

The Canadian government's commitment to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions by 50 percent in Central Canada by 1994 will have a major impact upon the nonferrous smelters, especially the nickel producers. These companies are confronted with R&D costs of over \$30 million to develop more affordable smelting technologies to reduce SO₂ emissions. Implementation costs are estimated to be in excess of \$350 million and could well increase operating costs, as well, by up to 15 cents a pound, which would affect their competitiveness.