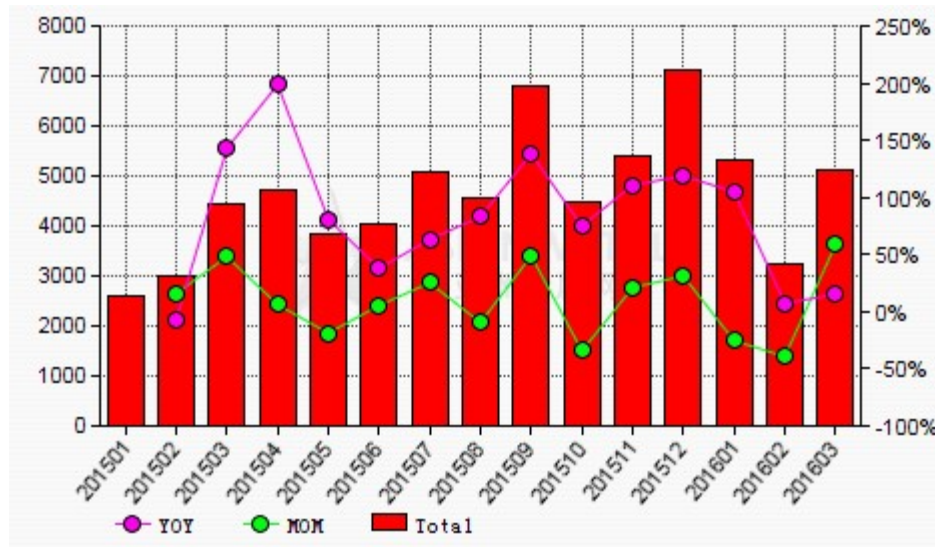


Chinese bauxite imports from Guinea up by 189% MOM in March

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 25 Apr 16 - According to China Customs, China imported around 0.94 million tonnes of bauxite from Guinea in March, 2016, up by 189% MOM. In March, China imported around 5.1 million tonnes of bauxite in total, up by 58.6% MOM. In Q1, Chinese bauxite imports climbed up by 36.43%YOY to around 13.6 million tonnes.

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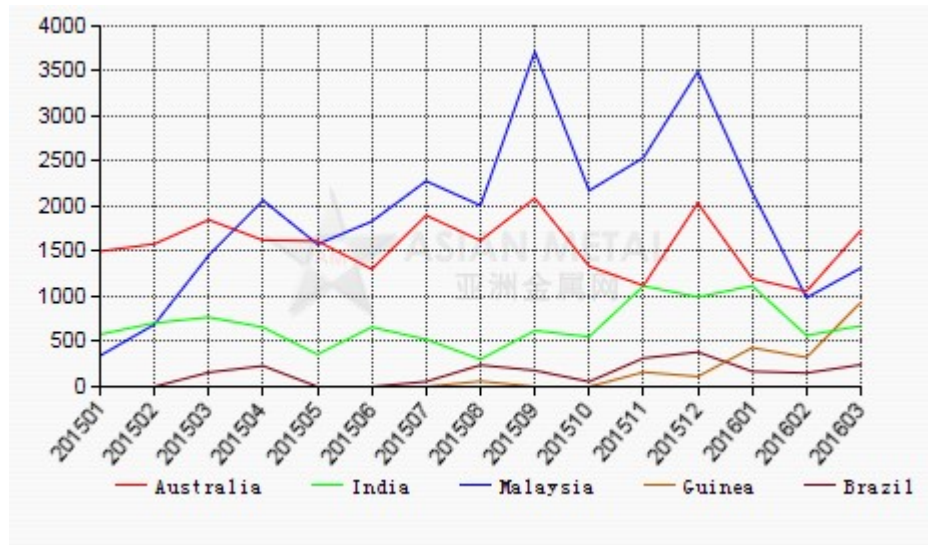


Chinese bauxite imports by month

Over the previous month, the bauxite imports from most countries increased, among which, the volume from Australia, Malaysia, India and Brazil rose by 64%, 33.4%, 118.7% and 60.4% MOM to around 1.7 million tonnes, 1.3 million tonnes, 0.67 million tonnes, and 0.24 million tonnes respectively.

Australia remained the largest bauxite supplier to China, followed by Malaysia. Guinea became the third largest supplier in March. Winning Group's monthly bauxite shipment capacity has reached around 1 million tonnes in Guinea, who will become a stable supplier in the future. China imported around 4.46 million tonnes of bauxite from Malaysia in Q1, but the volume in Q2 may drop significantly as bauxite mining ban will last until July.

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Chinese bauxite imports from major countries

Chinese alumina price has been keeping in an upward trend in recent two months, and some alumina refineries resumed production gradually. Therefore, the demand for imported bauxite will increase in April. Given low freight cost, the imports from Guinea, Brazil and Ghana will increase in Q2.

Chinese bauxite imports in March (ton)

	March	YOY%	USD/t	Q1	YOY%
	5,109,253	16.08	47.54	13,633,784	36.43
Australia	1,734,359	-6.3	44.28	3,990,217	-19.16
Malaysia	1,316,284	-7.95	40.65	4,462,911	81.97
Guinea	937,061	-	50.31	1,692,946	-
India	674,540	-11.42	56.48	2,360,915	15.62
Brazil	242,911	53.57	61.29	563,692	256.37
Dominican Republic	142,762	-	58.01	284,368	-
Ghana	61,335	-41.24	68.5	224,889	3.18