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Global Sulphur Market Outlook

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Global Market Overview

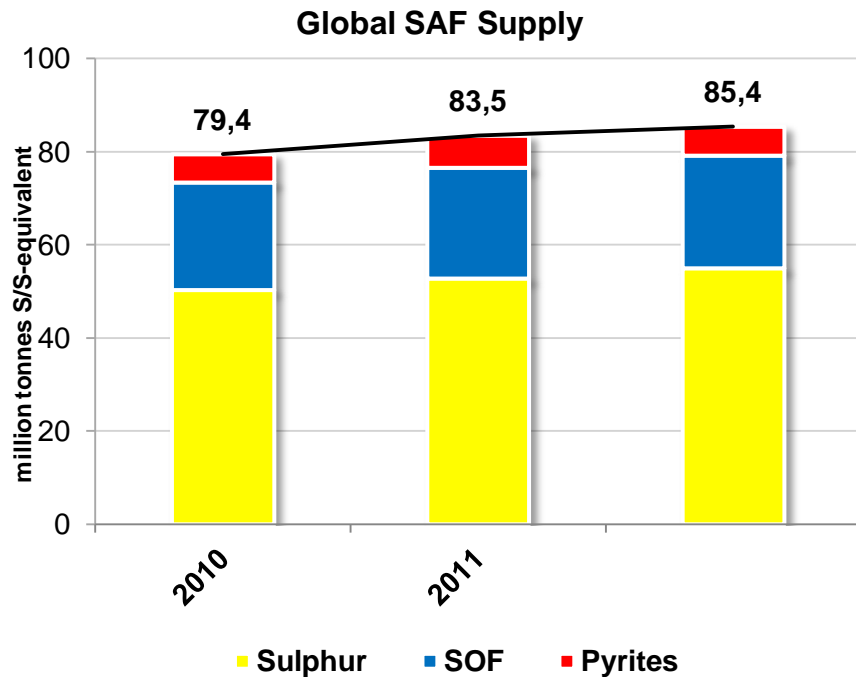
Forecast to 2017

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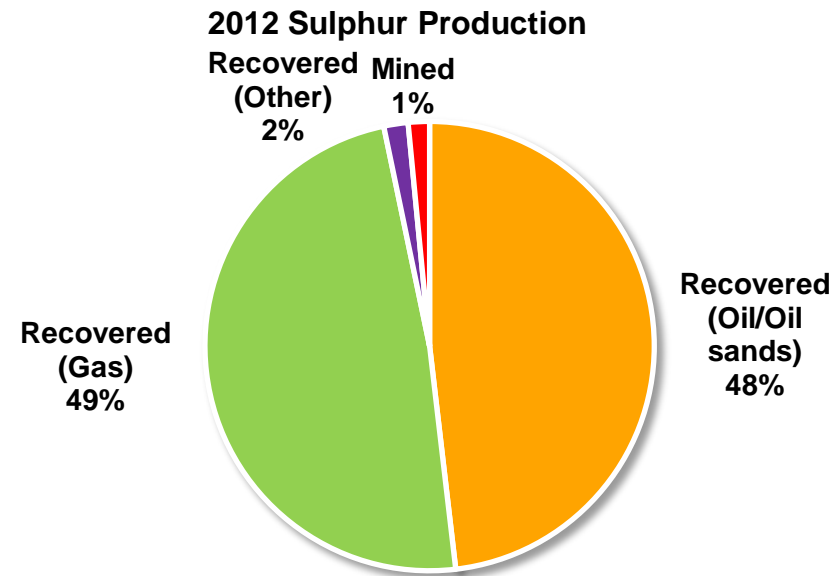


Phosphates Outlook

A healthy market on the horizon?



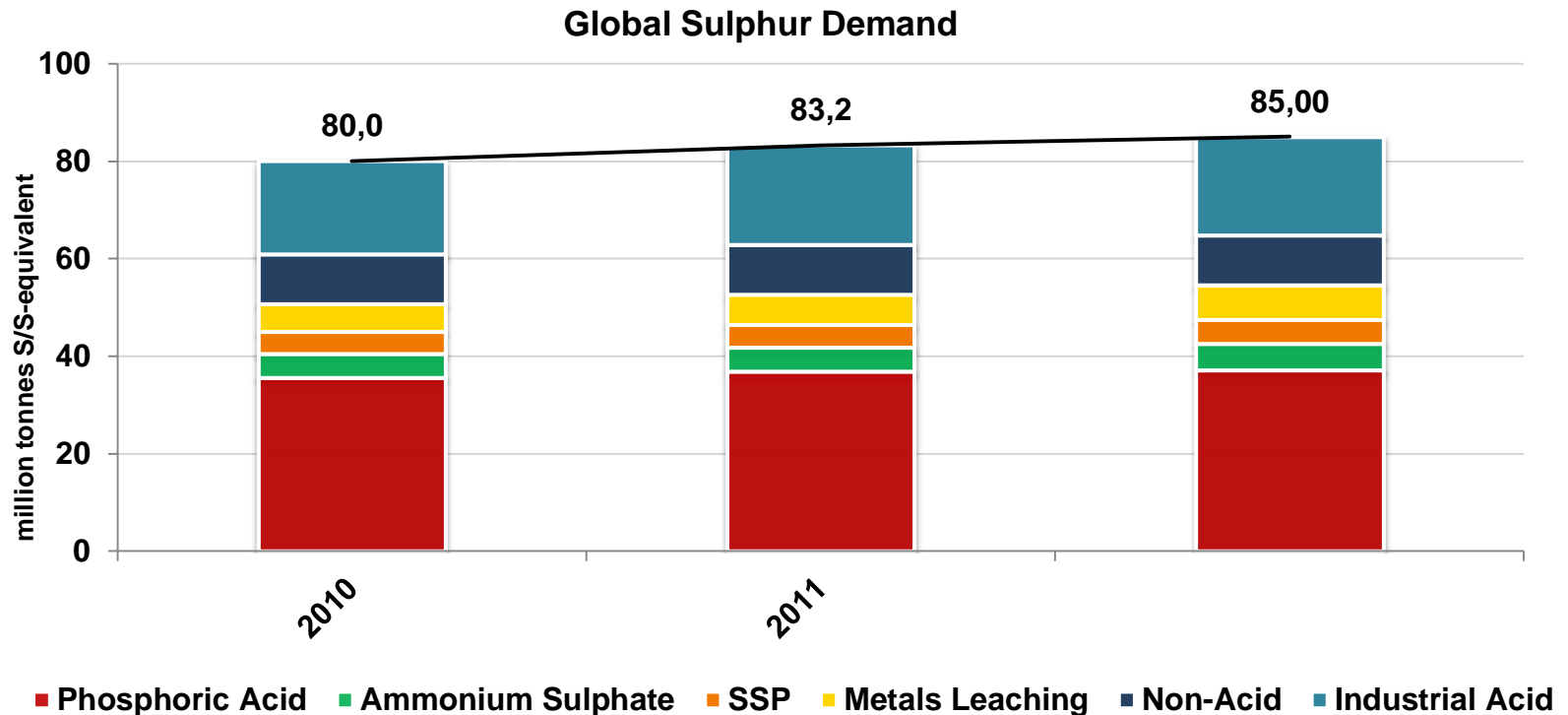
- Sulphur-in-All-Forms (SAF) supply dominated by involuntary production
 - Brimstone (64%)
 - Smelter acid (SOF) (29%)
- Voluntary production - Pyrites (7%)



