# Alumina Limited 2009 Half Year Results

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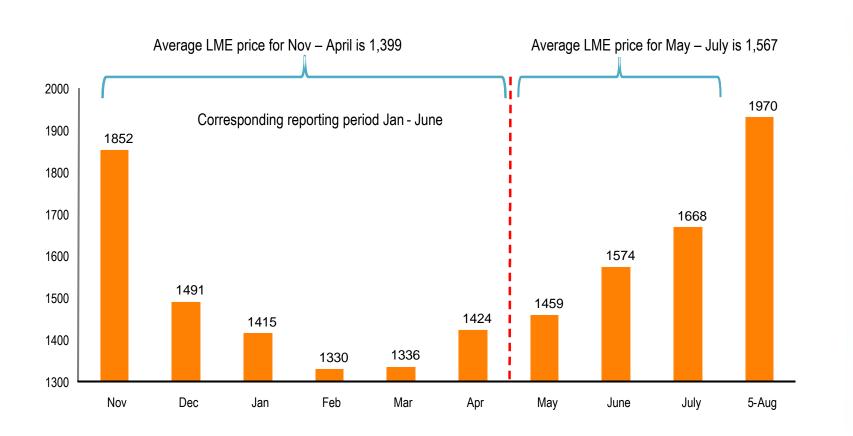
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# Highlights

- Profit of \$6 million
- Underlying earnings loss of \$15 million
- Disciplined AWAC response to industry conditions
  - Curtailed early and curtailed hard
  - Production capacity managed to meet demand
  - Operations run for cash
  - Safety remains paramount
- Balance sheet strengthened
- No interim dividend declared

#### AWAC Revenue Has Two Month Lag to LME

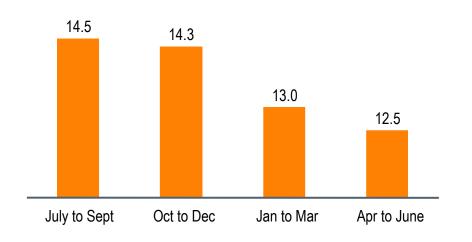


Note: Monthly average price is calculated using the daily spot LME prices



### **AWAC Production Adjusted for Demand**

#### **AWAC Production (Annualised Rate)**

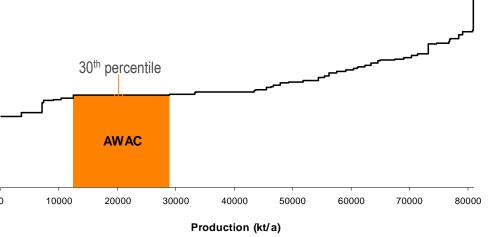


- Curtailed early and aggressively
- System curtailed17%

## **AWAC Production Strategy**

- Key Assets
  - Operating at 104% of last year
  - 80% of production in 1<sup>st</sup> half

- Adjust production to meet demand
  - Flex plants operating at 49% of capacity



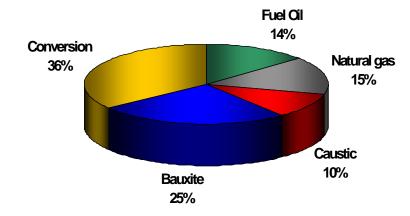
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- First Tier assets drive production
- AWAC system at 30<sup>th</sup> percentile of cost curve
- Sao Luis will take AWAC to 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of cost curve

