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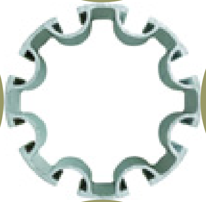

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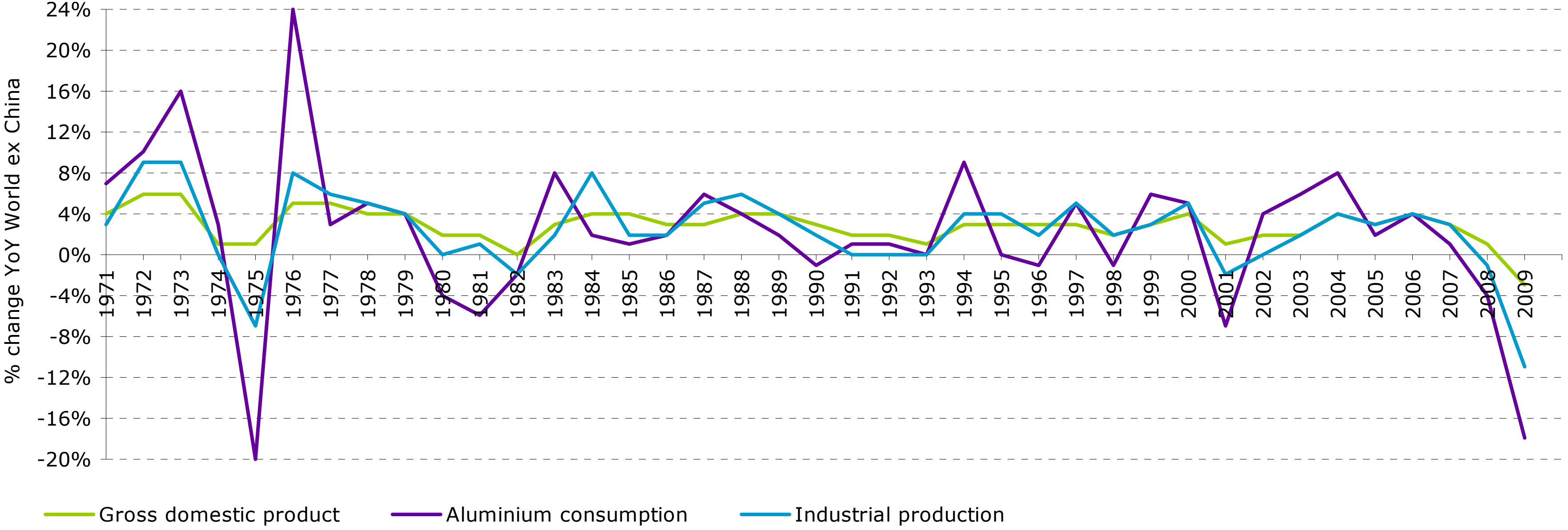
Capex/opex in different geographical regions

