

Aluminium industry – Summary for week ending 25th March 2019

Key news this week

- Ukraine targets Russia's En+ with new sanctions**

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko signed a decree broadening sanctions against Russian companies and citizens to include aluminium producer En+ Group and several other Russian firms. The sanctions were imposed in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its support for a pro-Moscow insurgency the east of Ukraine

Source: Reuters

- China Hongqiao's profit flat as alumina sales offset an aluminium slump**

China Hongqiao announced that doubling of alumina sales helped offset lower aluminium production and prices, leaving its net profit steady in the H2'18. Its FY '18 revenues were down by 7.9% YoY to ~CNY90.2bn (\$13.43bn) due to lower output and sales volumes of aluminium alloy products as the company closed some production lines. FY'18 net income increased 5.4% YoY to ~CNY5.4bn (\$806.0mm)

Source: Reuters

- Pure Alumina to acquire high-purity alumina producer for C\$25.8mm (\$19.2mm)**

Pure Alumina signed a binding agreement to acquire Toronto-based alumina producer Polar Sapphire. The company will pay C\$25.8mm (\$19.2mm) in shares and cash to private equity interests for the acquisition. It is looking to raise A\$30.0mm (\$21.3mm) through a combination of debt and equity to fund the acquisition and start construction and commissioning of the first 1,000 tpa of production capacity. The transaction is expected to close in Q3'19

Source: SNL

- Norsk Hydro becomes a victim of a cyber-attack**

Norsk Hydro was subject to an extensive cyber-attack on 19th March that impacted its operations in a few business segments. While other segments are operating at normal capacity, extruded solutions segment is operating at ~50% of normal capacity. Progress has been made towards a resolution, however, the timeline towards normal operations cannot be defined

Source: Company filings

Key upcoming events

- 26th March 2019: Rio Tinto – Company presentation
- 28th March 2019: Vale – Earnings Call
- 28th March 2019: Aluminum Corporation of China – Earnings release
- 30th March 2019: Aluminium Bahrain – Board Meeting

Aluminium price performance

Aluminium price (US\$/t)	2,028.0
1 week change	0.1%
1 month change	0.6%
3 months' change	2.9%
6 months' change	(4.3%)
1 year change	(4.7%)

Comparable equities performance

Name	Mkt. cap. (US\$m)	1 week change	YTD change
Company	xxx	2.4%	6.6%
Company	xxx	1.9%	13.4%
Company	xxx	1.9%	6.9%
Company	xxx	3.3%	23.8%
Company	xxx	(1.4%)	11.0%
Company	xxx	(0.7%)	(11.0%)
Company	xxx	2.0%	40.5%
Company	xxx	4.9%	(6.3%)
Company	xxx	1.2%	13.5%
Company	xxx	1.0%	5.8%
Company	xxx	(1.6%)	(17.1%)
Company	xxx	0.9%	(28.7%)
Company	xxx	(0.9%)	(17.4%)
Company	xxx	(2.0%)	13.5%
Company	xxx	0.0%	-
Company	xxx	0.0%	9.1%