A Producer's and Buyer's Perspective: The Permanent Magnet Outlook

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- The China Factor
- Raw Material Supplies and Prices
- US Rare Earth Criticality
- New Technologies Driving Demand
- Industry Consolidation
- The Industry "Top 25"

Market Growth Toward 2020

- Overall PM market will average physical growth of at least 4-6% per year
- Two major economic corrections will likely occur US dollar will also be a wild card
- Bonded magnet demand will continue well above the industry average
- By 2020, the total market for permanent magnets will grow to over \$20 billion
- China will represent over 80% of the total world magnet production

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The PM Market – 2020

Source: WebMagnetics (2007 Data)

Tons (000)	Ferrite	NdFeB	Alnico	SmCo	Total
2007	725	63	6	3	797
2020	1210	120	4	4	1338
% Change	67%	90%	(33)%	33%	68%

The PM Market – 2020

Source: WebMagnetics (2007 Data)

Dollars (Million)	Ferrite	NdFeB	Alnico	SmCo	Total
2007	3,260	5,240	145	310	8,955
2020	6,155	14,245	160	460	21,020
% Change	89%	172%	10%	48%	135%

The PM Market – 2020

Source: WebMagnetics (2007 Data)

Dollars Per Ib.	Ferrite	NdFeB	Alnico	SmCo
2007	\$ 2.25	\$ 41.59	\$ 12.08	\$ 51.67
2020	\$ 2.54	\$ 59.35	\$ 20.00	\$ 57.50
% Change	12.9 %	42.3 %	65.6 %	11.3 %

The China Factor

- "In 2007 China contributed more to global growth than the United States, the first time another country had done so since at least the 1930's"
- "In two decades China has experienced the same degree of industrialization and social transformation as Europe did in two centuries"

Newsweek (January 7, 2008)

China's Labor Cost Advantage Over The West is Formidable

\$ 10.00 per hour (Competitive US)

• \$ 0.50 per hour (Typical Chinese)

Many Argue That the Chinese Cost Advantage Will "Soon Be Gone"

- Wage and materials inflation
- Electrical supply problems
- Pollution & congestion issues
- Government manipulation of supply chain parameters (tariffs & export restrictions)
- Exchange rate shifts

China's Labor Cost Advantage Over the West will Continue!

 \$ 10.00 per hour compounded at 3% per year to 2020 = \$ 14.26 per hour

 \$ 0.50 per hour compounded at 20% per year to 2020 = \$ 4.46 per hour

The China Advantage (Another Example)

 China's current labor cost advantage (\$/hr) in the automobile industry is formidable:

> Industrial Nacional Autopartes (Dec 2007)

China	\$ 0.84
Mexico	\$ 2.59
Brazil	\$ 3.56
Czech Republic	\$ 5.82
South Korea	\$ 12.88
Japan	\$ 21.53
United States	\$ 23.17

China Will be Out-Producing the US Before 2020

- On a "dollar value" comparison, China may still lag the US....but:
 - China will be producing MORE cell phones, cars, computers, steel, soft drinks and energy!
 - The driver is China's population, which is more than four times the US.

Chinese Consolidation

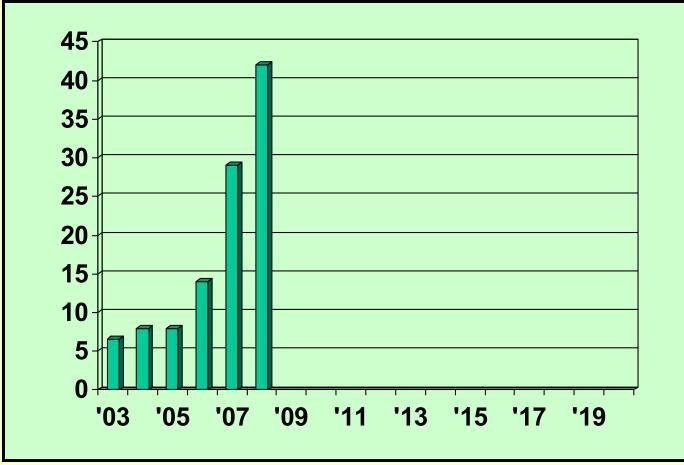
- Small, less sophisticated magnet producers will be squeezed out
 - Raw material availability
 - Marginal technology position
 - Cash flow & bottom line profitability
- Consolidation of the magnet industry in China could be significant

