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According to a report released on Jan. 27 by the Jamaican Bauxite Institute, in 1988 the country produced 7.41 million tons of bauxite, down 3.3% from 1987. The Institute projected output for 1989 at 9 million tons. The increase will result in part from the expected reopening of the Alpart aluminum processing plant that was shut down in 1985. The report that 1988 bauxite exports totaled 3.49 million tons, down slightly from 3.71 million tons in 1987. According at the Institute, aluminum production on the island reached 1.58 million tons, a 0.2% increase over 1987. Hurricane Gilbert caused the loss of 73,000 tons of aluminum output. (Basic data from Xinhua, 01/27/89)

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