



Aluminium Investor Presentation

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Presenter introduction



Jon Dudas

President Aluminium CSG

- 24 years resources experience
- 17 years at BHP Billiton



Julius Matthys

COO Worsley Alumina

- 26 years resources experience
- 26 years at BHP Billiton



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VP Marketing Alumina

- 21 years resources experience
- 7 years at BHP Billiton



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E&G Project Director

- 35 years resources experience
- 1 year at BHP Billiton

Presentation agenda

Business overview

- Operating performance
- Significance to BHP Billiton portfolio
- Comparison to peers
- Key challenges for the industry

Aluminium and alumina commodity outlook

- Global demand and China growth outlook
- Global supply outlook
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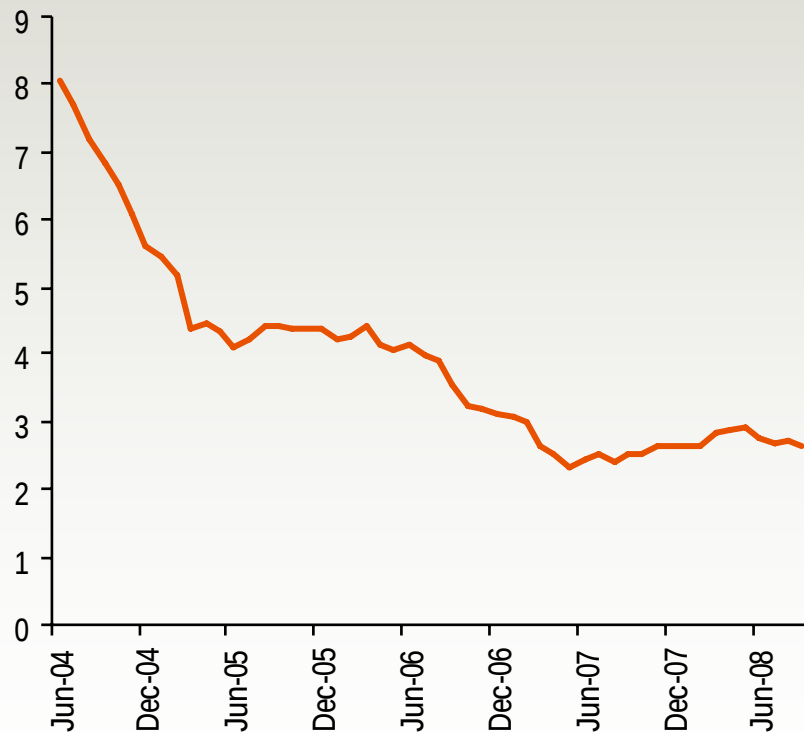
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Business overview: HSEC

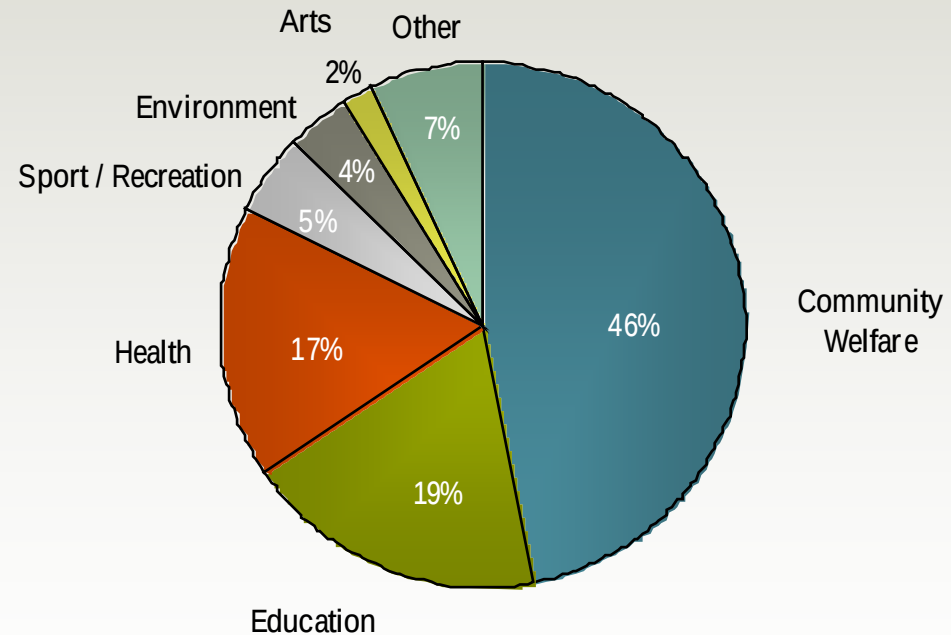
Safety

TRIFR
(12 MMA)



