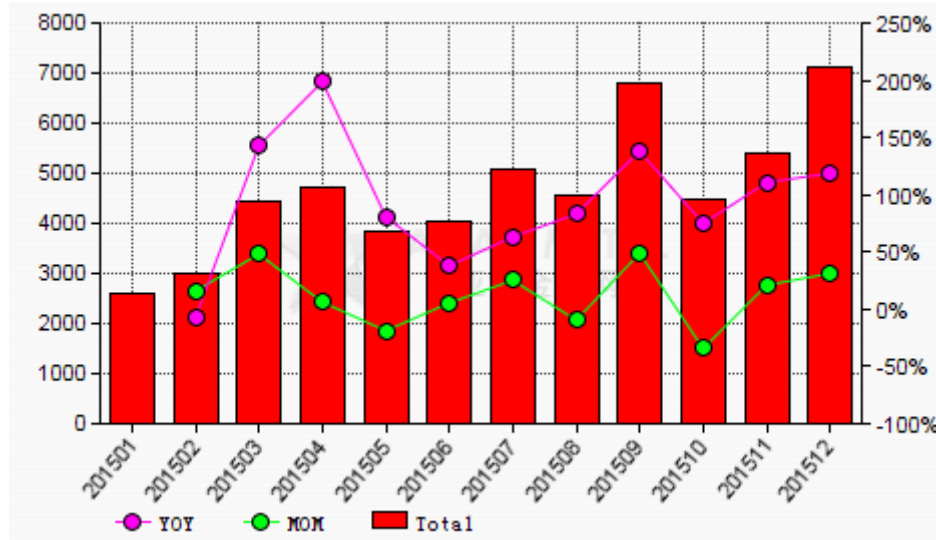


Chinese bauxite imports in 2015 up by 53.94% YOY

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 27 Jan 16 - According to China Customs, China imported around 55.8 million tonnes of bauxite in 2015, up by 53.94% YOY. In December 2015, the import volumes climbed up by 31.2% MOM to around 7.11 million tonnes.

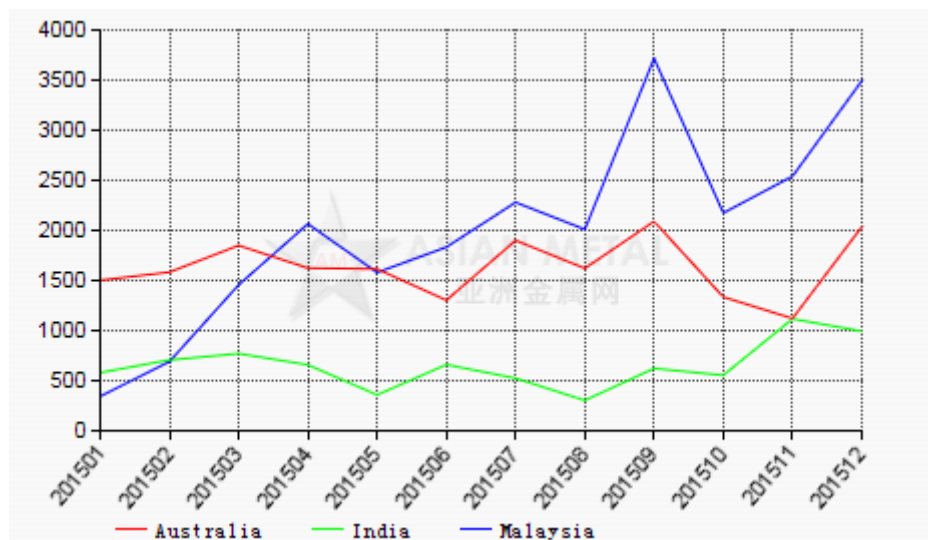


Chinese bauxite import volumes in 2015 (kt)

The above graph shows that China's bauxite import in Q4, 2015 kept climbing up. For fear of heavy rain in rainy season of Malaysia, Chinese importers replenished plenty of stocks before January 2016.

In December of 2015, China imported around 3.5 million tonnes of bauxite from Malaysia, up by 37.5% MOM. The total volumes from Malaysia in 2015 reached around 24 million tonnes, up by 637.5% YOY, accounting for 43% of Chinese total imports over the past year.

In December of 2015, China imported around 2 million tonnes of bauxite from Australia, up by 81.5% MOM. Australia exported around 19.6 million tonnes of bauxite to China totally in 2015, up by 25.1% YOY. Competition in the Australian bauxite export market became fierce, as more suppliers appeared. In 2016, the competition will become fiercer. In January 2016, some deals for Australian bauxite Al 50% Si 8% were concluded at around USD40/t CIF China, down by USD10-13/t.



Chinese bauxite import from major countries in 2015 (kt)

The third major bauxite exporter to China in 2015 was India, who supplied around 7.8 million tonnes of bauxite, up by 52.13% YOY. Following the Australian bauxite price decline, Indian bauxite prices may slump further. The price for Indian bauxite Al 43% Si 8% is around USD51-52/t CIF China in January.

Besides, Chinese bauxite import from Brazil and Guinea also moved up by 155.57% and 80.46% YOY respectively to around 1.62 million tonnes and 0.33 million tonnes in 2015,

Chinese bauxite imports in 2015 (Ton)

	Dec	YOY%	USD/t	Jan-Dec	YOY
	7,106,739	119.17	49.77	55,823,230	53.94
Origins					
Malaysia	3,493,027	421.97	44.05	23,989,096	637.53
Australia	2,034,801	8.84	49.52	19,581,170	25.1
India	994,284	62.42	58.24	7,794,678	52.13
Brazil	383,269	-	71.14	1,618,614	155.57
Guinea	113,076	-	64.6	333,642	80.46
Ghana	45,459	-49.89	84.36	742,374	-11.32
Solomon	39,811	-	67.35	26,746,423,838,00	1.87
Vietnam	2,992	224.37	31.27	28,751	219.82
Guyana	20	-	551.65	37,713	17.47
Fiji	-	-	-	172,336	-54.11
Madagascar	-	-	-	2	-
Turkey	-	-	-	24	-97.1
Dominica	-	-	-	1,142,028	-28.33
Montenegro	-	-	-	115,338	-