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MEDIA STATEMENT

NZAS amends total of SCL stored at site

New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter has today updated the reported volume of SCL stored on site at Tiwai Point to 217,000 tonnes, up from the previously reported 181,000 tonnes of the material advised in March.

Independent auditors confirmed the adjusted totals following a survey of the Tiwai Point site as part of NZAS' annual financial reporting process. NZAS has committed to removing all SCL, and financial provisions have been increased accordingly to ensure the responsible management of all material stored on site.

NZAS Chief Executive and site general manager Stew Hamilton commented, "We want to make sure the community is aware of the adjusted quantity.

"I want to be very clear that regardless of the amount, we remain committed to removing all of the material from the site to be recycled or disposed of safely and securely in accordance with modern standards. This adjustment will not have a material impact on the timeline for removal.

"The material is secure and safely stored, as confirmed by Worksafe inspectors during their visit in February."

This year marks 50 years of continuous operation at Tiwai Point and NZAS continues to conduct regular and extensive environmental monitoring of the site, recently releasing assessments of the groundwater surrounding the SCL storage facilities.

"I am confident that our environmental monitoring systems give us ample warning of any issues and enable us to remediate or alter processes to halt any breaches becoming harmful. There has never been an instance during our 50 years of operation which could harm the public or local communities," says Mr Hamilton.

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Note to Editor: Spent Cell Lining, or SCL, is the material left in the cells which are taken out of circulation to be re-built. The material is mineral rich and therefore has value in other industrial processes. However, it also has potentially harmful properties and therefore must be stored and managed appropriately, as it is at NZAS.

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