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Smelter to be permanently closed at Tennessee Operations

Today, January 5, 2012, Alcoa Inc. announced a series of actions to improve the company's competitiveness in the Global Primary Products business. One of those announcements included the permanent closure of the Tennessee Operations smelter.

This was a difficult decision for the company. But given the uncertainty in the global economic markets, falling aluminum prices and escalating energy and raw material prices, the company needed to make changes to its system in order to ensure it can meet its long-term goals and remain competitive for the future. In addition to the closure, Alcoa will also be making additional curtailments of aluminum production across its global system.

The decision to close the smelter does not involve other Alcoa operations in East Tennessee. Alcoa remains a vital economic engine for the region and will continue to be an important part of this community.

The company will begin work immediately with the community to discuss how to redevelop the Tennessee smelter land for future economic development. Alcoa has been a part of East Tennessee for nearly 100 years, and recognizes the responsibility to the people in this community. You'll hear more about these efforts over the next couple of months.

More information can be found at www.alcoa.com.

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