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BMI View: China's metals industry is set to face more pain ahead in the face of cooling Chinese economic growth and Beijing pledge to induce more supply discipline in heavy industry.

We expect China's metals industry to come under pressure from cooling Chinese economic growth over the coming years. More domestic smelters will struggle to survive in the face of falling profit margins, sluggish demand and waning support from the local governments. The rebalancing of China's economy away from fixed asset investment and towards private consumption will significantly drag on demand growth for construction-related materials. Industrial metals such as steel and nickel will be particularly affected given their heavy exposure to the construction sector.

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