

"Seamless Future" --- Exploring innovations and infinite possibilities

Outlook: The global ZAM and its downstream application

With technology advancement and fast commercialization, ZAM steel's competitive advantages has been widely recognized by multiple market players. Exploring innovations and infinite possibilities of global ZAM material and its downstream application has profound significance

Definition

Zinc-aluminum-magnesium steel, commonly known as ZAM steel, is an innovative type of coated steel that combines zinc, aluminum, and magnesium to create a **highly** corrosion-resistant and durable material. ZAM costed steel is a 21st century material developed by Nippon steel, and in the last decades, it's advanced coating technology enhances the performance and longevity of the steel, has gained recognition and adoption in more industries, such as construction, automotive, and industrial equipment.

Project Background

"Cost, low-carbon and Green steel" has been highly concerned by multiple market players. Based on long-term project accumulation and Regular seminars, SMM has been consistently tracking the application of ZAM steel in major industries such as Solar, Automobiles, etc.. Through regular communication with leading players, SMM summarizes the market dynamics and technological innovations, committed to providing valued clients with high-quality products and customized consulting services.

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 In the early stages, scientists and engineers began exploring the combination of elements such as zinc, aluminum, and magnesium to manufacture new types of coated steel with superior corrosion resistance and other properties. This phase primarily focused on alloy formulations and process development.

2000s

- As research deepened, the commercial application of zincaluminum-magnesium steel gradually became feasible. Its outstanding corrosion resistance and durability garnered widespread attention in fields such as construction, automotive, and industrial equipment.
- ZAM steel began to be applied globally and gradually gained market share in various industries. Its application in the automotive industry, such as car exterior panels and chassis, drew particular interest.

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- With ongoing technological development, the manufacturing process and performance of ZAM steel have been continually improved. Innovations in new alloy formulations and coating processes have made it more suitable for a wider range of applications.
- ✓ Corrosion
- ✓ resistance
- ✓ Durability
- √ Sustainability
- ✓ Cost-efficiency

Research and Development

2010 Over 500 patents has been registered; Japanese patent accounts for 85%.

The commercialization has been accelerated since the expiration of Nippon steel's ZAM in December 23,2019

Commercialization **Market Expansion Continuous Innovation**

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Global ZAM and its downstream application outlook

SMM bases on primary research, internal database and modelling, successfully help our client deeply understand Global ZAM and its downstream market and mapping future development strategy

Key Scopes			Key deliverable	SMM Methdology
Industry Level	Supply Chain		> Industry Chain Structure> Profit Distribution	 Primary Research Internal database Surveys (questionnaires, focus group discussions, etc.) Industry expert interviews Company visits
	Development Prospects		 Boundary, scale, growth potential, and imaginative space of the target company's niche sector. Market entry strategy 	
	Driven Factors		Demand and SupplyLogistics of changes in quantity, price, etc	
Corporate Level	Competitive landscape and core competitor analysis	Market Segmentation	> "Red ocean" or "blue ocean" > Market size of key players	Secondary Research Official statistical data Listed company announcements In-depth industry media coverage Analysis from professional research institutions SMM offers customized solutions for players along the entire industry chain.
		Competitors Analysis	Operational statues of the targetsKey competitiveness analysis (product/technology/market)	
	Analysis of company's core strengths	Product/Service	> Strategy positioning > Product leadership > Customer intimacy	
		Business Performance	> Evaluation on operational excellence> Cost structure analysis	
		Strategic Trends	 Value chain corporation Integration of the industrial supply chain Organizational structure optimization and restructuring 	

Long-term and sustained industry tracking, comprehensive data sources and dimensions, rich research