The China Summary

- China will continue to dominate the world's production of permanent magnets
- Chinese cost increases will only marginally reduce their economic advantage
- Chinese domestic magnet demand will increase substantially (10+%) over the next twelve years
- The Chinese will be confronting Japan for permanent magnet technical leadership by 2020
- By 2020, China will be the world's major producer of high quality iron oxide

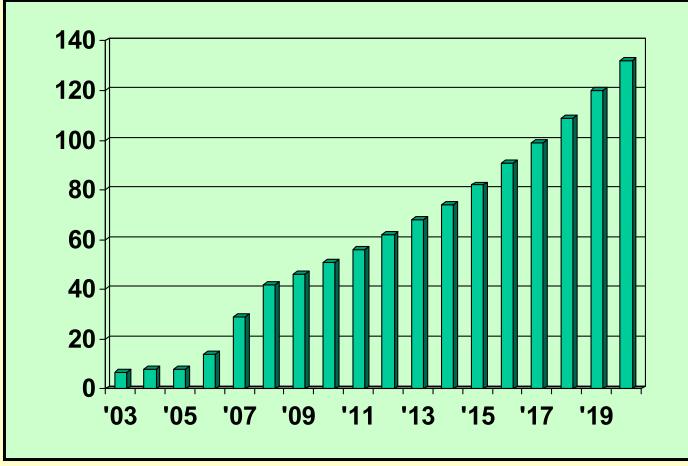
Recent Nd Oxide Price Trend

Actual February \$ per Kilogram (Metals Pages)

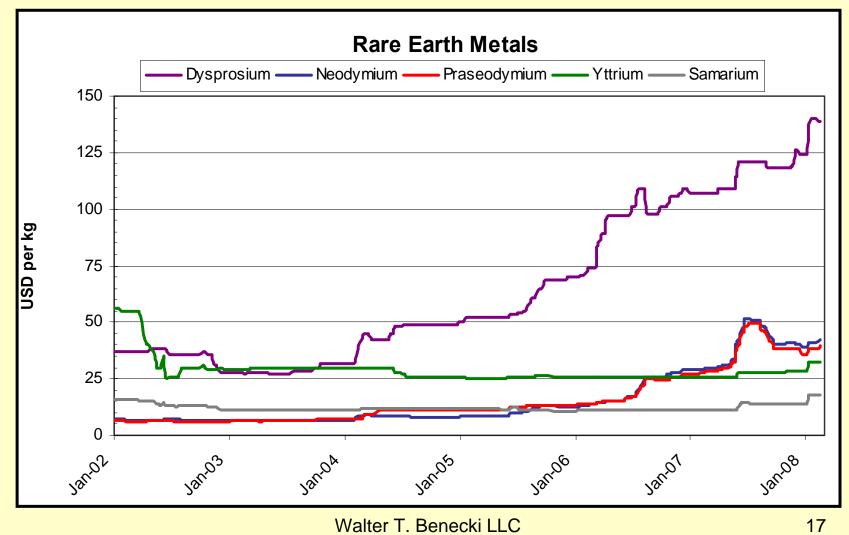


Future Nd Oxide Price Trend

(\$ per Kg - Increasing 10% per year)



Dysprosium Prices are Also Following a Serious Upward Trend



Raw Material Supplies and Prices - 2020

- Chinese domination of world REO production will drop to 70-75% from the current level of ≈ 95%
- North American and Australian production will represent approximately 25%
- REO prices will continue to climb (easily as much as 200%) as demand continues to challenge supply

US Rare Earth Criticality

- Jet Fighter Engines
- Guided Missile Systems
- Electronic Counter Measure Systems
- Anti-Missile Systems
- Satellite Communications Systems
 - Source: Objective Capital