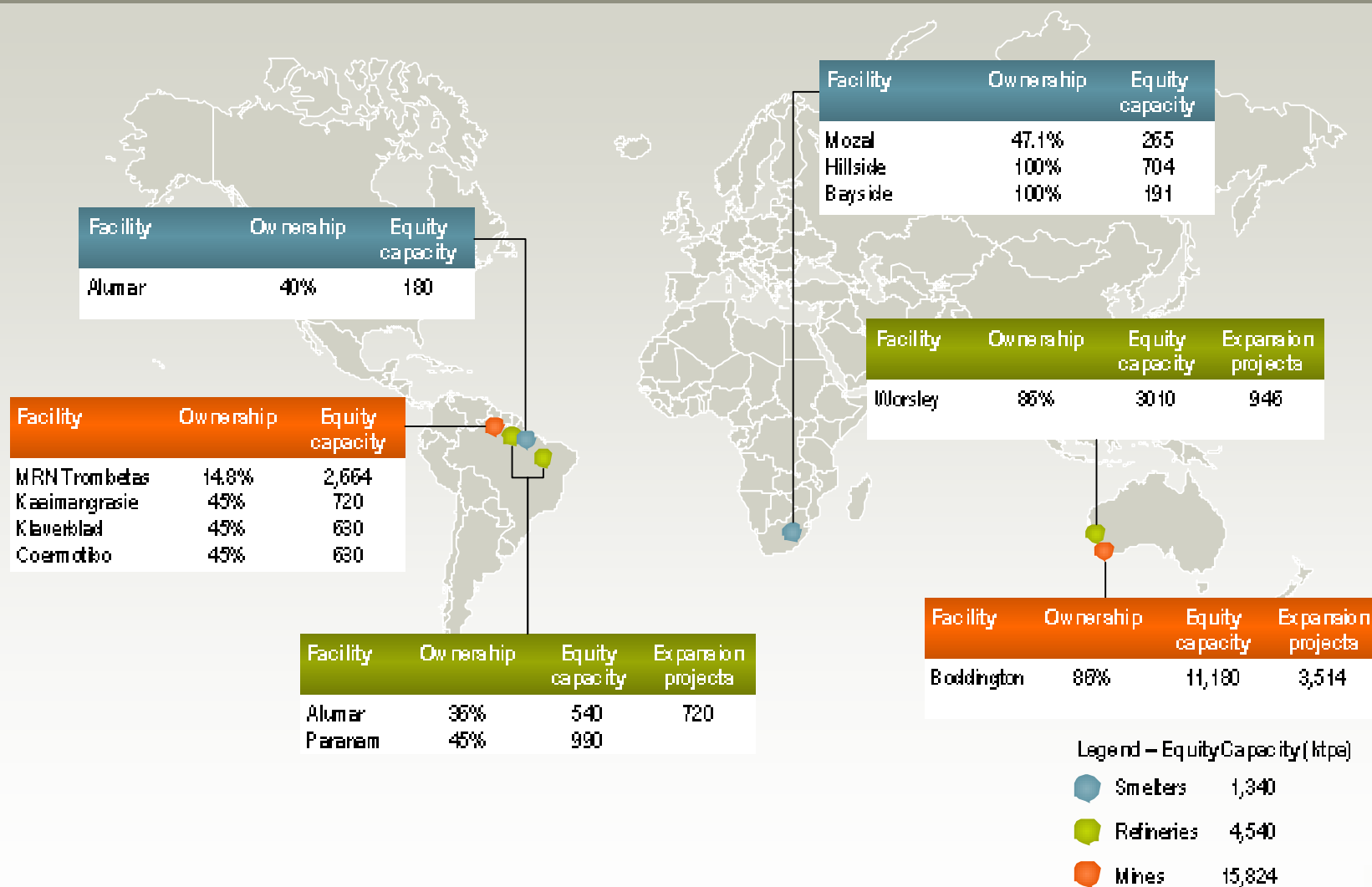
Community

Community Expenditure
(US\$m)



FY08 Community Expenditure amounted to US\$ 12.6 m (BHP Billiton Share).

Business overview: current assets



Source: BHP Billiton.

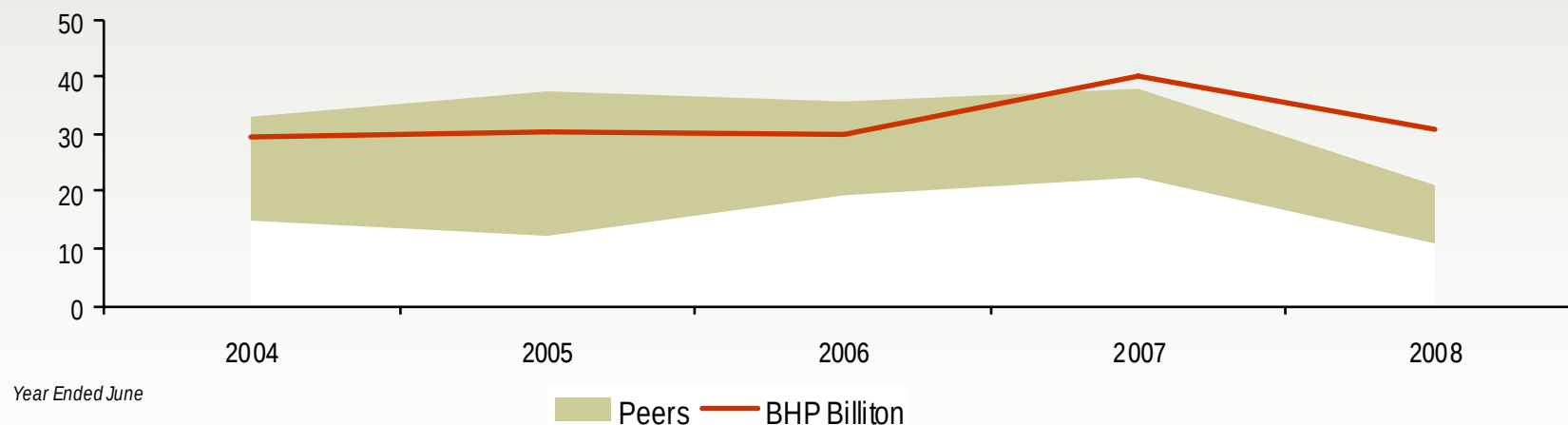
Bayside reduced capacity ~50%.

