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The Alumina Limited CEO, Mr John Marlay, announced today that Mr Ken Dean has been appointed to the position as Chief Financial Officer, replacing Mr Robert Davies, effective 31 October 2005. Mr Dean will join Alumina Limited prior to 31 October 2005, to ensure an effective transition with Mr Davies.

Mr Dean has extensive financial and resource sector experience gained from a thirty year career with Shell, both in Australia and overseas. Ken's most recent role was Chief Executive Officer, Shell Finance Services for Shell International in London. He has held senior executive positions in Treasury, Audit, Accounting, IT and Finance and Corporate Services. Ken is also a Director of Santos Limited, and a former Director of Woodside Petroleum Limited. Ken holds a B.Comm, Accounting and Financial Management, from the University of New South Wales, is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Accountants.

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

"I also wish Bob Davies success in his new role at Inco Limited and thank him for his valuable contributions over the past three years at Alumina Limited".

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

Stephen Foster
Company Secretary

27 September 2005