- Oil and gas are main brimstone sources (97%)
- Other (coal gasification, etc.) (2%)
- Mined sulphur (1%)

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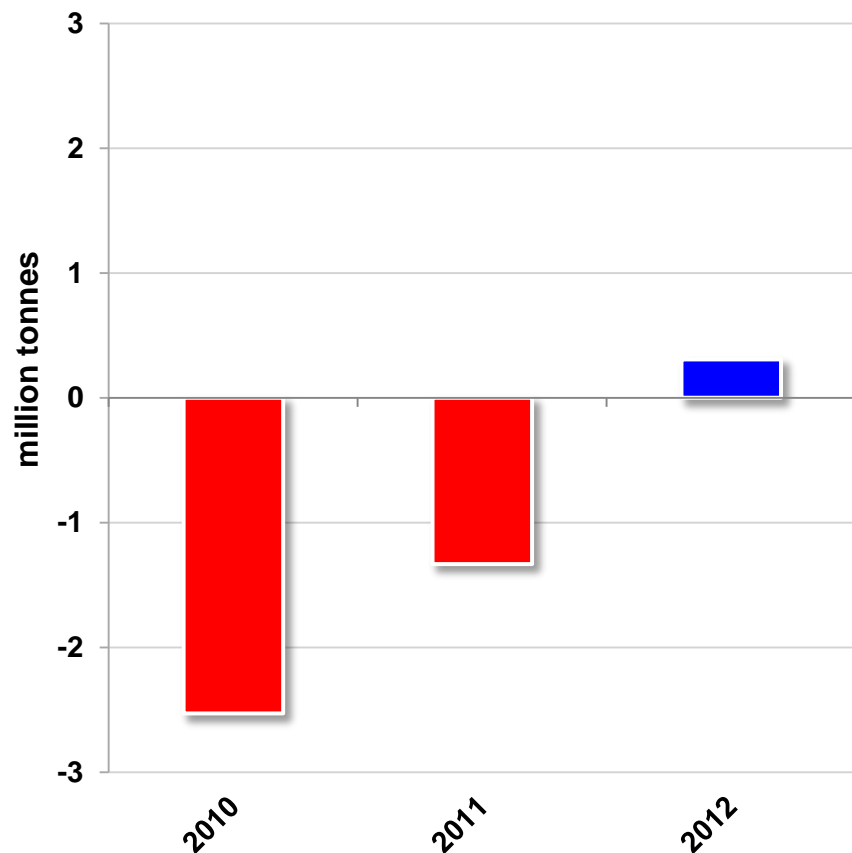
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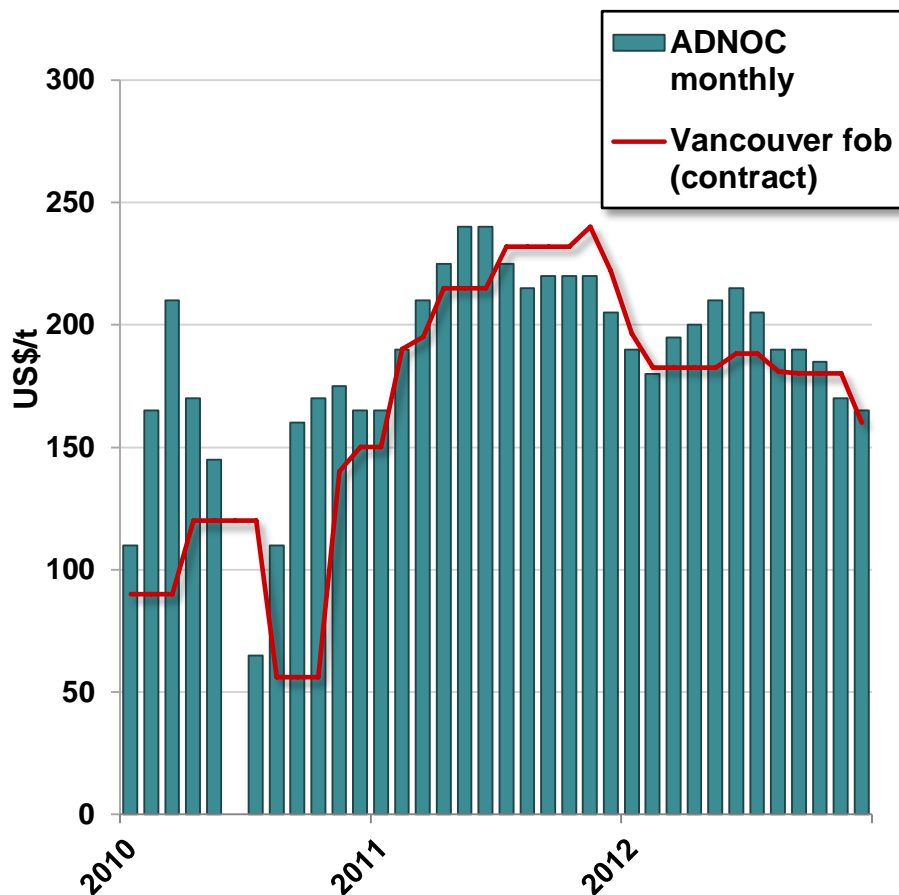
- SAF demand dominated by fertilizer production
 - Phosphoric acid, SSP, Ammonium Sulphate (56%)
- Base metals production and industrial uses also important (32%)