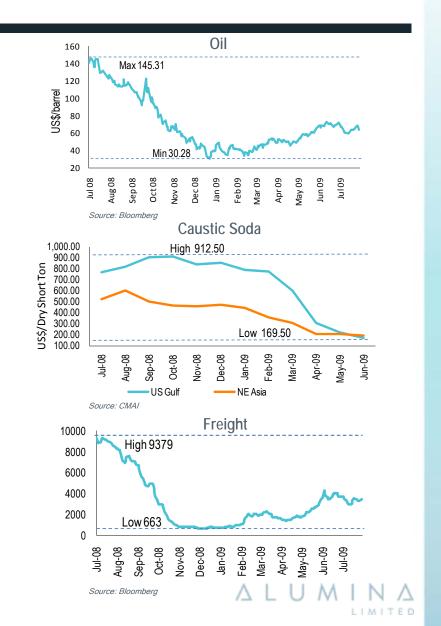
### **Production Costs Have Changed**



- Wage freeze
- Reduced staffing
- Reduced contractors

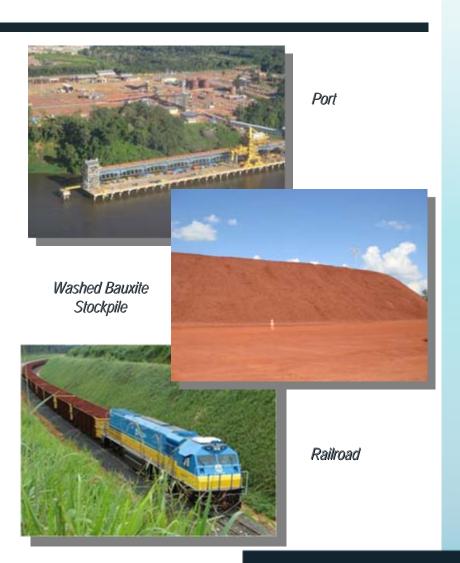


Input Cost	Inventory Flow	Pricing Convention
Fuel oil	1 – 2 mths	Prior month
Natural gas	1 – 2 mths	Rolling 16 quarters
Caustic soda	3 – 6 mths	Spot & semi-annual
Bauxite	2 – 3 mths	6 – 9 mth lag



#### **Brazil**

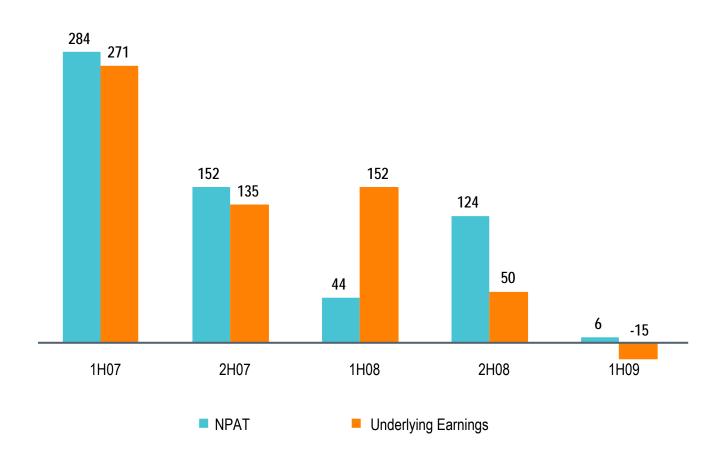
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- Sao Luis first output achieved
- Capital cost within estimates



# **Financial Results**

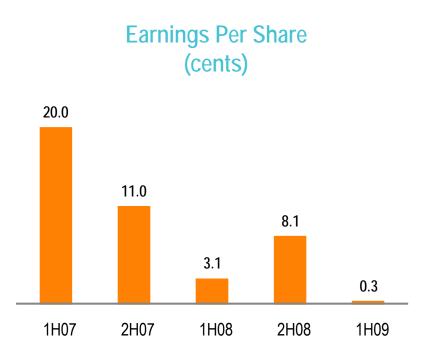
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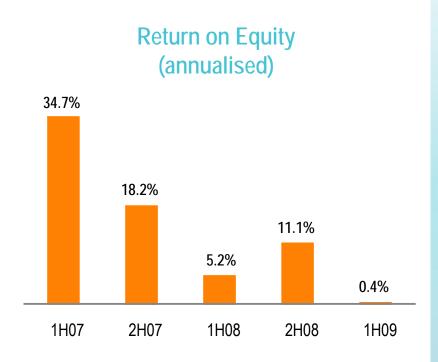
# **Alumina NPAT and Underlying Earnings**



Note: 2H08 Underlying earnings of \$50m post restructure cost of A\$39m

#### Alumina EPS and ROE

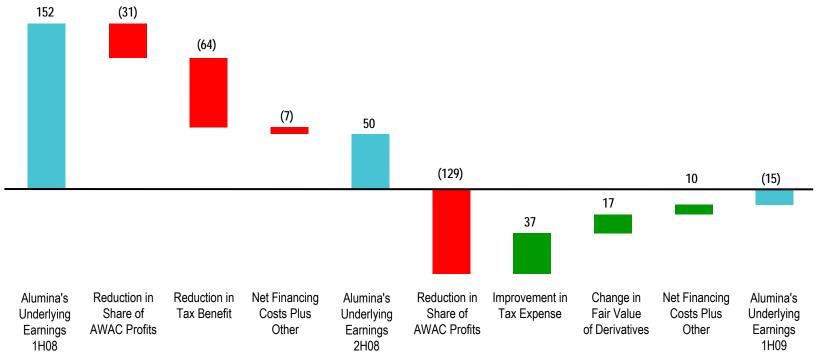




- No interim dividend declared
- Prior period EPS adjusted for rights issues

# **Alumina Underlying Earnings**

		1H08	2H08	1H09
	Alumina's reported share of equity accounted profit	46	197	15
•	Impact of embedded derivatives and pension obligations included in that figure	(108)	74	21
•	Alumina's share of underlying AWAC profit under IFRS	154	123	(6)
•	Movement in underlying AWAC profit under IFRS		(31)	(129)





