

Copper

Complex copper

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1. Recent trends



Copper prices remain volatile

Macro economic uncertainty weighs heavy on commodity prices in 2023

Indexed LME prices



Copper prices and reported stocks



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Speculative interest has influenced prices...and so has the dollar

LME and CFTC copper positions and LME copper prices vs trade weighted dollar index

LME managed money copper positions



CFTC managed money copper positions



LME Copper vs trade weighted dollar index



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Source: London Metal Exchange, US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Fed Reserve, Wood Mackenzie

2. Copper demand



Uncertainties for copper consumption amid a gloomy macroeconomic environment

Manufacturing activity continues to be impacted; services sector is also softening



Global manufacturing and services PMI

Regional manufacturing PMIs



Assessing the year so far – reported semis production and sales trends

Wire rod production holding up better than brass mills in most geographies.

US – copper wire rod and brass mills production



Industrialised Asia – Japan and South Korea



Italy - quarterly semis production



India – Hindalco and Vedanta performance



CCR - continuous cast copper rods



Wood Mackenzie - Copper Market Outlook

Medium-term consumption supported by end-use recovery and new semis capacity

Slowing consumption in the Western markets while China performs better than anticipated. On a positive note, energy transition-related end-uses are supporting semis production in select geographies. **Refined copper consumption outlook**



Total copper consumption outlook (refined plus direct use of scrap)



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Source: Global copper short-term outlook October 2023, Wood Mackenzie

Energy transition-related sectors power China's copper consumption

Total copper consumption in China is expected to register a CAGR of 0.7% between 2023 and 2033 and reach 17.5 Mt by 2033.

CAGR of demand by sector between 2023-2033



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- Recently, China issued a work plan for the steady growth of the automotive industry (2023-2024) to support EV demand, with a target of 9 million units of EV sales and 27 million units of total vehicle sales in 2023.
- An extension of the EV purchase tax from 2023 to 2027 announced in June 2023.



- China is targeting of 1,200 GW of wind and solar capacity by 2030. Also, reaching the carbon-neutral target by 2060 implies that renewable power capacity in China will continue to grow after that.
- Corresponding grid upgrades in transmission (more aluminium intensive) and distribution (more copper intensive) networks to incorporate more renewables will also drive copper demand.



The slowdown in population growth will negatively impact demand from the construction, appliance and machinery sectors. These last two sectors will also likely be hit further by off-shoring of supply chains from China to emerging Asia and potentially some re-shoring.

Decarbonisation ambitions has pushed China to bring on more renewable capacity

Improved renewable installation will underpin a demand growth of 5.9% in the electrical network sector in 2023. Also, ongoing development in renewables will underpin a CAGR of 1.4% in demand from this sector between 2023 and 2033.

The newly installed wind and solar power capacity increased by 74% and 145% y-o-y in the year to September



Wind and solar power to reach the 1,200 GW target five years ahead of the government plan



EVs to drive copper demand in the transportation sector

Robust EV growth supports demand from the transportation sector to grow by 8.1% in 2023. Further out, EV tax exemption and the ongoing decarbonsation trend will drive demand to grow at a CAGR of 5.7% over the investment horizon.

The divergence in output growth of EVs and total vehicles suggests that EVs outpace their traditional ICE counterparts.



The subsidies from government is supporting EV sales penetration rate moved up further and reached 29.5% in August 2023





Copper's credibility as an electrical conductor will underpin its role in energy transition

EVs, renewables and investment in support infrastructure to underpin copper end-use demand and production of related semis, predominantly copper wire rod and electrodeposited foil.

Consumption by property (Mt)

Consumption by industry (Mt)

End-use demand from green sectors (Mt)



Electrical conductivity continues to account for 77% of copper use by 2033

Share of transportation equipment to increase to 18% by 2033

Share of green end-uses in total consumption to more than double from around 8% to 16% by 2033*



Source: Global copper investment horizon outlook - Q3 2023, Wood Mackenzie

Notes: Data for EVs includes commercial and passenger battery EVs. plug-in hybrid EVs, hybrid EVs and fuel cell EVs.