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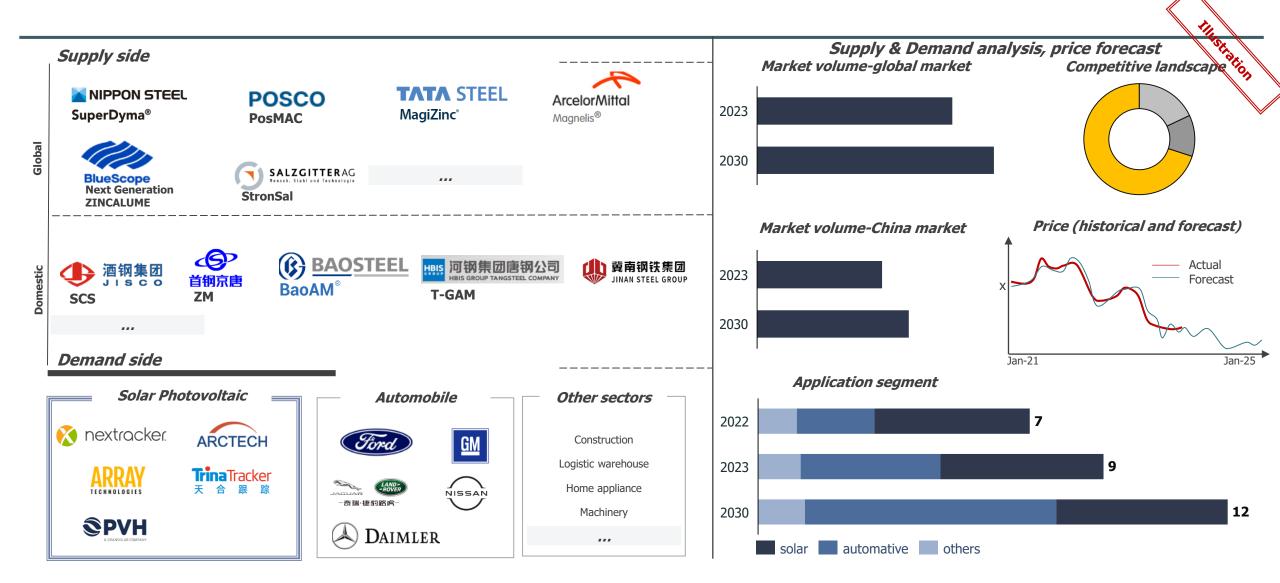
experience and accumulation.

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Solid foundation of investment analysis

Overview: ZAM Steel Market

Driven by the large downstream demand, large steel mills have been accelerating their deployment of ZAM materials, aiming to seize the market by offering high quality products with high cost efficiency



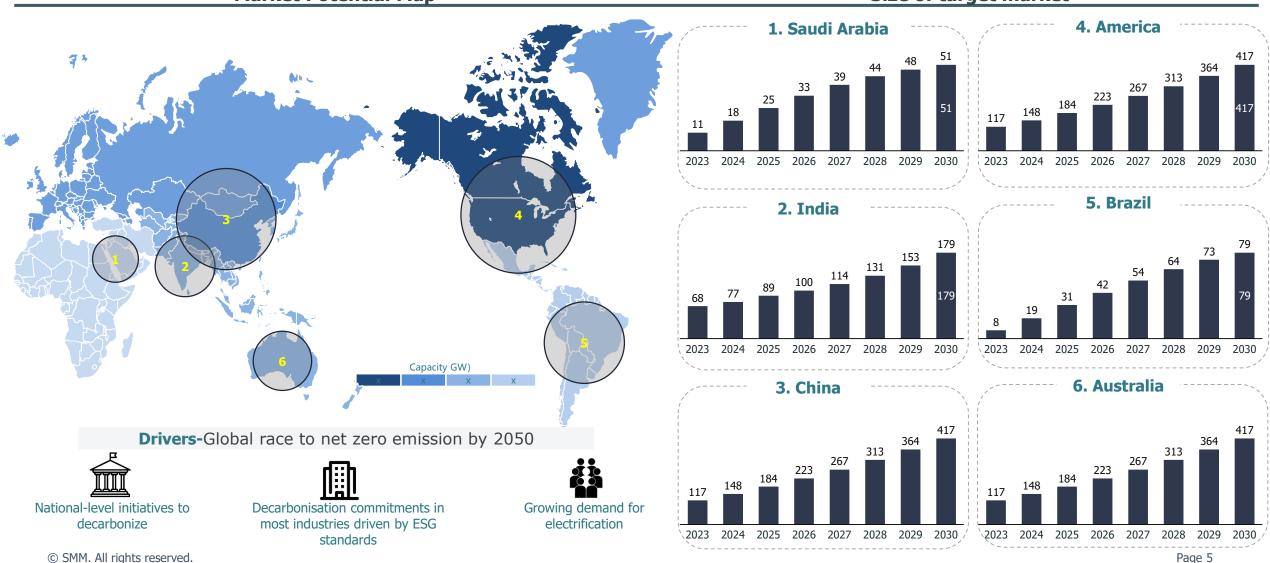
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Growth emerging opportunities-solar bracket market potential

