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MEDIA STATEMENT

New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter to shut down Line 4 due to COVID-19

To be attributed to NZAS chief executive and general manager Stewart Hamilton:

To support the health and safety of our employees at NZAS and in accordance with government directives in relation to containing the spread of Covid-19 we have implemented a number of new controls. We have worked very hard to segregate our teams and develop processes where people do not come into contact with each other during shift changes. Employees with underlying health issues are self-isolating and our non-operational employees are working from home.

Given these measures and the current climate, we also need to stabilise our operation by reducing load. To do this, we will engage with Meridian to reduce the 50MW of electricity that supports Line 4. The work to deliver this will take place this week where we will release the Line 4 team of 35 people to support production on the other three full lines.

Given the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the four-week lockdown in New Zealand, our focus is on supporting our employees in a time of uncertainty and running a safe and efficient operation to meet our obligations with customers and suppliers who are also challenged at this time.

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