Sulphur Balance and Prices

Global Sulphur Balance

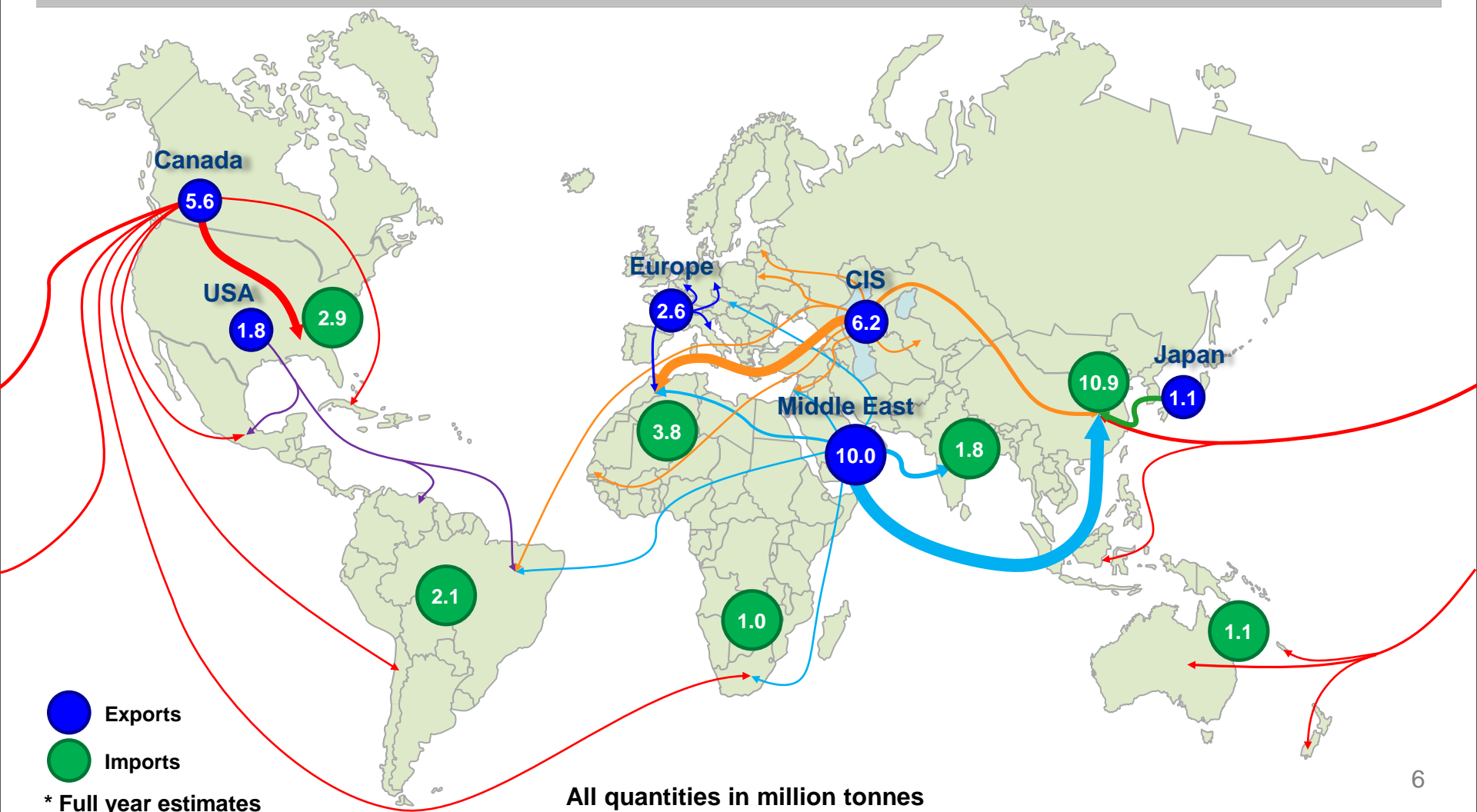


Sulphur Price Developments



Key Sulphur trade routes (2012*)

