

Green mining treaty passed

At a recent Association Board Meeting, the Green Mining Treaty was passed; the Treaty stipulates that all mining enterprises should reinforce self-discipline, fulfill social responsibilities and promote green mining industries.

The contents of the Treaty include:



- 1) Stick to scientific development and build green mining.
- 2) Obey relevant rules and law through mining.
- 3) Plan and manage scientifically.
- 4) Promote scientific progress and innovation.
- 5) Strengthen comprehensive application and actualize the circular economy.
- 6) Ensure mining areas meet environment standards.
- 7) Strengthen environmental rehabilitation.
- 8) Build safety-focused company culture.
- 9) Perform CSR and build a harmonious community.
- 10) Focus on human development.

Gold: Nothing succeeds like success

Listed gold stocks continue to deliver price increases at an astounding pace, underpinned by continually robust gold bullion prices.

Listed gold stocks continue to lead the attempted recovery in global stock markets, supported on Wednesday by a dollar gold bullion price that moved to seven-month highs, above USD 945 an ounce. Measured on an absolute basis, the market value of gold stocks listed around the world moved to well above USD 200bn, the highest level seen since October 2008, a month after erstwhile Wall Street investment bank Lehman Bros. filed for bankruptcy, triggering yet another stage of the most intense crisis in world credit and equity markets seen in decades.



Seen as a commodity, gold bullion has surrendered the least of its record price, seen in March 2008, and currently trades just 9% below that record price of just short of USD 1,033 an ounce. The ongoing recovery of gold bullion prices -which have moved below USD 700 an ounce since making record highs - has underpinned

a recovery in listed stock prices for companies representing the metal, from explorers to miners. The extent of the recovery has left the vast majority of other mining stocks (with the narrow exception of silver stocks), and stocks of any other kind, far behind. While the MSCI Barra dollar index for all global equities has moved 12% above its lows, seen late in 2008, and emerging market stocks have "bounced" up by 26% from lows, gold stocks, measured on the weighted average value of 250 listed names, have risen 128% from low points, seen just months ago.

The Tier II gold stock grouping, led by names such as JSC Polymetal, Centerra, and heavyweights such as Yamana and Agnico-Eagle, has risen by a fantastic 173% from low points, also within just a few months. Silver stocks have outperformed gold stocks as an overall group, with a weighted average increase of 147% from lows, led by the likes of Fresnillo, and Silver Standard. Spot silver prices are trading 36% below record highs, also seen in March 2008, but listed silver stocks have long traded in sympathy with



trends in gold stocks, tending, however, to overshoot on the rise and also on the fall. However, while the global market value of listed gold stocks runs at well above USD 200bn, silver stocks are worth well short of USD 20bn. The majority of silver is produced as a by-product at mines primarily focused on other metals. Seen as a grouping, listed uranium stocks are also outperforming most mining stocks, with First Uranium among those names that continue to deliver exceptional price increases. Meanwhile, the SPDR Gold Shares exchange traded fund (ETF), a security that holds physical gold on behalf of its investors, continues to attract significant investor inflows. The security, the biggest gold bullion EFT in the world, currently holds nearly 900 tons of physical gold, valued at nearly USD 27bn. In line with the price performance of dollar gold bullion, the SPDR Gold Shares ETF is currently just 8% below its record highs.

China's daily iron ore import rises in Jan

Although the customs statistics show that China's iron ore import dropped in January this year, the import actually increased deducting the factor of the Chinese traditional Spring Festival holidays, said an analyst.



According to the customs, China's import of iron ore in January decreased 11.2 percent on year to 32.65 million tons, which also represented drop of 5.4 percent on month.

Due the Spring Festival holidays, January only had 17 working days this year, six days less than the previous month. Based on daily volume, the average daily import of iron ore was 1.92 million tons in January, jumping 28 percent over the average daily import in December last year. While the iron ore import made month on month rise, the price of iron ore and sea freight were also on the rise, signaling a warming up of the overall iron ore market. According to the latest monitoring result published by the Ministry

of Commerce, the January's average price of iron ore on domestic market rose 1.7 percent on month, while the sea freight also rebounds with the BDI index rose to 1974 points on February 10, surging 200 percent over the lowest point in December. Although there are signs of recovery of the iron ore market, the rebound pace for the future market is not big, said an expert.



