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# Alumina Limited Analyst Explanatory Materials

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# AWAC: the premier global bauxite / alumina business

Alumina Limited provides a unique ability for a pure investment in Alcoa World Alumina & Chemicals (AWAC)

- Alumina Limited owns 40% of AWAC through a JV with Alcoa Inc.
- AWAC is a premier owner and operator of Tier 1 bauxite mines and alumina refineries globally. AWAC is Alumina Limited's only significant asset
- Alcoa's quarterly results includes AWAC operations. This presentation is intended to:
  - focus the analysts on the items in Alcoa's previous quarterly results that related to AWAC's business, and
  - remind the market of the drivers of AWAC's financial performance
- Note that commodity and FX prices in this presentation are based on publicly available market prices and may not equate to actual pricing under AWAC contracts





Section 1:
Relating
Alcoa's Results to
AWAC

# **Alumina production**



## **Alumina**

### 4th Quarter Results

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#### Alcoa and subsidiaries

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Intersegment sales	\$	585	\$ 2,212	\$	633	\$	723	\$	751	\$	620	\$ 2,727
Equity income (loss)	\$	3	\$ 10	\$	3	\$	22	\$	2	\$	(2)	\$ 25
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After-tax operating income												
(ATOI)	\$	65	\$ 301	\$	142	\$	186	\$	154	\$	125	\$ 607

- Alcoa has approx 800ktpa of alumina production capacity (at Pocos and part of São Luís in Brazil) that is outside of AWAC
- Therefore need to reduce
   Alcoa's quarterly published
   alumina production volume
   by approx 200kt to get the
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- Alcoa's alumina segment revenue includes revenue from alumina sales and shipping, but excludes any smelting revenue
- Alcoa 3rd party alumina revenue generally aligns to AWAC alumina 3rd party revenue
- Shipping revenue is reflectedin 3rd party sales



# Intersegment alumina sales



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- Alcoa's intersegment sales are sales of alumina and shipping to Alcoa and AWAC
- Smelter Grade Alumina (SGA) sales prices to Alcoa are largely an average of AWAC's 3rd party SGA prices
- Alcoa's intersegment alumina sales do not match AWAC's alumina sales as Alcoa has approx 800ktpa (200kt per quarter) of alumina production capacity that is outside of AWAC

# Split between 3<sup>rd</sup> party and intersegment shipments



- The split of Alcoa production between 3rd Party shipments versus Alcoa's 'intersegment' shipments can vary from period to period
- This variance can result from shipping schedules and order flow

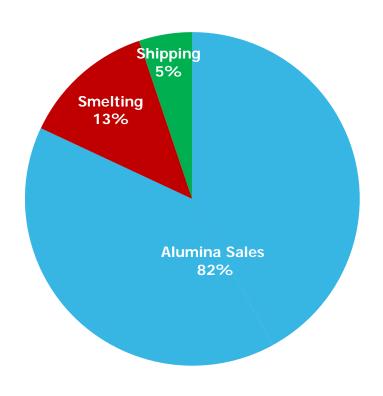
Alumina Production (kmt)*	2010					2011						
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q				
Production	3,866	3,890	4,047	4,119	4,024	4,144	4,140	4,178				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party shipments (by volume)	55%	58%	60%	59%	55%	57%	54%	57%				
Shipments (by volume) to Alcoa/AWAC and movements in inventory	45%	42%	40%	41%	45%	43%	46%	43%				

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Alcoa reported data



## **AWAC** revenue

### **AWAC Revenue Break Up**

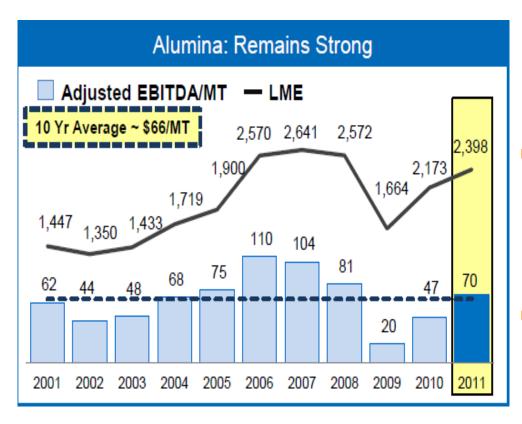


### AWAC Revenue includes:

- alumina sales revenue to 3rd parties and Alcoa;
- shipping revenue; and
- aluminium smelting revenue.
- Shipping revenue is included in Alcoa's alumina segment
- AWAC's shipping operations are owned and chartered vessels which transport liquid and bulk cargoes between AWAC alumina operations and other parties, including Alcoa
- Smelting revenue is included in Alcoa's primary metals segment
- AWAC's smelting operations comprise2 smelters in Australia



