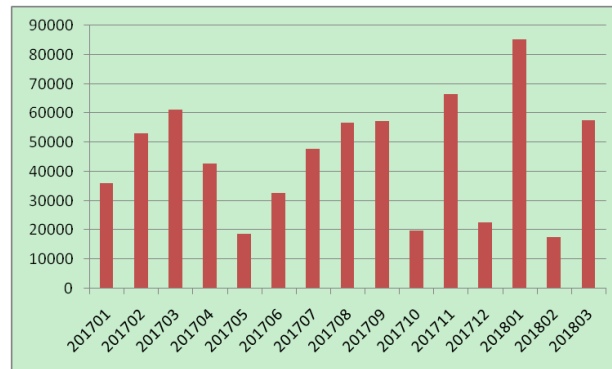


### China's imports of zirconium ores up sharply by about 215.02% MOM in March 2018

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 15 May 18 - According to the statistics from China customs, China imported 57,517t of zirconium ores in March 2018, up sharply by about 215.02% MOM but down by about 6.00% YOY.



Graph 1 China's zirconium ores imports from March 2017 to March 2018 (Unit: ton)

In March 2018, Australia, Mozambique, the U.S., Madagascar and Nigeria were the top five exporters with the volumes standing at 20,808t, 19,604t, 6,238t, 2,975t and 2,060t respectively.

Rank	Source	Import volume (kg)
1	Australia	20808098
2	Mozambique	19603940
3	U.S.	6238146
4	Madagascar	2975000
5	Nigeria	2059860
6	South Africa	1802480
7	Pakistan	1426000
8	Senegal	1061893
9	Sri Lanka	550000
10	Vietnam	378000

Table 1 Top ten exporters of China's zirconium ores in March 2018

In March 2018, the top five import enterprises of China's zirconium ores were Hainan Wensheng New Materials Science and Technology Co., Ltd., C&D Logistics Group, Qingyuan Jinsheng Titanium and Zirconium Co., Ltd., Matrix Guangzhou Chemicals Corp. and Fujian Yuanao Trading Co., Ltd. with the volumes of 14,400t, 12,904t, 11,682t and 9,455t and 1,257t respectively.

Rank	Company	Quantity (kg)
1	Hainan Wensheng New Materials Science and Technology Co., Ltd.	14400000
2	C&D Logistics Group	12903915
3	Qingyuan Jinsheng Titanium and Zirconium Co., Ltd.	11682000
4	Matrix Guangzhou Chemicals Corp.	9455446
5	Fujian Yuanao Trading Co., Ltd.	1257000
6	Xiamen Haixia Investment Co., Ltd.	1073797
7	Sanxiang Advanced Materials Co., Ltd.	1000000
8	Wanning Ruifeng Mine Co., Ltd.	953700
9	Guangdong Tigerhead Battery Group	750000
10	Maogang Dianbai Great Wall Mineral Co., Ltd.	550000

Table 2 Top ten importers of China's zirconium ores in March 2018