

## **What's Happening in Myanmar Market & Valuation**

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### **Myanmar junta pushing ahead with China-backed Kyaukphyu SEZ and Port**

ミャンマー軍事評議会は、ラカイン州西部のチャウピュー経済特区(KPSEZ)及び深海港プロジェクトに対する法務サービス提供事業者を募集している。いずれも中国の一带一路政策において重要な位置づけにある。

*Learnt from: The Irrawaddy (August 6, 2021)*

### **Japan's Kirin not planning to exit Myanmar despite coup, losses**

日本の飲料水メーカーであるキリンホールディングは、ミャンマーからの撤退までは計画していない模様だ。年初のクーデター以降、同社は軍の関連企業との合弁事業解消を余儀なくされている。

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### **China to fund Myanmar projects in agreement with junta**

中国政府は国内 21 か所の開発プロジェクト用資金として 600 万 US ドルの供与を予定している。今年 2 月 1 日のクーデター以降軍政下にあるミャンマーとの協力関係を再開しようとするものだ。

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### **Australian mining company sells stake in Myanmar Project**

オーストラリア資本の鉱山業者、ミャンマー・メタル(MYL)は、北シャン州ナムトゥーで長年にわたり行ってきた採鉱プロジェクトに対して保有する権利を手放した模様だ。MYL は保有する 51%の権益をパートナー事業者である地元のウィン・ミン・モー工業社に 30 百万 US ドルで譲渡する交渉に入っていた。

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### **Myanmar junta pushing ahead with China-backed Kyaukphyu SEZ and Port**



*A crude oil tanker docks at Maday Island in Kyaukphyu Township in 2019.*

The military regime is inviting bids to provide legal services to the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (KPSEZ) and deep-sea port project in western Rakhine State, a key strategic component of China's Belt and Road initiative (BRI). The junta's invitation to tender comes as China is pressing Myanmar to implement its ambitious infrastructure projects under BRI, but while the country is struggling to cope with both the political turmoil created by the military's coup and the deadly third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Junta-controlled media announced that both local and foreign law firms have until August 10 to submit their expression of interest to provide legal services to the management committee of the KPSEZ. The State Administration Council (SAC), as the military regime describes itself, has made several efforts to move forward China's infrastructure projects in Myanmar following their takeover in February. In May, the junta reorganized the KPSEZ management committee. Beijing considers the KPSEZ and the deep-sea port especially vital to the BRI, as they will give China direct access to the Indian Ocean, so allowing Chinese trade to bypass the Congested Strait of Malacca near Singapore, while boosting development in landlocked Yunnan Province, which borders Myanmar. The project is to be developed by the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone Deep Seaport Co., Ltd, a joint venture between the Chinese consortium CITIC Myanmar

Port Investment Limited and the KPSEZ management committee.

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*The Kirin logo is displayed a Kirin Brewery Co. Yokohama Factory in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, Japan*

Japanese drinks giant Kirin Holdings is not planning to exit Myanmar, despite being forced to scrap its beer partnership with a joint venture linked to Myanmar's military after a coup earlier this year. Discussions about the local business were still ongoing. The company earlier booked an impairment loss of USD\$ 193.79 million for its second quarter in connection with the Myanmar business.

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### **China to fund Myanmar projects in agreement with junta**

China will transfer over USD \$6 million to Myanmar's government to fund 21 development projects, in a sign of cooperation resuming under the junta that overthrew an elected government on February 1. Unlike Western countries that have condemned the junta for cutting short democracy and the killing and imprisonment of its opponents, China said its priorities are stability and not interfering in its neighbor. A foreign ministry statement said the funds were to be transferred from China for projects within the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation framework. It said those

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included animal vaccines, culture, agriculture, science, tourism and disaster prevention. An agreement was signed on Monday with China's ambassador to Myanmar. Opponents of Myanmar's junta have accused China of supporting the military takeover. Beijing has rejected such accusations and said it backs regional diplomacy on the crisis. China's influence had grown in Myanmar in recent years, with the opening of oil and gas pipelines that cross the country and plans for economic zones and a major port development.

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### **Australian Mining Company sells stake in Myanmar Project**



*A refinery at the Bawdwin mine.*

Australian mining company Myanmar Metals Limited (MYL) has divested its entire stake in a historic mining project in northern Shan State's Namtu Township. MYL said it had entered into binding agreements to dispose of its 51-percent stake in the Bawdwin project to its local partner Win Myint Mo Industries Co., Ltd for a total US\$30 million. MYL had undertaken a detailed review of its assets and operations in Myanmar and it determined that the political situation has undermined the confidence of markets identified by the company as sources of capital required for development of the project. MYL entered a joint venture deal for the mining project with local Win Myint Mo industries Co., Ltd in 2018. At the time, the local partner had been granted the mining operation for 15 years. While MYL holds a 51-

percent stake, its local partner EAP Global Mining and Win Myint Mo own 24.5 percent each. Prior to World War 2, Bawdwin was the largest lead and silver producing in the world. After the war, Myanmar state-owned mining entity held the mining concession until 2009, when Win Myint Mo Industries Co., Ltd acquired the rights to produce.

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