

Press Release

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Almatis Continues Ongoing investments in China with Calcines Facility ***New production plant on target for 2011 completion***

Almatis is confirming its commitment to the Asian market for its premium alumina products with the investment in construction of a full scale state-of-the-art calcines production facility in China.

"This project is one of the biggest investments Almatis has ever made," states Remco de Jong, Almatis CEO. "Our decision in September 2010 to go forward with this project following a two-year worldwide industry recession demonstrates our commitment to the Asian region. China is the largest steel producing nation in the world and there is significant growth potential in ceramics applications throughout the region as well. By increasing our calcines capacity, we will be able to support our customers' growth with the latest production technology, lower shipping costs and shorter delivery times."

Groundbreaking for the new facility, which will be integrated with the existing Huangdao (Qingdao) Tabular plant, took place on October 18, 2010 at 3:18 p.m.—an auspicious combination of numbers in Chinese traditional culture. The plant will be mechanically completed by the end of 2011 and commence production in early 2012.

Almatis business activities in China date back to 1998 when the Huangdao processing plant was established to manufacture crushed and sized alumina products. Almatis opened its expanded and fully integrated Tabular alumina facility in Huangdao in 2006. In addition to its regional headquarters in Huangdao, Almatis has a sales office in Shanghai. Currently Almatis employs about 150 people in China, which is expected to grow when the calcines plant goes into production in 2012.

About Almatis

Almatis is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of high-quality specialty alumina products. With nearly 900 employees worldwide, the company's products are used in a wide variety of industries, including steel production, cement production, non-ferrous metal production, ceramics and electronic industries. Almatis operates nine production facilities worldwide and serves customers around the world.

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