# Adjusted EBITDA margin



- Alcoa discloses the adjusted EBITDA/MT margin for its alumina segment in its quarterly results
- Alcoa's alumina segment margins averaged \$66/MT over 10 years. In FY11, it was \$70/MT
- AWAC's adjusted
   EBITDA/MT is usually in line with the Alcoa's alumina segment EBITDA/MT

# Alcoa reported "Net income attributable to non-controlling interests"

_		Quarter ended	
	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,
	2010	2011	2011
et income (loss)	292	225	(163)
ss: Net income attributable to ncontrolling			
terests	34	53	28

Alcoa quarterly financial reports include net income attributable to non-controlling interests (minority interests)

These 'non-controlling interests' include Alumina Limited's 40% equity share of AWAC. There are other minority interests within the Alcoa financial results which may affect analyses

# Alcoa reported "Net income attributable to non-controlling interests"

	2H 2011	1H 2011	2H 2010	1H 2010
Alcoa reported Net income attributable to non- controlling interests (US GAAP)	\$81m	\$113m	\$82m	\$56m
Accounting Adjustments (IFRS)1:				
Foreign Tax Differences	(\$9)m	(\$10)m	(\$42)m	-
Inventory (LIFO to FIFO)	\$3m	\$1m	(\$8)m	(\$2)m
Other	(\$2)m	\$1m	\$4m	(\$4)m
Adjusted amount <sup>1</sup>	\$73m	\$105m	\$36m	\$50m
Alumina Underlying Earnings (pre funding and corporate costs) <sup>2</sup>	\$71m	\$103m	\$38m	\$49m

<sup>1.</sup> Net adjustments made by Alumina Limited to arrive at underlying earnings, which is not an IFRS requirement

Alumina's share of net profit of associates accounted for using the equity method (before its own costs), adjusted for certain non-cash items to arrive at underlying earnings, which is not an IFRS requirement

## **AWAC distributions**

Alcoa and subsidiaries Statement of Consolidated Cash Flows (unaudited) (in millions)

	Year	ended
	Decem	ber 31,
	2010 (d)	2011
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net change in short-term borrowings	(44)	(31)
Net change in commercial paper	_	224
Additions to long-term debt	1,126	1,256
Debt issuance costs	(6)	(17)
Payments on long-term debt	(1,757)	(1,194)
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	13	37
Excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements	1	6
Dividends paid to shareholders	(125)	(131)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(256)	(257)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	162	169
Acquisitions of noncontrolling interests	(66)	-
CASH (USED FOR) PROVIDED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(952)	62

- Distributions to non-controlling entities is a useful indication of the level of AWAC distributions to Alumina Limited
- Note there are other items included in this line that do not relate to AWAC distributions to Alumina Limited so there will be differences

"Distributions to non-controlling interests"										
	2010				2011					
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		
Alcoa disclosed distributions to non-controlling interests	\$72m	\$41m	\$41m	\$102m	\$97m	\$90m	\$66m	\$4m		
Dividends received by Alumina Limited*	\$58m	\$37m	\$41m	\$98m	\$80m	\$86m	\$66m	\$0m		

\*Extracted from AWC ASX filings. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter amount in 2010 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter amount in 2011 are rounded to align to full year totals.