Business overview: operating performance

Year ended June (US\$m)	2008	2007	% Change
Aluminium EBIT	1,465	1,856	-21.1

- Record alumina production
- South African power situation will continue to impact metal production
- Worsley E&G approved

EBIT Margin (%)



Source: BHP Billiton and companies' annual and half year reports

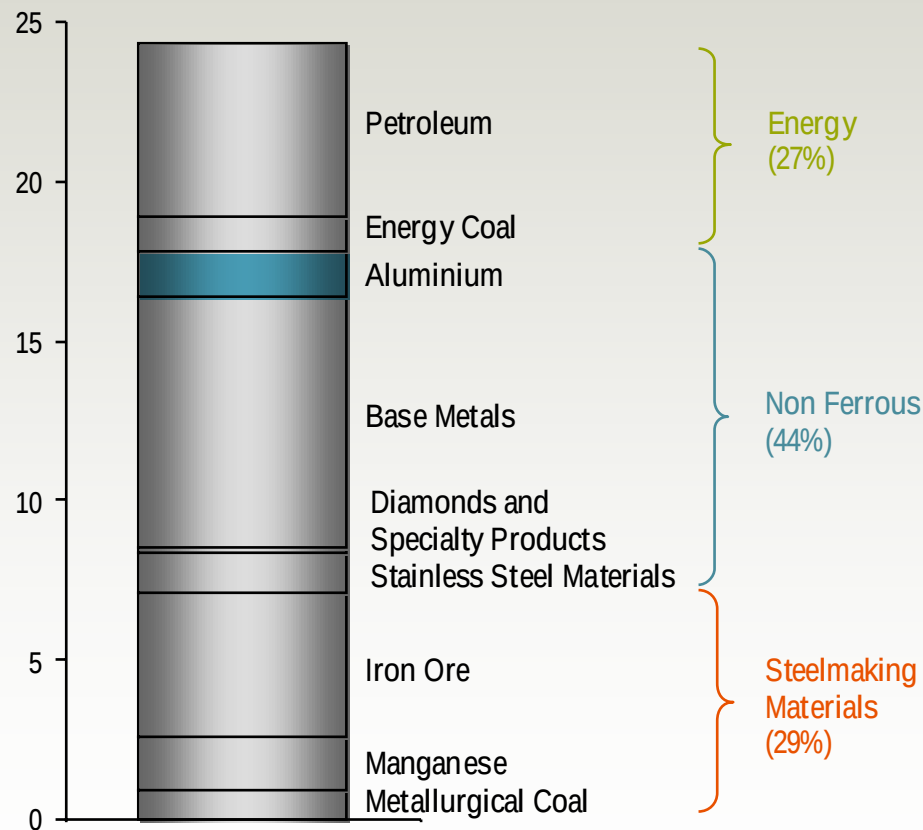
Excludes Third Party Trading

* Peers include AWAC, Chalco and the aluminium segments Rio Tinto, Vale and the upstream segments of Alcoa and Alcan (until June 2007).

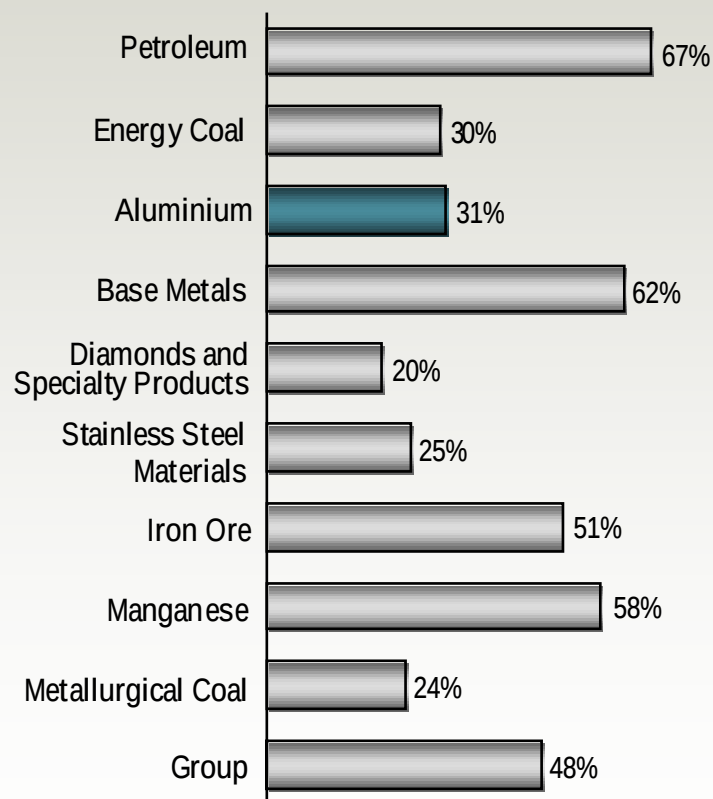
Business overview : contribution to group

(Our portfolio is diversified and balanced across high margin commodities)

Underlying EBIT
(FY2008, US\$bn)



Underlying EBIT Margin^(a)
(FY2008)



(a) EBIT Margin excludes third party trading activities.

Business overview: key challenges

- Raw material price pressures
- Global power supply
- Bringing on new capacity
- Quality of Chinese bauxite

