Production.]

When Century Aluminum Company finally shut the ledger on 2025, the numbers told only one part of the story. The other half of Century Aluminum's 2025 tale has been written in transformer failures, hurricanes, inventory write-downs and energy volatility. It was a year in which aluminium prices and regional premiums lifted revenue, yet operational shocks repeatedly tugged earnings back down. The result was a financial performance that captured both the resilience and fragility of an American primary aluminium producer operating in a volatile global metals market.

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[Maan Aluminium Q3 FY26 revenue drops to ₹1.5B, capacity expansion and value-add push drive margin roadmap]

Maan Aluminium announced its Q3 FY26 results, with the numbers reflecting a tougher third quarter even as the company continues to reshape its business model. Revenue declined quarter-on-quarter from INR 1.91 billion in Q2 FY26 to INR 1.52 billion in Q3 FY26, reflecting weaker trading volumes and subdued export demand in the December quarter. On a year-on-year basis, revenue was down 6.96 per cent in Q2 and 16 per cent in Q3.

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[CBAM to lead upto €230/t additional cost for aluminium extrusion imports into Europe by 2028; Aluminium Extrusion, Profiles, Price, Scrap, Recycling, Section]

The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) has been discussed in aluminium and equivalent business entities as a compliance exercise. From 2026 onward, it has already started to become something else entirely, especially for aluminium extrusions. It is now a stratified pricing layer that compounds year after year.

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Argentina terminates AD measures on Chinese aluminium foil

The products covered include unsupported, simply rolled aluminium foil sheets with a thickness ranging from 0.006 mm to 0.2 mm and a width not exceeding 1,300 mm, the announcement said. Excluded from the scope are smooth foils with an aluminium content of at least 99.2 per cent, a thickness of less than 0.006 mm, and a width of no more than 500 mm. The decision took effect immediately upon publication of the announcement.

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Kopal Agrawal now serves as the CEO of Hindalco's aluminium downstream business

In November 2025, Hindalco Industries Limited promoted Kopal Agrawal to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its aluminium downstream business. In this role, she is responsible for driving the strategic growth, operational excellence, innovation and customer-centric expansion across domestic and international markets, spearheading the company's downstream aluminium business.

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AC makers pivot to aluminium as copper surge bites: Vir Advani

On Friday, the deputy chairman of the western region of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Vir S Advani, shared that air-conditioning and refrigeration producing companies are shifting towards aluminium. This decision aims to help reduce reliance on copper, especially when the price continues to rise due to increased demand from data centres.

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15% duty prevails post US Supreme Court ruling, as uncertainty lingers for aluminium & auto industry; Aluminium Extrusion, Profiles, Price, Scrap, Recycling, Section

The US President Donald Trump has issued a new 15 per cent global tax using Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 on February 21. It is a response to the Supreme Court's ruling on Trump's previously imposed tariffs. Vehicles and parts, already under motor vehicles tariffs, are spared from the new duties.

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[Auto manufacturers to use aluminium recycling to cut emissions and costs]

In 2026, leading automakers like **Toyota Prius, Ford Focus, BMW i3, Volvo XC60, Honda Civic, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Renault Zoe, Volkswagen Golf, Nissan Leaf, and Peugeot 208** use aluminium in the manufacturing process to ensure its recyclable status, and also to help reduce the overall weight of the cars, increasing their efficiency.

The Hindu

[NALCO launches new IA91 grade aluminium alloy ingot - The Hindu]

Hailed as a high-performance, silicon-based casting alloy engineered to deliver an optimal balance of castability, mechanical strength, and corrosion resistance, the IA91 was formally launched by Anil Kumar Singh, Director (Commercial) in the presence of senior officials at NALCO's Kolkata Stockyard.