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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Alumina Limited CEO, Mr John Bevan announced today that Ms Judith Downes has been appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer, replacing Mr Ken Dean, effective Monday 12 January 2009.

Judith Downes was most recently CFO of ANZ's Institutional Division, and brings a wealth of financial experience to Alumina Limited. She has been a director of ING Australia, and a member of the international Standards Advisory Council. Judith is a Fellow of CPA Australia and member of the ICAA, and holds a BA (Hons), Dip Ed and Grad Dip (Accounting).

Ken Dean, who has been Alumina Limited's Chief Financial Officer since October 2005, will retire from the Company at the end of the first quarter 2009. Throughout his time with Alumina Limited, Ken has also served as a non-executive director of Santos Limited. He will continue in that role, and increase his involvement in other business and community activities.

Mr Bevan said "I am extremely pleased that Judith will join Alumina Limited as Chief Financial Officer. I believe she will contribute significantly in the Alumina Executive team and as a member of the AWAC Strategic Council.

I would also like to thank Ken Dean for his very valuable contributions over the past three years at Alumina Limited and wish him all the best for his future non-executive career".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Foster".

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Company Secretary

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