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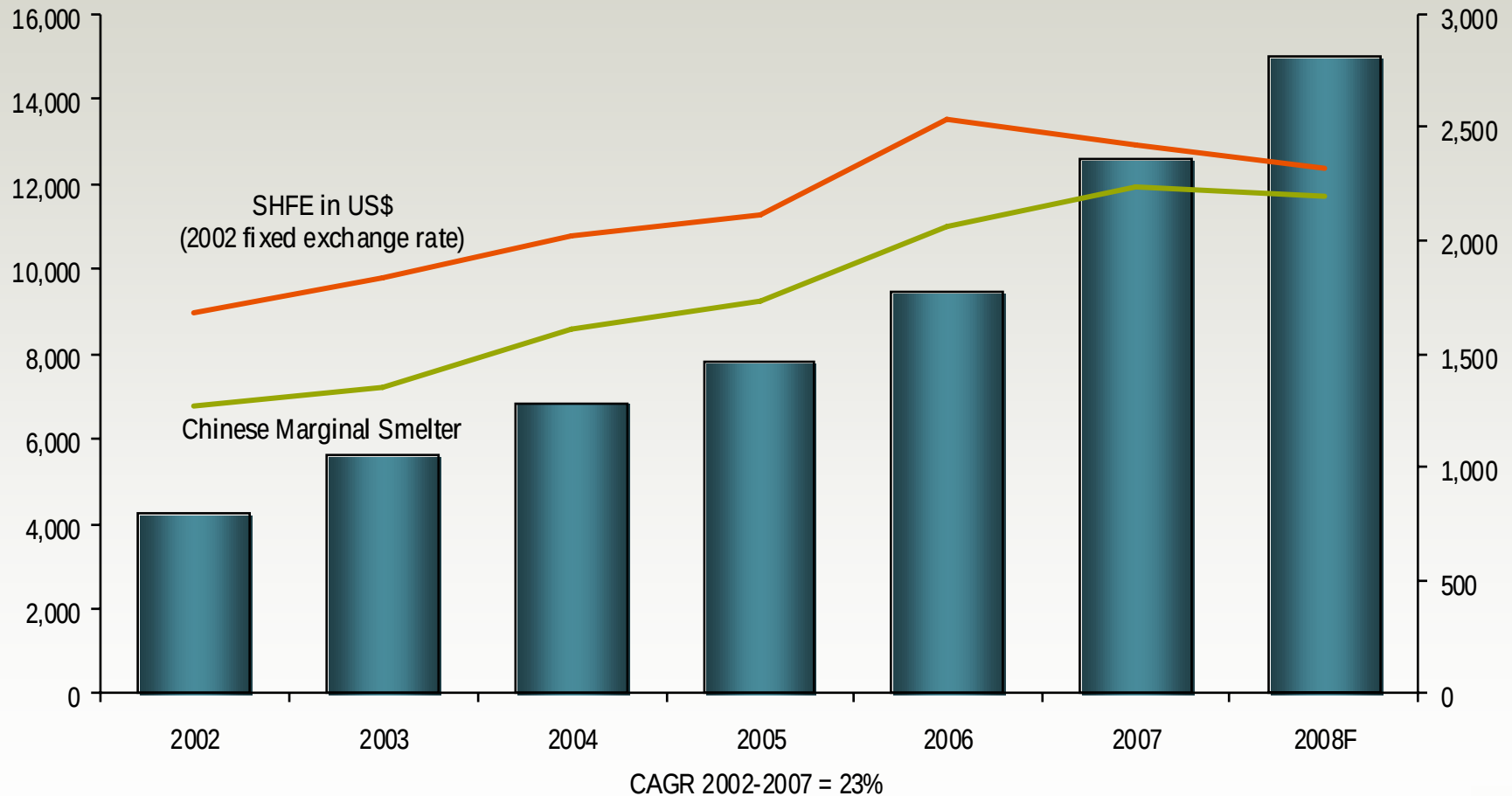
Key China Messages

- China has a significant influence on the Aluminium market
 - Aluminium is required to supply the intensive urbanisation of China
 - A question of self sufficiency of aluminium supply
 - Is power a constraining factor?
 - Domestic aluminium supply is positioned high on the cost curve
- Short on quality bauxite and thus alumina
 - Domestic alumina additions are positioned high on the cost curve

China production capacity can respond rapidly to pricing opportunities

Smelter Production in China
(‘000 mt)

Aluminium Price
(US\$/t)



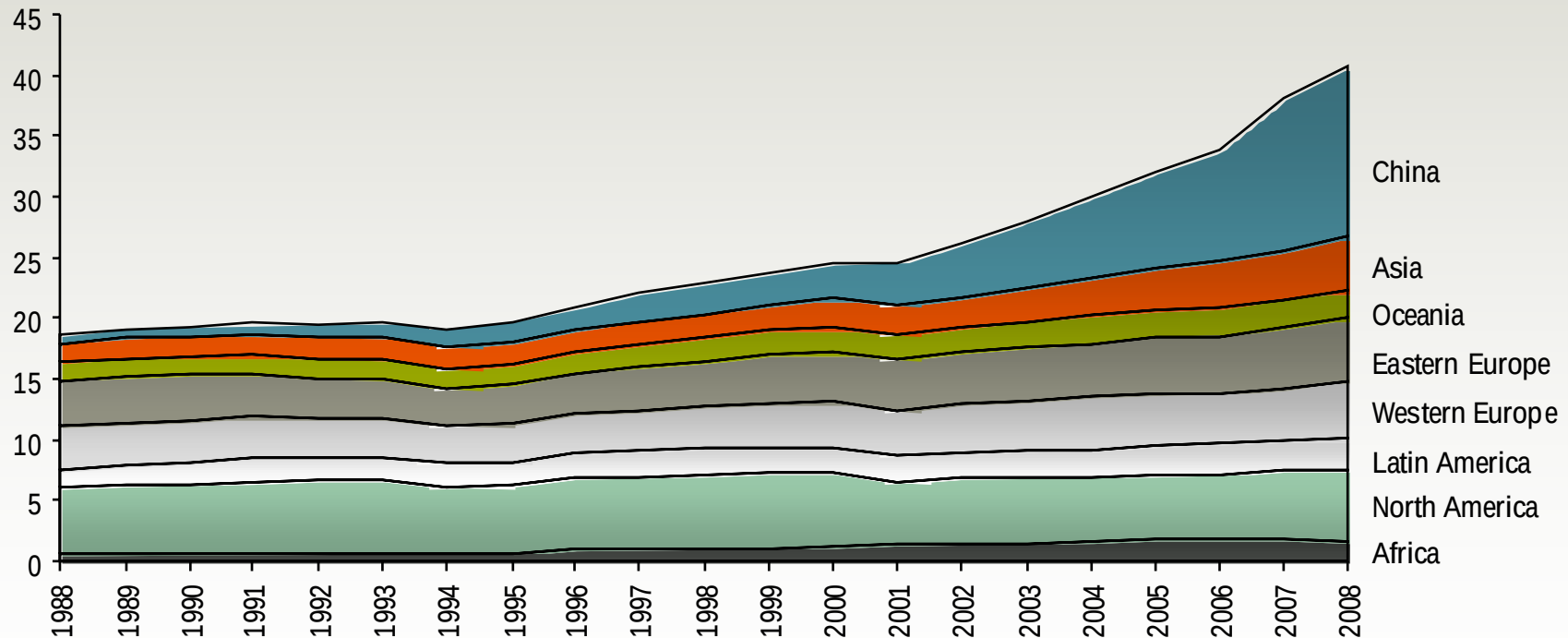
Source: Brook Hunt data.

