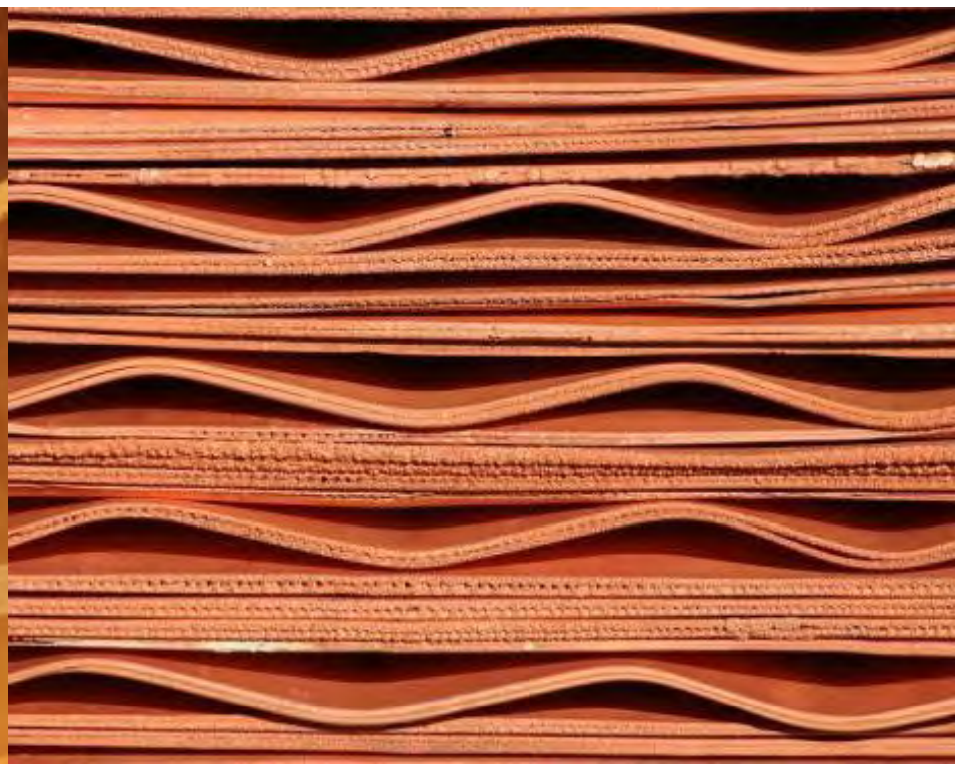




# Copper Market Briefing

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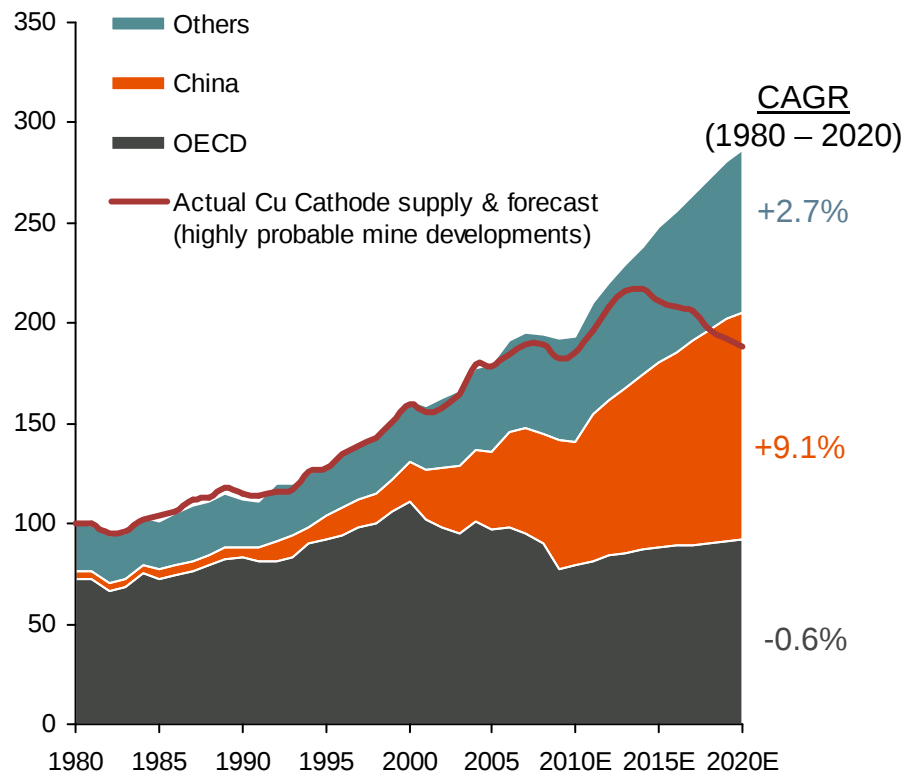
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# Longer term global growth remains robust