Total trade 31 million tonnes



● Exports

● Imports

* Full year estimates

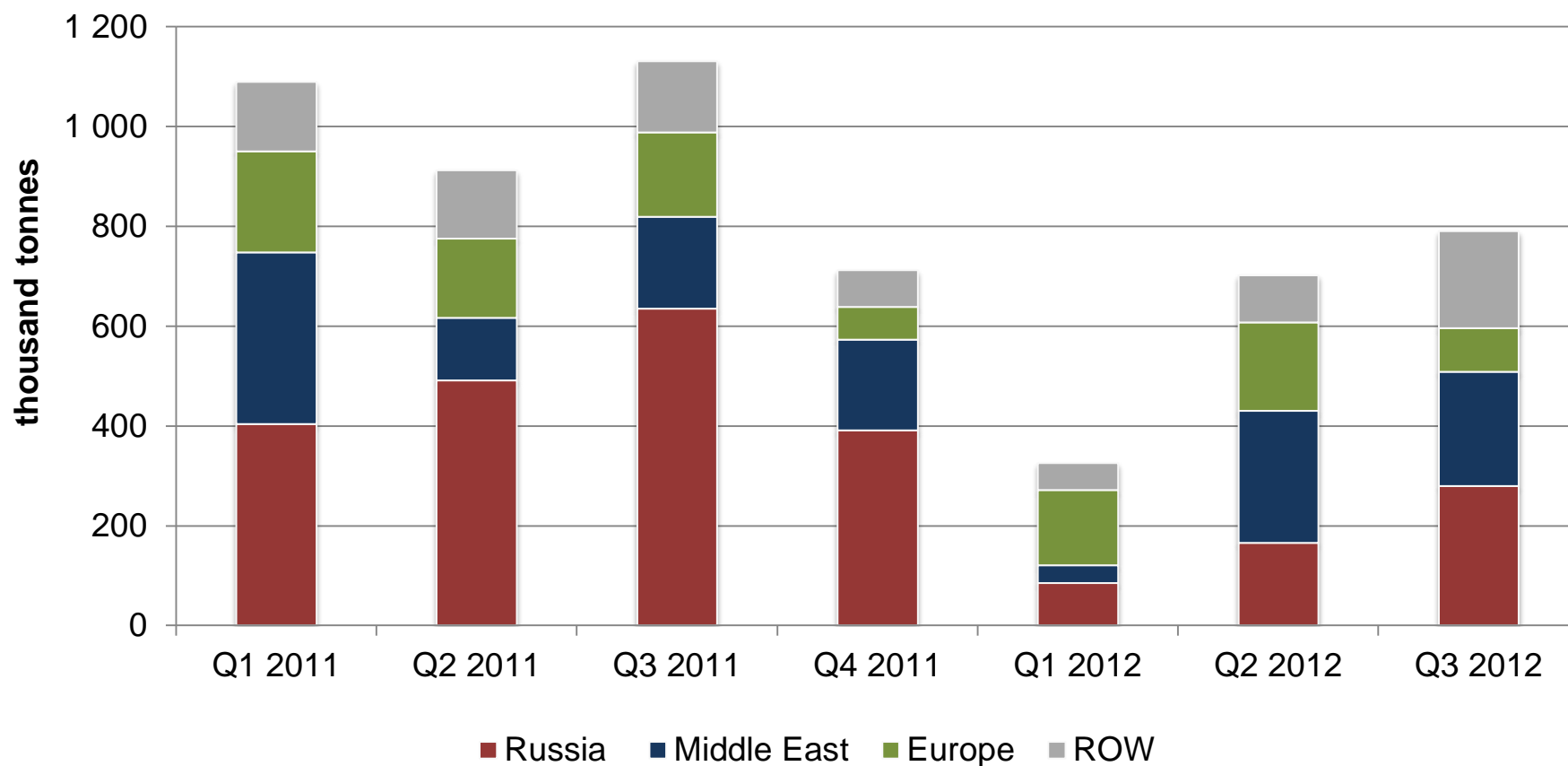
All quantities in million tonnes

Moroccan quarterly sulphur imports

Down by 40% y-o-y



Quarterly Moroccan sulphur imports by origin, 2011 - 2012

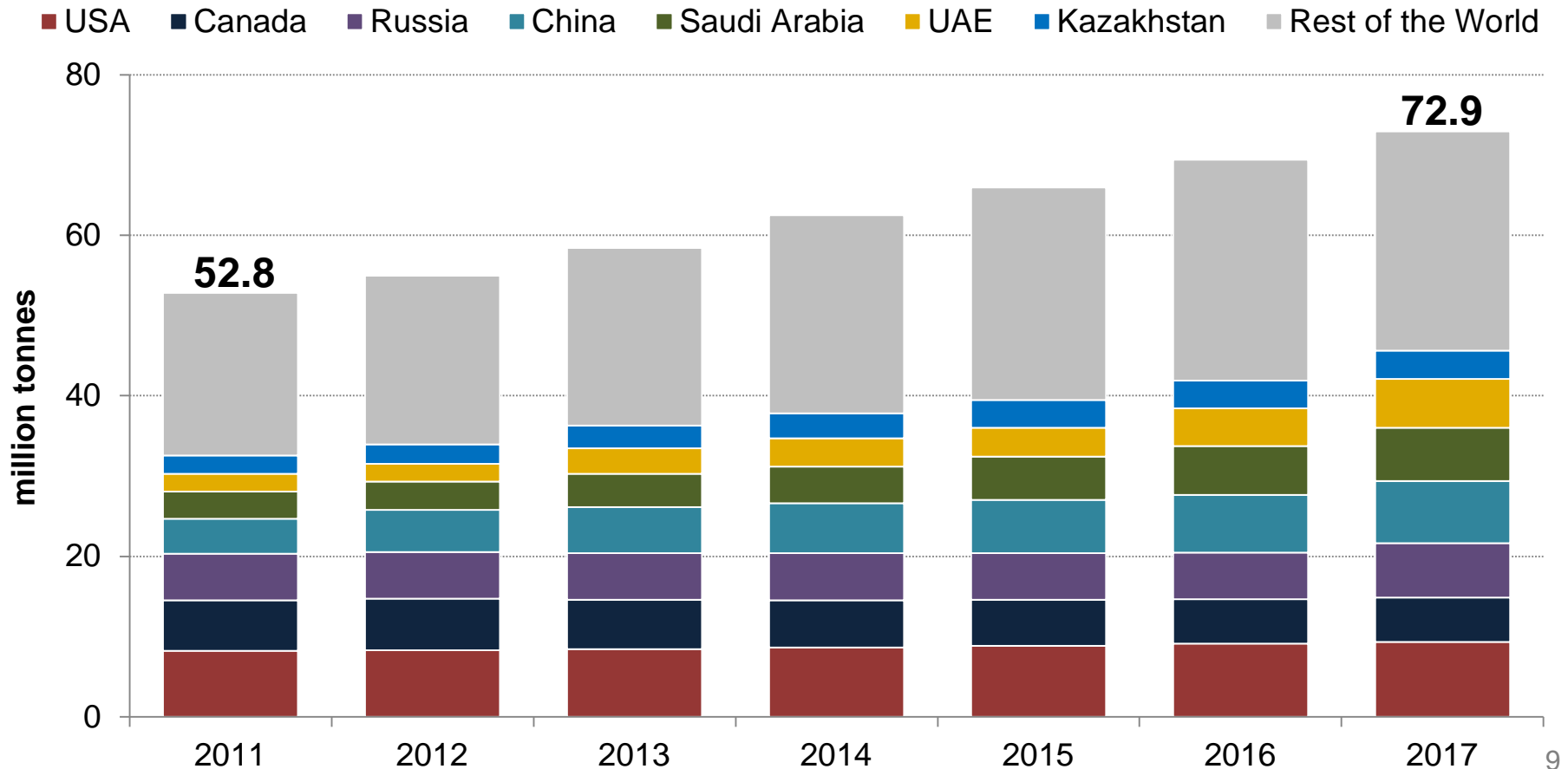


SUPPLY FORECAST TO 2017

Global sulphur supply outlook, 2011 -2017



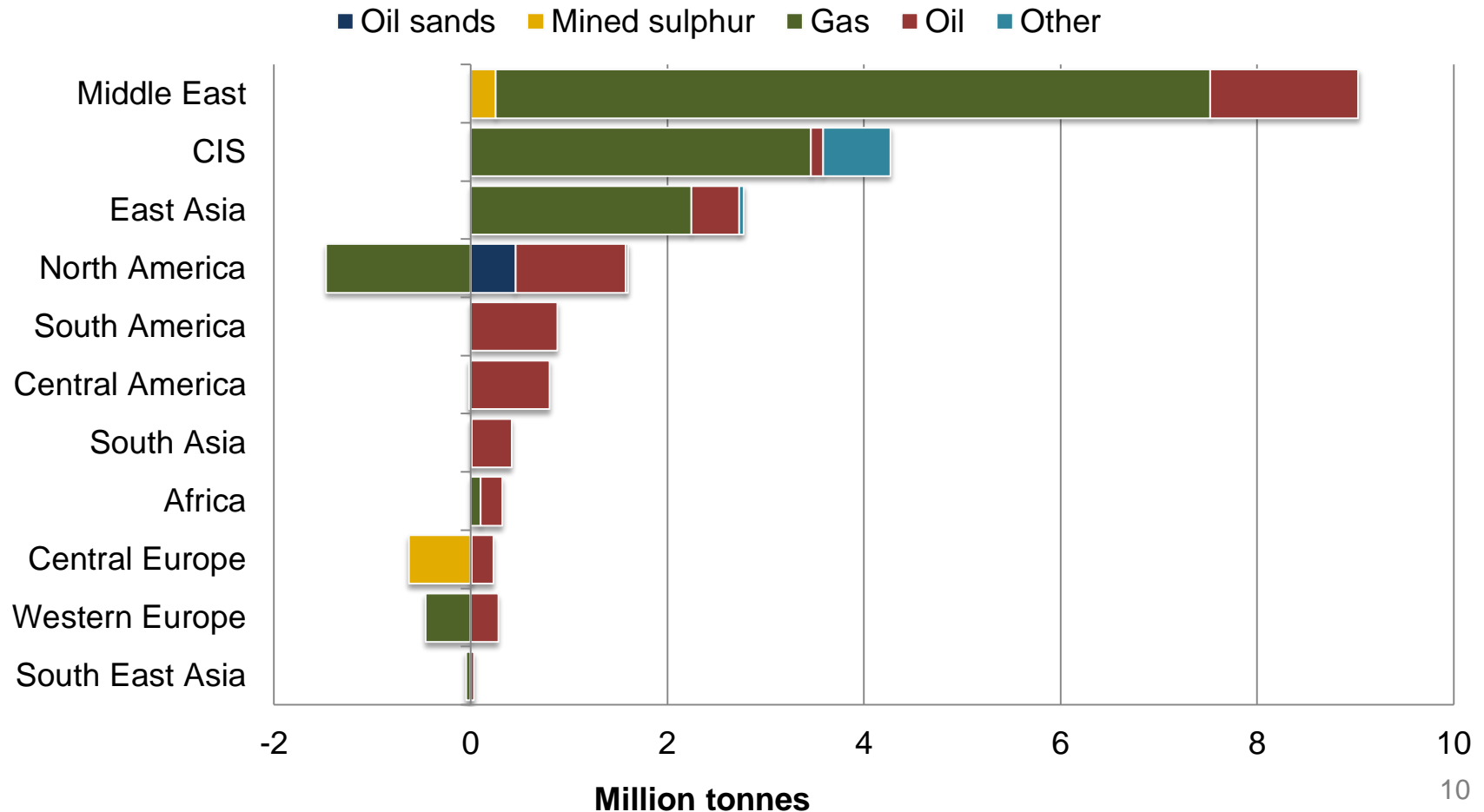
Global sulphur production by country, 2011 - 2017



