



Aluminum Extruders Council Reacts to DOC's Delay in Zhongwang Case

The Aluminum Extruders Council (AEC) is disappointed that the Department of Commerce (DOC) has decided to delay its decision on the Scope Clarification/Circumvention filing against Chinese aluminium extruder Zhongwang Group. The AEC called for several governments, including the U.S., to investigate a variety of charges leveled against Zhongwang and its U.S. affiliates in the Dupre Report that surfaced last July.

“While the DOC postpones its decision, the U.S. aluminium extrusion industry is watching its trade orders, which it fought hard to win, being evaded by a renewed flood of unfairly traded aluminium for which there is no buyer,” said AEC Director of Operations and Fair Trade Committee director Jeff Henderson.

According to the evidence provided in the AEC submission to the Department of Commerce, Zhongwang, through a series of

affiliated exporters and U.S. importers, has poured billions of pounds of aluminium extrusions into the United States and Mexico in recent years, much of which just sits in warehouses and open fields. The evidence provided in the submission also demonstrates the lengths to which Zhongwang has systematically evaded the antidumping/countervailing duties by exporting extrusions into the U.S. in a variety of forms, which have only one thing in common: they have been manipulated solely for the purpose of evading duties and should

continue to be subject to the orders. While the industry waits for Commerce to act, orders are lost, production is cut, and American workers are losing their jobs. “On behalf of AEC members, our industry, and those American workers, we demand the Department of Commerce launch an investigation of Zhongwang.

Commerce should initiate an investigation and send Zhongwang and its affiliates questionnaires to explain its behavior and answer the compelling evidence before Commerce,” said Henderson.



Alcoa Celebrates One Billion Milestone in Bauxite Mining



Alcoa’s workforce is celebrating an historic milestone after achieving one billion tonnes of bauxite mined, following 53 years of operation in Western Australia.

President Alcoa Mining Garret Dixon saluted the hard work and tireless efforts of past and present employees who have worked across its mining operations at Jarrahdale, Huntly and Willowdale.

“We’re very proud of this achievement and also our decades-long, internationally recognised land rehabilitation program - one of the most critical parts of the mining process which sees jarrah forest ecosystems restored,” said Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon said Alcoa had built a world-class integrated mining, refining and smelting system in Australia with a strong sustainability record.

“In Australia, our bauxite is used to produce alumina to supply

approximately eight per cent of world alumina demand and we make alumina as low as one third of the greenhouse footprint per tonne of product of some of our Asian competitors,” he said.

Alcoa’s value-add refining and smelting businesses in Australia meant the company has made a significant economic and social contribution. Adding to this, the mining business will realise the opportunity to export bauxite into new markets in 2016.

“Alcoa injects billions of dollars each year into Peel and South-West communities, the State and the nation. In Western Australia alone, we employ approximately 4,000 people and inject more than \$2.2 billion per

annum in local procurement and payroll. We also invest millions of dollars and thousands of volunteering hours each year into local community groups and projects.”

The company celebrated its success with past and present employees, key stakeholders and the Hon Nigel Hallett MLC, representing Premier Barnett, at a special event in Mandurah. Huntly mine’s Jim Blacklock, Alcoa’s longest serving mining employee, also joined the celebrations.

“Since joining the company in December 1971, I’ve seen huge change. The automation of processes and the volume of production are what impress me the most. But by far it is the people who have given me the greatest enjoyment; they’re brilliant,” said Mr. Blacklock.

Alcoa named a mining road after Jim Blacklock in recognition of his commitment to the company. Other long-serving employees have had roads named in their honour too, with Alcoa’s first WA Manager of Mines, Jim Langford, having the popular Langford Park, located at Alcoa’s rehabilitated Jarrahdale mine site, named after him.

Langford Park opened in 1975 and is a popular family picnic spot with mountain bike and bridle trails.