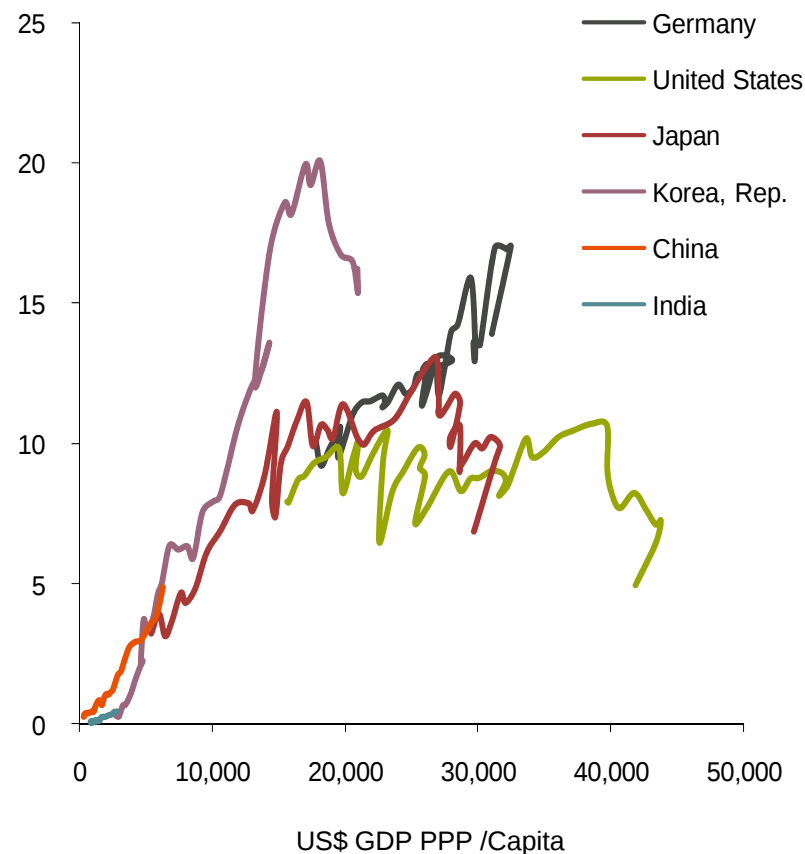
## Global copper cathode supply/demand breakdown

(Index, 1980 = 100)



