



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation (ENRC)**

#### **Mr. Sergei Sidorsky, the Prime Minister of Republic of Belarus, has visited Aluminium of Kazakhstan (AoK).**

Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation (ENRC), Kazakhstan's leading integrated natural resources group, today announces that Sergei Sidorsky, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, who is on an official visit to the Republic of Kazakhstan, has visited JSC Aluminium of Kazakhstan. The Prime Minister was given the opportunity to see the plant's operations and hear its strategic plans for the future.

AoK is among the ten largest alumina producers in the world and is the second largest producer in the CIS. In 2005 AoK produced 1.5m tons of metallurgical alumina, and towards the end of 2010 it plans to increase its production output to up to 1.8m tons per annum.

Mr. Almaz Ibragimov, President of AoK, told the Prime Minister of Belarus about a number of projects currently being considered by the management of AoK, such as possible construction of a unique gas-generating station, which will produce synthetic gas from brown coal obtained from the Shubarkol field. Mr Ibramigov said: "We are considering this project because it could bring a new energy product capable of producing up to 600m cubic meters of gas. It could potentially replace petroleum residue in metal production, which will have a favorable impact on the environment and cost of end product".

Mr Ibragimov also expressed that AoK is interested in exploration of new bauxite deposits: "Exploration for new bauxite deposits would be required to increase the output, as the present reserves are sufficient only for another 50 years".

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### **About ENRC**

ENRC is Kazakhstan's leading diversified natural resources group, with annual sales in excess of US\$3.0 billion and over 60,000 employees. The group is a significant contributor to Kazakhstan's GDP and is the country's chief energy provider. It also owns a quarter of global chromium reserves, and is the world's third largest producer of ferroalloys, and the supplier of two-fifths of the world's gallium.

ENRC's key competitive advantages help insulate it from the cyclical trends and volatility of the market and include:

- Vast, proven reserves of chromium, manganese, iron ore, bauxite and coal
- Unrivalled, low-cost production model
- Integrated and wholly-owned energy services and logistics
- Exceptional geographical positioning, which will allow the extension of strong regional presence as the market shifts eastwards towards Russia, China and India.



The group's eight constituent operating companies in mining, processing, energy, transport, marketing and sales are:

- Kazchrome, an extractor of chrome ore and producer of ferroalloys
- Aluminium of Kazakhstan, an extractor of bauxite and producer of alumina
- KAS, state-of-the-art Aluminium Smelter
- Zhairem GOK, an extractor of manganese ore and supplier of manganese and ferromanganese concentrates
- Sokolov-Sarbai Mining Production Association, an extractor and processor of iron ore
- Eurasian Energy Corporation, a coal miner, electricity producer and power equipment repair and maintenance company
- ENRC Marketing, exclusive supplier of group products to customers
- ENRC Logistics, a logistics supplier to group companies and other customers

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### **About AoK**

AoK's principal business is the mining and processing of bauxite ore to produce metallurgical alumina. The company consists of five integrated operating units: the Pavlodar Aluminium Plant; the Torgai and Krasnooktyabrsk Bauxite Mining Departments; the Keregetas Limestone Mine; and the Pavlodar Heating & Power Plant. For the last four years the company has invested around \$100mIn into production, paying particular attention to new high performance technologies, innovative management approach and environmental protection measures. The company produces 1.5m tons of metallurgical alumina per year and predominantly exports production to China and Russia. It also supplies 26% of the world's gallium to American, European, Chinese and Japanese customers.