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## Abstracts

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**BMI View:** The Russian metals sector will face headwinds over coming quarters as European and US demand remains weak and global oversupply weighs on metal prices. We expect production of key metals to remain modest, with company investment plans focusing on improving plant efficiency and reducing costs rather than building new plants or expanding production capacity. Despite weak growth, Russia will remain one of the world's largest producers of base and industrial metals including nickel, steel and aluminium.

### Steel, Aluminium & Nickel Supply Glut To Hinder Growth

We expect sluggish steel production growth in Russia as the country's largest steel-makers experience squeezed margins resulting in production cuts. The global steel market will remain mired in significant overcapacity, sluggish demand and weak margins for the foreseeable future due to Asian steel surpluses flooding the global market.

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