# **Section 2: AWAC Sensitivities**

# Reporting AWAC profit sensitivities

- Alumina Limited provides annualised AWAC profit before tax sensitivities with its year-end and half-year results
- Applicable in the current year, but they are to be applied to prior year profit before tax (after one-off items have been backed out):
  - Sensitivities must be applied after the prior year one-off adjustments have been reversed
  - Sensitivities must be applied to profit before tax due to movements in tax rates
- Based on US GAAP

## **AWAC** profit sensitivities include

- Based on two key variables for 2012
  - LME: +/- \$100 per tonne = +/- \$102m profit before tax, keeping everything else constant
  - US\$/A\$: +/- 1 cent = -/+ \$19m profit before tax, keeping everything else constant
- Sensitivities need to be applied to the prior year averages
- 2011 averages were
  - LME: \$2,422 per tonne
  - A\$1 = US\$1.03
  - In Q4 2011, AWAC's production level was 15.9m tonnes on an annualised basis (2011: 15.7m tonnes)

# AWAC profit sensitivities exclude

- Alumina sales based on spot/index
- Movement in production costs
- Other currency exposures
- Prior year reported one-off adjustments

# **Example how to apply AWAC sensitivities**

AWAC 2011 Profit Before Tax	\$609m	Extracted from Audited AWAC results released February 2011
Reverse One-Off Items in 2011	(\$14)m	Refer below
AWAC 2011 Profit Before Tax & One-Off Items	\$595m	
Sensitivity Outcomes:		As per Alumina's 4E released February 2012
LME Aluminium	(\$211)m	2011 Average LME price was \$2,422/t. 2012 average price is (say) \$2,215/t Difference of -\$207 divided by \$100m and multiplied by +\$102m
Currency	(\$57)m	2011 average A\$/US\$ was 103¢. 2012 average rate is (say) 106¢. Difference of +3¢ multiplied by -\$19m

#### Notes:

- 1. Assumes no change to Q4 2011 alumina production levels
- 2. Assumes no change in alumina pricing relationship for contracts linked to LME aluminium prices
- 3. Does not include price and volume impact of 2012 alumina sales based on spot or index prices
- 4. Does not include the effect of changes in costs of production in 2012 compared with 2011
- 5. Does not include the effect of other currency movements relative to USD

#### One-Off Items in 2011:

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<ul> <li>Provision for remediation of residue storage</li> </ul>	(\$20)m
areas in St Croix, a refinery no longer operated	
by AWAC	
<ul> <li>Smelter restructuring costs</li> </ul>	(\$14)m
<ul> <li>Loss on end of period balance sheet revaluations</li> </ul>	(\$9)m
<ul> <li>Profit on sale of Alcoa of Australia land assets</li> </ul>	\$43m
<ul> <li>Equity profit from AWAC's ownership of 20%</li> </ul>	\$14m
of the Dampier to Bunbury pipeline	
	\$14m





# Section 3: AWAC Earnings Drivers

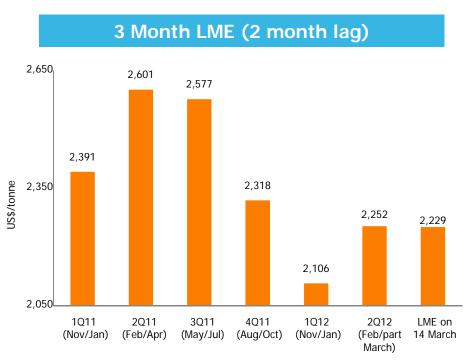
# **AWAC** sales & pricing

- Majority of 3rd party SGA prices linked to 3-month LME aluminium price (2-month lag)
- Approximately 20% of 3rd party SGA sales priced off a spot or index basis by end of 2011. It was previously disclosed that it was expected that 33%\* of AWAC's 3rd party shipments in Q1 2012 would be on a spot or index basis, and by the end of 2012 approximately 40%\*\* of third party SGA sales were expected to be based on a spot or index basis. Indexed sales include 1 month lag
- Sales prices to Alcoa are largely average of AWAC's 3rd party SGA prices
- Smelting sales are based on 3-month LME aluminium price (15-day lag) plus a metal premium
- Note that commodity and FX prices in this presentation are based on publicly available market prices and may not equate to actual pricing under AWAC contracts



## Alumina sales - LME linked

## ... majority AWAC alumina sales based on LME aluminium ...



 First quarter LME linked contracts' revenue will reflect Nov-Jan 3 Month LME prices

Sale price is the 3-month LME aluminium contract price, generally being the average of 2 month prior to the sale.

