



**ICSG Directory of Global Copper First Use Capacity:  
2017 Edition**

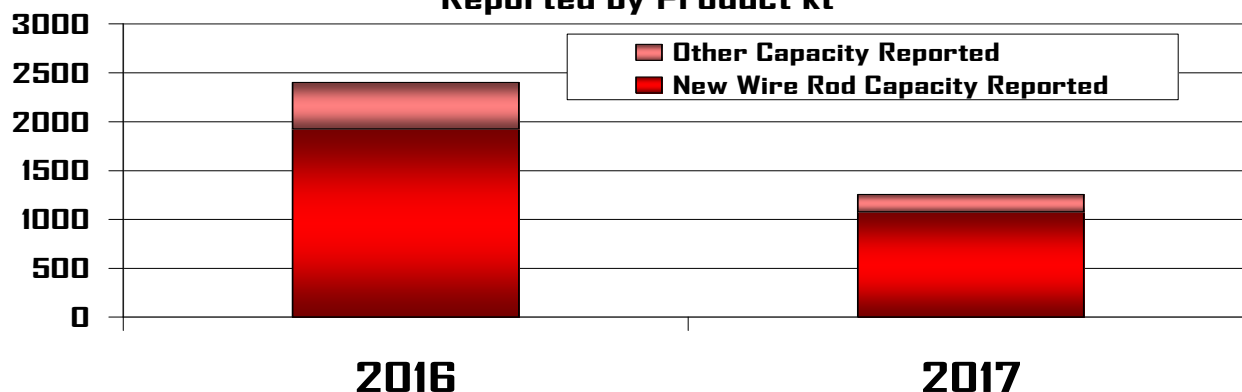
The International Copper Study Group released its 2017 edition of the “Directory of Copper and Copper Alloy Fabricators – First Use”. This directory provides a systematic global overview of companies and plants involved in the use of refined copper, copper scrap and copper alloy scrap.

The findings of the 2017 edition are very interesting with both new plants and expansions under construction and recently commissioned not only in China but in many regions, in particular in ASEAN, India, MENA, but also plants re-launched and some new capacity in Western Europe and in North America. For 2016 we confirm that almost 2.5 million tonnes of new capacity to use refined copper and scrap, mainly in new copper wire rod, was commissioned, but for 2017 the new capacity being commissioned is below 1.3 million tonnes worldwide, mainly but not only in China. The cancellation of copper wire rod projects across China is now a reality of the ongoing industrial restructuring that affected almost 1.8 million tonnes in cancelled, delayed and postponed projects just in the copper wire rod sector, with some new plants idle or producing at low utilization rates in 2017. With the slowdown of the fabrication capacity expansion cycle in China expected for 2019, and a peak in overcapacity expected for 2018 for copper wire rod and for some other products, some American, Japanese and even Chinese corporations sold plants in China and other countries to local corporations and are re-investing in new plants and capacities in the Gulf, India, Vietnam and the United States.

A description for every plant and the expected operational status in 2017 is included where available. In each regional chapter of this edition detailed information is presented on the status of plants expected to be operational, plants closed, changes in ownership in operational plants and future projects. Plants under construction in 2017 to start operations in 2018 and beyond are analyzed separately.

The 2017 edition of the Directory is available for sale to ICSG member country/non-member country clients at a price of €400/€600 respectively. An order form is attached to this press release. The database is also presented in Excel version.

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