Key take aways

Historic downturn in 2009

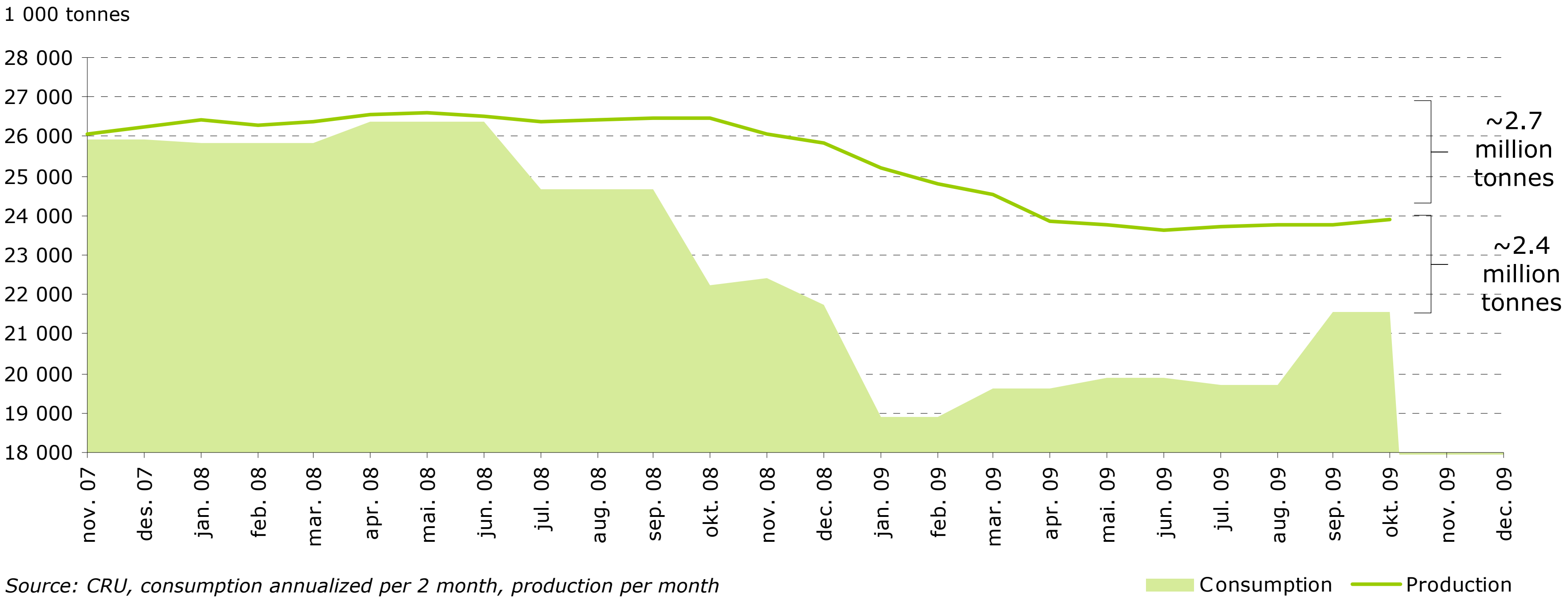
World outside China



Source: Global Insight / CRU / Hydro

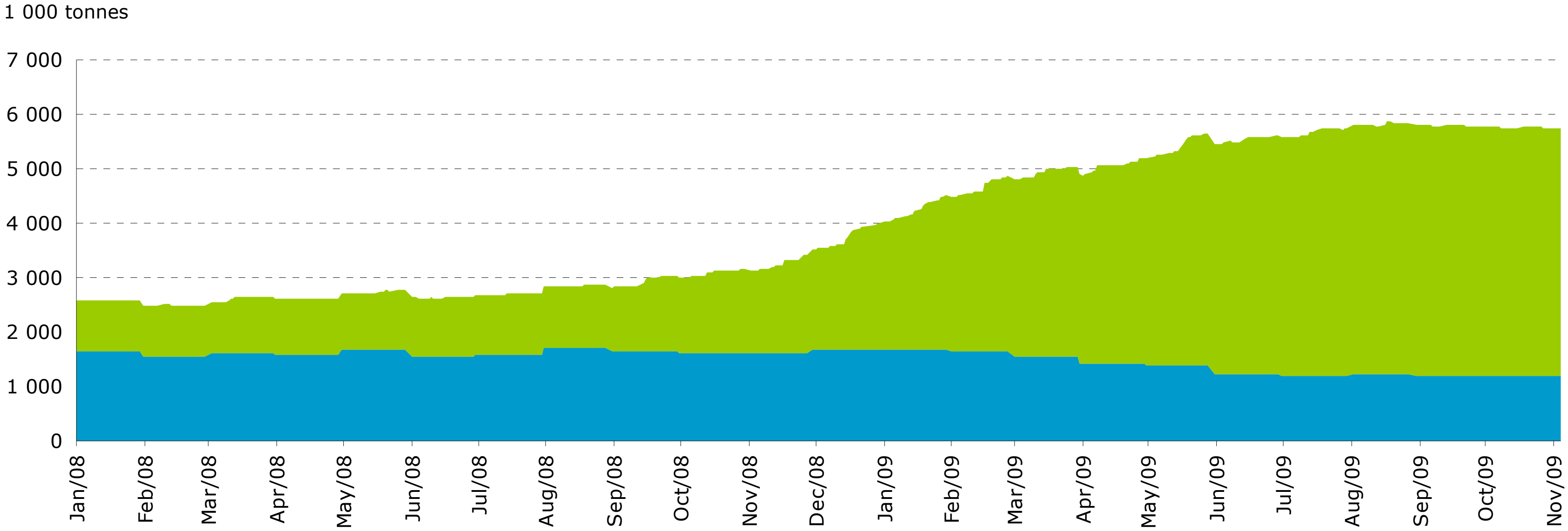
Imbalance reduced

World outside China



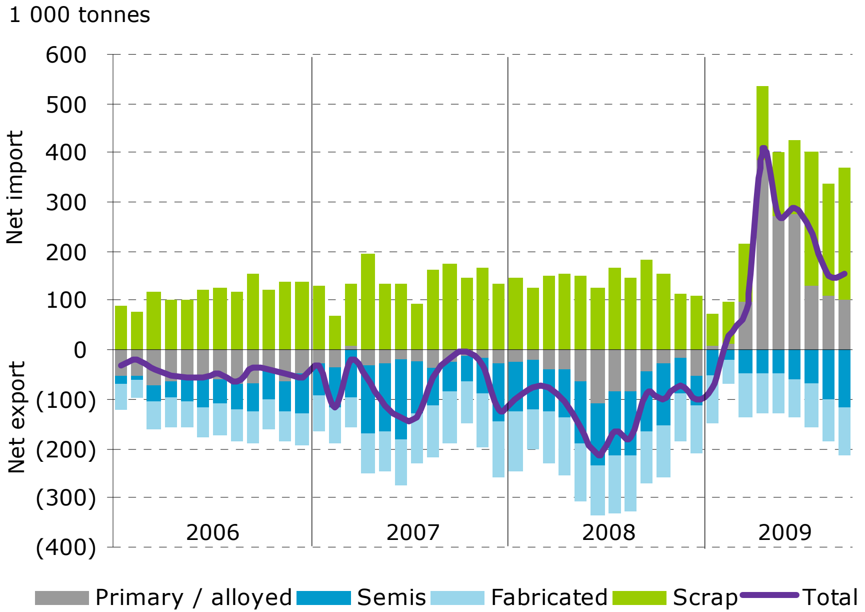
Source: CRU, consumption annualized per 2 month, production per month

LME and IAI inventories 2008-2009



Source: Reuters/EcoWin

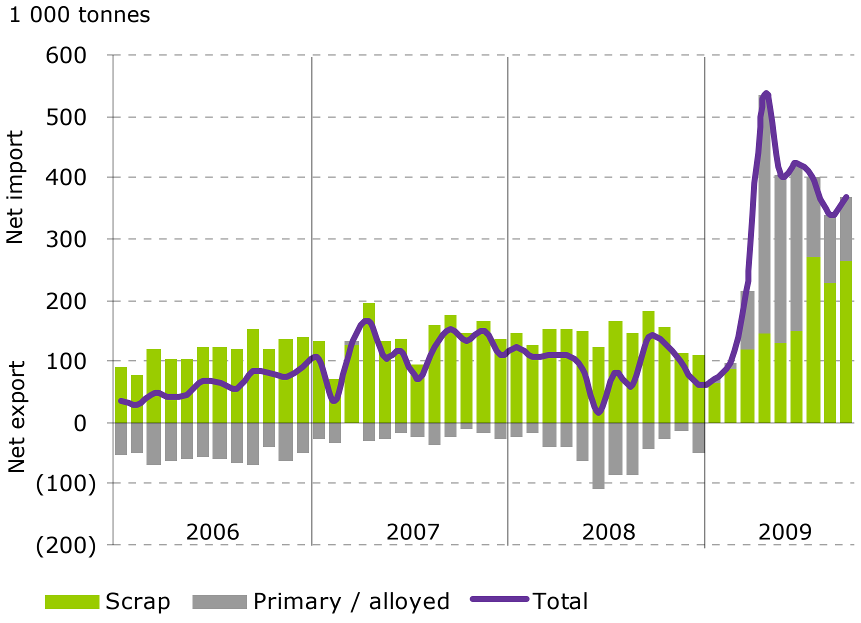
Swift response to market conditions from China



