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BMI View: Malaysia's has one of the most developed metals industries in the Asia-Pacific region, however, the industry has found itself increasingly challenged by the pricing strategies of other regional producers which have increasingly started to affect companies profit margins.

The Q4 2014 Malaysia Metals Report analyses developments with the country's steel and tin sectors as well as the strategies being undertaken by companies as they face into an increasingly challenging operating environment. H2 2014 will see Malaysia's status as a leading steel producer come under threat as output growth is set to fall from 8.1% year-on-year (y-o-y) in 2013, to 5.4% this year. The increasing threat posed by Chinese exporters, who have been able to lower prices on a number of products both on the domestic market as well as internationally, is starting to cut into the operating margins of Malaysian producers, many of whom are now expect to begin limiting their capacity utilisation. A more conservative operating will see the country's total steel production growth begin to decelerate over the next few years, a trend that will see Malaysia surrender its status as the fastest growing steel sector in the Asia-Pacific region.



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