



# Raw materials: Unlikely return of the 2003-2013 supercycle

Understanding the macroeconomic context and impact on raw materials



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### **Context and scope**



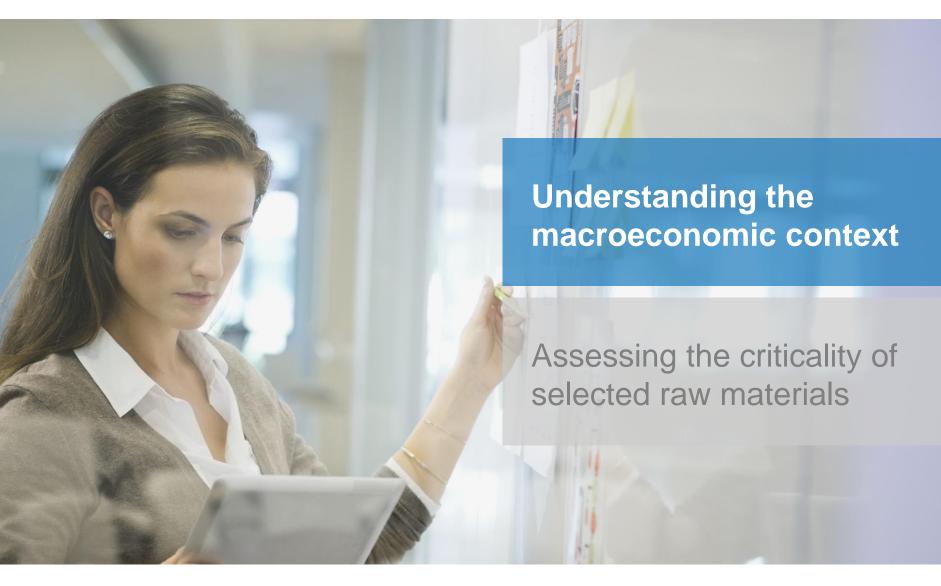
### Summary of WMF 2015

- Increasing pressure on the materials industry to meet the expected booming global demand
  - Need to cope with middle class growth, urbanization,
     connection to the internet and general push for green behaviors
  - Need to produce more quantities at lower cost and with less damage to the environment
  - Need to anticipate future balance of supply and demand
- Need to design a new path to seize the resulting business opportunity
  - Improved processes to extract and transform resources
  - Increased efficiency of circular economy
  - Alternative materials to substitute or complement existing offering
- New management approaches necessary to succeed
  - Integrated approach combining materials composition and sourcing, part design and manufacturing processes
  - Partnership among different actors, competitors and customers to leverage new skills
  - Innovation on governance of public / private schemes at an international level





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### Overview of future macroeconomic context



A supercycle like the one seen in the 2003-2013 period is not expected to return in the foreseeable future, the Chinese development profile was unique, and it coincided with significant deterioration of geological conditions

Physical availability of supply is not likely to be an issue, but practical availability may be impeded by cost, exploration, accessibility, environmental or geopolitical limitations

Price corrections are expected to occur, at least for select materials, due to temporary or perceived imbalances in supply and demand



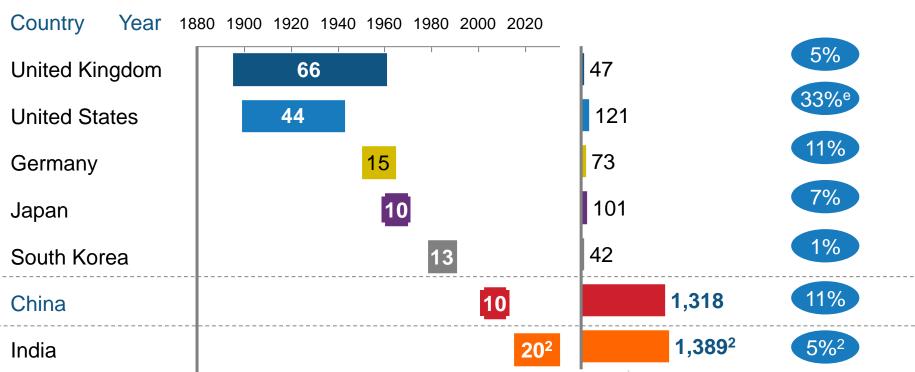


### China's past growth was exceptionally fast – especially when put in a historical context

Time to replicate China's per capita GDP¹
growth between 2002 and 2011
GDP per capita PPP Int. \$, Years