Source: Hydro / Antaike November 2009

- Production curtailments
- Strategic government purchases – lifted inland prices, import became profitable
- Government incentives increasing demand
- Recent months
  - Restart of curtailed capacity
  - Some new capacity being built
- Imports of primary aluminium expected to decrease

China with large increase in scrap import recently



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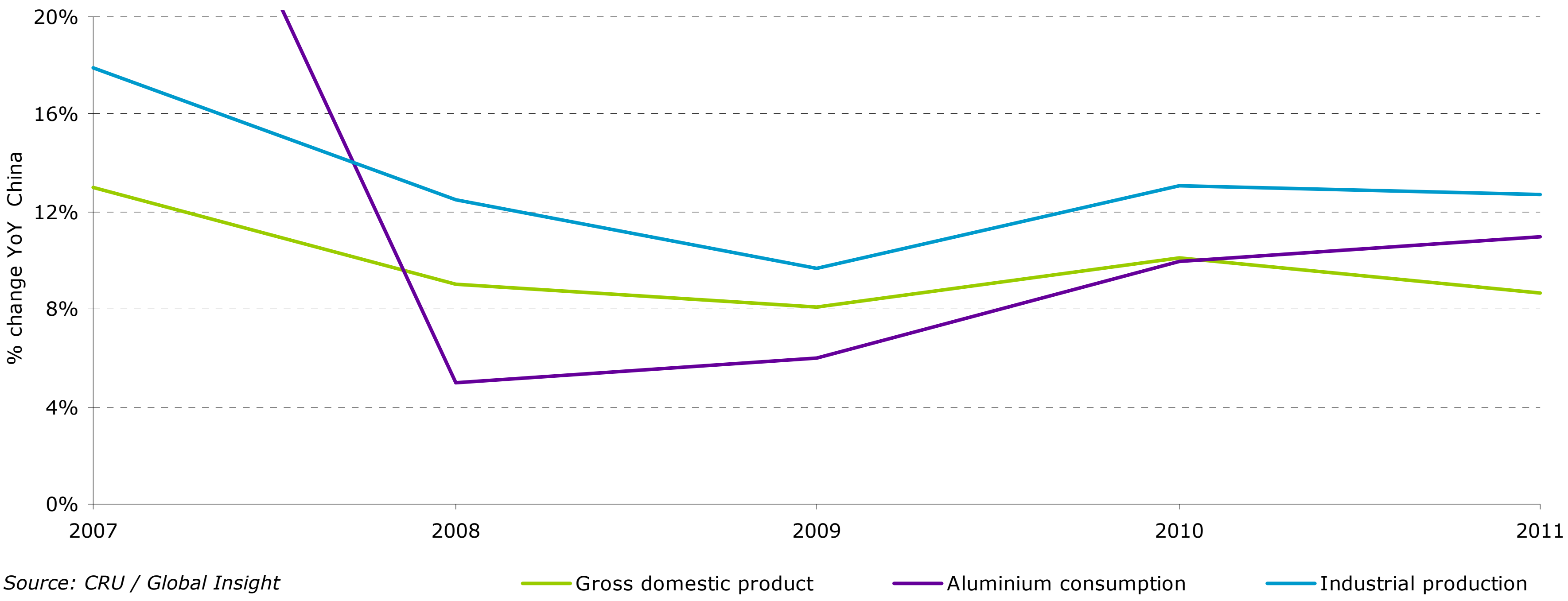
- With more scrap going to China more primary metal is needed as feed in the world outside China
- Providing that the level in Q3 is kept also in Q4, 2009 scrap imports to China will be around 500 000 tonnes higher than in 2008
- Scrap import may stay higher on annualized basis in 2010 than in 2009

China ”recovers” from high levels



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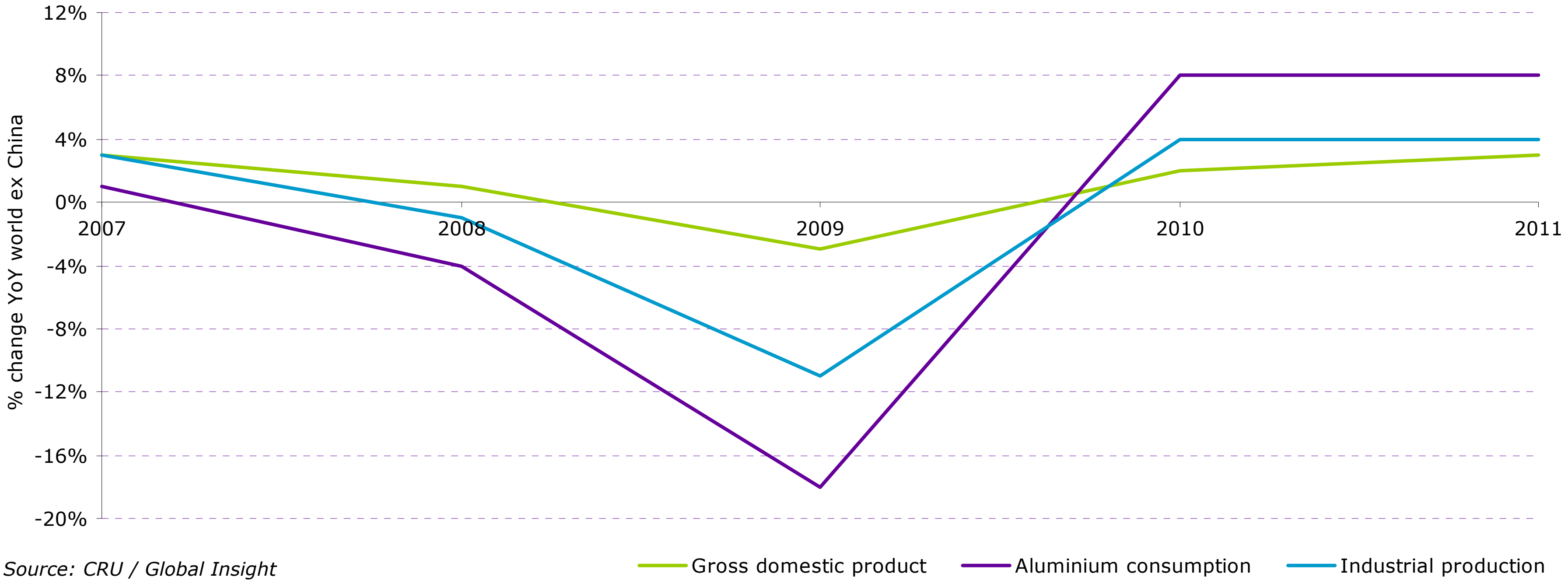
Growth in GDP and IP in 2010 outside China