Source: Thomson Reuters

# Alumina spot priced indices

# Alumina Platts Australian FOB Spot Index & implied linkage

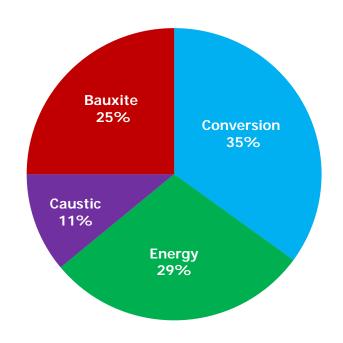


- Multiple suppliers using Spot/Index basis
- Average industry (ABARE) aluminium linkage rate in 2010 was 13.4%
- Spot/Index range in 2011 and 2012 (YTD) was between \$303 and \$420, and is higher than 13.4% of LME
- Over the past 10 years, the spot price has averaged approximately \$50 over the long term linkage rate

# **AWAC refining costs – 2011**

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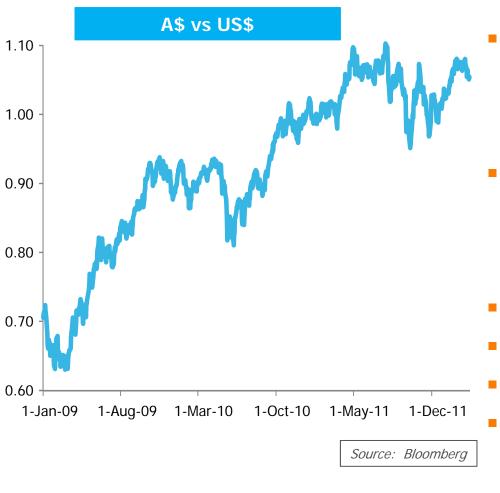
### **AWAC Refining Cost Structure**



- Other than the sensitivity to the A\$, Alumina Limited does not provide guidance to changes in individual cost elements.
   Movements in these costs can be partially assessed via market price changes (such as those set out in the following slides)
- 60% of AWAC's alumina nameplate capacity is in Australia and Brazil
- 100% of AWAC's aluminium production is in Australia