Country Year 1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000 2020

Population in the middle of growth period Million End of period share of global GDP USD Real, %



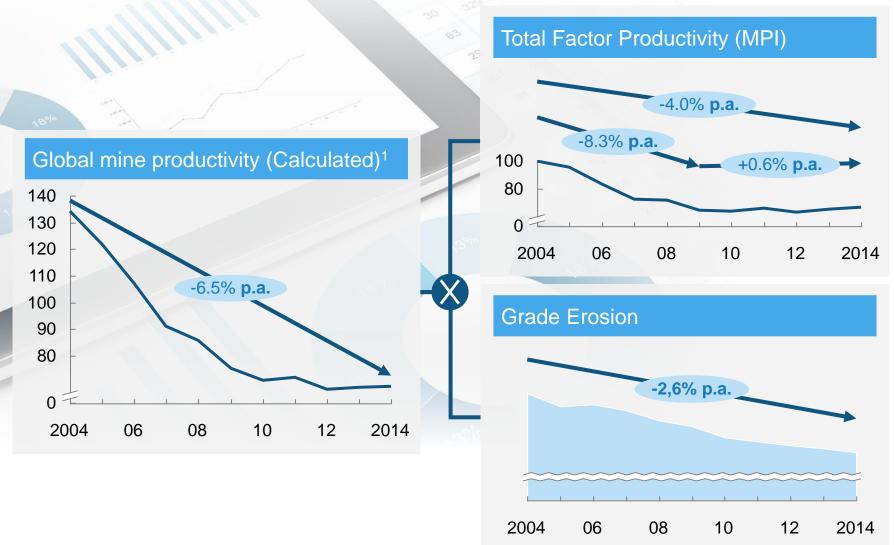
<sup>1</sup> Historical time required to replicate Chinese per capita GDP (in PPP terms, International Dollars) growth between 2002 (\$ 4 100) and 2011 (\$ 8 700)

<sup>2</sup> India is yet to surpass the Chinese 2011 level, expected to surpass the \$ 8 700 per capita level in 2030, midpoint = 2022





# An unprecedented fall in grade was seen across the mining spectrum, and coupled with China's boom, this led to sharp productivity declines









1 NO RETURN OF THE SUPERCYCLE

## Exploration spending has reduced in the last few years, potentially reducing discoveries in the future

### Exploration estimates for global mining USD Bn



- Across all major regions, world-class discoveries cost over 1 billion USD
- Global discoveries over the most recent 15 year period covered only two thirds of reserve replacement needs, this shortfall is expected to increase





# Boom time investments have led to current overcapacities in many materials, like steel or aluminium, particularly in China

ILLUSTRATIVE

Expected capacity utilisation vs. expected demand to 2020 for select commodities

Low Expected surplus capacity by 2020 Copper **Bauxite** Zinc **Borates** Lithium Aluminium **Steel** Titanium Seaborne iron ore High Nickel High Low **Expected demand growth** 