Aluminium pipeline to be refilled



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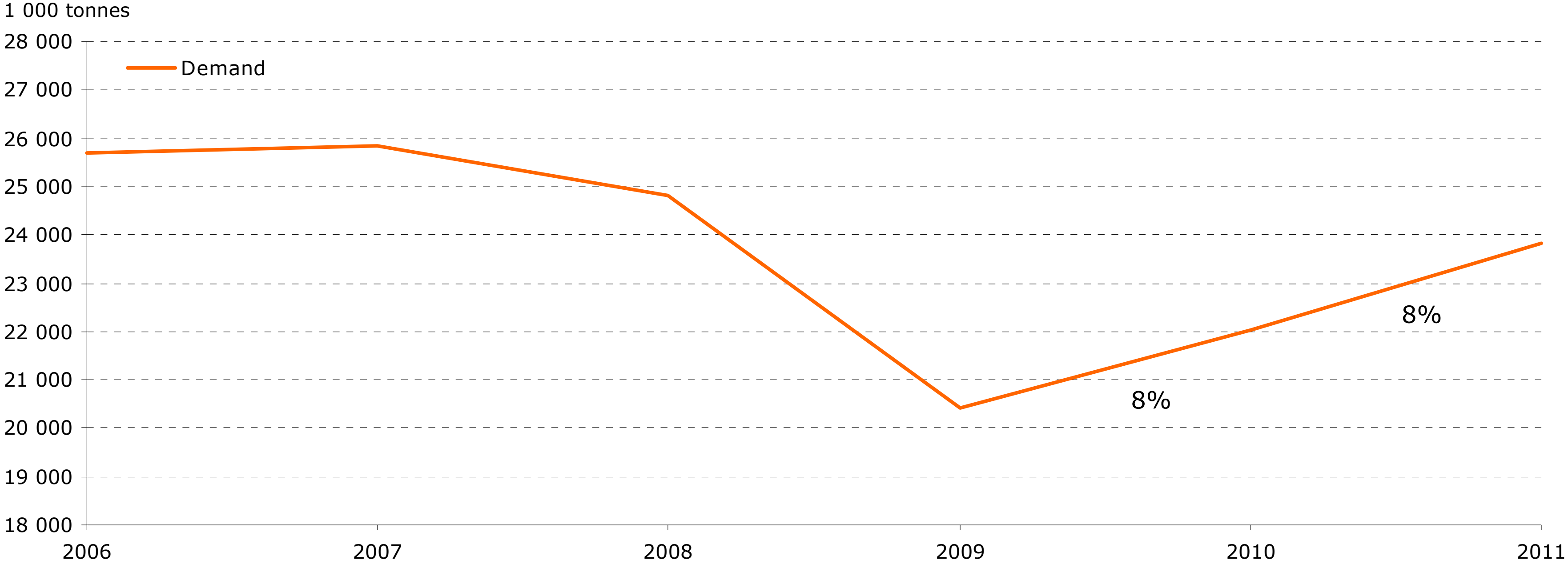
Improving demand

World outside China



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Improving demand – but current supply too high

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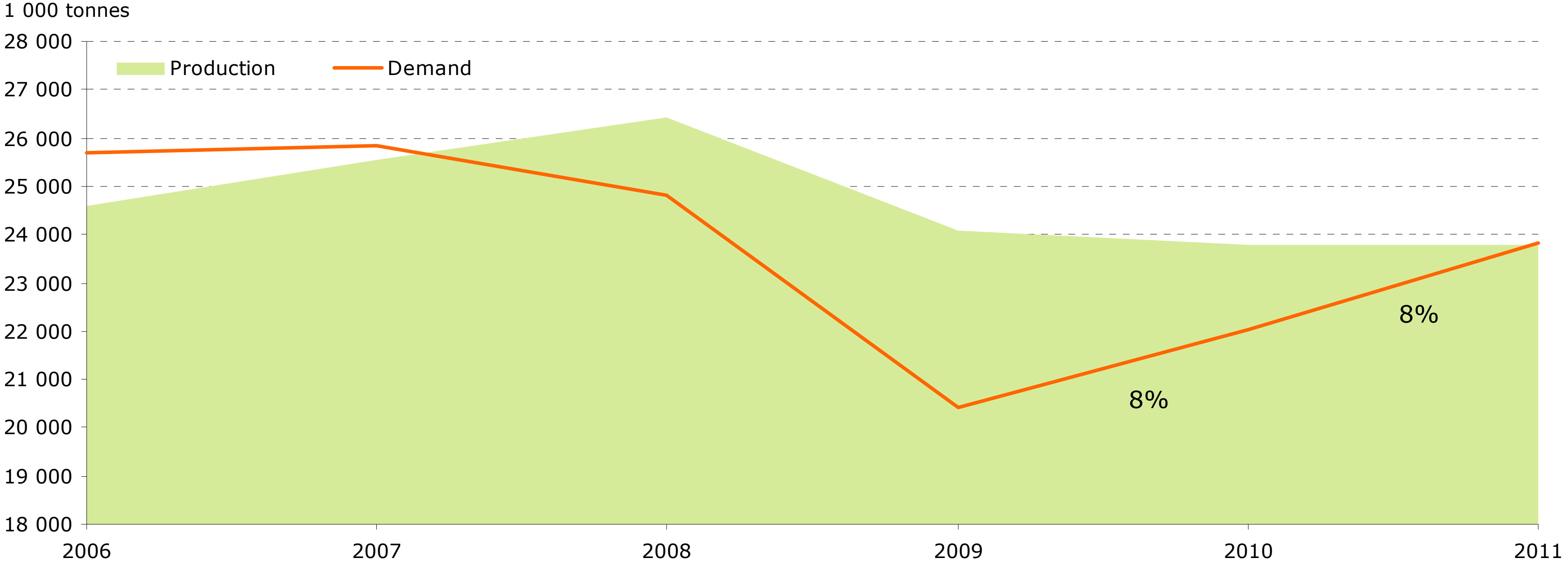

