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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **NZAS announces the resignation of Stew Hamilton**

Stew Hamilton, Chief Executive and General Manager of New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter (NZAS), has accepted a new position with Mercury and will leave the company in July.

Daniel van der Westhuizen, Rio Tinto's Acting Managing Director Pacific Operations, thanked Stew for the significant contribution he has made to NZAS over 22 years with the business.

"The smelter has been going through a very public period of transition, and Stew's commitment and leadership has been hugely valued throughout this time.

"On behalf of the entire team, we wish Stew and his family all the best for this new phase of their lives and wish them well for the future.

"We will now conduct a thorough recruitment process for a new Chief Executive and General Manager to carry on Stew's responsibilities of running NZAS safely and with a commitment to responsible eventual closure of the operation," said Mr van der Westhuizen.

Stew Hamilton said that "while this is an exciting new challenge, it has been a hard decision to leave NZAS.

"Having started my career at NZAS as a graduate engineer I feel like I have been a part of the NZAS family for most of my professional life, and am very grateful for the support and friendship the team has shared with me.

"I came back to NZAS in 2018 to lead a team that runs one of the best operations in New Zealand and around the world. The last few years have been very challenging and I am proud of what the team has achieved over that time.

"I continue to be inspired by the team's incredible commitment to safety, to looking after each other and ability to keep focussing on making some of the best, lowest carbon, purest aluminium in the world. I leave in confidence that the Tiwai team will continue to perform at the highest level," said Mr Hamilton.

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