Global sulphur supply outlook, 2011 -2017



Global incremental changes to supply by source, 2012 - 2017



North American sulphur supply, 2011 -2017

Regional Production stable at 15 Mt/y



United States of America

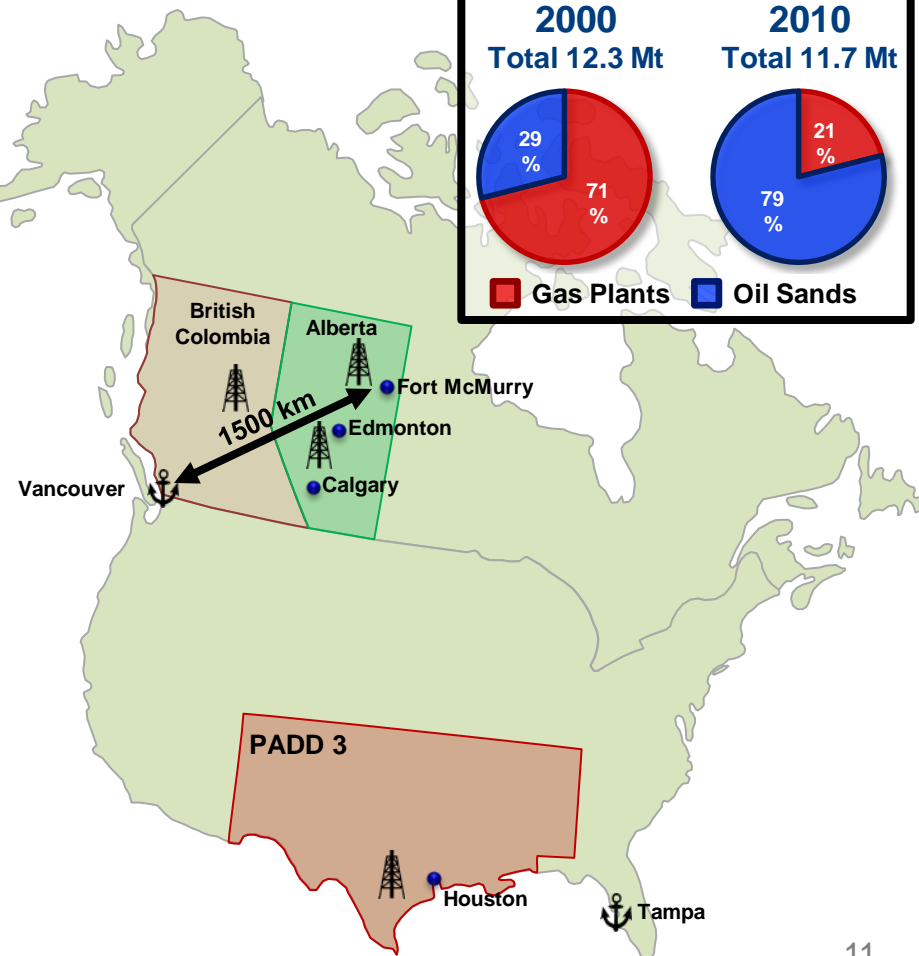
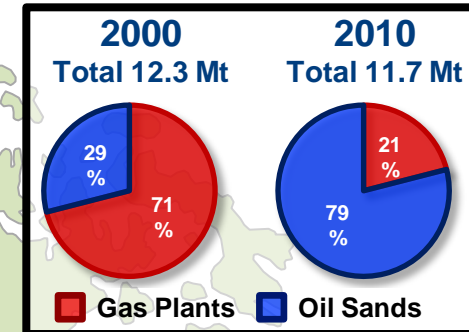
- Sulphur output to grow by 1.2 Mt
- Increases from oil refining activities
(majority of production in PADD 3)