China has been self-sufficient in smelting

Chinese Aluminium supply is up 650% driven by low capital construction costs and strong domestic demand

Aluminium Production

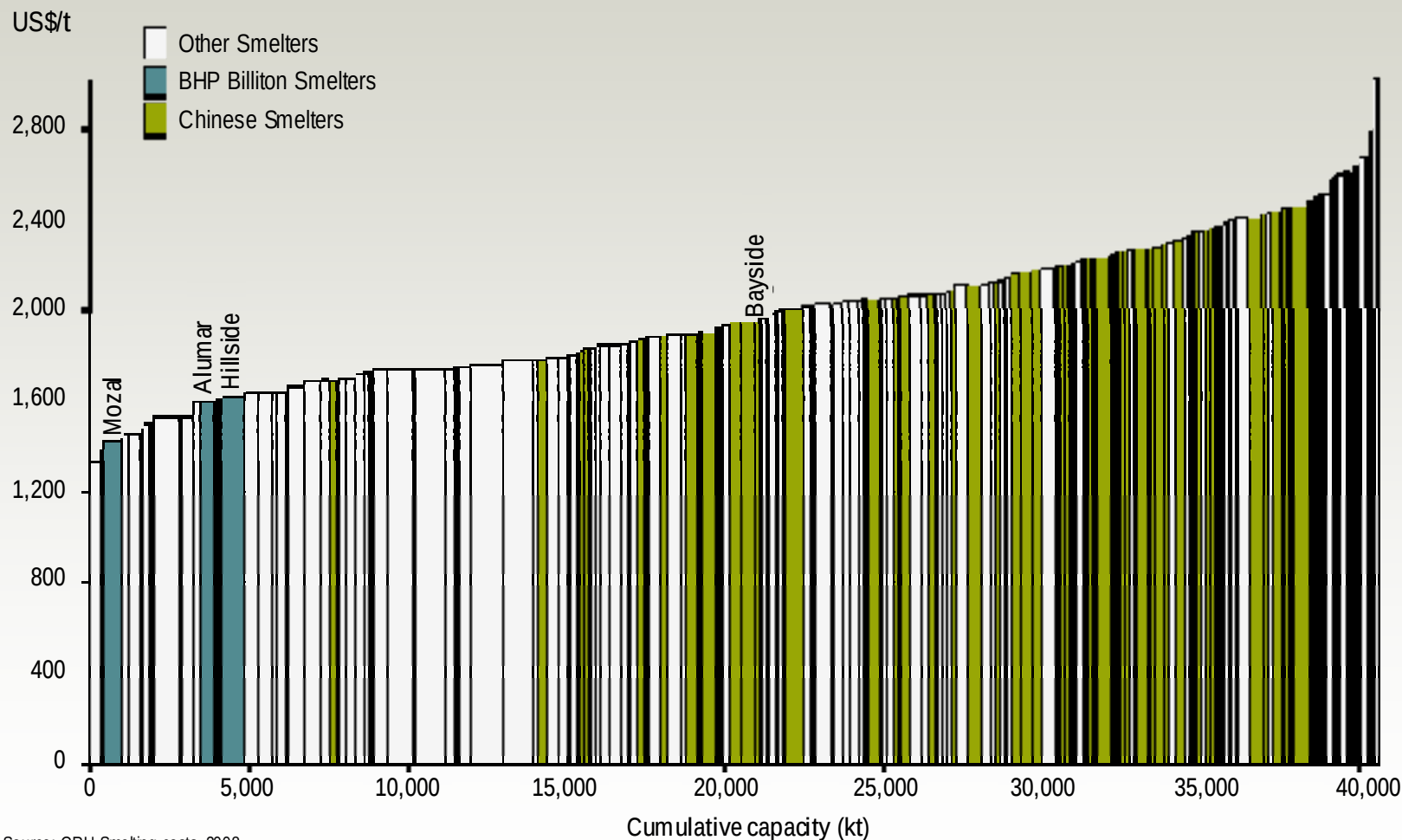
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Source: Brook Hunt.

