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Alumina Limited welcomes the announcement made today in relation to the partnership between Alcoa Inc and the Saudi Arabian mining company, Ma'aden, to develop a fully integrated, world-class aluminium industry in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Alcoa World Alumina & Chemicals will be the initial supplier of alumina to the project's smelter which will be developed in the first phase of the project and come on line in 2013. The bauxite mine and alumina refinery will be developed in the second phase, with first production expected in late 2014. Alumina Limited's equity contribution to the mine and refinery, which will be contributed progressively between 2010 and 2014, is expected to be approximately US\$120 million. A variety of debt funding options will be considered for the Project.

Alumina Limited CEO, John Bevan, commented, "This is a unique opportunity to invest in very low cash cost alumina production capacity in a major growth region for the aluminium industry and further diversifies our operational and geographic footprint".

Some statements in this public announcement are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements also include those containing such words as 'anticipate', 'estimates', 'should', 'will', 'expects', 'plans' or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual outcomes to be different from the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements include: (a) material adverse changes in global economic, alumina or aluminium industry conditions and the markets served by AWAC; (b) changes in production and development costs and production levels or to sales agreements; (c) changes in laws or regulations or policies; (d) changes in alumina and aluminium prices and currency exchange rates; and (e) the other risk factors summarised in Alumina's Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2008.

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