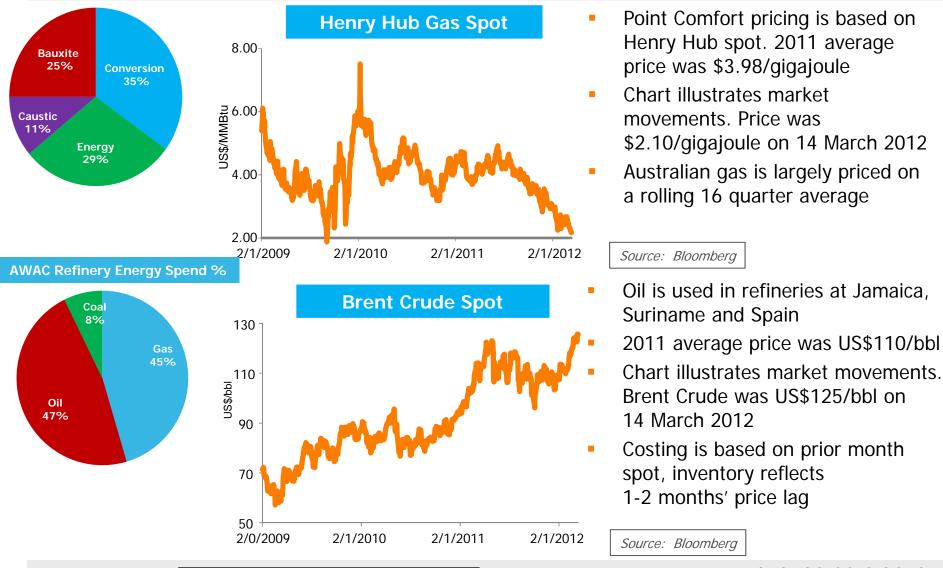
## **A\$/US\$**

## ... significant exposure via Australian production ...

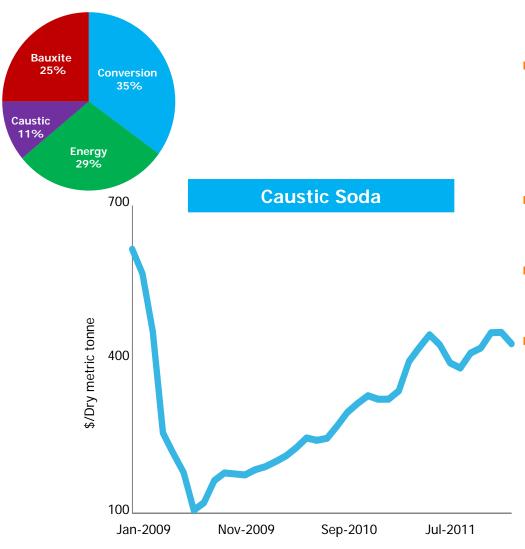


- AWAC Profit sensitivity to \$A movements: US\$/A\$: +/-1 cent = -/+\$19m profit before tax, keeping everything else constant
- Australia represents 52% of AWAC's nameplate alumina capacity and 100% of AWAC's aluminium capacity
- Most of Australian costs are in A\$
- 2010 average A\$ was US\$0.92
  - 2011 average A\$ is US\$1.03
  - 14 March 2012 A\$ was US\$1.05

# **AWAC** refining costs - energy



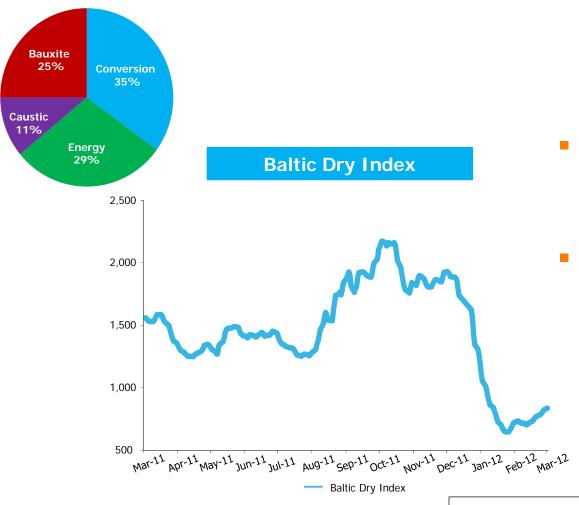
# **AWAC refining costs - caustic**



- CMAI average caustic prices approx \$395/t (2011) and \$450/t (2012 YTD). Chart illustrates average market prices
- Pricing convention is based on spot and semi-annual reviews
- AWAC inventory reflects3-6 months' price lag
- AWAC purchases caustic soda from suppliers on negotiated terms and so costs may differ from prevailing market prices

Source: Chemical Market Associates, Inc.

# **AWAC** refining costs - bauxite

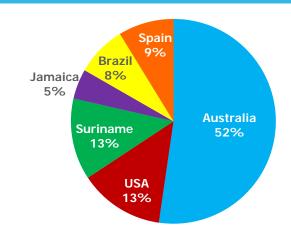


- AWAC generally mines its own bauxite located proximate to its refineries
- Seaborne bauxite relates to bauxite used at San Ciprian (Spain) and Point Comfort (US), which constitutes 22% of AWAC's nameplate capacity

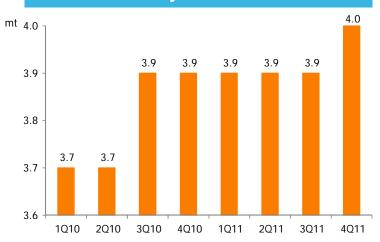
Source: Bloomberg

# **Alumina production**

### **Nameplate Capacity by Region**



### **AWAC Quarterly Alumina Production**



- AWAC nameplate capacity is 17.2m tonnes
- In Q4 2011, AWAC's annualised operating rate was 15.9 million tonnes, representing 92% of nameplate capacity
- Brazil refinery is operating at nameplate capacity
- AWAC will adjust production to meet demand