Chinese Aluminium capacity additions at the top end of cost curve

Chinese Aluminium capacity additions come at the top end of the cost curve

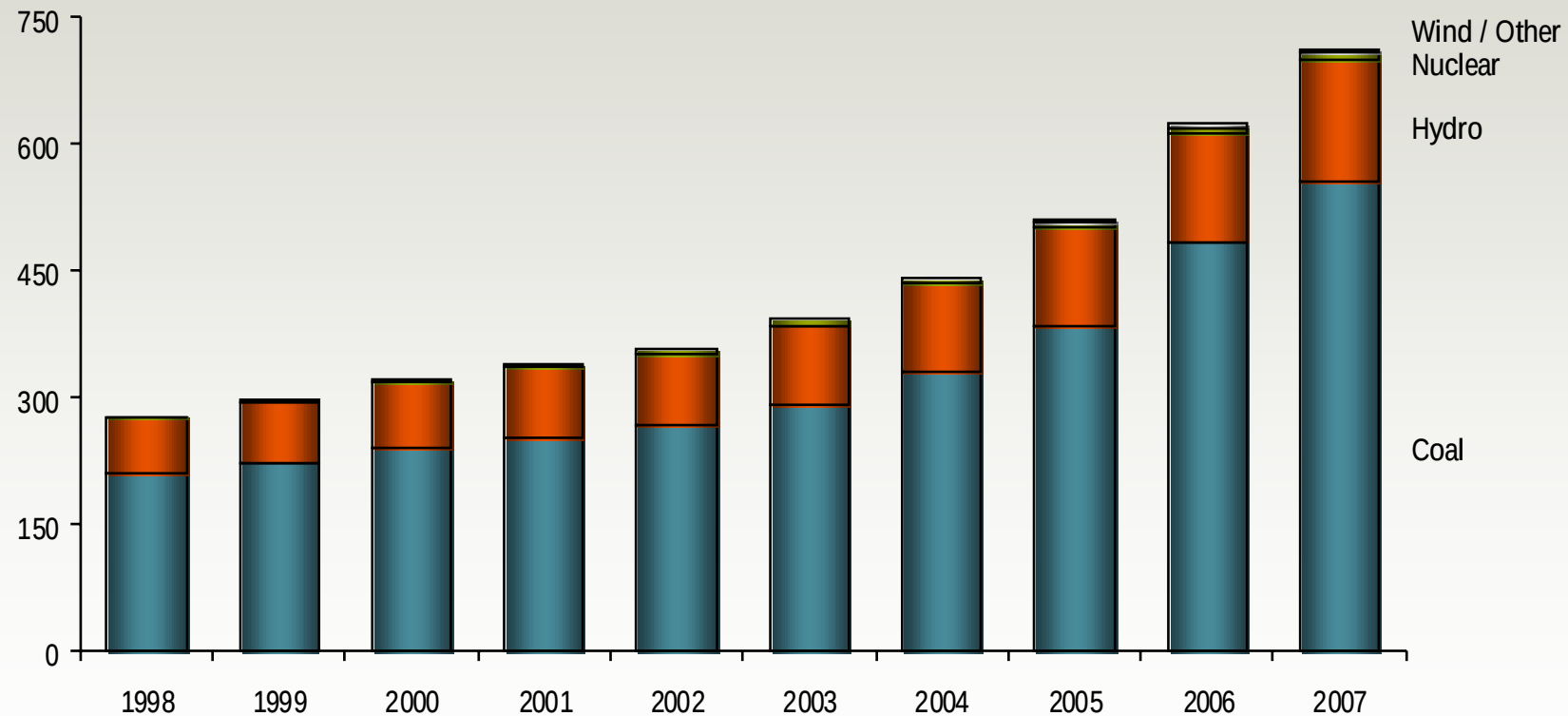


Source: CRU Smelting costs, 2008

China has a track record of bringing on new power capacity

Ability to bring on new power capacity on time as planned

Sources of Chinese power
(GW)

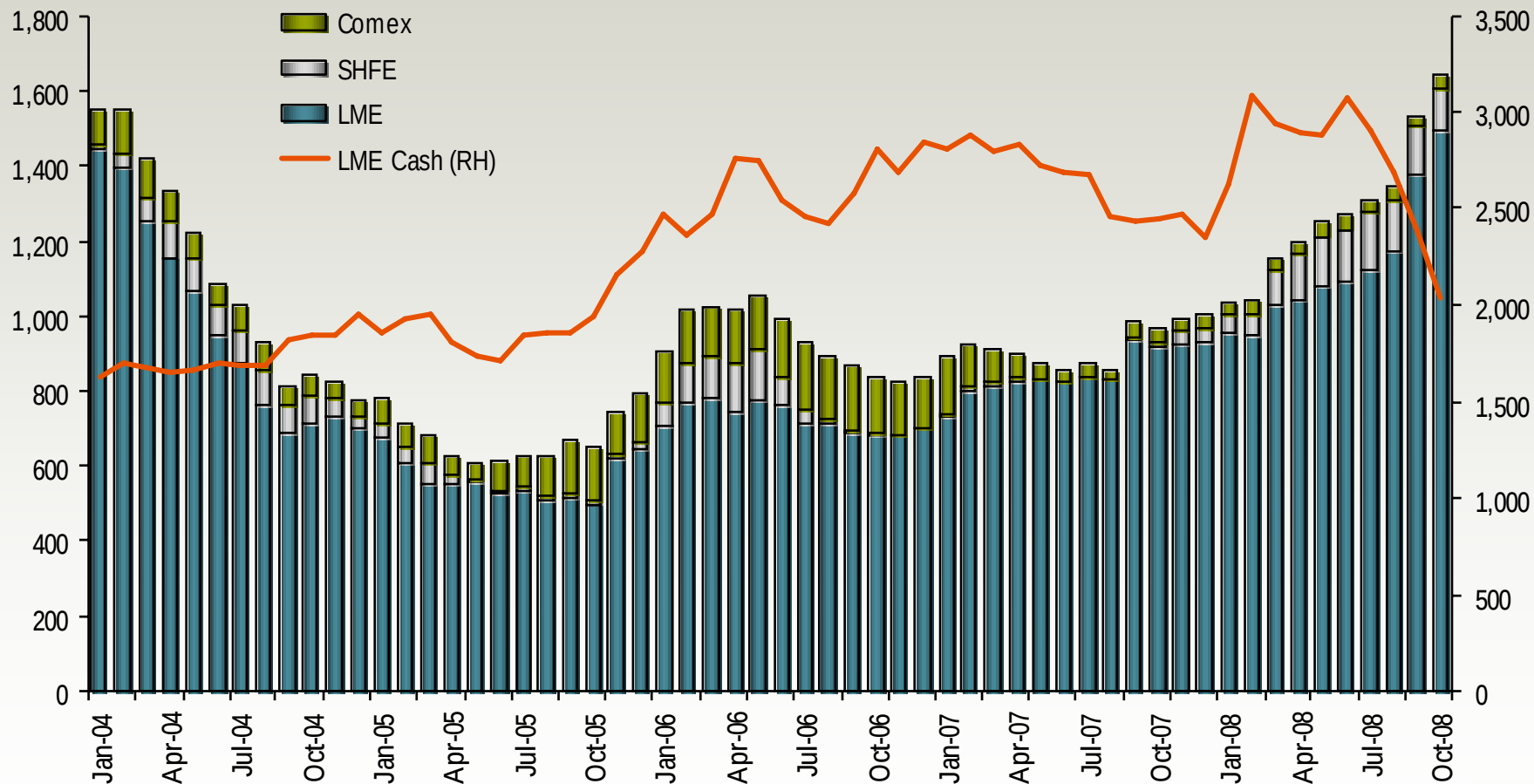


Source: CEC.

