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A New World of Opportunity

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This presentation includes certain information concerning Pechiney and the combined business of Alcan and Pechiney. This information is subject to risks and uncertainties. We have based this information on publicly available information about Pechiney (primarily filings by Pechiney with the SEC and the French *Commission des opérations de bourse*). However, to date Pechiney has granted Alcan only limited access to non-public information regarding Pechiney and Alcan has no means of compelling such access. In addition, Pechiney's primary financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in France while Alcan's primary financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. There are differences between Canadian and French GAAP. The unaudited pro forma information included herein is prepared based on the US GAAP information that Pechiney discloses publicly. Alcan has not been in a position to verify the Pechiney information or the pro forma information about the combined entity included in this presentation. Some of the information about Pechiney in this presentation is based on good faith estimates by Alcan or industry sources that may be materially inaccurate. The pro forma information presented is not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial condition that would have been achieved had Alcan's offer for Pechiney been completed during the periods or at the times presented, nor is this information necessarily indicative of future results or conditions of Alcan after it has acquired Pechiney. The pro forma information does not reflect the impact of synergies that Alcan expects to realize over time or the costs associated with the integration of operations necessary to achieve such synergies nor does it reflect the impact of significant divestitures that Alcan must make as required by antitrust regulators. Some of the risks associated with the information about Pechiney and the combined Alcan and Pechiney is discussed under "Risk Factors" in the prospectus, dated October 24, 2003, included in the registration statement that we have filed with the SEC in connection with the offer.

Certain terms used in this presentation are defined in the appendix.

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A New World of Opportunity

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Strategic Rationale

Compelling Strategic Rationale

Creates Substantial Value for Shareholders

- Fits strategy & value-maximizing objectives
- Strengthens Alcan as a world-leading aluminum company
- Provides broad technology leadership - core smelting technology
- Enhances aluminum fabrication portfolio, e.g. aerospace
- Creates US\$6 billion packaging leader
- Accretive to EPS, free cash flow, ROCE from year one
- Well timed
- Increases future options

Strategic Rationale

US\$250 Million Annual Pre-Tax Cost Synergies

Synergies are Realistic and Achievable

**100% percent of synergies
by year-end 2005**

Costs

Implementation:

US\$200million

CAPEX: US\$50 million

**\$50 million of synergies adds
US\$0.10 to EPS.**

Strategic Rationale

Regulatory Review

Clearance by MTF, DOJ and French Treasury

European Commission	US Department of Justice	French Treasury
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Divestiture of either<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ 50% share in the AluNorf⁽¹⁾ mill and the Göttingen and Nachterstedt mills◆ Neuf-Brisach⁽¹⁾, Rugles and, at purchaser's option, Annecy● Continue licensing of alumina refining and smelter cell technologies● Divestiture of Alcan's anode baking technology business● Elimination of the overlap in aluminum aerosol cans and aluminum cartridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Divestiture of Pechiney's aluminum rolling mill located in Ravenswood (West Virginia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continuity of operations at industrial sites except those which Pechiney has announced would be closed● Location in France of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Global HQ for packaging and aerospace operations◆ Global HQ of new cell technology for primary aluminum◆ European headquarters for primary aluminum operations◆ Global HQ for engineered products

Total commitments amount to approximately 5% of pro-forma sales

⁽¹⁾ Alcan's Latchford casting operations can also be added to either the AluNorf or Neuf-Brisach packages at the purchaser's option.

Strategic Rationale

Integration Underway

Successful Track Record

Lessons Learned	Milestones
<p>Maintain current operating focus</p> <p>Line leadership of integration process</p> <p>Jointly staffed integration teams</p> <p>Fill and announce key jobs as soon as possible</p> <p>Timeline to achieve full synergy run-rate within 2 years</p>	<p>Dec 2003</p> <p>Top-level executive team and structure announced</p> <p>Integration leadership team in place</p> <p>Jan 2004</p> <p>Completion of personnel review</p> <p>April 2004</p> <p>Completion of synergies review</p> <p>June 2004</p> <p>Final decisions on key assets</p>

Strategic Rationale

Organization

Leadership Team

Pechiney Overview

Pechiney's Key Strengths

An Industry Leader

Pechiney Overview

Aluminum Smelting Technology Sales

Unrivalled Leadership as #1 Technology Provider

- **80% market share in the Western World in the past 10 years**
- **New AP50 technology ready for deployment**
- **Main break-through from AP50 is 15% reduction**

**in capital
invested
per ton**

- **Presence
in
technology
market and
profitability
is further
enhanced
by ECL, a
leading
provider of
equipment
for
smelters**