## Refined copper consumption

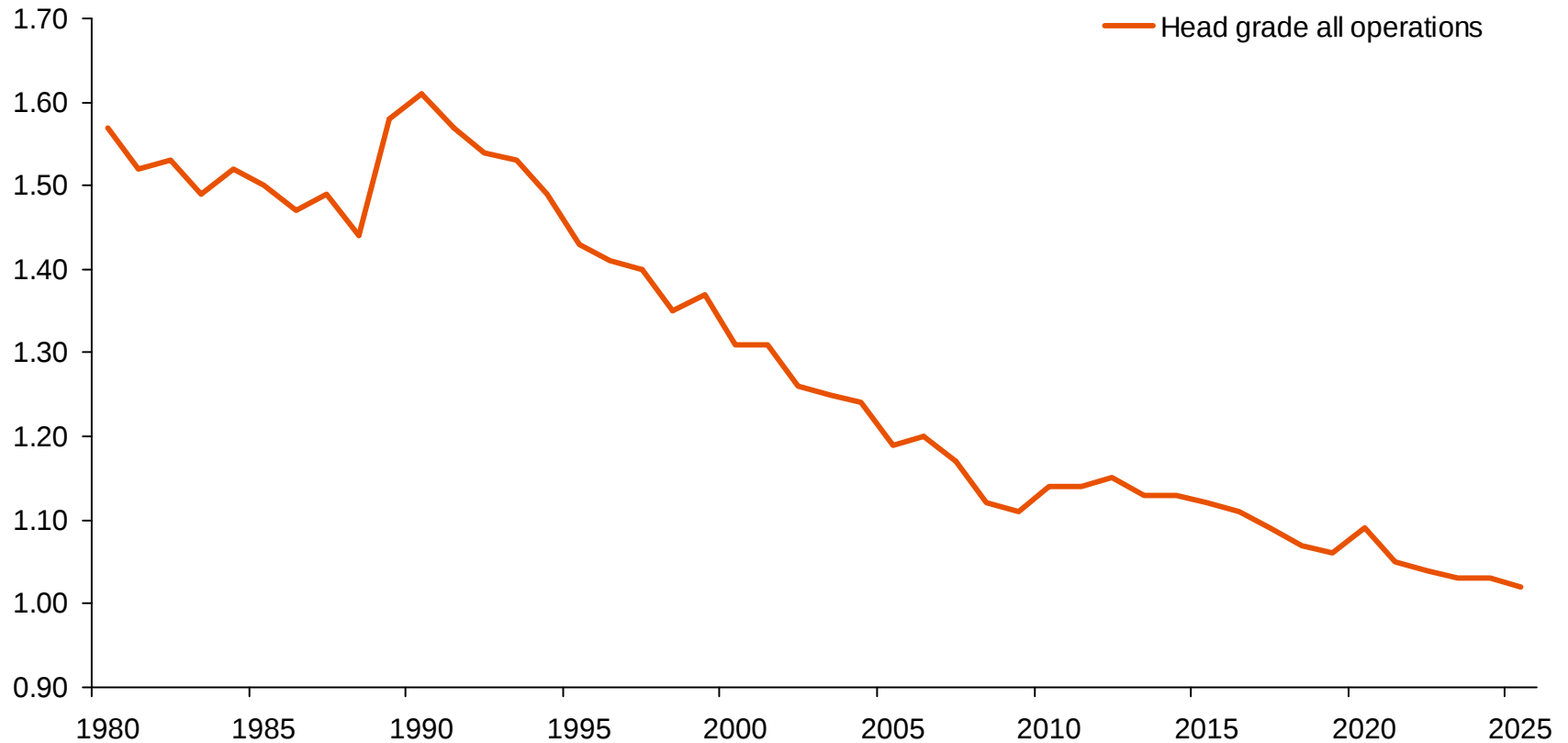
(kg/capita)



Sources: Brook Hunt (WoodMac), BHP Billiton.

# Declining head grades

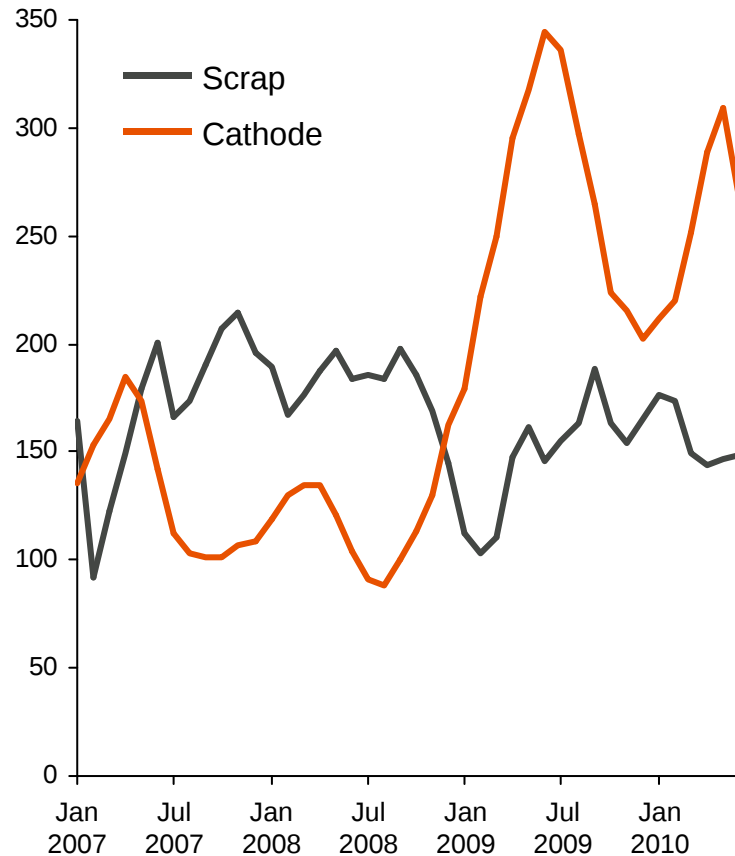
## Copper grade (Cu %)