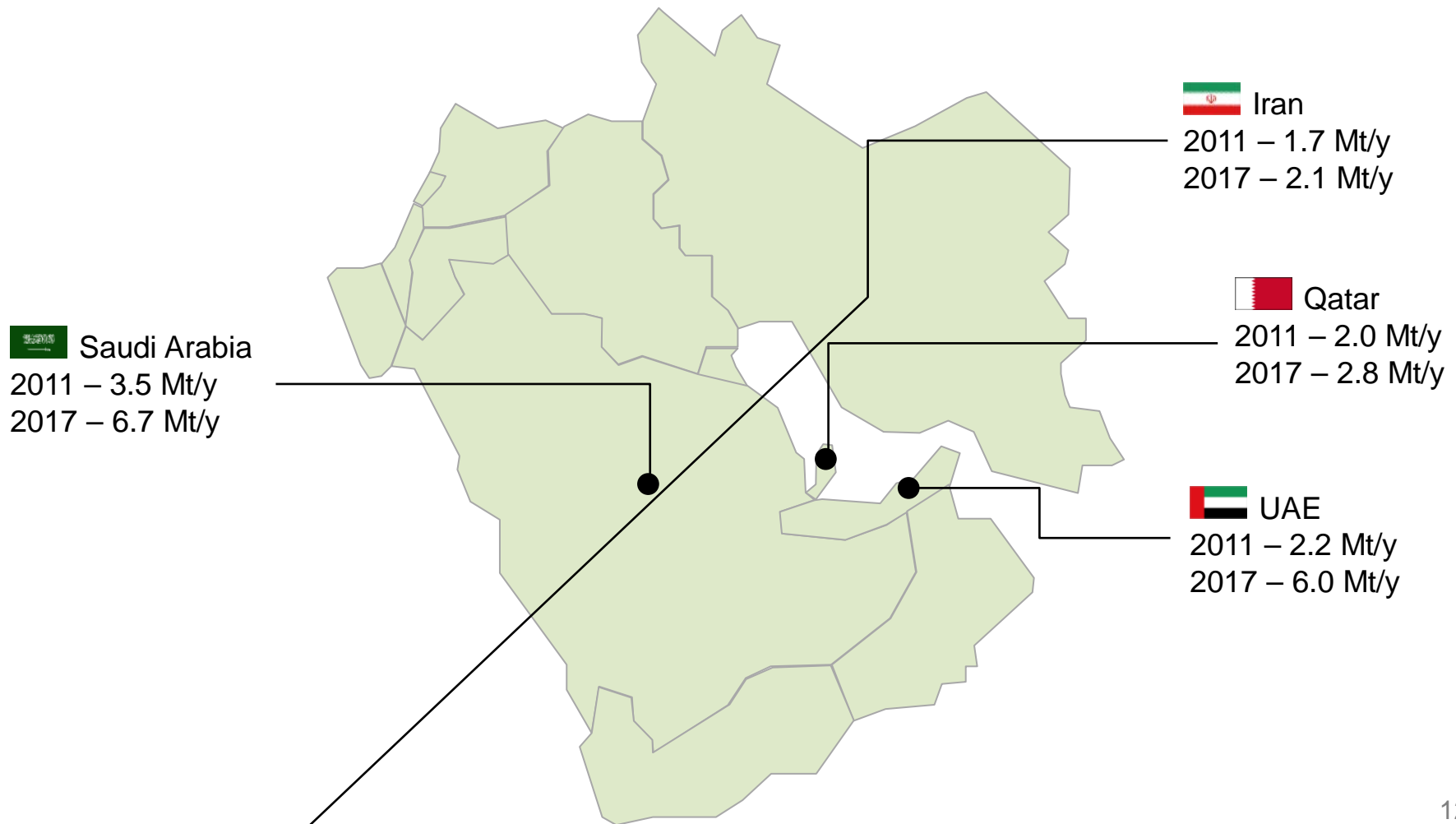
Canada

- Alberta gas fields depleting
- British Colombia production stable (0.8 Mt/y)
- Increases from Alberta oil sands (+0.8 Mt)
- Destocking in Oil sands region would be high cost

Alberta Stocks



Middle East sulphur supply, 2011 -2017



CIS +4.3 Mt (2011-2016)

New producers are the key to growth



Russia

- 5.8 Mt to 6.8 Mt (2011→2017)
- Output from gas stable at 5.8 Mt/y (2011)
- Norilsk Nickel producing 1.0 Mt/y (2016-17)



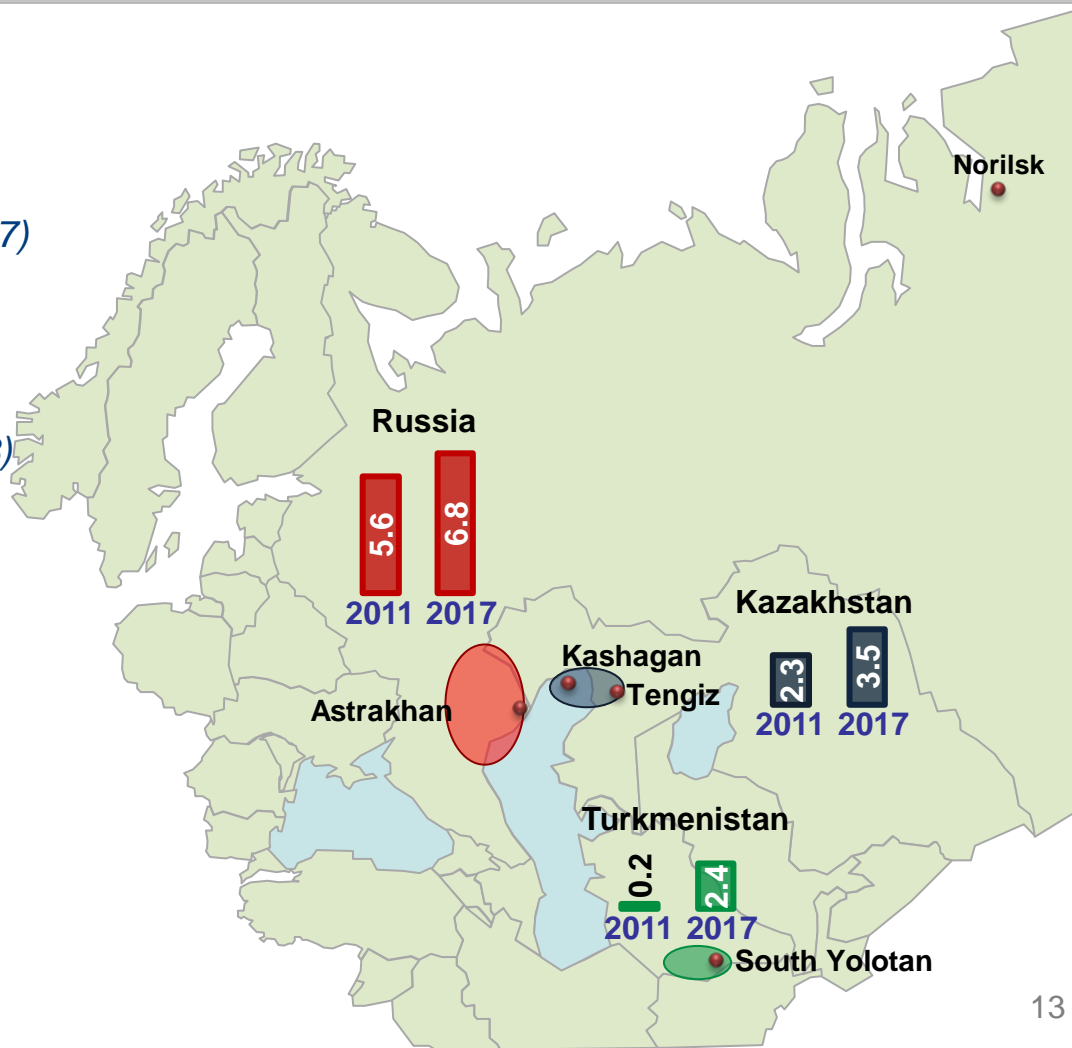
Kazakhstan

- Tengiz to produce 2.3 Mt/y
- Kashagan expected on-stream (mid-2013)
 - 1.2 Mt/y by 2016



