

Talking with Oman Rolling Aluminium Co. Managing Director



Where is OARC's primary market? Historically, the US was our primary export market. Following the introduction of tariffs and trade remedies, we increased our sales portfolio in Europe and the Middle East, and further expanded into Canada and Mexico.

Aluminium foil production in the GCC suffered because of imports. What is the situation now? The GCC aluminium foil market has seen improvements in local production, primarily in Bahrain and Oman. However, the market is still heavily reliant on imports, as the region imports significantly more foil than it produces. There is currently no clear, unified action across the GCC regarding foil products.

What are the regional roll producers' challenges? Foil and sheet producers in the GCC are facing three significant challenges simultaneously: competing with cheap imports, protecting their export access, and meeting increasing customer expectations. The GCC producers must also navigate uncertainties related to trade remedies, such as the US's anti-dumping measures on foil and sheet, which create customer anxiety and delay orders.

Additionally, the US Section 232 tariff has become a significant obstacle. Since June 4, 2025, the US has increased the Section 232 duty on aluminium by an additional 50%. At the same time, Europe's CBAM, which starts in January 2026, has created substantial bureaucratic requirements.



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EGA and Century Aluminium to Build U.S Smelter



EGA and Century Aluminium have agreed to build the first new primary aluminium production plant in the United States. EGA will hold a 60 percent ownership stake in the joint venture, while Century will own the remaining 40 percent. The new plant, to be located in Inola, Oklahoma, is expected to produce 750,000 tonnes of aluminium annually, which is larger than previously announced and will more than double current U.S. aluminium production.

Construction of the project is to commence by the end of 2026, utilising EGA's latest state-of-the-art EX technology. Once completed, the Inola plant will be the largest primary aluminium production facility in the United States and the first to be built in nearly 50 years.



GARMCO launches Safety Week

GARMCO organised Safety Week 2026 in collaboration with various government and private entities, under the slogan "Safety is the Foundation of Sustainability." This initiative reinforces the company's commitment to the highest standards of occupational health and safety and promotes a culture of safe work to support sustainable operations and protect people.

The campaign included awareness lectures, an exhibition of safety and protective equipment, free health screenings and consultations, and interactive competitions for employees.



Sohar Aluminium supports Sustainable Education

Sohar Aluminium has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education to support various sustainable educational and technical projects, including Digital Transformation, the School Cybersecurity Initiative, and Green Schools initiatives.



Altaiseer Group Industry Recognition

ALTAISEER GROUP TALCO INDUSTRIAL COMPANY has been recognised as the "Best Aluminium Extrusion Company" by Saudi Building & Infrastructure. This award highlights the company's consistent performance in product quality, operational excellence, and contributions to the construction and infrastructure sectors.

It reflects the organisation's ongoing commitment to process control, adherence to international standards, and its support for large-scale architectural and industrial projects throughout the region.

TALCO signs MoU to acquire Eastern Aluminium Extrusion Factory



Al Taiseer Group's Talco Industrial Company (TALCO) has signed a preliminary, non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Eastern Aluminium Extrusion Factory regarding a potential acquisition.

The MoU establishes the initial framework for mutual obligations and rights between the two parties. It aims to facilitate feasibility studies and conduct financial and legal due diligence reviews.

Sohar Aluminium Agricultural Day



Sohar Aluminium marked the annual Omani Agriculture Day by distributing 1000 trees to employees and contractors. Organising this environment-friendly initiative aligns with the company's ESG campaign.

ALBA host GAC Electrolysis Seminar



Around 70 Delegates from all the GCC smelters attended a seminar organised by GAC and hosted by Alba. The technical papers were presented by senior employees from the smelters and a few outside organisations.

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