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Curtailment and China import not sufficient

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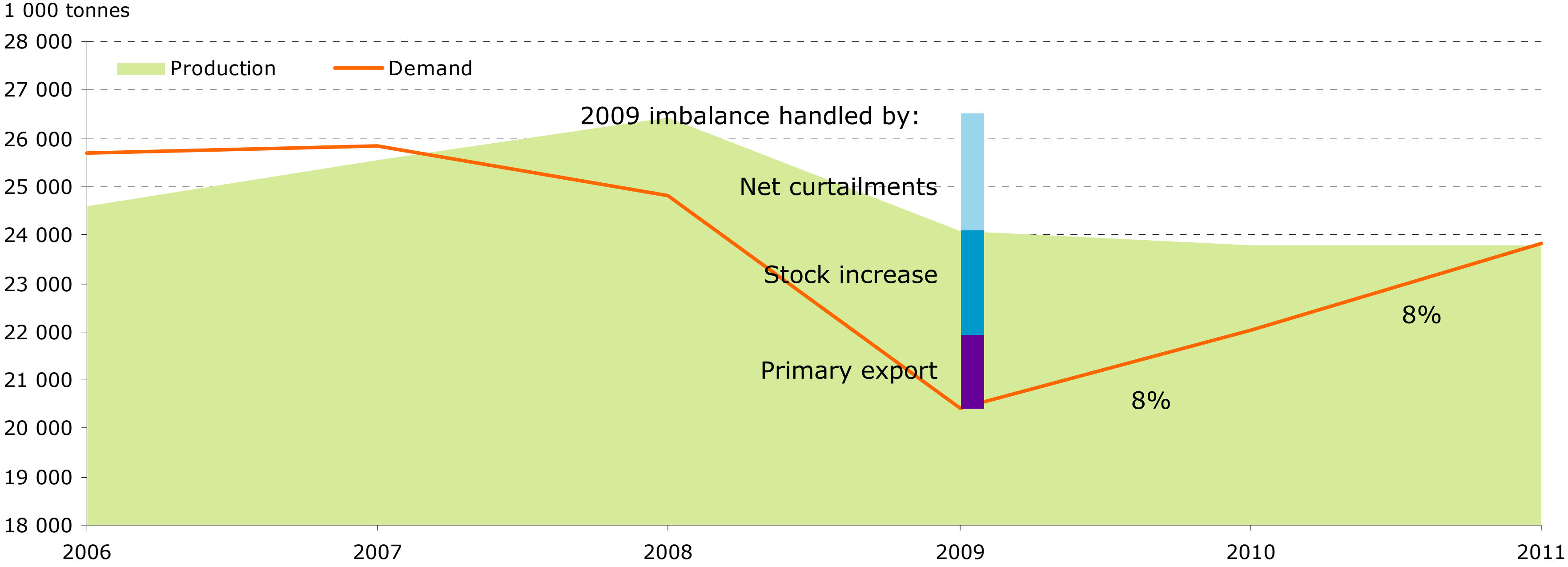

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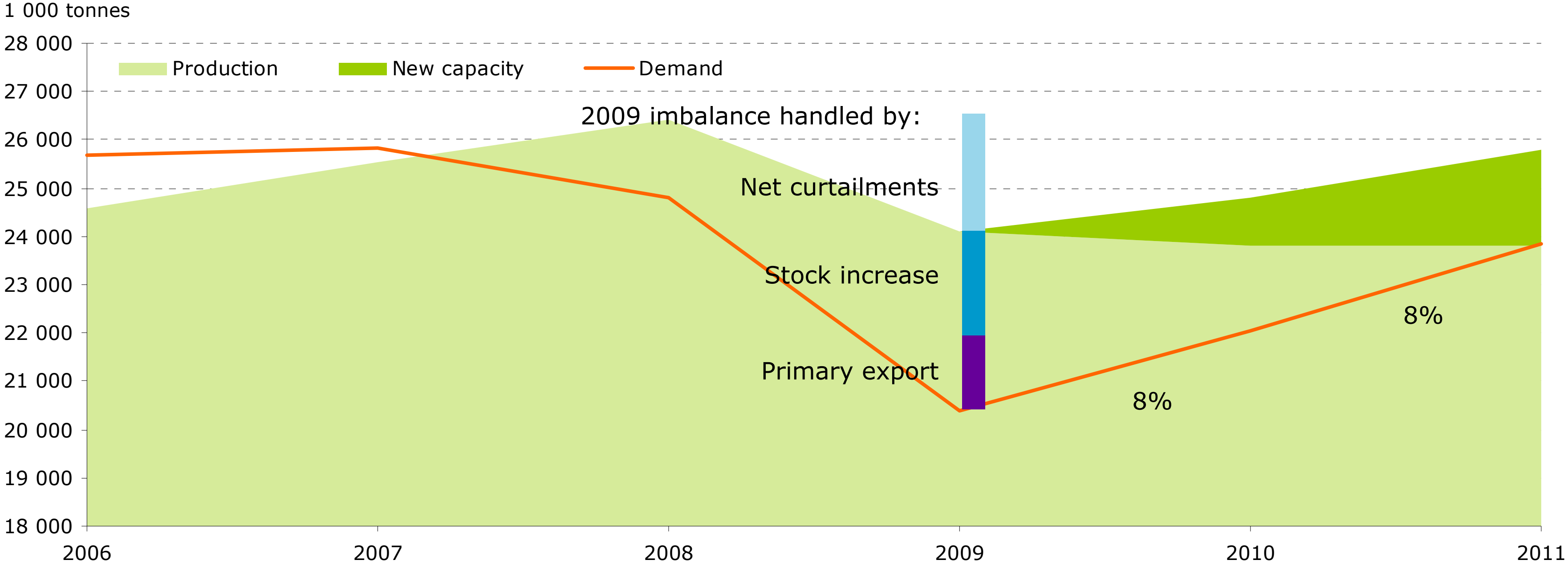
New capacity coming in – adding to the challenge