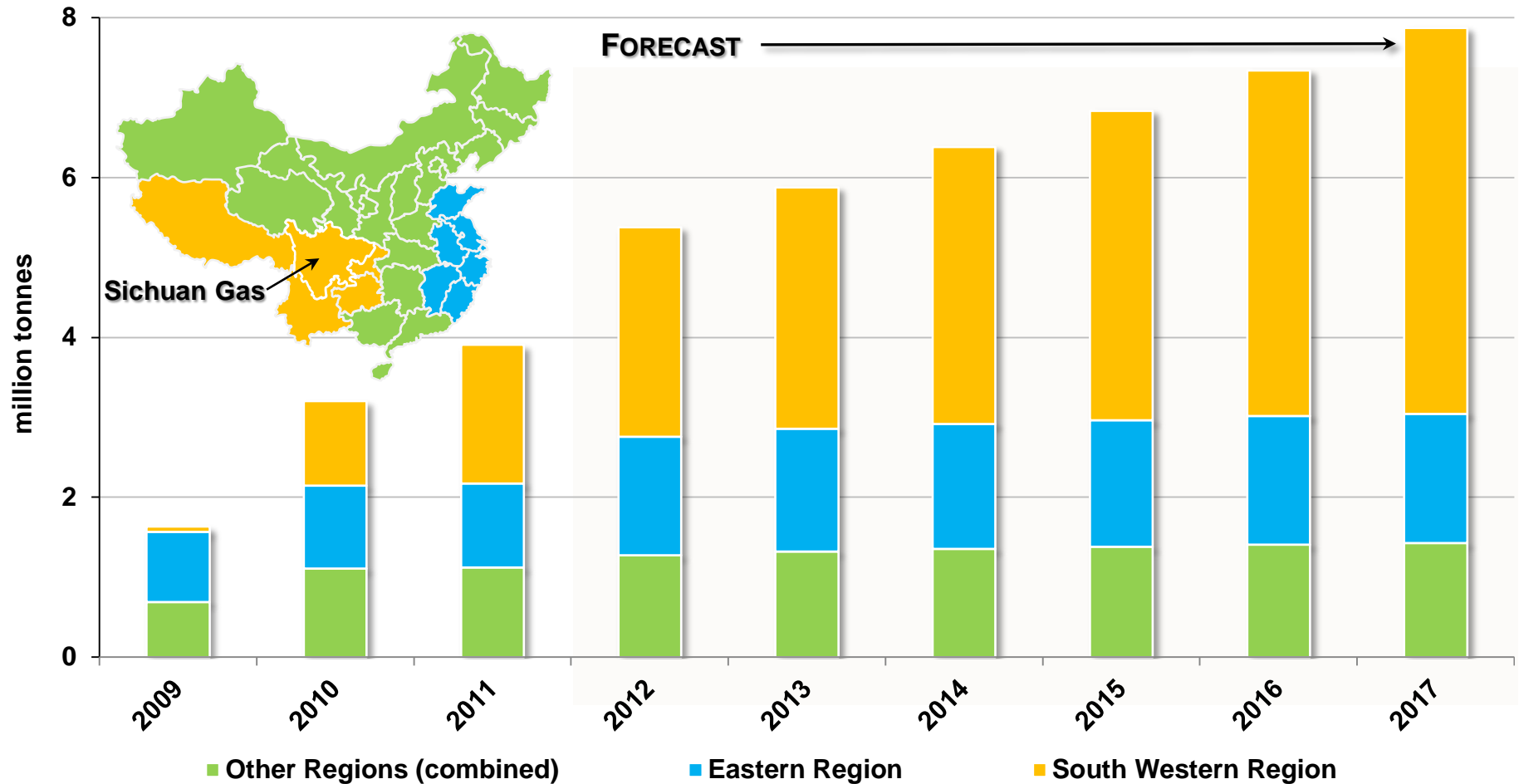
Turkmenistan

- South Yolotan on-stream (2013)
 - 2.6 Mt/y by 2016



China sulphur supply, 2011 -2017

Sichuan gas fields drive sulphur production growth



DEMAND FORECAST TO 2017

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Morocco

- OCP Jorf Phosphate Hub expansions
- Total sulphur demand 5.0 Mt/y by 2017



Saudi Arabia

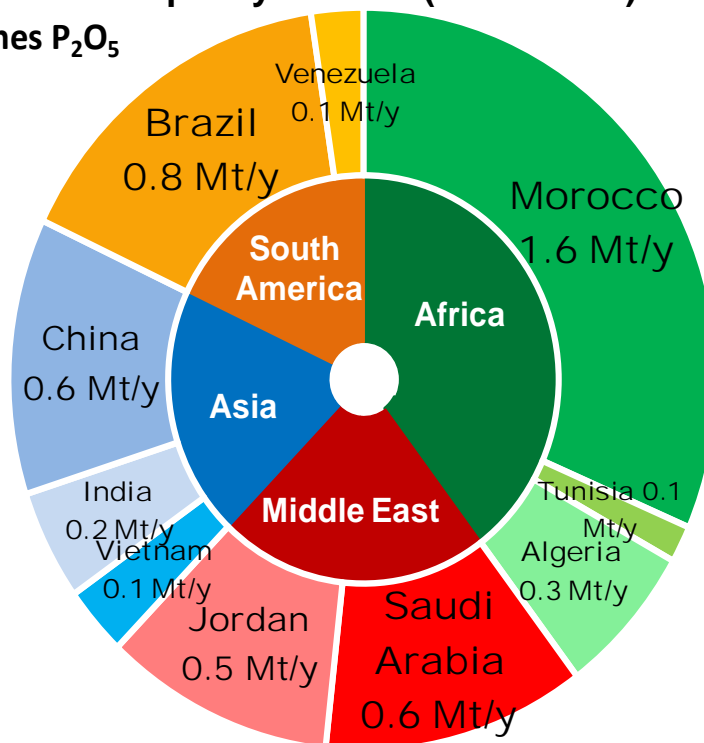
- Further expansion at Ma'aden
 - Total 1.7 Mt/y sulphur demand by 2017



Brazil

- Salitre (2013) 0.3 Mt/y sulphur demand
- Expansion at Catalao (+0.1Mt) from 2013

