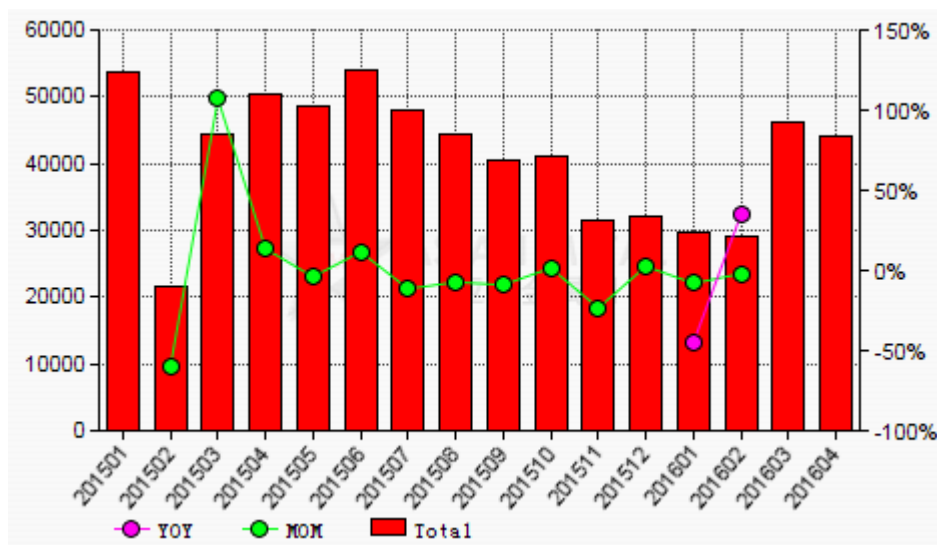


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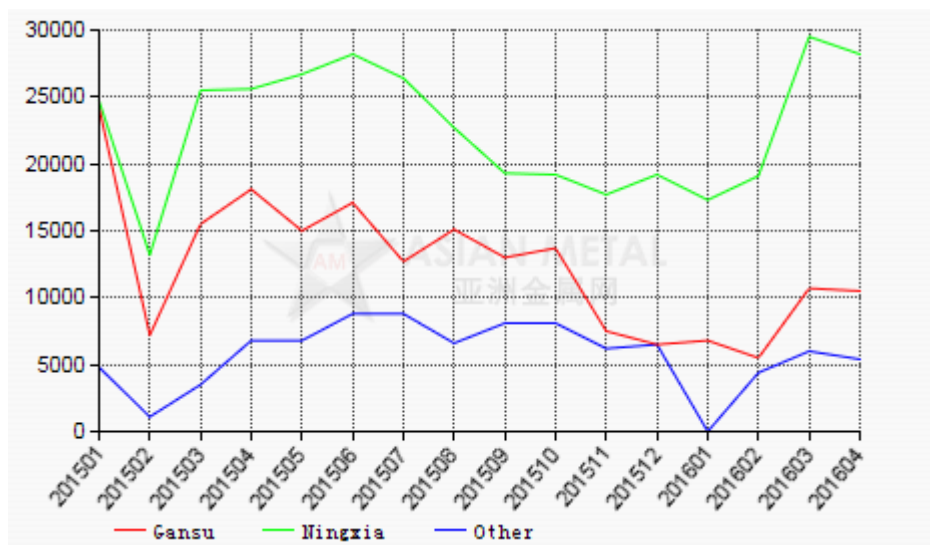
BEIJING (Asian Metal) 21 Apr 16 - According to Asian Metal's statistics, black silicon carbide outputs from the sample of 34 Chinese smelters will move down by 4.5% month-on-month to about 44,100t in April, down by 12.7% year-on-year.



China's black silicon carbide output statistics by month

The statistics showed that the average capacity utilization for black silicon carbide at the 34 smelters is 47.9% in April, down from 53.9% in March. Chinese black silicon carbide export market is slow in April, and some factories decrease operating rates. Many large-scaled factories still produce normally in April, but some small and medium-scaled factories remain out of production.

According to Asian Metal's statistics, most of black silicon carbide factories in Gansu are out of production, and the inventories from Gansu are 2,500t in late April, which remains at a low level. However, the factories in Ningxia decrease production in April, and black silicon carbide inventories continue to decrease. China's black silicon carbide inventory stands at 17,100t by the end of April, down from 18,600t at the same time in March.



China's black silicon carbide producers' output statistics by province by month

Asian Metal believes the operating rates of Chinese black silicon carbide factories will be stable in May, and the output will be about 44,000-45,000t.