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For Sustainable Supply of Mineral Resources

World Mining Business has been rapidly changing, and paradigm shift such as Emerging Market Economy, M&A, Nationalism over resources, Inflow of investment money, etc are observed at the current mineral commodity market..

Under the volatile metal prices, it is indispensable for Japanese Industries to secure the stable supply of industrial materials.

Demand & Supply of Commodities : Soaring metal prices, and its background

World mining majors : Diversifies business through M&A

Supply Chain Management : Flows from ore to materials for the metal industry

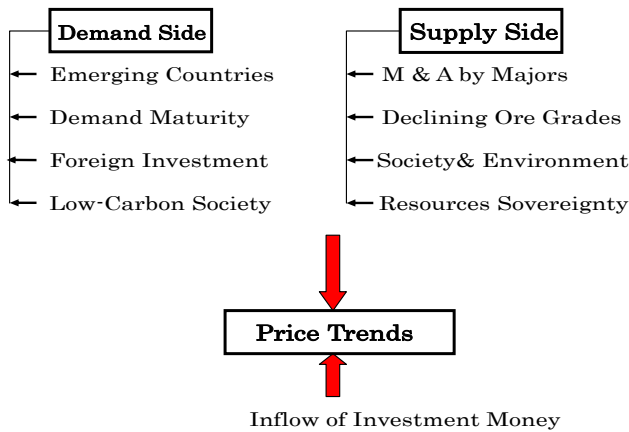


Fig.1 Current factors for metal price determination

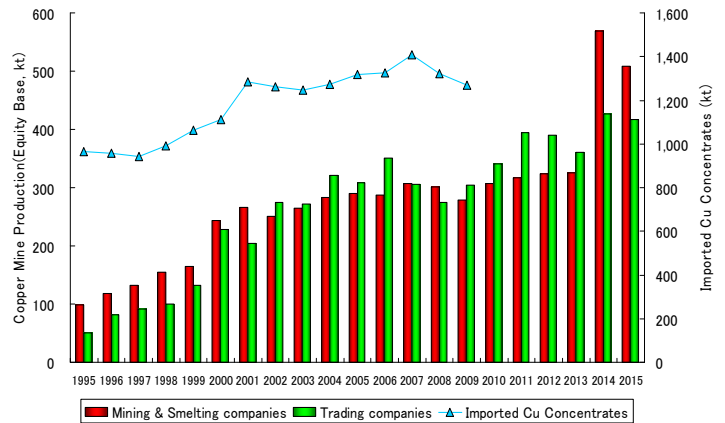


Fig.2 Copper mine investment by Japanese companies

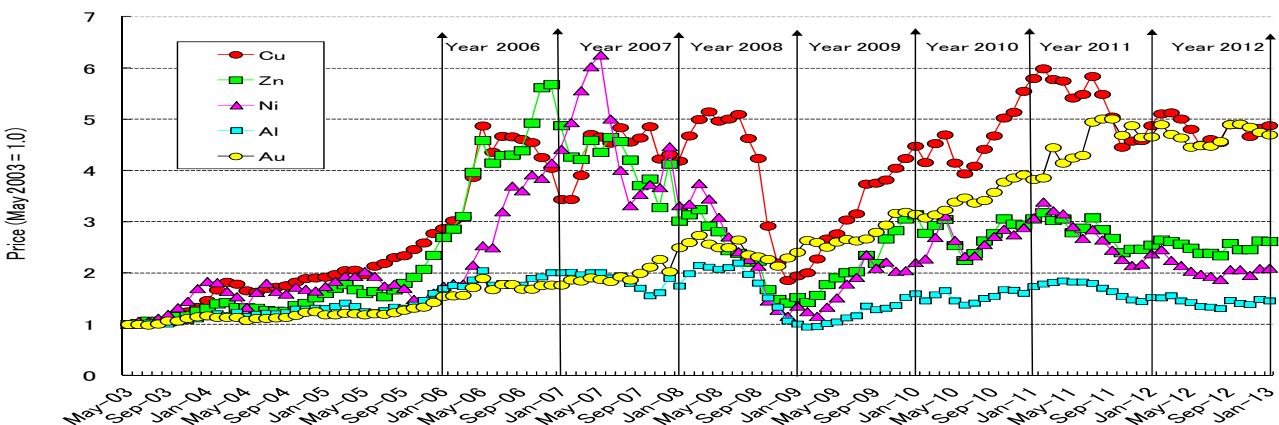


Fig.3 Change in metal prices (May 2003 ~ Jan. 2013)