Pechiney Overview

Aerospace

50% market share with Airbus
Long-term Trend Towards More Plate Intensive Aircraft

Pechiney Overview

Aerospace

The A380 Will Significantly Impact Airbus' Plate Consumption
56% Market Share Secured To Date On New Model

Airbus plate consumption

Reference : base 100 in 2003 in equivalent A320 aircrafts

Source: Airlines monitor & Pechiney

**Weight of plates
on A320 = 90t**

**Weight of plates
on A380 = 900t**

Pechiney Overview

International Trade

A Profitable Business That Benefits From Scale

Three businesses:

- **Agencies:** International network trading goods for Pechiney as well as for third parties
- **Distribution:** France, Germany / mostly semi-finished aluminum
- **Physical trading:** Alumina, aluminum, copper, etc.

Rationale:

- Takes advantage of volumes shipped by business units to enhance traded quantities and to improve margins
- Conservative risk approach and strict monitoring of risk limits
- A long standing track record of high profitability

Pechiney Overview

Continuous Improvement

- Took 2 1/2 years to prepare before it was launched in December 2001
- Operational for almost 2 years
- Delivered 228 million euros of cumulative gains at the end of Q3 2003

The Combined Company

Global Group □ Balanced Presence

**88,000 Employees, 322 Operating Facilities
in 50 Countries Around the World**

Revenues are presented on the basis of the average US\$/Euro exchange rate during 2002

The Combined Company

Diversified Business Mix

Balanced Portfolio 2002 Revenue

Alcan: US\$12.3 Bn

Pechiney: US\$11.4 Bn (1),(2)

Pro Forma: US\$23.7 Bn (1),(2)

- (1) Including Pechiney trading revenue of US\$4.8 billion
- (2) On the basis of average US\$/€ exchange rate during 2002 of .95

The Combined Company

Increased Core Market Presence

Strengthens Current Position

2002 Revenue By End-Use Market (1) (2)

Alcan

Pechiney

Pro Forma

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- (1) Excludes Pechiney trading revenues of US\$4.8 billion
- (2) On the basis of average US\$/€ exchange rate during 2002 of .95

Source: Pechiney figures are based on estimates derived from publicly available documents

Business Group Impact

Bauxite & Alumina

8 Alumina Refineries on 4 Continents -- 6.0 Mt of Capacity*

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- **No. 2 in global capacity**
- **Combined position balanced**
- **Further 20% of QAL increases ownership to 41.4%, making Alcan single largest shareholder**

Integrate complementary bauxite mines and alumina refineries

- **Re-evaluate alumina expansion opportunities**
- **Optimize technology of the two companies**

*Equity share of capacity

Business Group Impact

Primary Aluminum

24 Smelters on 5 Continents -- 3.4 Mt of Capacity

Largest share of low-cos

1st smelting capacity in the world

50% in bottom third of global cost curve

Advanced high-amperage smelting technology (AP-30 & AP-50 cell)

Alcan's wholly-owned hydro power

Diversified low-cost primary position

Greater scale and financial strength to leverage AP-50 technology

Increased brownfield and greenfield opportunities

(1) Adjusted to include Alouette for full year Source:

CRU (Industry and Market Outlook, January 2003)

Business Group Impact

Rolled Products

**Largest Low-cost Rolling System
3.4 Mt of Sheet and Foil Capacity in 12 Countries**

Positioned to serve growing demand for automotive applications in North America and Europe

Capacity and reach to address expanding aluminum fabrication needs in any region

Leverage best manufacturing practices

Product mix optimization/plant reloading opportunities

Business Group Impact

Engineered Products

\$2.6 Billion in Revenues and 74 Facilities in 17 countries

Entry into high value-added aerospace market and excellent platform to grow business. No. 1 supplier to Airbus.

Hard-alloy extrusions complement Alcan's specialty soft/medium extrusion

operations in Europe

Full range of product and technical solutions for aerospace and transportation

applications

Synergy opportunities

Business Group Impact

Packaging

**Creates No. 1 Food Flexibles and Pharma Packaging Supplier
\$6 Billion in Revenues and 190 Facilities in 26 Countries**

- **Improves ability to serve multinational customers through size and scale**
- **Increases presence in Americas and reinforces leadership position in Europe**
- **Leverages technological and geographic diversity**
- **Creates significant synergy opportunities**
- **Increases backward integration into film production**
- **Strong platform for future growth**

Financial Dimensions

Summary of Terms

92% of Pechiney Shares Tendered in Initial Offer Period

Consideration

Per Pechiney share

□ €28.60 in cash, plus €1 bonus if more than 95% of Pechiney capital and voting rights on a fully diluted basis are tendered (including subsequent offering period).

