

SHFE Nods at Nickel, Stannum Listing

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In the first “Training Session for Traders of Nickel and Stannum Futures” on September 26, Executive Vice President Ye Chunhe of the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) remarked that listing of nickel and stannum futures products would be a key job of the SHFE in developing products in 2014. It’s now a mature time for the listing of nickel and stannum futures products. As China is the world-largest producer and consumer of nickel and stannum, nickel and stannum boast a foundation of spot goods to be underlying assets for futures goods: there’re high marketization degree, abundant price competition, clear-cut policies in the spot market and strong demand of enterprises. Also, nickel and stannum are mature commodity futures products around the globe. Listing of nickel and stannum futures products in China will contribute to facilitating improvement of pricing mechanism in nickel and stannum markets, building a standardized, transparent, fair and effective platform for hedging trade of enterprises, guaranteeing stability of enterprises’ production and operation, and serving sustainable development of related industries.

The training session was co-given by the SHFE and the China Nonferrous Metals Industry Association (CNIA) in Shanghai. Participants were more than 160 representatives of domestic and overseas enterprises of smelting, trading and consumption on nickel and stannum industry chains, including Jinchuan Group Co., Ltd., Yunnan Tin Company Limited and TISCO.

Ren Xudong, Executive Deputy Director of the CNIA, claimed that the nonferrous metal futures market at the SHFE played an important role in developing nonferrous metal industry; as the most influential metal futures trading platform in China, its international influence is rising. This training session co-launched by the two sides implemented the strategic cooperation agreement between the SHFE and the CNIA, a practical measure to deepen industry service and promote industry development. The CNIA would continue to support and activities in training enterprises and instructing investors provided by the SHFE in a bid to heighten risk management of enterprises and better exert the role of futures market in building China into a power of nonferrous metal industry.

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