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Non-ferrous metallurgy is a key sector of the secondary industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan, forming the country's export potential. Production of the sector is used in engineering, electrical engineering, construction, and electronics.

Import capacity of domestic market and macroregion markets on priority commodity groups is 111 and 6718 million dollars respectively.

The share of non-ferrous metallurgy within the secondary industry has increased from 19,6 % to 22,8% in 2012 compared to 2008, and decreased in 2013 by 19,2 %. Gross value added increased from 377,9 billion tenge in 2008 to 749,9 billion tenge in 2012. Production has increased by 1,7 times in nominal terms from 2008 to 2013. Number of employed people in the industry reduced by 22.2 thousand from 2008 to 2013. In 2013 labour productivity of non-ferrous metallurgy amounted to 107,8 thousand dollars. This performance of the OECD countries for the same period amounted to 147,5 thousand dollars on average, which is by 18,9 % than the same performance of Kazakhstan. In 2013 exports of non-ferrous products remained at the level of 2008 and amounted to 4,2 billion dollars.

Source: Statistics Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<http://www.stat.gov.kz/>)

Priority activities

- Production of noble (precious) metals
- Production of aluminium
- Production of lead, zinc and stannum
- Production of copper
- Production of other non-ferrous metals

Priority projects

From 2015 to 2019 the state policy on development of non-ferrous metallurgy of the country will increase production of base metals: copper, gold, titanium and aluminium; increase in production of products: wire rods, wires, rolled stock, sectors and alloys, foils, jewellery, products for related industries.

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