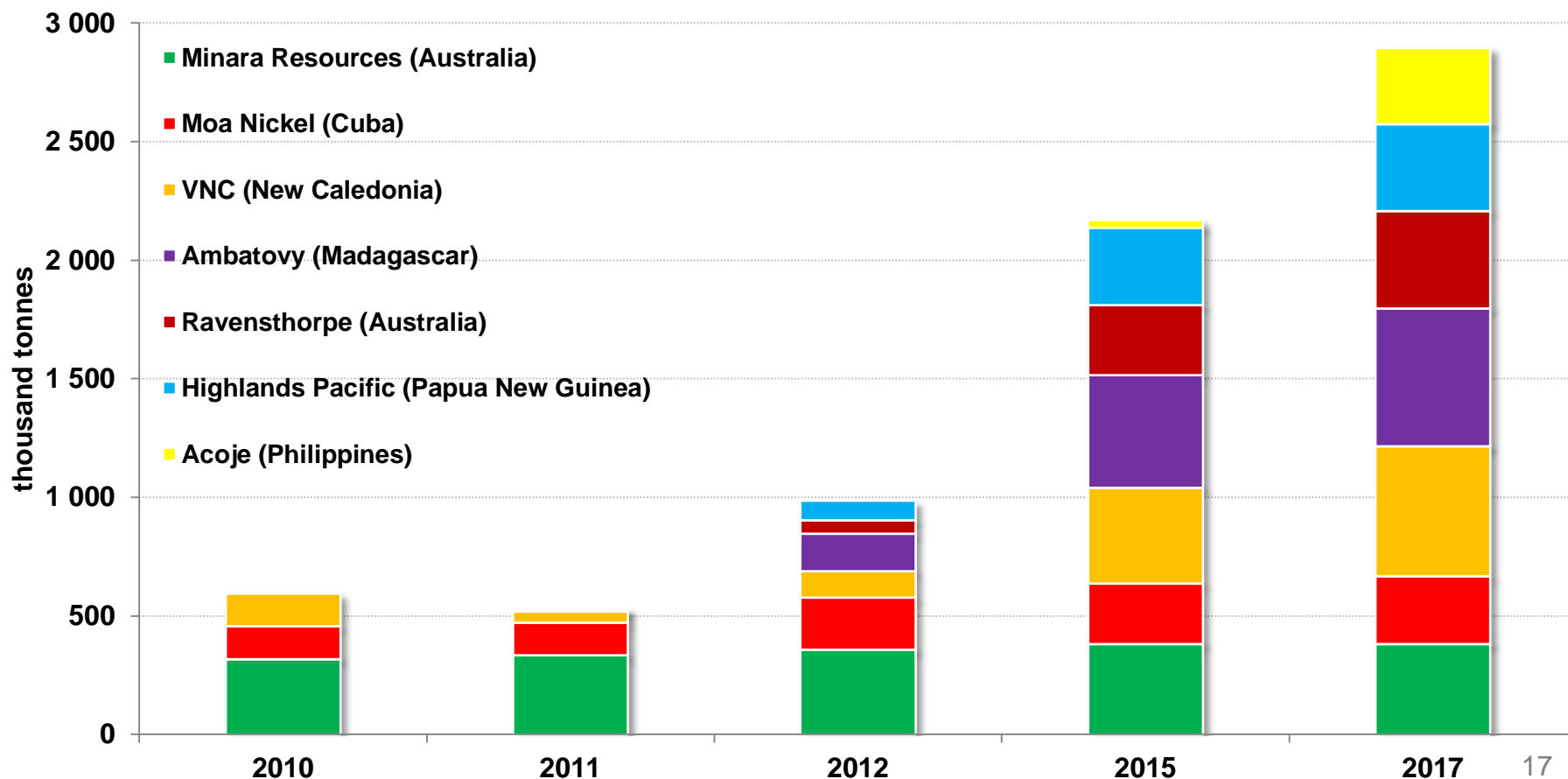
Phosphoric Acid Capacity Growth (2011 - 2017)
Million tonnes P_2O_5



Nickel Leaching Outlook

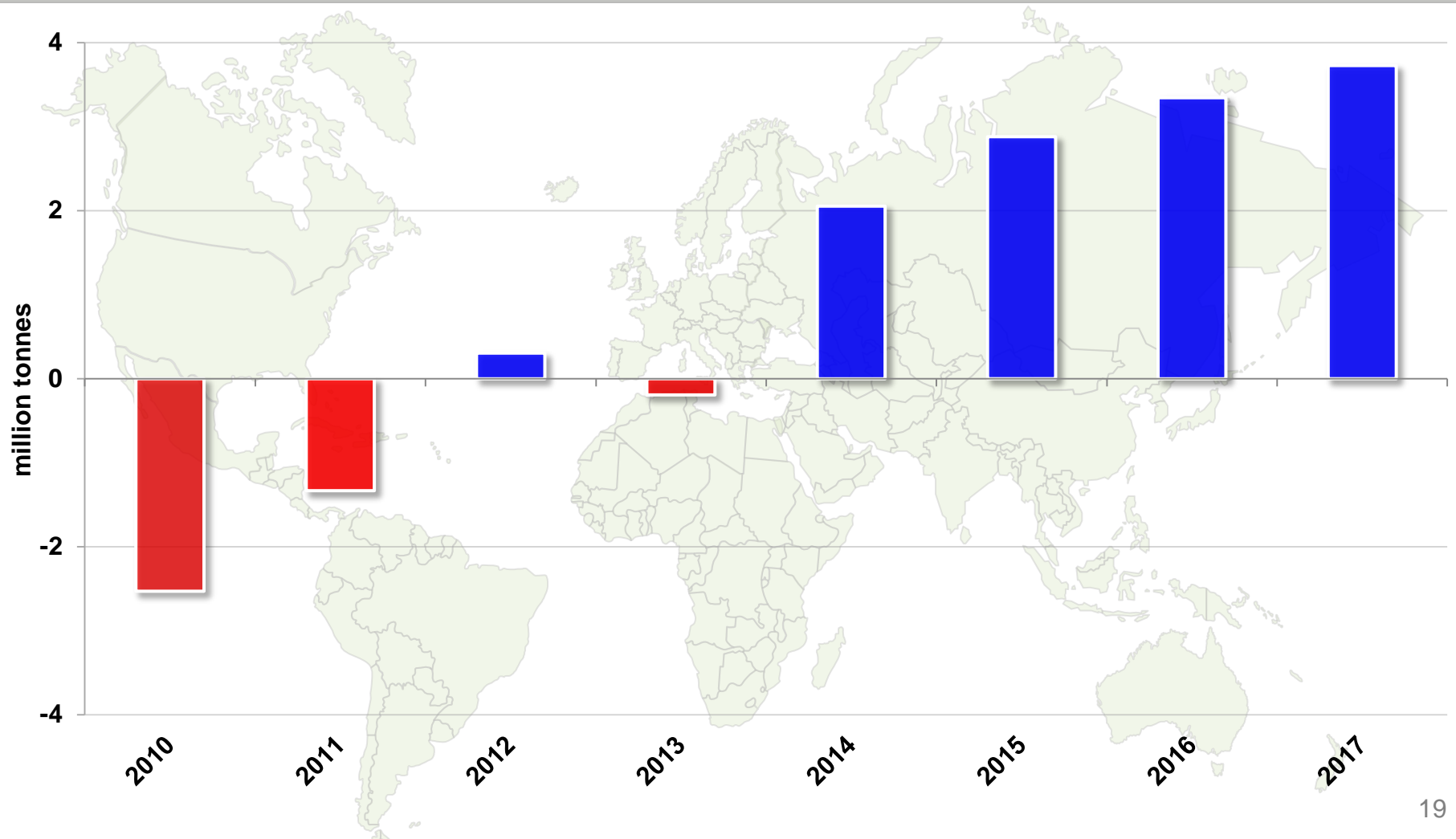
New markets for sulphur exporters

- Sulphur demand from 0.6 Mt to 3.0 Mt (2011 → 2017)
- Annual nickel leach demand growth **~0.4Mt/y** vs. annual sulphur supply growth **~4.0Mt/y**



SULPHUR BALANCE TO 2017

Global Sulphur Balance 2010 - 2017



Global oversupply is coming; can demand catch up?

Global Market

- Supply growth to outpace demand growth
 - New production dominated by Middle East and FSU
 - Delays less likely as large projects move closer to commissioning
- Demand growth
 - Phosphate demand will recover from 2013
 - Nickel leaching demand is strong but growth is not unlimited
- Sulphur balance will move into surplus
 - Producers will need to withhold product from the market
 - But which producers will act?



SULPHURIC ACID MARKET OUTLOOK

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