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Almex Awarded Contract for Three Casting Lines at CHALCO Division

Buena Park, California, USA - April, 2008– Almex has been awarded an order for two slab casting lines, one billet casting line and associated metal purification systems for a Greenfield primary casthouse at Lanzhou Liancheng Aluminium Company (a division of Chalco) in Liancheng, China. The casthouse is the largest single casthouse project undertaken by Chalco in recent years with an annual capacity of 250,000 tons wherein all key equipment orders are placed on one vendor. The project will include one 30 ton billet casting line with six billet sizes for production of 2000, 6000 and 7000 series alloys, one 40 ton slab line for 2000 and 7000 series alloys, and one 60 ton slab line for 1000, 3000 and 5000 series alloy slab production. The project is to be delivered on a fast track supply, with commissioning of the first line due within 12 months from order placement. The plant will operate with LARS® two rotor and LARS® three rotor metal purification systems, metal transfer systems, Mega™ casting machines, Excel™ billet tooling, and Castright II™ process control automation software.

About Almex USA Inc.

Almex USA is the leading supplier of commercial and aerospace aluminum billet and slab casting technology and equipment. The Company's products include LARS® Degassing Systems, Mega™ DC Casting Machines, Billet/Ingot Casting Systems, and CastRightII™ Automated Process Control. Almex is also engaged in equipment and process research involving new capabilities and green technology for efficient recycling of aluminum alloys and has supported the aluminum industry since 1995. Almex is also the recipient of the "Excellence in Exports" Award from the United States Department of Commerce. Trade and Service Marks of Almex USA Inc. are property of the company registered and protected in the United States and other countries.

About Lanzhou Liancheng Aluminum Company

Liancheng Aluminum Corporation of China branch located in Lanzhou, Gansu Province Yongdeng County. The main products are: aluminum ingots for remelting, various alloy ingots, aluminum rods, anode carbon block and a dozen varieties and specifications. The enterprise has the ISO9001: 2000 quality system certification; as "AAA" grade credit enterprise; owned import and export rights. The company covers an area of 1,154,400 square meters and employs 4,000 people. August 11, 2006, Lanzhou Liancheng Aluminum Co., Ltd. officially joined the Aluminum Corporation of China.

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