

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# High Purity Alumina Project

Alumina Limited advises that Alcoa of Australia Limited has executed a binding term sheet with Western Australia-based FYI Resources Ltd (ASX: FYI) for development activities to produce high-purity alumina. A statement by Alcoa Corporation regarding the project is attached for reference.

Alcoa of Australia Limited is part of the AWAC joint venture which is 60% owned by Alcoa Corporation and 40% owned by Alumina Limited.

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by Mike Ferraro, Chief Executive Officer.

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# Alcoa Plans to Enter High Purity Alumina Market with Joint Development Project

**PITTSBURGH**, **September 30**, **2021** – Alcoa Corporation (NYSE: AA) intends to enter the growing high-purity alumina market to address increasing demand for sustainable products through a joint development project.

Alcoa of Australia Limited (AoA), a subsidiary of Alcoa Corporation, has executed a binding term sheet with Western Australia-based FYI Resources Ltd (ASX: FYI) for development activities to produce high-purity alumina, or HPA.

AoA will hold a 65 percent ownership interest in the project, which will have stages of development before potential construction, in 2024, of a full-scale, 8,000 metric-ton-per-year (mtpy) HPA plant. The development activities also set a pathway for a future joint venture for the project, of which AoA would be the manager and both parties would contribute specific intellectual property.

"As a high-value product that will play an important role in a low-carbon future, the production of HPA is strategically aligned with Alcoa's commitment to advance sustainably," said Tim Reyes, Alcoa Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. "This project is a natural complement to Alcoa's existing business that builds on our expertise in alumina refining technology development and our production capability."

Market applications for the non-metallurgical alumina, which is characterized by high brightness, resistance to corrosion, and capacity to accommodate high temperatures, include materials critical to the global energy transition, such as LED lighting that consumes less power and lasts longer and lithium ion batteries used in electric vehicles. Other high-tech applications include mobile devices and products used in the medical and aeronautical sectors.

The project follows a successful trial, in December 2020, that used Alcoa feedstock to consistently produce HPA at more than 99.99% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (aluminum oxide) purity.

"Alcoa and FYI have complementary skills, experience and knowledge that combined will help to accelerate our entry into the HPA market, which is expected to have a compounded annual growth rate of nearly 20 percent to 2028," Mr. Reyes added.

The term sheet outlines three phases for the development of the project:

- AoA will contribute an initial \$5 million, over 2021-2022, to stage one project development
  activities that will include additional production trials, as well as the detailed design of an
  estimated 1,000 mtpy demonstration facility.
- In stage two, a demonstration facility would be constructed, and detailed engineering undertaken for a full-scale HPA plant that would produce 8,000 mtpy.
- Stage three would include the start of construction for the full-scale plant.

Stages two and three are each subject to final investment decisions. The full-scale facility is currently projected to cost approximately \$200 million, subject to detailed engineering studies.

AoA would fund its pro-rata share of project capital and make additional contributions to the demonstration and production facility construction costs, subject to final investment decisions, in consideration for its 65 percent ownership of the project.

# **About Alcoa Corporation**

Alcoa (NYSE: AA) is a global industry leader in bauxite, alumina, and aluminum products, and is built on a foundation of strong values and operating excellence dating back 135 years to the world-changing discovery that made aluminum an affordable and vital part of modern life. Since developing the aluminum industry, and throughout our history, our talented Alcoans have followed on with breakthrough innovations and best practices that have led to efficiency, safety, sustainability, and stronger communities wherever we operate.

#### **About Alcoa of Australia**

Alcoa of Australia is owned by Alcoa World Alumina and Chemicals (AWAC), an unincorporated global joint venture between Alcoa Corporation and Alumina Limited that consists of a number of affiliated entities that own, operate or have an interest in bauxite mines and alumina refineries, as well as an aluminum smelter, in seven countries. Alcoa Corporation owns 60 percent of AWAC with Alumina Limited owning 40 percent.

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Alcoa intends to make future announcements regarding company developments and financial performance through its website, <a href="www.alcoa.com">www.alcoa.com</a>, as well as through press releases, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, conference calls, and webcasts.

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