Fast development of solar photovoltaic industry provides great opportunities for solar bracket manufacturers

Market Potential Map

Size of target market



Key practice: ZAM application in solar bracket market

ZAM has been widely applied in the mounting structures of solar brackets, while the increasing requirements on brackets pose higher standards on ZAM steel

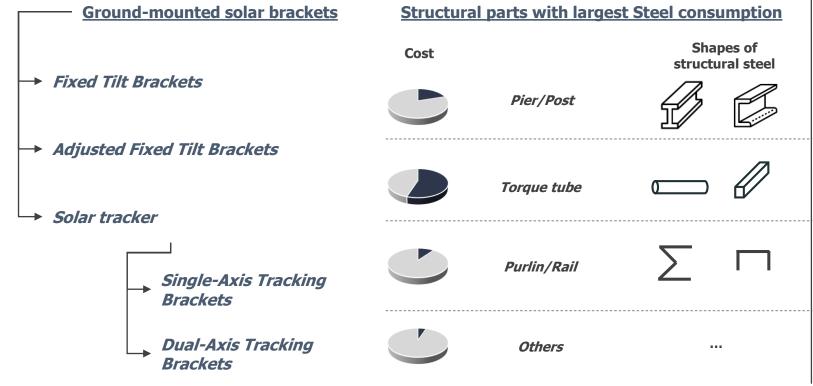
Illustration

Types of solar bracket

Solar mounting structures are critical components that used for support the solar panels, ensuring the efficiency of solar photovoltaic, accounted for approximate 20% of total cost.

The benefits of ZAM application

With the commercialization of ZAM and the continuous increase in market recognition, ZAM steel is gradually replacing the high-energy and high-cost hot-dip galvanizing production process. It is increasingly being applied in key components of solar brackets, such as torque tube, purlins, and piers, which accounted for over 60% of total steel consumption.



Stability and durability Raw material Appearance Stability and durability Hail resistance Thickness Surface treatment Applicable wind pressure Applicable snow load

Solar bracket manufacturers have to optimize the supply path of raw materials, achieve **cost reduction and efficiency improvement**, based on the requirements of the owner and EPC.