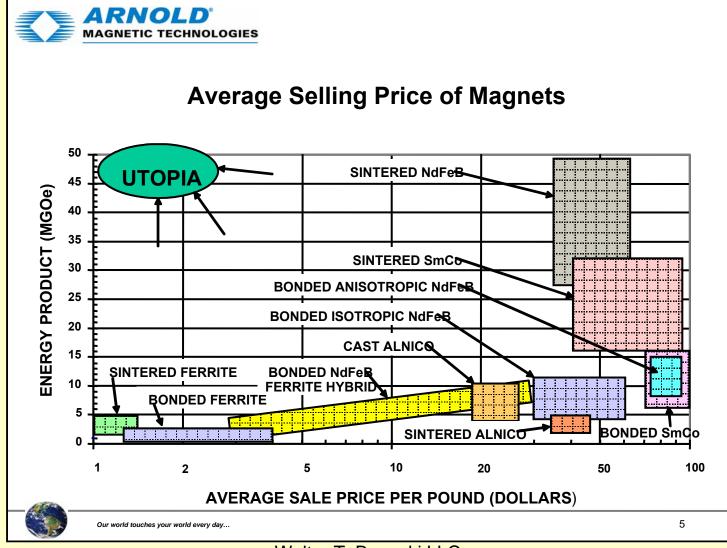
US Rare Earth Criticality

- "The predominance of US importation of rare earths from a single country coupled with that country's (China) own growing demand for minerals, represents potential for restrictions regarding future US access to rare earths, at any price."
 - Source: National Academy of Science

Advanced Technologies Will Drive Future Permanent Magnet Demand

- Hybrid & Fuel Cell Vehicles (+++)
- Wind Power (+++)
- Consumer Electronics (++)
- Military & Aerospace (++)
- Energy Storage Systems (++)
- Medical Products & Systems (+)
- Solid State Memory Drives (--)

We Will Not See "Utopia"



North American Magnet Landscape Predictions - 2020

- One hard ferrite producer
- One injection molded magnet producer
- One meaningful sintered NdFeB producer

North American Magnet Landscape - 2020

- A phase of acquisition/consolidation will occur in the distributor/fabricator segment of the industry
- 4- 6 distributor/fabricators (existing in 2007) will be acquired or close their doors by 2020

Permanent Magnet Industry The World's Top 25

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- Sustained profitability and cash flow will be a necessity
- Solid management will be very important
- Exclusion from "the list" doesn't mean you won't be a player!

North America

- Adams Magnetic Products Co.
- Arnold Magnetic Technologies Corp.
- Bunting Magnetics Co.
- Dexter Magnetic Technologies Inc.
- Eriez Magnetics
- Magnet Sales & Manufacturing
- Magnum Magnetics Corp.

Western Europe

- Bakker Magnetics BV
- Eclipse Magnetics Ltd.
- Farinia Industrial Group (Ugimag)
- Goudsmit Magnetics Group BV
- Vacuumschmelze GmbH

Japan

- Daido Electronics Co., Ltd.
- Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
- MagX Co., Ltd.
- Seiko Epson Corporation
- Shin-Etsu Chemical Co.
- TDK Corporation

China

- Advanced Technology & Materials Co.
- Beijing Zhong Ke San Huan High-Tech Co.
- BGRIMM
- Guangzhou New Life Magnet Electricity Co., Ltd.
- Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Ltd.
- Jiangmen City Powder Metallurgy Factory, Ltd.
- Ningbo Yungsheng High-Tech Magnetics Co., Ltd.



- NdFeB will continue to lead permanent magnet growth
- China will continue to dominate the world's magnet industry
- NdFeB magnet prices will steadily increase at least 3-5% per year – plan on it!
- The United States is currently extremely vulnerable with limited domestic REO and NdFeB magnet production
- A renewed phase of magnet industry consolidation is about to occur

The Permanent Magnet Division of SMMA – The Motor & Motion Association

- A new organization formed following the dissolution of the IMA- Magnet Division
- Now a formal division of SMMA
 - <u>www.smma.org</u>
- Two formal meetings each year
 - Spring Management Conference (May)
 - Fall Technical Conference (October)

The Permanent Magnet Division of SMMA

Mission Statement

"Increase the understanding, promotion and effective utilization of magnetic materials, assemblies and systems for the benefit of the Permanent Magnet Division members and all users of permanent magnet products"

The Permanent Magnet Division of SMMA

Membership Criteria

Magnet producers

Magnet distributors and fabricators

Suppliers of materials and services to the permanent magnet industry

Related media and academic organizations

Current PMD-SMMA Members

- Adams Magnetic
 Products
- Anshan DeKang Magnetic Materials
- Arnold Magnetic Technologies
- Dexter Magnetic Technologies
- Electrodyne Company
- Electron Energy Corporation
- Energy Conversion
 Systems
- Hitachi Metals America
- Magnequench International

- Magnet Applications Inc.
- Magnetic Instrumentation
- Quadrant Magnetics
- Shin-Etsu Magnetics
- TDK Corp. USA
- Tengam Engineering
- Thomas & Skinner
- Tridus Magnetics
- Ugimag
- Vacuumschmelze USA
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