Aluminium stocks

Exchange Stocks
(kt)

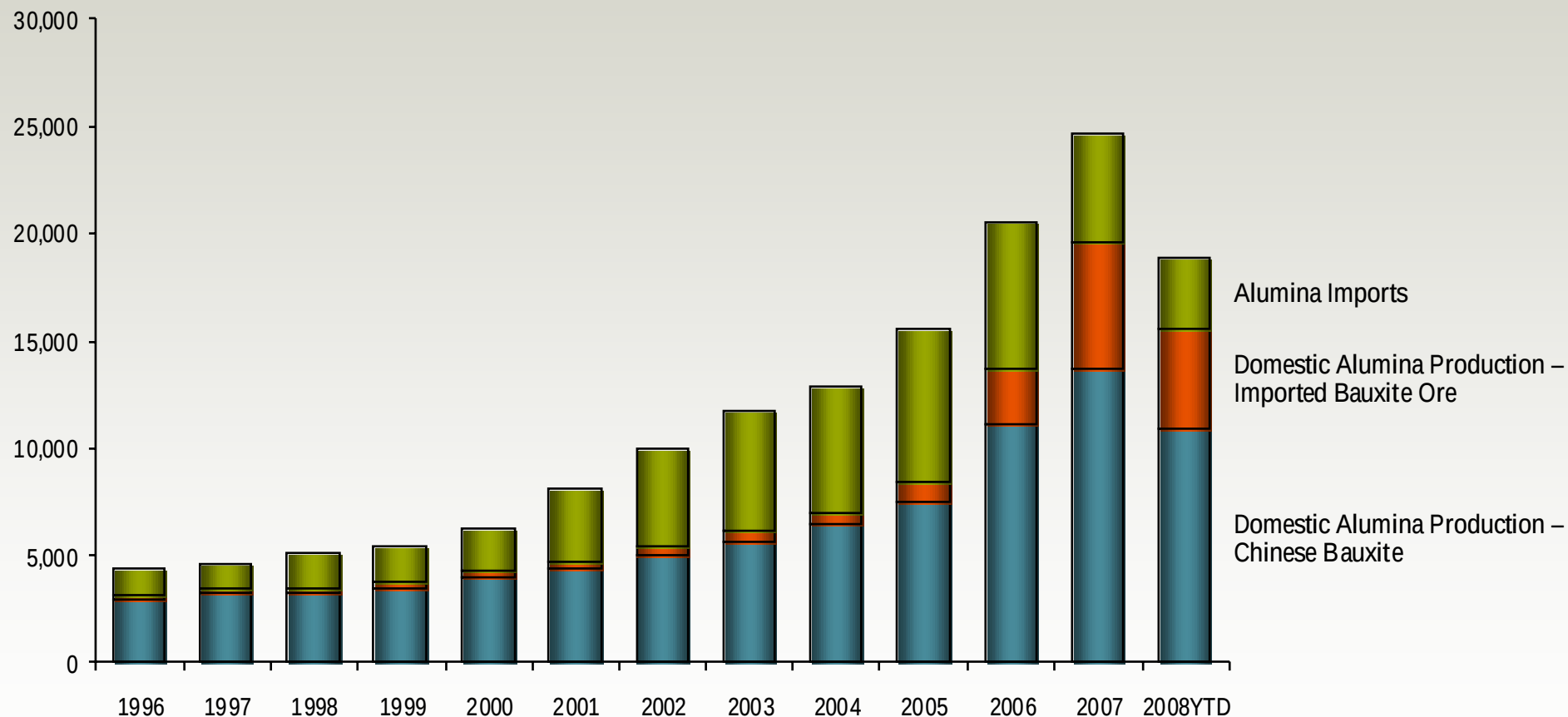
LME Cash price
(\$/t Nominal)



Source: LME, SHFE and Comex.

Chinese demand for imported Alumina and Bauxite

Alumina (kt)