World outside China



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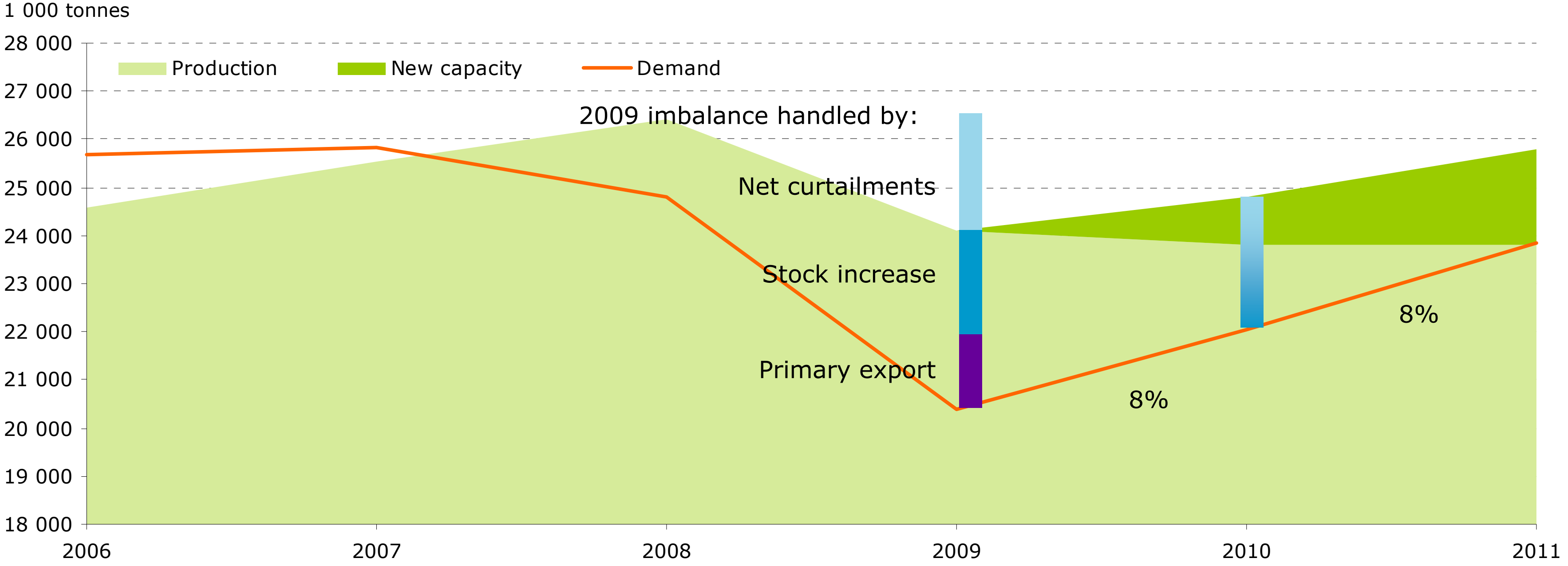
Imbalance, though reduced

World outside China



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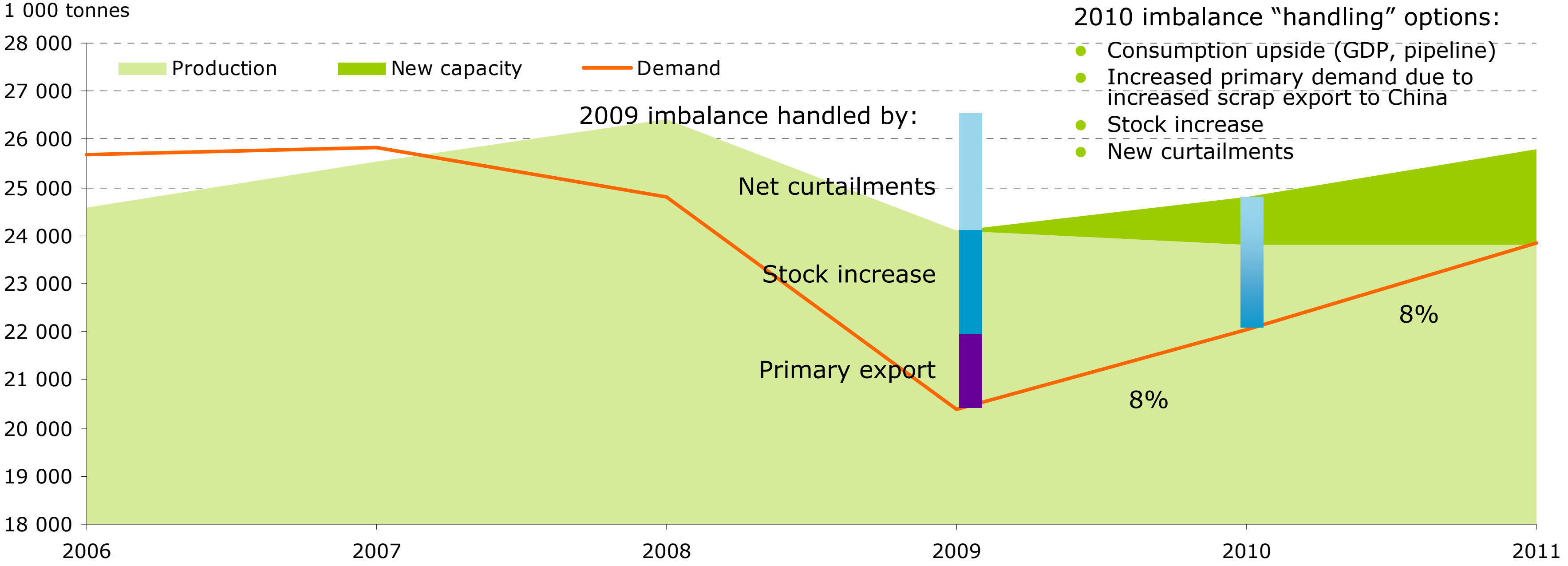
2010 balance – scenario thinking