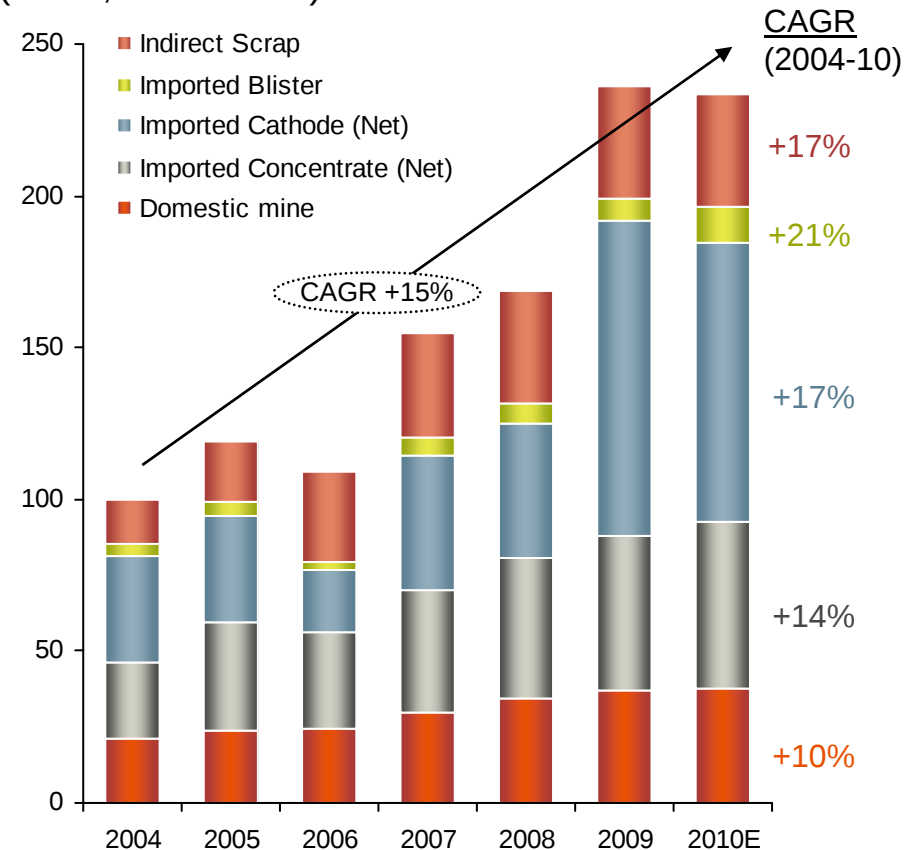
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# Chinese net imports remain strong