Statistics show that China's total output of raw ore exceeded 800 million tons in 2008, reaching a record high. Furthermore, the iron ore in stocks of the country's 19 major ports amounted to 60.078 million tons, still keeping at a high level.

China welcomes EU decision to end anti-dumping probe against zinc plates

China welcomed the European Union's decision to terminate an anti-dumping investigation against Chinese zinc coating plates, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said in an online statement Tuesday.

The EU decision was announced on Saturday.



The anti-dumping investigation started in December, 2007. The case covered nearly 200 Chinese producers and products worth 1.206 billion U.S. dollars, making it the largest anti-dumping case EU against Chinese products since 1979. The EU has launched seven anti-dumping investigations on Chinese-made steel products since September 2007, including carbon steel fasteners, zinc coating plates and cold rolled stainless steel sheets.

China hoped the EU would maintain its objective and fair stance when dealing with the other cases and make a decision according to World Trade Organization rules, MOC spokesman Yao Jian said. China and the EU should enhance cooperation

and boost bilateral trade and investment to address current challenges, the MOC statement said.

Bilateral trade rose 19.5 percent year-on-year in 2008 to 425.58 billion U.S. dollars, accounting for 16.6 percent of China's total trade.

Listing schedule of steel futures probably to come out next week, report



Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) will possibly release the listing schedule of the upcoming steel futures next week, Orient Morning Post reports.

Linear materials and deformed steel bars are expected to make debut first, according to the report.

The preparation scheme sent to futures companies by SHFE sets the following standards for deformed steel bars:

Trading unit	10 tons/lot
Tick size	1 yuan/ton
Daily price limit	Within range of 4% above or below the settlement price of the previous trading day
Contract months	January to December
Delivery duration	Five consecutive business days after the last trading day
Minimum delivery unit	300 tons
Deliverable grades	Deformed bars, HRB400 or HRBF400, 16mm, 18mm, 20mm, 22mm, 25mm
Symbol	RB

Standards for linear materials are almost the same with those of deformed steel bars.

China copper futures tumble to limit-down on Wed



Copper futures on the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) fell sharply Wednesday afternoon, by the daily limit down of 5 percent, following losses on London and U.S. markets, as the U.S. financial sector bailout plan failed to impress equities markets in the U.S. and Asia. China's imports of copper and copper products in January fell 2.6 percent on year to 232,701 tons, according to statistics released by China's General Administration of Customs on Wednesday.

[The copper metal still faces weak fundamentals and lower demand in coming sessions, said analysts.](#)

SHFE benchmark April copper contract ended 1,470 yuan lower at 27,920 yuan a metric ton Wed.

Prices of aluminum and zinc futures at SHFE also tumbled following copper losses. The benchmark aluminum contract shed 1.9 percent to settle at 11,825 yuan a metric ton, and the benchmark zinc contract dropped 2.7 percent to settle at 10,410 yuan a metric ton.

China to discuss support plans for none-ferrous metal, petrochemical industries

Boosting plans for China's non-ferrous metal and petrochemical industries have been drafted and nodded by the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). The plans will be submitted to the State Council, the Chinese cabinet, for approval, according to China Securities Journal.

China's State Council has already unveiled support packages for the steel, automobile, textile and equipment sectors to bolster the development of these industries. A total of 10 such industrial boosting plans will come out according to earlier remarks by Premier Wen Jiabao.



Relevant experts, who participated in the drafting of the two industries' support plans, said that there is no big discrepancy between the NDRC's specific amendments to the proposal and the draft. But as the non-ferrous metal industry involves too many kinds of goods, its plan would not like the textile industry support plan directly reveal the change of export tax rebate rate, but to emphasize the support of the industrial policy for the deep processing industry.

According to the newspaper, the petrochemical industry plan is to focus on oil refining, ethylene, coal gasification, engineering plastics and fertilizer. As for the oil refining and ethylene sectors, the plan would focus on the reform of the existing projects and the promotion of new projects, and as for the fertilizer sector, the plan would emphasize the adjustment and upgrading of industrial structure. It is leaned that the plan for the petrochemical industry is relatively rough, and the petrochemical industry association may hold a meeting to discuss the support plan.

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