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Despite growing competition from emerging markets such as Russia and India, Brazilian pig iron makers are not only surviving but thriving and investing to become more efficient, maintaining their prominence in the market by increasing productivity

STILL THE MOST TRADEABLE ALTERNATIVE TO SCRAP

The Brazilian pig iron industry currently faces a number of difficulties, but the country is still one of the world's major iron suppliers – along with countries like Russia and India. The coming years may well bring dramatic changes in the structure of the country's pig iron sector.

Since the early 1980s, Brazil's northern states of Pará and Maranhão have been stealing customers away from long-time ironmakers in Minas Gerais. In the early 2000s, a new industrial center was born in Brazil's midwestern state of Mato Grosso do Sul. Vale's new iron ore projects are likely to increasingly attract pig iron investors up to the north, while production in southern states tends to focus on regional supply. However, no matter what happens, and in spite of the economic downturn, new investors are betting the sector has a brilliant future if more efficient facilities come online to replace more costly and less efficient outdated ironmaking furnaces.

Also, when the effects of the downturn hit scrap generation harder – as that sector mostly depends on steady activity from the manufacturing sector – the pig iron market may rise from the ashes and survivors will see a new horizon of possibilities.



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