*Green end-use consumption shares as assumed implicitly embedded in our base case total copper consumption forecasts.

Decarbonisation commitments are an upside risk to our base case forecasts

Increasing EV penetration, higher renewable capacity and grid expansions will all support copper consumption



BEV – battery electric vehicles, PHEV – plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, HEV – hybrid electric vehicles, FCEV – fuel cell electric vehicles, ICE – internal combustion engine Notes: For passenger BEVs, base case assumption is that intensity declines to 72.5 kg by 2030 compared to around 80 kg in 2020 assuming a move towards more energy dense bat

Source: Global copper investment horizon outlook - Q3 2023, Wood Mackenzie, IDTechEx, International Copper Alliance

3. Copper supply outlook



Copper mine disruptions in 2023

Identified mine disruption rates to date for 2023 stand at ~3.7% or 880 kt.



Source: Source: Global copper short-term outlook October 2023, Wood Mackenzie 1) EMEARC = Europe, Middle East, Russia & Caspian

Global mine supply to peak in 2026

Growth will come from a combination of project ramp-ups, brownfield expansions and new greenfield mines.

Mine supply growth¹



Largest base case production changes 2022 to 2026



After disruption allowance * 70% brownfield, 50% greenfield & mine life extension



Source: Global copper short-term outlook October 2023, Wood Mackenzie

Base case copper mine supply in the near and medium-term

Strong growth delivered by "base case" mines, either already operating or in construction.

Sources of base case mine supply growth until 2026



+3.2 Mt between 2023-2026 before adjustments

New supply is expected from projects including...



Quebrada Blanca Phase 2: Ramp-up to continue into next year. Net increase of +220kt between 2023-2026

Collahuasi Expansion: Net growth of +140kt by 2026

Chuqui UG: Growth of approximately +90kt by 2026

Mantoverde: Expected start-up in 2024, adding +80ktpa

Udokan: Started up this year. Ramping up to peak of 140 ktpa in first phase

Malmyzh: Currently under construction. Approximately 160 ktpa.

Almalyk: Mine and smelter expansion adding +120kt by 2026





Tenke Fungurume: Production will be increased by 200 ktpa. Still in development, with start up expected in 2024



Kansanshi: Expansion now approved. +140kt by 2026

New supply is required from new projects to satisfy future demand From 2026, new mine production is required to keep pace with demand

Global copper production and primary demand

16.4 Mt¹ of copper in probable & possible projects



Source: Global copper short term outlook - October 2023, Wood Mackenzie

More mining projects need to be approved to meet demand from 2025 To fill the expected 2033 supply gap, around 700 kt of production will need to be added each year. Quantity of copper projects sanctioned since 2007



* FID - Final Investment Decision

Copper Market Outlook, October 2023

How much investment is required to deliver mine supply ?

It will cost \$120 Bn to meet the requirement for mine supply by 2033, this rises to \$465 by 2050.

Capital intensity of copper projects included in cost analysis Future investment is needed to meet primary demand



Scrap will play a pivotal role in tempering the supply-demand gap

However, it does not negate the need for new primary supply. The secondary market has its own challenges.

c/lb Cu

(2023\$)

Price

LME



2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022





Global copper scrap use by type



Surpluses to emerge supported by above average mine supply growth

Market fundamentals should dictate the price, but sentiment is a key influence in the very short term

Global refined copper market balance



Copper prices and stocks days of consumption



Source: Global copper short term outlook - October 2023, Wood Mackenzie, LME

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Key Takeaways

- Volatility has prevailed across commodity and energy markets over the past couple of years. This trend is expected to continue.
- Copper's key property as an electrical conductor will underpin demand as the energy transition evolves.
- New mining projects are still required to meet future demand for copper.
- Scrap will be an increasingly important contributor.











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