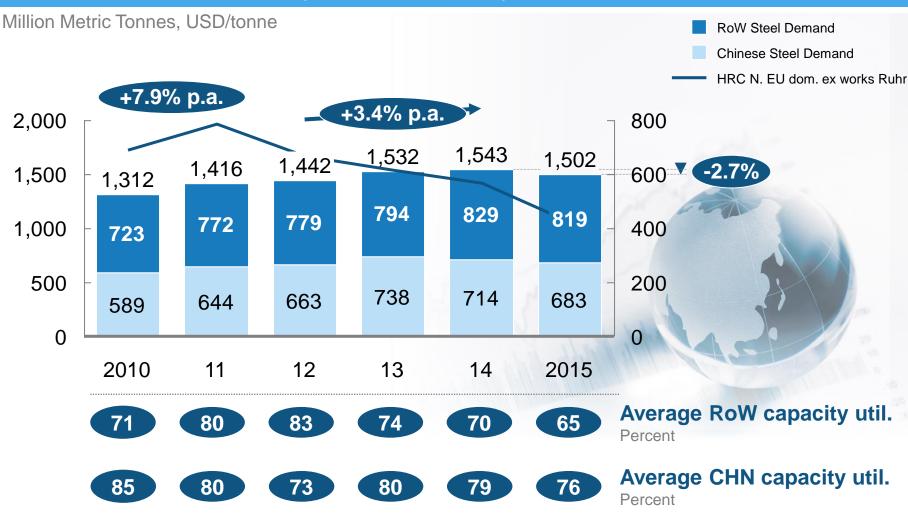


By 2020

### STEEL EXAMPLE

## The collapse of steel prices was driven by increasing oversupply that will dampen future price growth

### Global steel demand in 2015 experienced its first drop since 2009







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# Global commodity markets suffered a bearish year in 2015. The main causes were the stronger dollar, falling oil prices and growing oversupply

### Comparison of price drivers



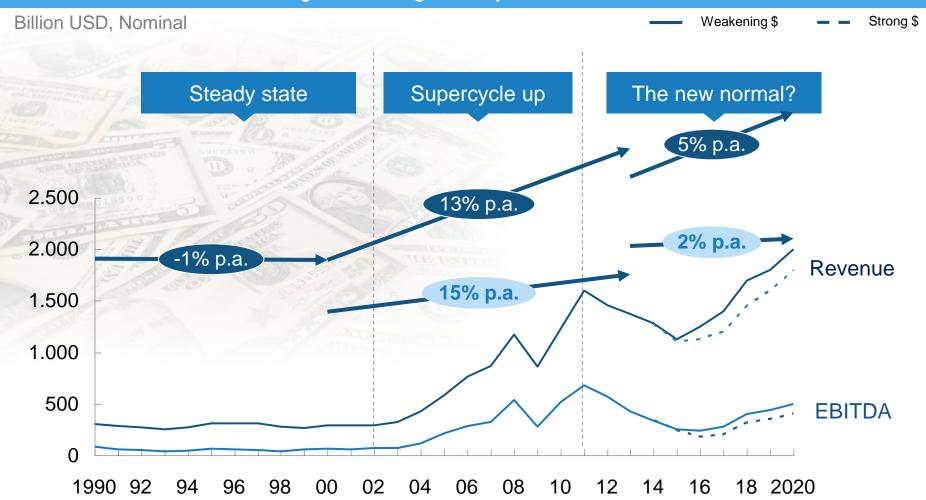
1 Includes copper, aluminium, iron ore, tin, nickel, zinc, lead, and uranium price indices





# At current price and demand levels, multiple commodities are seeing shrinking margins. Slow future growth is expected

### Revenues and EBITDA of the global mining industry

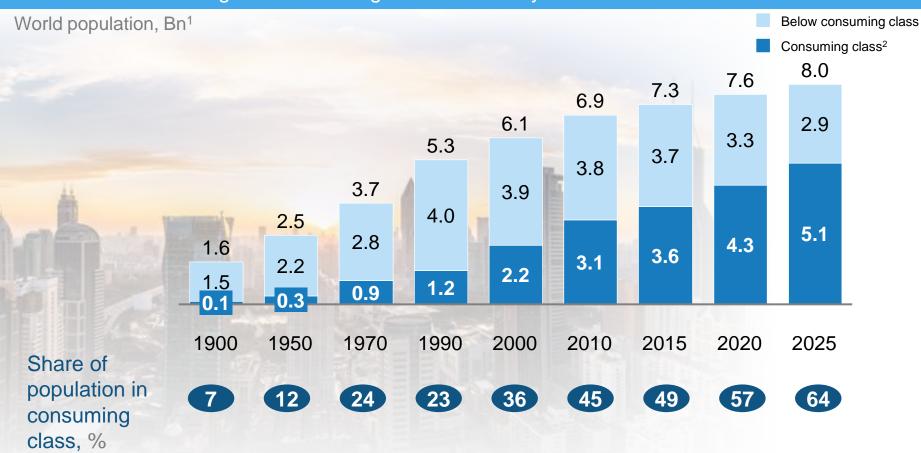




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### A growing middle class will continue to sustain demand for commodities in the future





<sup>1</sup> Historical values for 1820 through 1990 estimated by Homi Kharas; 2010 - 2025 estimates by McKinsey Global Institute

<sup>2</sup> Defined as people with daily disposable income above \$10 at PPP. Population below consuming class defined as individuals with disposable income below \$10 at PPP..