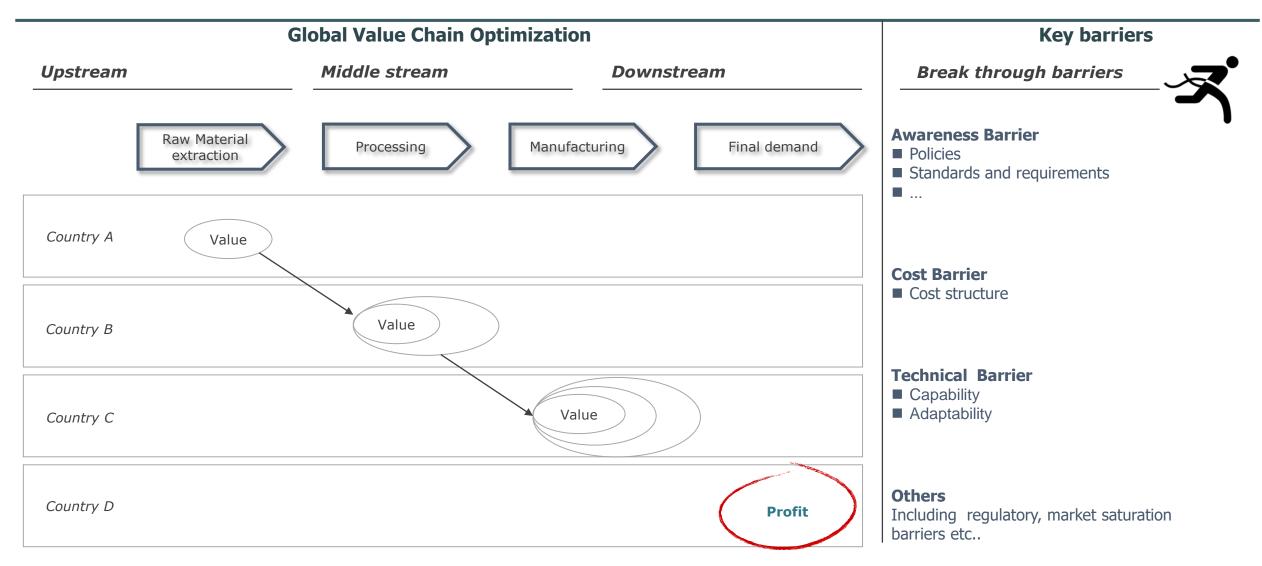
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With the higher requirement on steel structural parts, how to make purchase decision on raw materials to maximum its profit margin has becoming a critical issue.

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Global value Chain optimization strategy

Players should overcome kinds of barriers in order to optimize its global value Chain



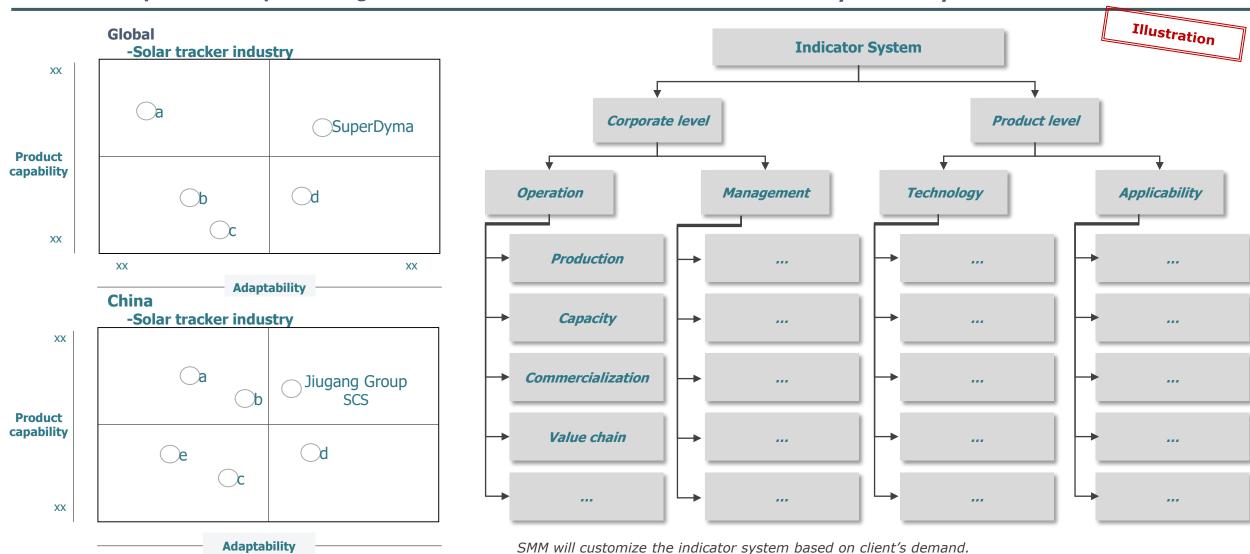
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Upstream: competitiveness analysis

By conducting the competitiveness positioning analysis of the major/target products based on indicator system, uncovering the strategic logic

Competitiveness positioning

Indicator system analysis



Downstream: cost structure analysis and corporate strategy positioning

Utilizing cost structure analysis to assist enterprises building the most adaptable business strategy, maximizing the profit margin