□ .5441 Alcan shares

€83.40 per OCEANE, plus €0.40 bonus.

Financial Dimensions

Remaining Transaction Milestones

Alcan Committed to Successful Process

Financial Dimensions

Sensitivities

Estimated After-tax Impact on Long-term Profitability

	Change in full year average	Pre-Pechiney		Post-Pechiney	
		Net Inc.	EPS	Net Inc.	EPS
Aluminum	+US\$100/mt	\$120 M	\$0.37	\$190 M	\$0.52
Exchange Rates *					
Canadian dollar	+1 US cent	(\$11) M	\$(0.03)	(\$11) M	\$(0.03)
Euro	+1 US cent	\$4 M	\$0.01	\$0 M	\$0.00
Australian dollar	+1 US cent	(\$2) M	\$0.00	(\$3) M	\$(0.01)

*Excludes balance sheet translation impact

Summary

Invest with Confidence

Committed to Maximizing Value

- **Modern asset base**
- **CAPEX in line with depreciation**
- **Strong and stable free cash flow**
- **Increased leverage to the LME**
- **Resilient performance in downturns**
- **Solid track record capturing synergies**
- **Greater opportunities to create value**

Appendix

Business Group Profiles

Combined Company

	President and CEO	Head Office Location	Sales Revenue* (billions)	Number of Employees
Bauxite and Alumina	Michael Hanley	Montreal, Canada	US\$ 1.64,8009	9
		Primary Metal	Cynthia Carroll	Montreal, Canada
			US\$ 7.120,00013	13
		Rolled Products Americas and Asia	Martha Finn Brooks	Cleveland, USA
			US\$ 3.55,6005	5
		Rolled Products Europe	Chris Bark-Jones	Zurich, Switzerland
			US\$ 2.46,7007	7
		Engineered Products	Michel Jacques	Paris, France
			US\$ 2.69,70020	20
		Packaging	Christel Bories	Paris, France
			US\$ 5.833,00026	26

Bauxite & Alumina

8 Alumina Refineries on 5 Continents -- 6.0 Mt of Capacity*

*Equity share of plant capacity

Primary Aluminum

24 Smelters on 5 Continents -- 3.4 Mt of Capacity*

*Equity share of capacity

Rolled Products Americas & Asia

2.0 Mt of Sheet and Foil Capacity in 5 Countries

Rolled Products Europe

1.4 Mt of Sheet and Foil Capacity in 7 Countries

Engineered Products

US\$2.6 billion in Revenues
80 Sites in 20 Countries

Packaging

\$6 billion in Revenues
190 Sites in 26 Countries

Western World Aluminum Balance

Primary Metal

	2001	2002	2003 ^f
Production	16,670	17,230	17,730
FSU/China/E. Europe	2,700	2,750	3,150
SUPPLY	19,370	19,980	20,880
% Change	-1.9%	+3.1%	+4.5%
DEMAND	18,920	19,570	20,490
% Change	-6.2%	+3.4%	+4.7%
INVENTORY CHANGE	+450	+410	+390

Aluminum □ Rolled & Fabricated Products

2002 Pro Forma Revenues by End Market

Source: Pechiney figures based on estimates derived from publicly available documents.

2002 Financial Highlights Pro-forma

(\$US million)	Alcan	Pechiney ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma ^{(1), (2)}
Revenues	\$12,327	\$11,404	\$23,731
BGP ⁽³⁾ from operating segments	\$2,029	\$783	\$2,832
% Margin	16.4%	6.9%	11.9%
% Margin without trading revenues	16.4%	10.7%	14.4%
Capital Expenditures	\$711	\$455	\$1,183

(1) Includes US\$4.8 billion of trading revenue and US\$72 million of related BGP

(2) Indicative only. Unaudited figures. Accounting principles and policies not harmonized.

Combination represents sum of the two standalone businesses without transaction adjustments

(3) Business Group Profit

2003 Nine-Month Highlights Pro-forma

(\$US million)	Alcan	Pechiney ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma ^{(1), (2)}
Revenues	\$10,105	\$9,081	\$19,186
BGP ⁽³⁾ from operating segments	\$1,576	\$675	\$2,251
% Margin	15.6%	7.4%	11.7%
% Margin without trading revenues	15.6%	12.1%	14.4%
Capital Expenditures	\$578	\$375	\$953

(1) Includes US\$3.9 billion of trading revenue and US\$50 million of related BGP

(2) Indicative only. Unaudited figures. Accounting principles and policies not harmonized.
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(3) Business Group Profit