# Beyond demographics, future resource requirements will be strongly influenced by a number of global key trends

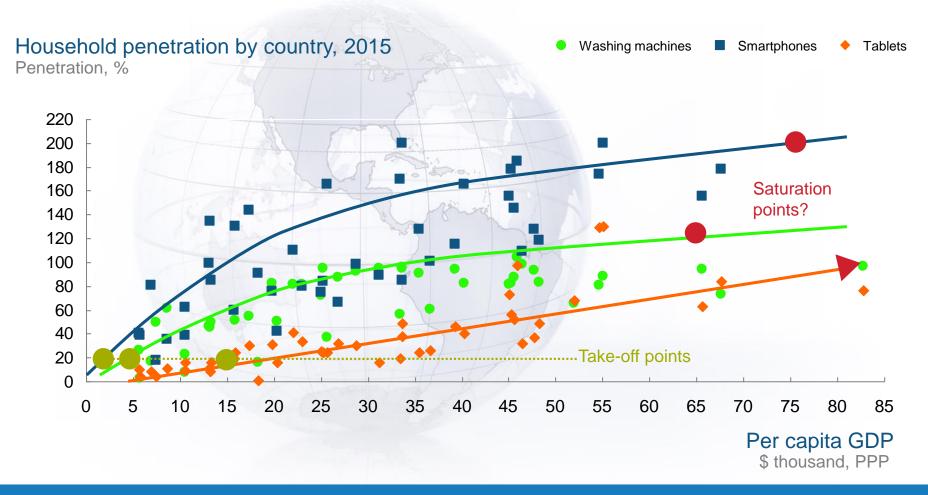








## The shape of the adoption curve of different products varies across types and countries, leading to very different market growth patterns



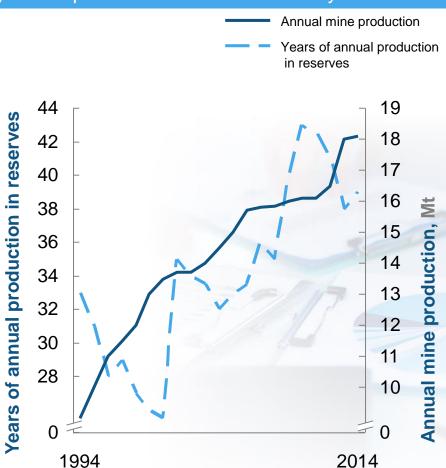
End product, and subsequently material demand will be dependent on penetration into countries with different cultural values and geographies. "Technology" materials will outgrow "basic" materials



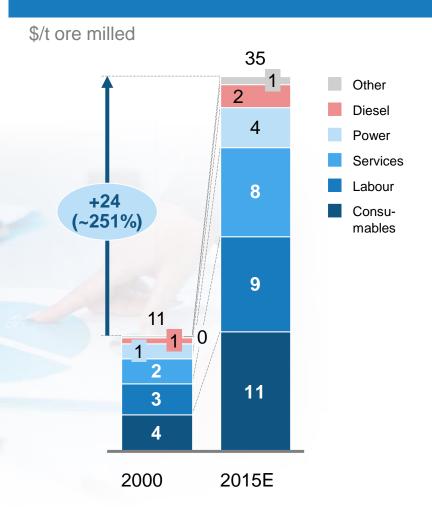
### There is no supply squeeze, but a squeeze on accessible low cost supply

COPPER EXAMPLE

Mine production continues to increase, while years of production left shows volatility



