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### San Ciprian and Point Comfort alumina refineries

Alumina Limited today announced that the AWAC joint venture has entered into forward contracts to hedge revenues and freight and energy costs associated with smelter grade alumina production from its San Ciprian and Point Comfort refineries for the 2010 year. The USD/Euro currency has also been hedged for the San Ciprian refinery.

Alumina Limited CEO, John Bevan, commented, "We have secured a cash positive outcome for these operations and retain full exposure to market prices for the bulk of our production which comes from low cost refineries. This is a prudent approach that proactively manages the impact of potential short term market volatility and takes into account the level of fixed costs at these operations".

The San Ciprian and Point Comfort refineries contribute approximately 20 per cent of AWAC's annual alumina production. The improvement in market conditions over recent months has enabled AWAC to complete hedging contracts that are expected to improve EBITDA from these two refineries by well over US\$100m in 2010 compared to 2009 assuming current market conditions prevail throughout 2010. Updated profit guidance for the entire Alumina Limited business for the 2010 year will be provided in the usual course of events when the 2009 financial results are announced in February 2010.

*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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