

Dysprosium oxide offer skyrockets in the west

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 21 Jul 11- Dysprosium offer skyrockets overseas in a range of USD3,300-3,500/kg now, almost 13% higher than Chinese exporting offers.

A source from a trading agency in United Kingdom expressed that the latest dysprosium oxide offers he received are USD3,300-3,500/kg, much higher than Chinese exporting offers of USD3,000/kg in the spot market. "European consumers are worried about the supply and prices of dysprosium in the coming days, as the action of environmental integration of rare earth is taken and production quotas are controlled in China," said the source. "China has the advantage of deposits of heavy rare earth, but it is really difficult for my clients to accept the high prices of HREO."

According to the source, magnets demand is still strong in European countries, "Dysprosium is mainly used to produce drive motors for electric vehicles and gasoline-electric hybrids," said the source. "The need for the material is wide, but the offers are high. We will watch the market in a short while."

A source from a producer for permanent magnets in United States confirmed that the present quotation of dysprosium is in a range of USD3,300-3,500/kg, nearly 13% higher than Chinese exporting offers. "Dysprosium is an important resource, and now mainly imports from China. Pushed by a series of actions, such as environmental integration of rare earth, production quotas, I am worried about the future supply of dysprosium," said the source. "Actually, we need not purchase dysprosium oxide directly, but would like to keep a close eye on the market of the material."

The latest dysprosium oxide exporting offer from China is around USD2,800-3,000/kg, with an increase of 13% compared with that ten days ago; meanwhile, the Chinese domestic offer for the oxide material is firm at about RMB13,500/kg (USD2,077/kg), as same as that early this week