#### 2000 to 2015 minesite cost increase1



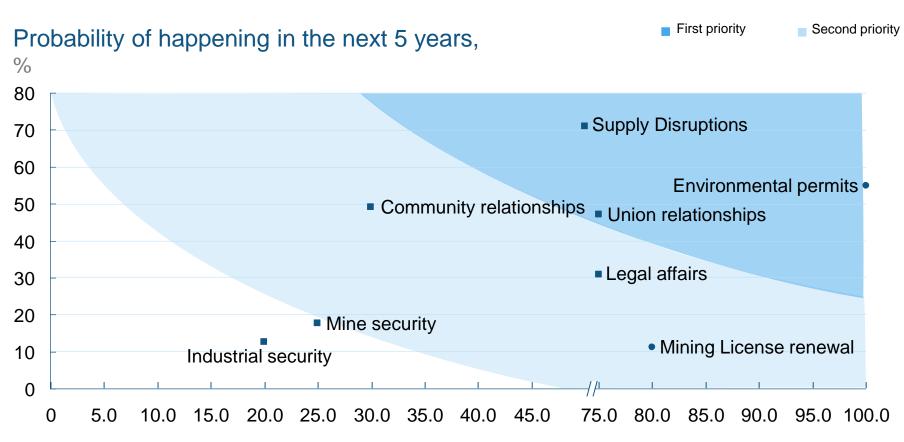
1 Weighted average across 369 minesites and 46 countries





# Large scale mining disasters worldwide are bringing environment concerns to the forefront of government and local agendas

SINGLE MINE EXAMPLE



Maximum loss probable % of mine volumes

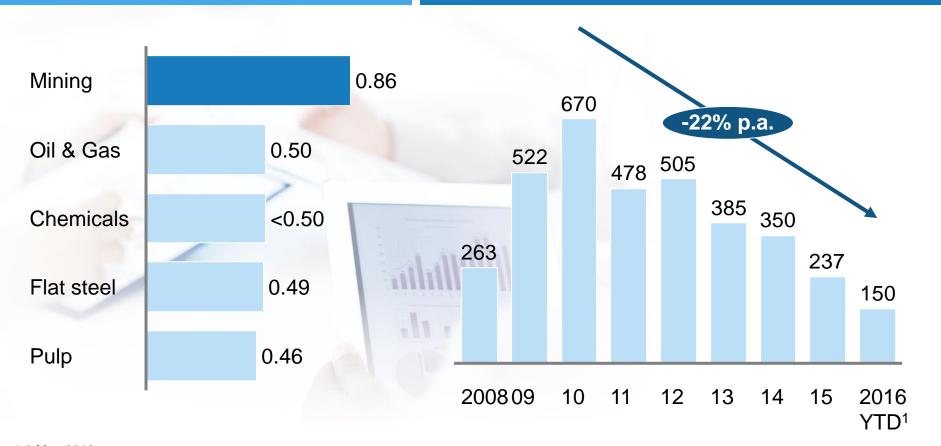




# Capital will continue to remain constrained, given the lower risk appetites of investors and lenders and weaker balance sheets

Relationship between current commodity prices and market cap R<sup>2</sup>, 2000-2013

