

ASX Announcement

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## Update on San Ciprian Refinery

Alumina Limited (ASX: AWC) notes Alcoa Corp's ("Alcoa") announcement that, as part of a planned series of meetings with key stakeholders, its representatives will be meeting this week with representatives of the national and regional authorities in Spain to discuss financial losses at the San Ciprian complex, which consists of an alumina refinery and an aluminium smelter.

AWAC owns 100% of the San Ciprian refinery. Alcoa owns 100% of the San Ciprian smelter, which is co-located in the same complex.

The San Ciprian refinery in Spain has faced significant cost pressures, especially from heightened cost of gas supply since the start of the Ukraine War in early 2022. The refinery has been operating at approximately 50% of capacity since 3Q22, but it remains loss making at current gas prices.

AWC supports Alcoa's efforts to take action at the San Ciprian refinery to further reduce these losses and to work towards a long-term solution.

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by Mike Ferraro, Chief Executive Officer.

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### **Alcoa engages with Spanish government regarding San Ciprián complex**

**PITTSBURGH, December 11, 2023** – As part of a planned series of meetings with key stakeholders, representatives of the Spanish operating subsidiaries of Alcoa Corporation (NYSE: AA) will be meeting this week with representatives of the national and regional authorities in Spain to discuss financial losses at the San Ciprián complex, which consists of an alumina refinery and an aluminum smelter.

The San Ciprián smelter was curtailed in January 2022 as a result of an agreement with the workers' representatives in December 2021. In February 2023, Alcoa agreed to a phased restart of the aluminum smelter to begin in January of 2024 via an amended Viability Agreement. The refinery has been operating at 50 percent of its capacity since the third quarter of 2022 to mitigate losses. The economics for both the smelter and the refinery have continued to worsen.

Since the smelter's curtailment, the long-term cost for energy remains uncompetitive while the permitting and development of alternative energy supplies, supported by Alcoa's signed power purchase agreements, have been delayed. Also, the Company has experienced market challenges that include the impact from the slowdown in Europe and lower sales prices. Despite this, the Company continued to comply with the terms of the Viability Agreement, investing \$65 million toward those obligations in 2023.

"We've been working to abide by all of the commitments contained in the Viability Agreement, including making capital investments, but the current situation remains severely challenged," said Alcoa President and CEO William Oplinger. "We are resolved to continue conversations with the government and workers' representatives in a collaborative manner as we look to a long-term solution."

When the original and amended Viability Agreements were signed, Alcoa had sufficient funding to honor all its commitments. Based on current and foreseeable economic conditions, however, solutions are needed for the long term to deal with the unsustainable business conditions at the San Ciprián operations.

The Company is asking the regional and national governments to identify all potential forms of relief and work collaboratively on a long-term solution.

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**About Alcoa Corporation**

Alcoa (NYSE: AA) is a global industry leader in bauxite, alumina and aluminum products with a vision to reinvent the aluminum industry for a sustainable future. With a values-based approach that encompasses integrity, operating excellence, care for people and courageous leadership, our purpose is to Turn Raw Potential into Real Progress. Since developing the process that made aluminum an affordable and vital part of modern life, our talented Alcoans have developed breakthrough innovations and best practices that have led to greater efficiency, safety, sustainability and stronger communities wherever we operate.

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