#### **Alumina Balance Sheet**

- Gearing at 30 June 8.6%
- Net debt A\$280 million\*
- No net drawn debt due for repayment in 2009 or 2010
- Committed facilities of US\$187 million maturing in 2011, partially drawn
- Undrawn committed facilities maturing in 2012 of US\$300 million

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes component of convertible bond in equity

### Alumina Rights Issue

- Non-renounceable rights issue launched 30 April 2009
- Funds used to repay bank debt
- Combined with facility roll over, removed 2010 refinancing risk
- Net funds of A\$954 million raised

## **AWAC Working Capital**

	Dec 2008 (A\$m)	Jun 2009 (A\$m)	Movement (A\$m)	Movement (%)
Accounts receivable	708	420	(288)	(40.7%)
Accounts Payable	790	620	(170)	(21.5%)
Inventory	674	747	73	10.8%

- Caustic in inventory at previous high prices
- Oil no longer on consignment
- Movement in certain non-current assets also included in operating cash flows

#### **AWAC Brazil Investment**

- Expected growth capital investment for 2009 year of US\$300 million
- Capital contribution to June of US\$193 million YTD
- Total capital cost continues, as previously advised, to be below US\$1.4 billion

#### **Alumina Guidance**

- Guidance provided in February is confirmed
- The following impacts on underlying earnings are expected
  - one US cent move in average 3-month LME aluminium price approx A\$13m
  - one US cent move in average A\$/US\$ FX rate approx A\$7m
  - AWAC alumina production costs reduced by more than US\$50/tonne, about 20% due to FX
  - Alumina Limited's administration costs marginally lower, borrowing costs slightly lower than 2008

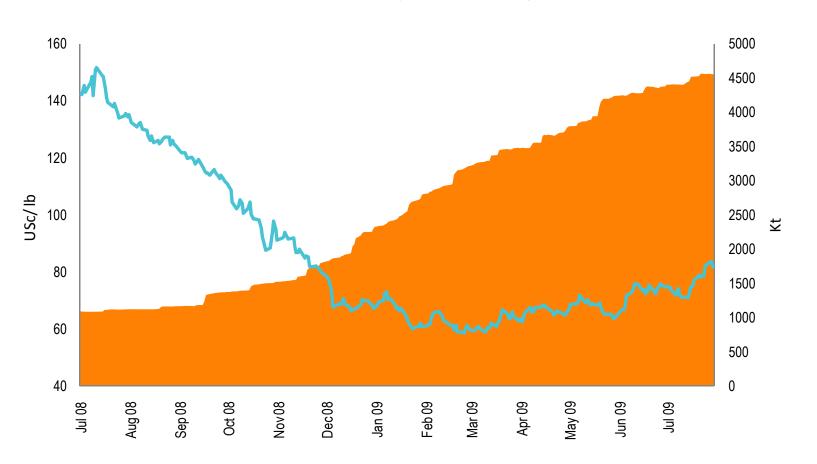
Based on 2008 Alumina Limited underlying earnings of A\$202 million, plus A\$39 million asset write-off; 2008 average LME of US\$1.19/lb; and A\$/US\$ of 0.85.

# Market Outlook

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# Aluminium Price – A Reflection of Weak Demand and High LME Stocks

#### **Aluminium Price (Last 12 Months)**





#### **Aluminium Forward Prices**







### Aluminium: China Deficit – West Surplus

#### 2009E Aluminium Supply / Demand Balance (in kmt)

#### **China in Deficit**

Jan-May 09 Primary production Run Rate (annualised)	10,900
Announced restarts to be implemented Jun-Dec 09	1,300
Supply	12,200
Demand (0% yoy change)	(13,100)
Deficit	(900)
Imports from Western World	900
Net Deficit	(0)

#### Western World in Surplus

Net Surplus	
Exports to China	(900)
Surplus	2,100
Demand (-10% yoy change)	(21,400)
Supply	23,500
Announced curtailment to be implemented Jun-Dec 09	(300)
Jan-May 09 Primary production Run Rate (annualised)	23,800

## **Looking Forward**

- LME on upward curve
- Cash management and supply management impact flows through into second half
- Balance sheet in strong position
- AUD and USD exchange rate important

# Questions

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