Bloomberg Mining Index Index, 2002 = 100









# Margins are expected to slightly improve for most commodities by 2020

**Price regime** 

2015 Based on average price

2020 Based on Value Pool Model

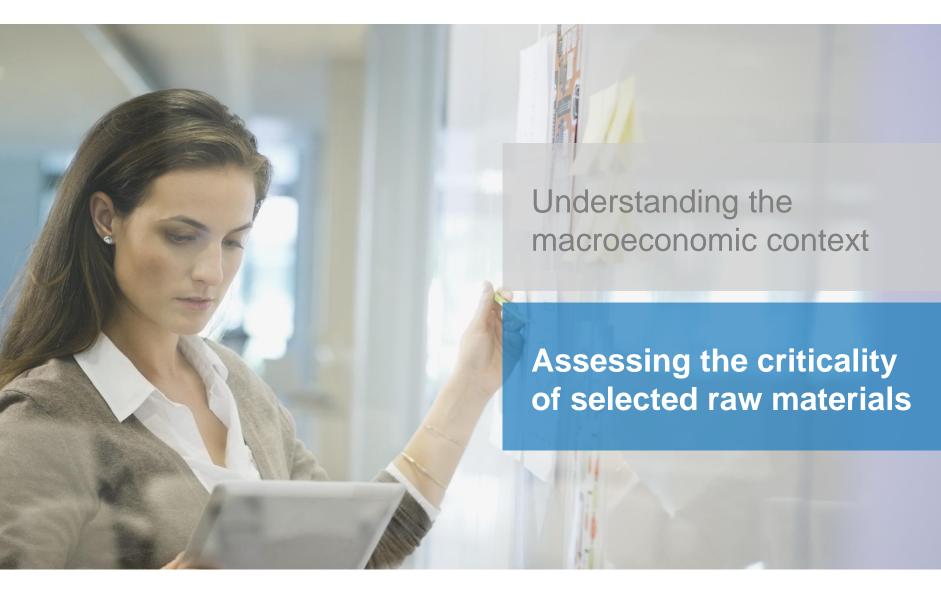
Expected evolution of price regimes

	Cash cost	Brownfield	Greenfield	Fly-up
Alumina	2015	2020		
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Seaborne coking coal	2015	2020		
Seaborne thermal coal	2015	2020		
Copper		2015	2	020
Gold	2015		2020	
Seaborne iron ore	2015 20	)20		
Nickel	2015 2020			
Phosphate rock		2015	2020	
Potash		2020	2015	
Zinc		2015	2020	

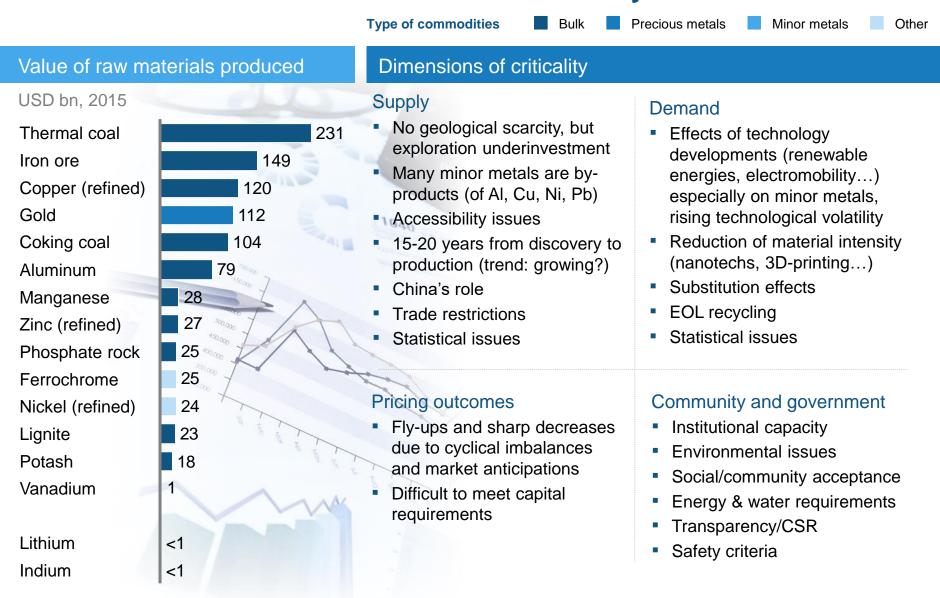




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### We have defined a framework to assess criticality of commodities



### We have classified the materials into four archetypes based on the type of commodity and end-use

### Stable supply "Bulk

commodities"

- Iron ore & steel for construction
- Aluminium for construction and aerospace
- Copper for electric cabling

Infrastructure

- **Risky supply** "Minor commodities"
- Solar power related elements, e.g. Germanium, Indium, Selenium, REE (permanent magnets), Silver, Tellurium
- Energy storage elements, e.g., Lithium, Cobalt, Vanadium

### Consumer

- Potash and phosphate for agriculture
- Steel and aluminium related to automotive / aerospace
- ICT driven materials, e.g., Gallium, Indium, PGMs, Tantalum, REEs (permanent magnets, phosphors, fiber optics...)
- Aircraft (antimony, beryllium, lithium, refractory metals, scandium, titanium)
- ... and more!





# Criticality of all bulk commodities are expected to stay at medium, with some pricing implications in short term

Easing criticalityMedium impactContributing to criticality

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### Criticality Description

### Iron Ore



Non-critical with limited opex or capex requirements
 project pipeline is sufficient for fulfilling steel demand in the
 near future; some impact from environmental and local
 agendas expected

### Copper



Some criticality expected with price fly-ups in the medium term (5-10 years. Potential move to aluminium over copper for LV transmission and wiring. Urbanisation, renewables and electromobility will drive demand growth. Mining and beneficiation can cause lasting environmental damage (e.g., acid mine drainage). Energy and water availability can be issues in some places

#### **Aluminium**



Demand growth remains robust, partly due to the shift toward light-weight materials in transport. The major challenge will be adjusting to declining prices through efficiency measures, and controlling Chinese surplus production.