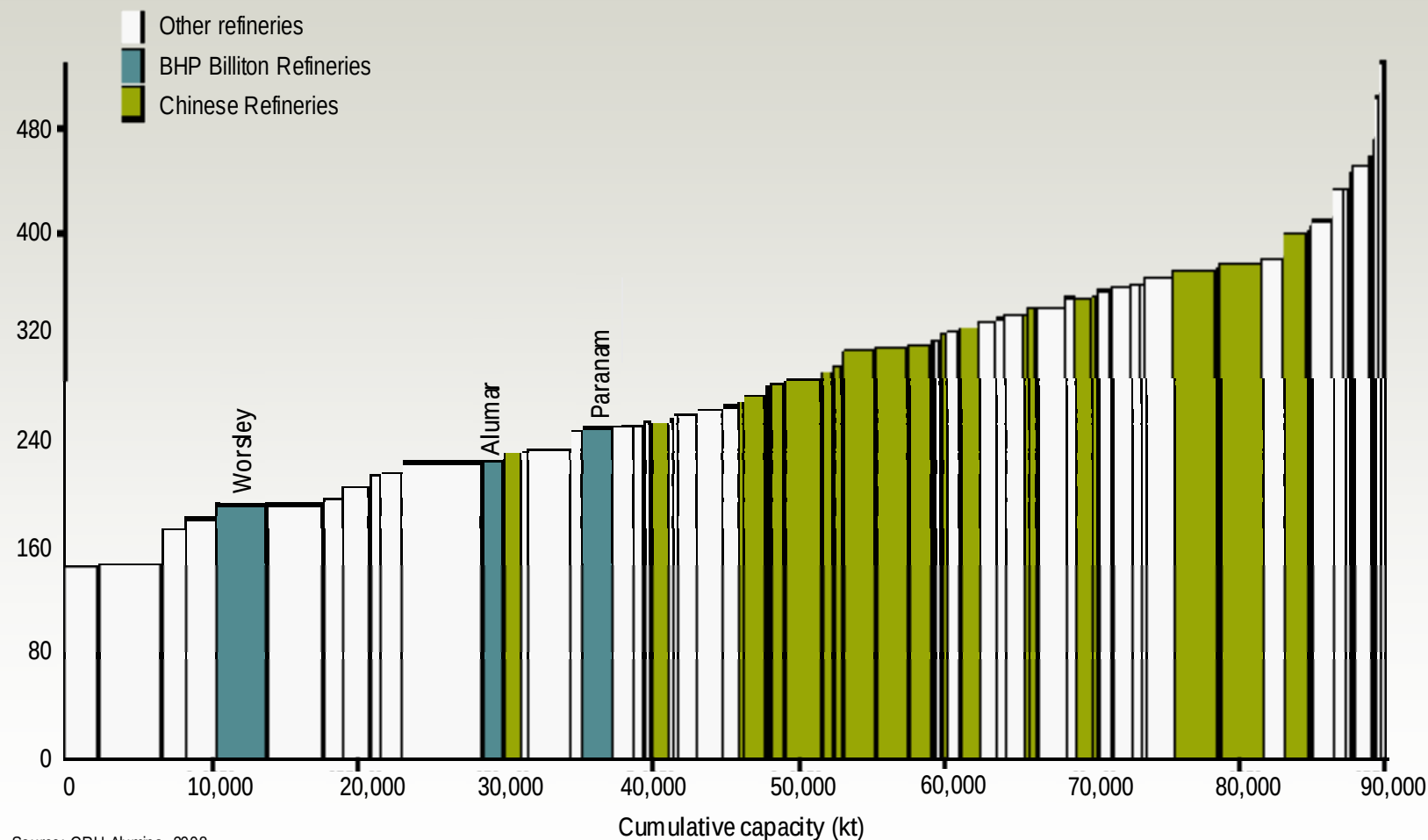


Source: BHP Billiton Internal Analysis, Chinese customs data, CNIA.

Chinese alumina supply at the top end of the cost curve

CRU Alumina cost curve, 2008

US\$/t



Source: CRU Alumina, 2008

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Most attractive bauxite deposits

Most attractive bauxite deposits are in Guinea

World's top 10 bauxite deposit countries
(Bt)

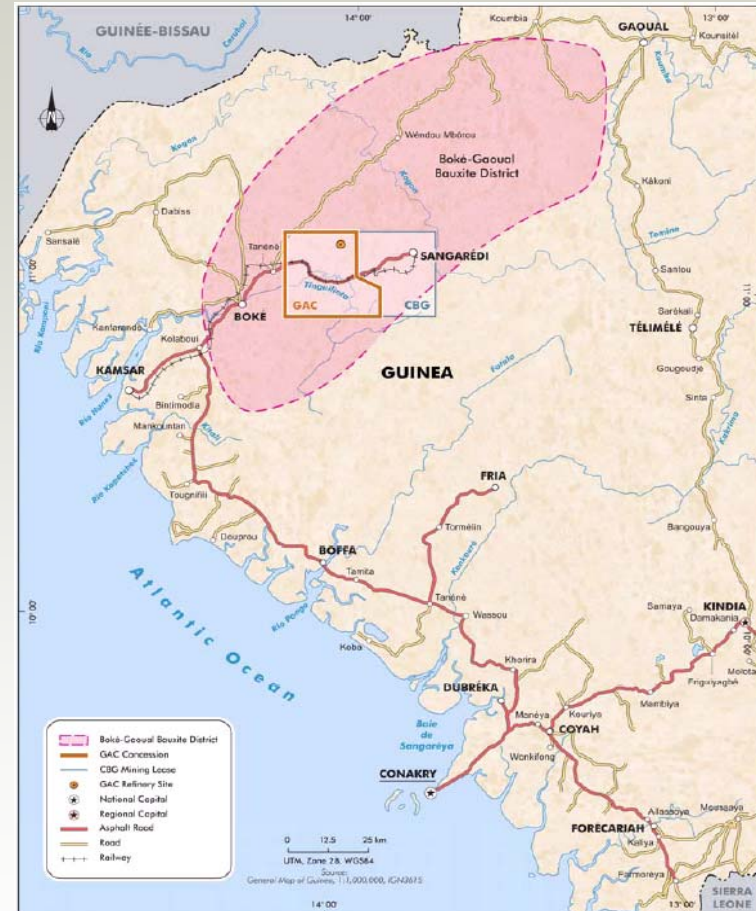


Source: USGS.

Guinea project

Guinea

- Long life, world class bauxite resource with embedded options
- Strong government support
- Currently finalising feasibility study
- Greenfield projects are more challenging in new geographies



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Growth profile and capital projects

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- China's focus is on self-sufficiency in aluminium
- China's growing requirement to import alumina or bauxite to meet domestic metal demands
- Our growth options and project pipeline are aligned to this view (to feed the emerging seaborne bauxite/alumina market)
- We have a track record of delivering these projects on time and on budget
- Our strategy of having world class long life, low cost assets enables us to maintain a strong EBIT and EBIT margin performance in relation to our peers
- Commitment to safety, the community and the environment