The Overview of China’s Aluminium Industry

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This paper describes the overview of China’s aluminium industry. Since 2000, China’s aluminum industry has been expanding rapidly and this trend is still going on in the next three to five years and later will slow down. Building and construction, transportation and durable goods are the main fields of consumption. With the acceleration of China’s urbanization and the change of consumption pattern, China’s aluminum consumption will remain high growth rate in the next five to ten years, but averagely lower than that in the past decade. Although China has become the biggest country in aluminum output and consumption, it still needs to strengthen the ability in downstream production.

The expansion of China’s aluminum industry puts forward a new challenge to the resources and the energy. The situation of domestic bauxite is not optimistic and the political risk of Indonesia export ban is still existing. But in the long term, the exploitation overseas and alternate resources like coal ash will meet the demand. Chinese new government has focused on the “capacity cut” and this will help restraining the rapid expansion of the aluminum industry, and thus improving the supply-demand balance. This encourages the exploitation of bauxite and building of aluminum smelting plants overseas. The “integrated coal-power-aluminum” mode is promoted. Mergers and acquisitions from aluminum enterprises in different regions are also promoted. Overall there are optimistic views of China’s and global aluminum industry.

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