



New Copper Report Now Available

“The Russian Copper Industry”

In its efforts to increase market transparency, one of the key roles of the International Copper Study Group (ICSG), the Study Group has commissioned a study on the Russian copper industry. The study has been prepared by INFOMINE Research Group.

Russia was a major copper user (around 1 million tonnes in the FSU) before usage dropped off in the 1990s. Over recent years the Russian Federation has turned around, entering a rapid growth path with usage reaching more than 650,000 t in 2006. Due to the substantial size of the country, the structure of the Russian growth determines the impact of internal developments on the copper industry outside the Russian Federation. It is therefore important to know whether growth comes from reactivation of decommissioned capacities or from the installation of new capacities, and if usage might be driven by exports of semis or by real indigenous demand.

The Russian Federation has always been seen as a resource rich country, though the economics of the deposits have been problematic due to the harsh conditions. The availability of domestic copper raw materials is not keeping pace with the increase in metals production capacity, and the use of scrap material is increasing.

Through its 160 pages, this Study undertakes a very detailed review of the Russian copper industry since the start of the 1990s, when the Russian Federation transformed to a market economy. The report covers the mined to refined stage including secondary refining and the semis fabricating stage with its links to end uses. In addition to an analysis of historical developments, an outlook for the medium term development of the industry is presented (up to 2015).

Parts I and II: present an overview of the copper mine, smelter and refined industries, documenting production and trade since 1990. Detailed information and production data is given by company for existing mines and plants, and new project developments are highlighted. Trade data for concentrates, blister and refined copper is presented, for the same period, broken down by origin and destination.

Part III covers the semis industry sector, presenting detailed information and production data on the Russian copper semi-fabricators. Production and trade data is presented by product and company since 1990.

Part IV gives an overview of copper usage in the Russian Federation including end-use sectors.

Part V analyses the use of scrap in the Russian Federation.

Part VI gives an overview of the future development of the Russian Federation copper industry up to 2015.

A PDF version of the above mentioned report is available for immediate sale. In case of interest, a copy of the report's list of contents can be obtained prior to purchase. Purchasing details can be found in the order form attached to this press release.

