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Money Control

[Is aluminium the new gold for India's MSMEs? Industry scrambles for alternate sources after Middle East ban]

Aluminium scrap importers are scrambling to diversify sourcing after Middle Eastern countries imposed a ban on aluminium scrap exports, which came into effect from June 10, disrupting supplies from one of the country's largest sourcing regions. Importers are now increasingly looking to source scrap from South and Central American countries such as Brazil and the Dominican Republic, as well as Southeast Asian hubs including Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia, industry said.

Business Wire

[Vedanta Aluminium Reports Record Q1 FY27 Performance; Profit Surges 205%, EBITDA More Than Doubles]

MUMBAI, India--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Vedanta Aluminium Metal Limited (NSE: VAML, BSE: 544780), one of the world's leading aluminium producers, today announced record financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, marking a strong debut as an independent listed company following its demerger. The Board of Directors approved the company's first interim dividend of **INR 8 per equity share**, taking the cumulative dividend payout for the quarter to **over INR 3,000 crore**, an uncommon milestone for a newly listed or recently demerged company.

CNBC TV18

[NALCO Q1 net profit nearly doubles on higher aluminium prices, production and sales - CNBC TV18]

State-run **National Aluminium Company Ltd** (NALCO) on Friday (July 31) reported a 90.87% year-on-year increase in net profit to ₹2,003.14 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026, compared with ₹1,049.48 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year.

Revenue from operations rose 39.28% year-on-year to ₹5,302.38 crore from ₹3,806.94 crore. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, revenue increased 5.78%.

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[66% and counting: China leads aluminium extrusions as India's demand nears 858,000 tonnes]

The centre of gravity of the global aluminium extrusion market is increasingly difficult to locate anywhere but Asia. China already sits at a scale that no other extrusion-producing country approaches. AL Circle's *The World of Aluminium Extrusions – Industry Forecast to 2030* estimated China's aluminium extrusion usage at 20.94 million tonnes in 2023, against global consumption of approximately 31.5 million tonnes. That means, roughly two out of every three tonnes of aluminium extrusions consumed worldwide were used in China. The same study estimated that Chinese extruders had more than 30 million tonnes of annual capacity, while China's extrusion demand could approach 27.5 million tonnes by 2030.

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LME aluminium stocks hit the lowest level this century amid Middle East supply constraints

Aluminium stocks on the London Metal Exchange (LME) have slumped to their lowest level this century as supply constraints stemming from the conflict in the Middle East continue to force consumers to draw down exchange inventories to secure physical metal. While the market is still forecasting aluminium surpluses in the coming years, the relentless decline in warehouse stocks points to tightening physical availability, underscoring the growing impact of geopolitical disruptions on the global aluminium supply chain.