World outside China



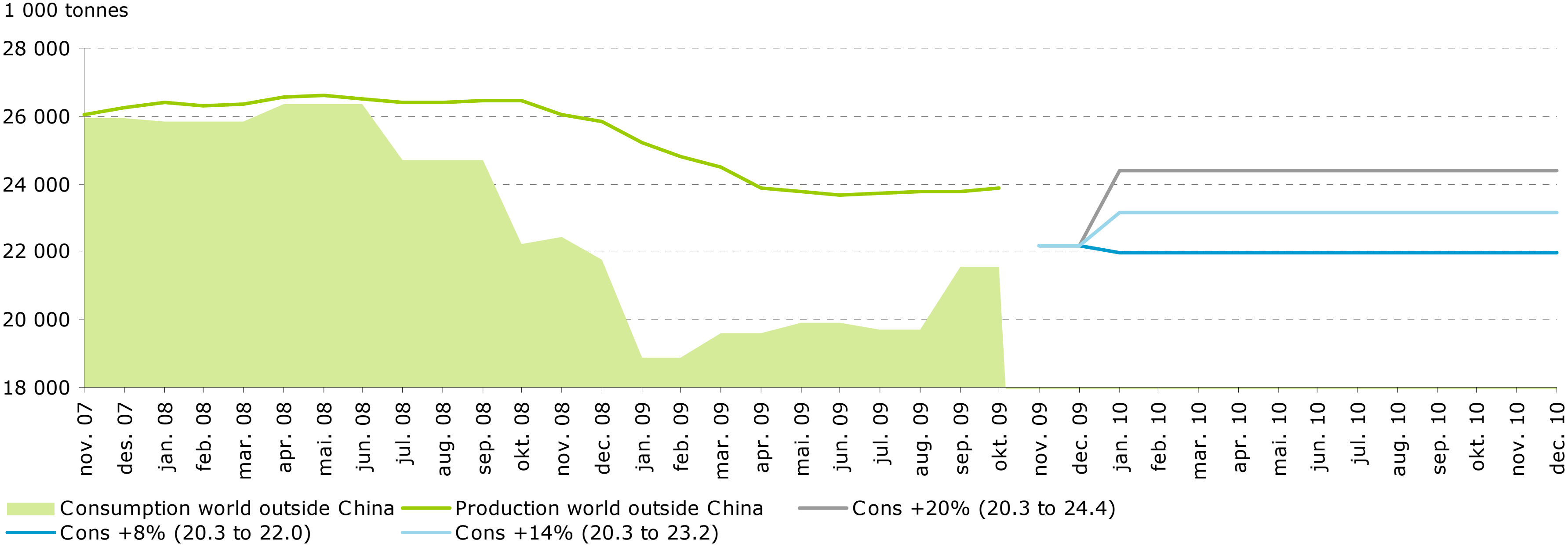
2010 imbalance "handling" options:

- Consumption upside (GDP, pipeline)
- Increased primary demand due to increased scrap export to China
- Stock increase
- New curtailments

Source: CRU / Hydro

Example of different growth rates

World outside China, annualized



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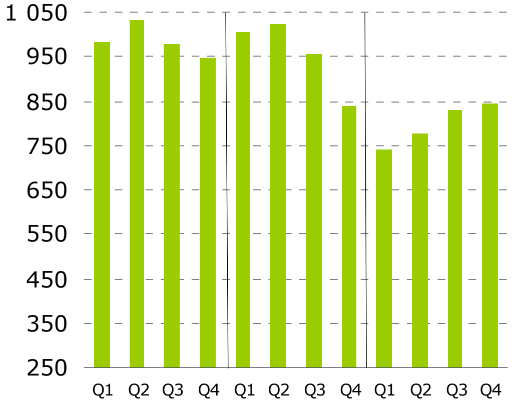
Quarterly development indicate underlying growth