Commodity	Criticality	Description
Indium (< 0.01 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: flat displays (LCD, OLED) - Substitutes possible. Slow growth rate.</li> <li>Future: Copper-Indium-Gallium- Selenium thin film solar panels (current market share: 2%)</li> <li>Non-critical. With limited smelter capex requirements production could be increased if needed. Only +/- 30% of Indium recoverable from zinc ores is currently recoverable.</li> <li>Large stockpile (&gt; 4 years production) from the failed Fanya stockmarket depresses the price</li> <li>Main producer: China (49% of total production)</li> </ul>
Lithium (0.03 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: Li-ion batteries (44% of Li use). Very high growth rate (+/-20%/year since 2013).</li> <li>Future: other batteries (metal-air, metal-sulfur) may replace Li (after 2025?)</li> <li>Non-critical in the ten next years with further investments; speculative price fly-ups may occur in medium term if CAGR for Li batteries is 11-13% for the 2014-25 period, as foreseen by Avicenne Consulting</li> <li>Large resources, much potential for new discoveries. 430 years of 2015 production in known reserves</li> <li>Geographically well distributed</li> </ul>

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Cobalt (0.12 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: Li-ion batteries (in the cathode: 3 of 6 commercially available cathodes contain cobalt) - Substitutes to cobalt possible with performance drop. Growth rate: 11-13%/year.</li> <li>Future: substitution of Li batteries after 2025?</li> <li>By product of Ni and Cu (64% depends on copper mining in DRC, 34% on Ni mining). China leads (47%) the Co refining</li> <li>Large resources. Deep-sea polymetallic crusts are a huge potential resource in addition to land-based resources</li> </ul>
Antimony (0.15 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: as antimony trioxyde as fire retardant in plastics (electrical cables) and composites (aircraft). (52% of Li use). Other important use: lead-antimony alloy for car batteries. Slow growth rate</li> <li>Depletion of reserves (China) is a cause of concern</li> <li>Substitution of some composites by Li-Al alloy in aircraft and by lead-calcium alloy in batteries may reduce future demand</li> <li>Main producer: China (77% of the 2015 global production, reserves of its main deposit may be exhausted in 4 years.</li> </ul>



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Nickel (2 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: stainless steel (45% of Ni use), non-ferrous alloys and superalloys (43%).</li> <li>Almost flat demand and stockpiles at historically high levels depress prices. Many producers lose money while continuing to produce.</li> <li>Future: slow growth. Demand for nickel metal hydride batteries used in hybrid electrical vehicles set to decline in favour of Li-ion batteries with less Ni in them.</li> <li>Large well distributed resources.</li> <li>High stainless steel recycling rate (60% recyclate in stainless steel products)</li> </ul>
Manganese (18 Mt)		<ul> <li>Main use: 91% of the global Mn production being used in steel making, its market is strongly coupled to the steel market issues.</li> <li>Demand for manganese oxide could grow rapidly if LiMn oxide batteries become the favorite choice in electric cars, but small impact on Mn demand (+0.1 – 0.2 Mt/ year by 2020)</li> <li>South Africa (32%), China (17%) and Australia (16%) are the main producers.</li> </ul>

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Vanadium (0.8 Mt)		<ul> <li>Diversified uses mostly driven by steel applications: high-strength low alloy steel (46%) non-ferrous alloys and superalloys (43%).</li> <li>Vanadium demand could rise sharply if Chinese regulation requiring the use of 500 Mpa V-HSLA Grade 4 rebars for constructions is effectively enforced.</li> <li>It could also be supported by the development of vanadium redox flow batteries for energy storage</li> <li>Vanadium is produced as either a by-product of some iron ore deposits (titaniferous magnetite mined for steel making (64% of the vanadium produced: e. g. the Mapochs mine in South Africa) or phosphate, coal, oil brines and black shales</li> <li>2014 Production was dominated by China (54%), South Africa (26%) and Russia (18%)</li> </ul>

