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NEW ZEALAND'S ALUMINIUM SMELTER

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MEDIA STATEMENT

New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter announces the resignation of Gretta Stephens

After four years as the Chief Executive and General Manager of New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter (NZAS) Gretta Stephens has announced her resignation to join BlueScope Steel as Chief Executive New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

Pacific Aluminium's Chief Operating Officer Brian Cooper thanked Gretta for her contribution to NZAS; "When Gretta arrived at NZAS the smelter was fighting to survive, and while it still faces very high transmission costs, it is now a smelter looking to the future. The continued focus on cost reduction, safety, innovation and productivity are testimony to Gretta's determination to set NZAS on the path to a commercially successful future.

On behalf of the teams at NZAS and Pacific Aluminium we wish Gretta and her family all the best for this new phase of their lives."

While the new challenge at New Zealand Steel is one Ms Stephens is thrilled to accept, she is sad to leave the team at NZAS; "NZAS' success is driven by its people, when times are tough, as they recently have been, the team here hunkered down and reduced costs wherever possible and still broke hot metal production records. Now that the future is more assured, the team continues to strive to be the best in the business with innovation and constant productivity improvements. I can't thank the team at NZAS enough for what they have taught me and the support they have given me," says Ms Stephens.

Ms Stephens will continue to work at NZAS until June while the process is underway to select her successor, ensuring business as usual and a smooth transition.

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