**China cathode & scrap imports**  
(Mthly net imports 3Mth Mov. Avg; Kt Copper)



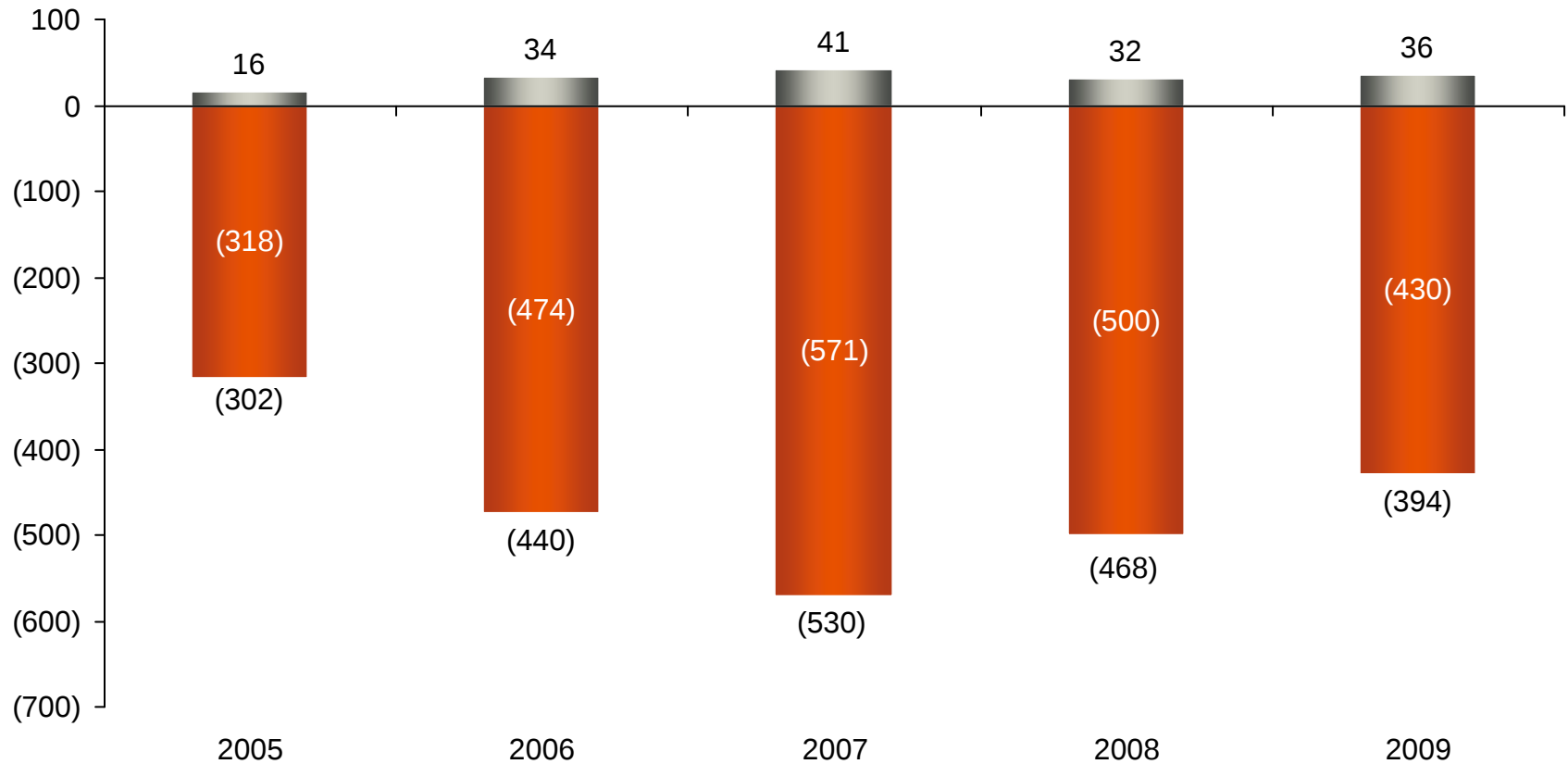
**China copper raw material mix**  
(Index, 2004 = 100)



Sources: China Customs Data, BHP Billiton.

