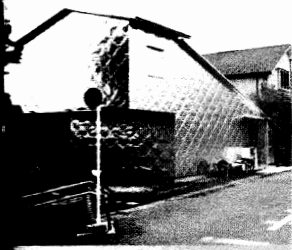


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house built entirely of aluminium
Japanese architect Terunobu
Kijima has crafted a private
house entirely with a soft
metallic coat.

Situated in a small provincial
town near Tokyo, the property,
designed 'soft-hard aluminium
house', is flanked by two typical
residential structures, allowing it
to catch the eye.

The gabled end of the
building is cantilevered, provid-
ing space for parking at ground
level, while a small garden is
located at the rear of the design.



who agrees to sell
aluminium casthouse

who has entered into a bind-
ing agreement to sell its special
aluminium casthouse in
Hannover to IQ Industrial
Holding S.à r.l. (Luxembourg), a
major industrial holding group
with operations across Europe.

The Hannover casthouse is
used on special aluminium
products, mainly hard alloys for the
aerospace industry.

Through the agreement, IQ
Industrial Holding will acquire
100% of the shares in Hydro
Hannover GmbH.

The Hannover casthouse was
taken over by Hydro through the
acquisition of VAW aluminium
in 2002 and is considered
Hydro's core business. The cast-
house supplies its hard alloy
products mainly to a customer
base of wall-to-wall.

The Hannover casthouse has
around 30 employees and pro-
duces approximately 12,000
metric tons of aluminium products in
Hannover.

The transaction is expected to
be completed during the second quarter
of 2014.

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Alcoa to curtail smelting capacity in Brazil

Alcoa will curtail 147,000 metric tons of smelting capacity at its São Luís (Alumar) and Poços de Caldas smelters in Brazil.

The curtailments are expected to be complete by the end of May 2014.

In 2013, the company curtailed 34,000 metric tons at Poços and 97,000 metric tons at São Luís. The new curtailments will include the remaining 62,000 metric tons of capacity from the Poços smelter, resulting in a full curtailment of its three potlines. Another 85,000 metric tons will be curtailed at São Luís.

"Across the globe, we are taking measures to curtail high-cost

smelting capacity that is not competitive and reshape our cost profile," said Bob Wilt, President of Alcoa Global Primary Products. "These are difficult but necessary actions in support of Alcoa's strategy to lower the cost base of our upstream businesses."

As a result of the smelter curtailment, the Poços refinery will also reduce production accordingly. The mine, aluminium powder plant and casthouse at Poços will continue normal operations, as will the refinery at São Luís. Other Alcoa operations in Brazil are not affected.

"We know how deeply this decision affects our employees, our contractors and our communities,"

said Aquilino Paolucci, President of Alcoa Latin America and the Caribbean.

In May 2013, Alcoa placed 460,000 metric tons of smelting capacity under review. Once all announced curtailments and closures are complete, Alcoa will have approximately 800,000 metric tons, or 21%, of smelting capacity offline.

Total restructuring-related charges associated with the Brazil curtailments in the first quarter are expected to be between \$40 million and \$50 million after-tax, or \$0.04 to \$0.05 per share, of which approximately 30% would be non-cash.

UC Rusal: red mud products

UC Rusal has announced the trial production of red mud-based flux additives at the Urals aluminium smelter (UAZ).

In 2014, the company plans to produce its first scandium concentrate. Both new products will be produced at a large output rate.

In 2013 Rusal's R&D proposed a new technology, and a pilot production area was launched to test the red mud recycling process at UAZ that later resulted in quite a

successful flux additives production initiative that supplied 1,000 mt of flux to MMK (Magnitogorsk), Tulachermet (Tula), Uralskaya Stal and Severstal. Scandium concentrate will be used in production of scandium and aluminium alloys.

In March 2014 UAZ started building its own scandium concentrate capacities (two tonnes a year) that are scheduled to be commissioned and also to be put into operation immediately.

In 2014 the total investments on both projects will be EUR 74 mln.

"At this moment the project is at its most challenging stage because the company has completed the lab tests and wants to start large-scale operations. And the trial production has shown brilliant results, this is why we all believe that the project is really promising," said Victor Mann, RUSAL's Head of R&D and Technology.

Novelis marks evercan debut

Novelis has announced that Red Hare Brewing Company will launch the world's first commercial use of evercan, the company's independently certified high-recycled content aluminium sheet for beverage cans.

Red Hare craft beer packaged exclusively in cans made of Novelis' evercan aluminium sheet, which is made of a guaranteed minimum 90% recycled content, is expected to be on store shelves beginning in May 2014 in key markets throughout the south-eastern USA.

"This introduction marks the commercial availability of the world's first certified high-recycled

content aluminium beverage can," said Phil Martens, president and chief executive officer for Novelis. "Working with Red Hare, we have developed a proven supply chain to deliver this industry-first offering to consumers, setting an example that other beverage companies are sure to follow."

"Novelis' evercan is a perfect fit for Red Hare," noted Roger Davis, founder and CEO of Red Hare Brewing Company. "The independent certification of the closed-loop recycling process behind evercan strengthens our commitment to employing the best in sustainable business prac-

tices, making evercan a natural extension of the Red Hare brand."



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