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BMI View: BMI's Q3 2014 Malaysia Metals reports analyses developments taking place across the country's metals sector in light of a slowing Chinese economy and increasing competition between regional base metals producers. We are forecasting production of the country's two main metals products - steel and tin - to continue to grow at a steady clip, supported largely by a strong Malaysia economy and robust levels of domestic demand.

H2 2014 will see Malaysia retain its status as a regional outperformer in terms of metals production with steel output set to increase by 9.1% over the year. We retain a positive outlook towards the Malaysian economy in 2014, which we forecast to expand by 4.4%, while we also expect growth in the National Key Economic Areas (NKEAs) to remain relatively robust, lending support to the domestic industry.

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