# Substitution loss

## Gains and losses (kt copper)

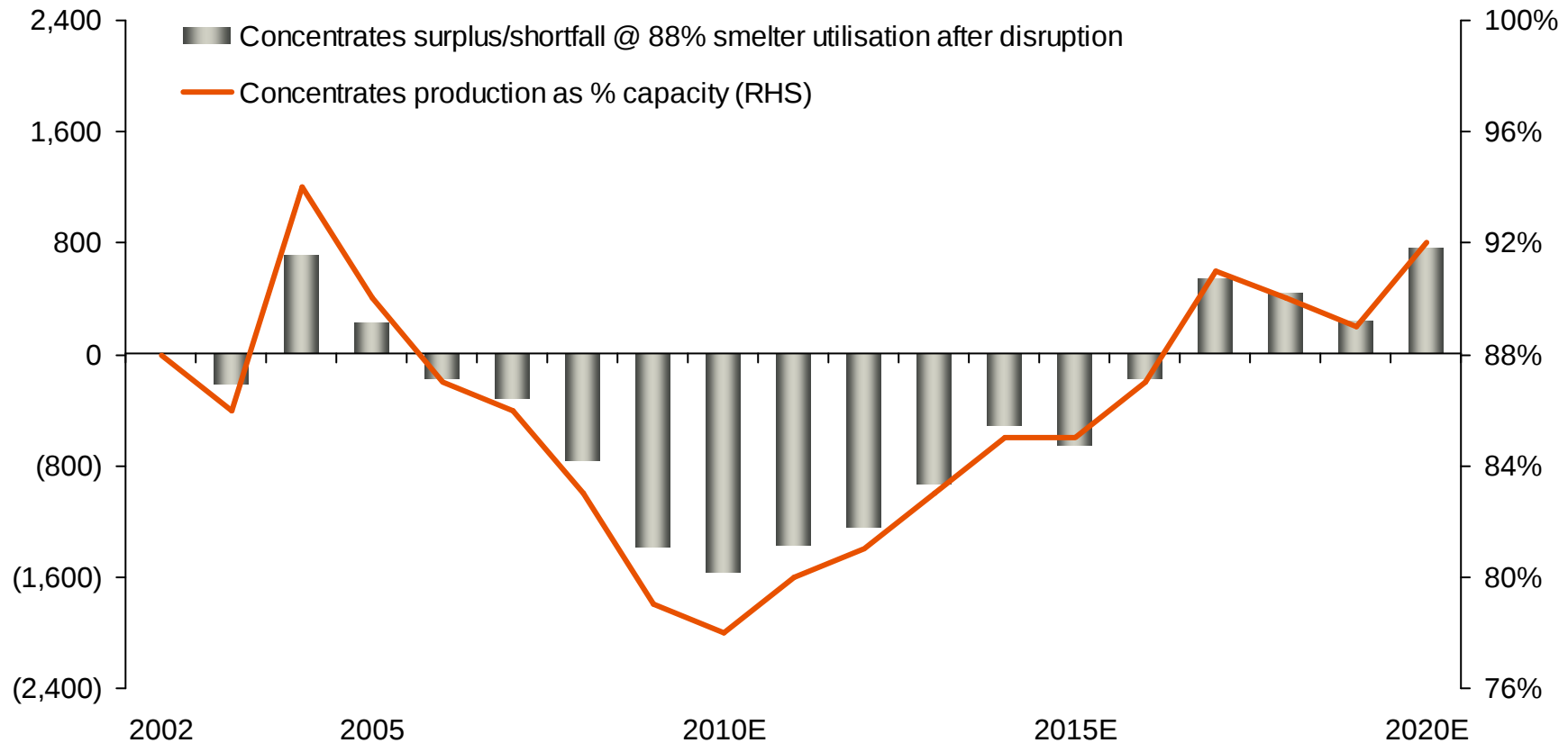


Source: International Copper Association, Ltd.