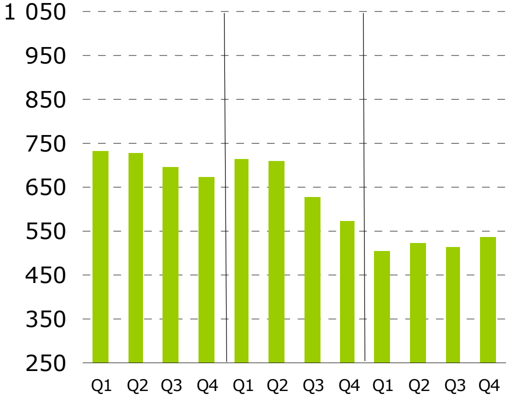
Rolled Products,
West Europe

1 000 tonnes



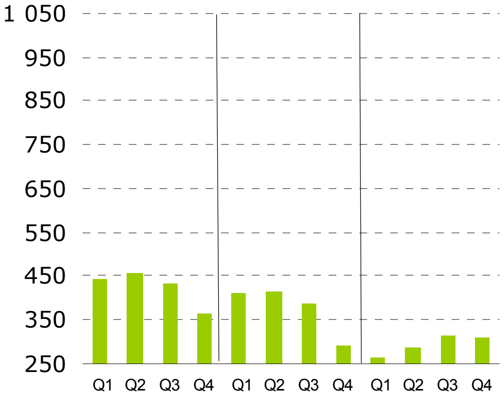
Extruded Products,
West Europe

1 000 tonnes



Extruded Products,
North America

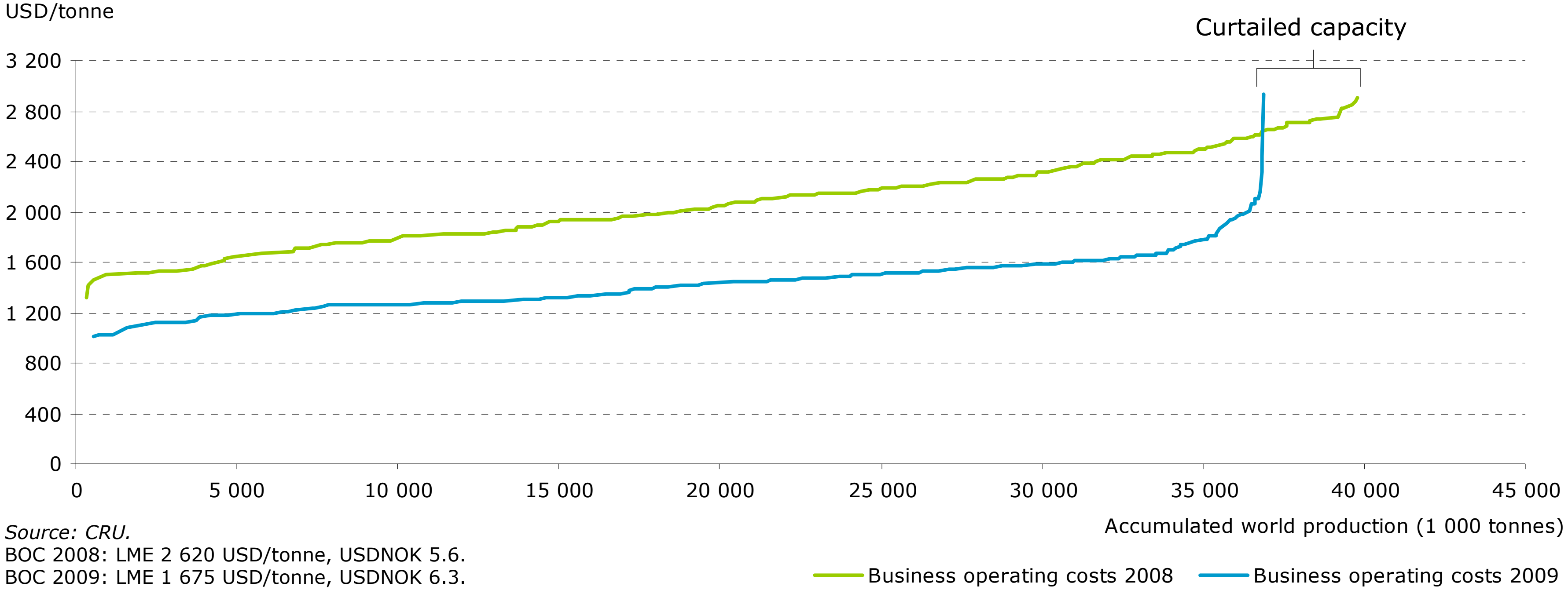
1 000 tonnes



Source: CRU

Industry costs have come down

However, very high uncertainty with regards to timing, contracts and currency



Source: CRU.
BOC 2008: LME 2 620 USD/tonne, USDNOK 5.6.
BOC 2009: LME 1 675 USD/tonne, USDNOK 6.3.

Capex/opex combinations new capacity

Power at full cost, smelter facility cost, anode and casthouse concept will differ

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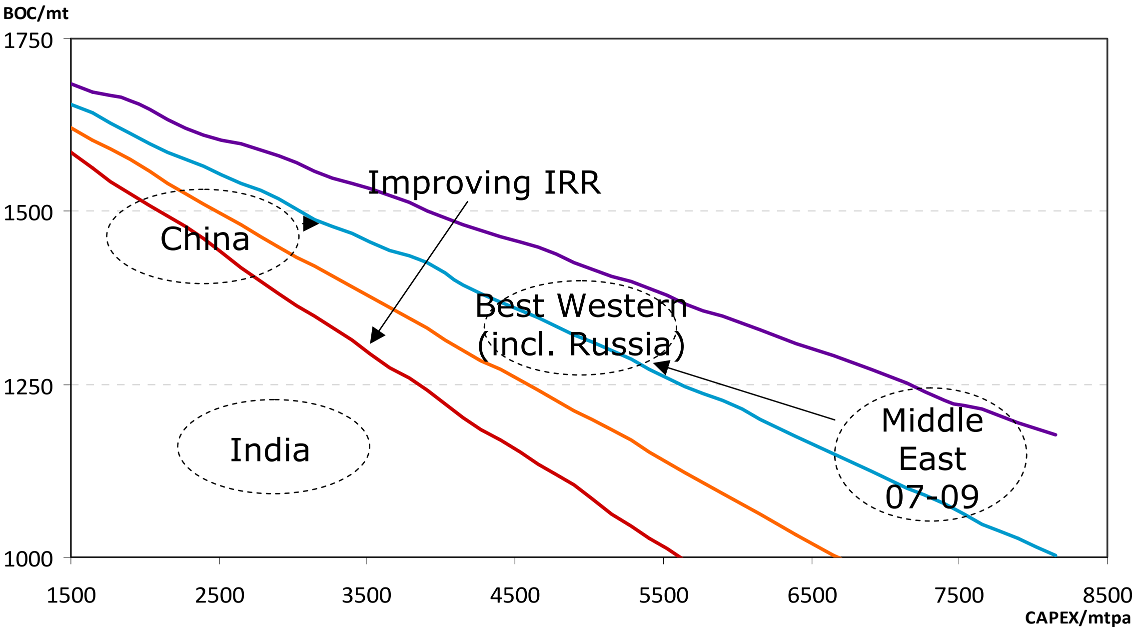

Key take aways

- Imbalance between supply and demand in the world outside China continuing into 2010
  - But consumption is increasing
- Outlook 2010
  - Demand growth outside China expected – growth level uncertain
    - Fill up pipeline
    - Risk for “W”
  - Reduced primary metal export to China expected
  - Scrap export to China has increased during the last quarter – new trend?
  - Some new capacity coming on stream, expect current curtailments outside China to remain curtailed

- The supply/demand imbalance continues into 2010 – but at a lower level than in 2009 – prepare for adapting to different scenarios www.hydro.com