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VALCO expands beyond primary aluminium with new rolling mill, a step to address Ghana’s import gap

Volta Aluminium Company Limited (VALCO) plans to move further into Ghana’s aluminium value chain with a new continuous casting and rolling mill that will produce aluminium rods for electrical cable manufacturers. The company has already supplied test samples to Nexans Kablemetal and Reroy Cables, with both manufacturers giving positive feedback. VALCO Finance Director, Sepenu Agbetsise, stated, “Hitherto, these companies would have had to import the rod and process it into the various cables that power our homes. Now, VALCO is in a position to supply those directly.”

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US-Canada Aluminium Trade Talks Fail: 50% Tariff Stays, US Relies on Canadian Imports - News and Statistics - IndexBox

President Donald Trump's comments came after U.S.-Canada trade negotiations broke down. The two nations had been close to an arrangement that would have lowered the tariff on Canadian aluminium from 50% to 25%. The United States does not generate enough aluminium to satisfy domestic consumption and depends on Canada for a significant portion of its supply. Establishing new production capacity will require several years. In the meantime, American manufacturers will keep depending on Canadian aluminium and absorbing the tariff.

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AL Circle analysis: From cans and NEVs to extrusion, shifting end-use demand reshapes aluminium’s growth story

The aluminium industry is entering the second half of 2026 with demand signals moving in different directions. Beverage cans are finding new consumption opportunities in Brazil, extrusion demand remains resilient in key markets, and aluminium producers are benefiting from firmer prices. At the same time, tariffs and trade-policy uncertainty are adding cost pressure, while automakers and packaging companies are placing greater emphasis on aluminium’s role in lower-carbon products.

Fxstreet

US Aluminium market will remain tight despite latest tariff changes

The Trump administration amended its Section 232 aluminium tariffs to encourage investment in domestic smelting. Companies that build, expand or refurbish US smelting capacity can apply to import qualifying volumes at a 25% tariff instead of the standard 50% rate, provided they meet approved investment milestones. The shift reflects the limited success of tariffs alone in reviving US primary aluminium production.

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Canada imposes 50% tariffs on US aluminium and steel, with a $5.4b domestic support package as trade tensions escalate

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has announced new retaliatory tariffs on US goods after trade talks between the two countries collapsed, with US aluminium and steel products facing tariffs of 50 per cent. Canada said the measures would match the latest US tariffs dollar-for-dollar and also announced a CAD 7.5 billion (USD 5.4 billion) support package for businesses affected by the trade dispute. The move marks a change in Carney's approach towards the US. A year ago, Canada had removed many of its retaliatory tariffs on US goods in an effort to improve relations and bring both sides back to the negotiating table. Carney had also made other concessions, particularly on digital policies, while trying to reach a trade agreement.

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Aluminium Price Signals vs Demand Signals: A Seller's Guide

Aluminium sellers watch prices closely. LME aluminium prices move. Regional premiums change. Scrap costs rise and fall. Freight rates shift. Each move can affect the price a seller is willing to offer.
But aluminium price signals answers only one part of the question. It can tell a seller what aluminium may be worth in the market. It does not tell them who wants to buy aluminium right now, what they need, how much they need or where they need it delivered. For aluminium producers, traders, recyclers and distributors, both signals matter.

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Aluminium billet inventory drops to 139,500 tonnes, warehouse withdrawals recover, processing fees under pressure across the board | AL Circle | AL Circle News

Aluminium billet inventory fell to 139,500 tonnes, warehouse withdrawals recovered and processing fees were broadly under pressure. According to SMM statistics, China's aluminium billet inventory in major consumption areas recorded 139,500 tonnes on August 27, down 5,000 tonnes from last Monday and down 3,500 tonnes from last Thursday, ending the previous continuous inventory buildup trend and turning to a slight decline during the week.

The Economic Times

Reliance explores aluminium entry as Adani lines up $11.5 billion bet: Report - The Economic Times

Reliance Industries is reportedly considering a foray into aluminium production. This potential venture could harmoniously align its upcoming coal gasification initiatives with metal manufacturing processes. The company has already acquired tender documents for a substantial bauxite block in Odisha. Meanwhile, it is progressing on a coal gasification project in Andhra Pradesh, paving the way for a cohesive link between these operations.

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Aluminium ingot continuous destocking provides a floor; Strait of Hormuz situation disturbs aluminium market sentiment | AL Circle | AL Circle News

Futures: The most-traded SHFE aluminium 2610 contract closed at RMB 23,830 per tonne, down RMB 40 from the previous settlement, a decline of 0.17 per cent. It opened at RMB 23,760 per tonne and fluctuated within the range of RMB 23,710–23,870 per tonne during the session. Prices traded above MA5 (23,764.00), MA10 (23,796.50), MA30 (23,669.17), and MA60 (23,590.50).

The Economic Times

The US needs more aluminium and it needs it now - The Economic Times

The United States urgently requires more aluminium for its defense sector. Domestic production faces significant challenges and long lead times for new facilities. High-purity aluminium imports are particularly vulnerable after a recent attack on a key supplier. Tariffs have had a modest impact, and the domestic supply gap remains large. Canada offers a potential short-term solution for military aluminium needs.

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From aluminium to semiconductors, Piyush Goyal pitches India to Japanese industry | AL Circle | AL Circle News

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has met senior executives from Japanese companies in Osaka, pitching India as an investment and manufacturing partner across semiconductors, electronics, aluminium, paints and coatings, and sports goods. The meetings formed part of Goyal's four-day Japan visit, where he led India's largest-ever business delegation to the country. The trip focused on encouraging Japanese companies to expand manufacturing, technology partnerships and supply-chain investments in India.