# Global concentrate gap expected to continue

**Concentrates surplus/deficit relative to optimal (88%) primary smelter capacity (kt Cu)**

**Concentrates production as % primary smelter capacity (%)**

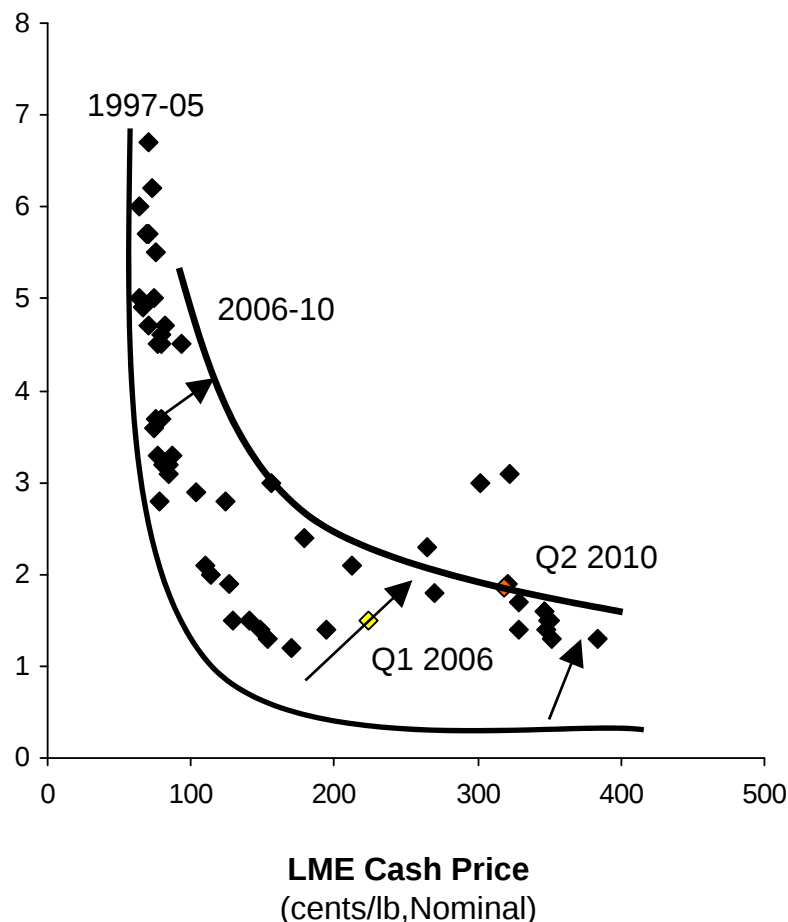


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# Copper exchange stocks

## Exchange stock versus LME cash price qtlly 1997-2010

Exchange stock to consumption (weeks)

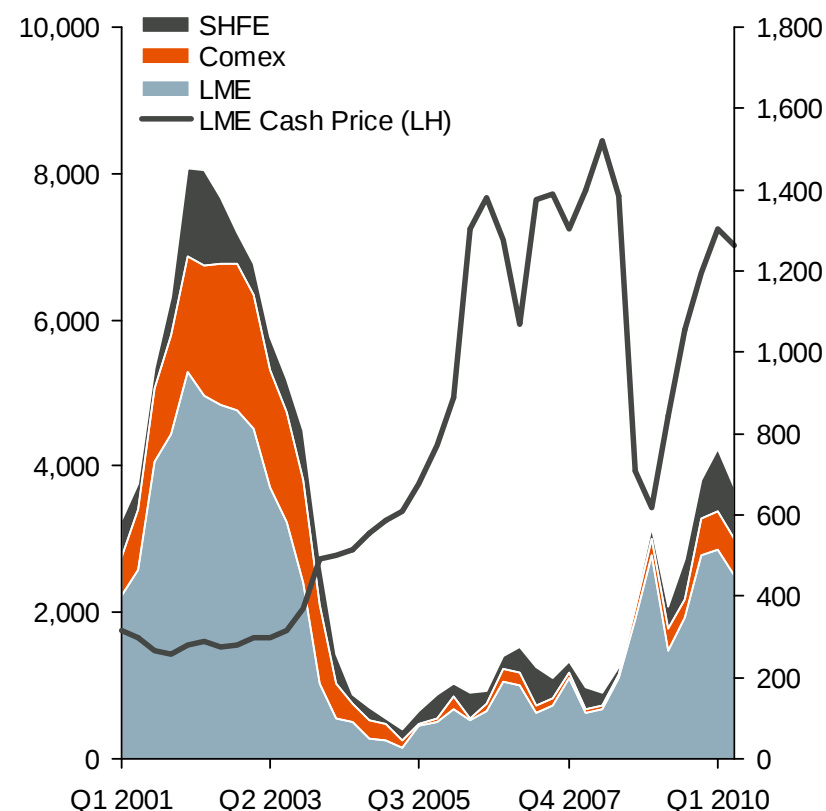


Source: LME, COMEX, SFE.

## Exchange Stock versus LME Cash Price

LME Cash Price (\$/t, Nominal)

Exch Stock (kt)





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