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## **Anglesey Aluminium Metal Ltd**

### **Promoting Economic Activity in Anglesey**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Anglesey Aluminium Metal Ltd (AAM) ceased smelting operations due to not being able to source a commercially viable power contract. Unfortunately this resulted in over 400 employees being made redundant.

In October 2009, AAM commenced operations as a re-melt facility for the production of billet to meet the needs of its owners, Rio Tinto Alcan and Kaiser. The re-melt business currently employs 60 people and approximately 25 people are employed to provide support services for the ongoing needs of the operational site and estate. In addition a team of former employees continue to de-commission the site which is expected to take up to 18 months to complete, over this time Health, Safety and the Environment will continue to be our main priority.

AAM is keen to develop a sustainable legacy and have been working with the Welsh Government and the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IOACC) to create employment and generate economic activity in the area. An example of this work is the cruise ship partnership between IOACC, the Welsh Government and Stena, which continues to work well as AAM has had over 20 cruise ships berth at the jetty over the last two years. It is important that this continues to develop as it benefits the local and wider community, thus supporting economic regeneration in North Wales. On average over one third of cruise passengers visit Holyhead, which brings its own benefits to the town.

The Operational Site was taken to the market in September 2010 resulting in twelve expressions of interest from potential purchasers being shown.

From the list of twelve AAM created a short list of three companies which they felt would maximise alternative employment opportunities and increase economic activity within the area in line with AAM's aspirational goal of creating a sustainable long term legacy. AAM and its advisers have continued detailed discussions with the short listed parties with a view to

selecting the most appropriate business to achieve their stated aims. Due to confidentiality agreements we are unable to divulge details regarding the nature of their proposed business plans at this time. The proposals involve significant sums of capital investment into the site and will bring opportunities for over 500 new jobs to the local area. Any agreement that is reached in regard to the purchase of the site will include a provision for the continuation of the Anglesey Aluminium Re-melt business.

Since the cessation of smelting activities AAM have supported new business ventures run by former employees, which has resulted in the creation of approximately 20 jobs.

AAM owns large areas of land which includes agricultural land and the Penrhos Coastal Park and as part of its drive to boost the local economy in Holyhead, AAM has signed an option agreement with a tourism development company which will allow the construction of a holiday leisure resort which if successful will bring another 600 full time jobs to the area. In addition, this would create opportunities for local businesses as they plan on sourcing 70% of their produce from within the local area.

Land and Lakes is led by Richard Sidi, and property developer Brian Scowcroft, Chairman of KPPL and owner of one of the North West's largest industrial estates, the 400 acre Kingmoor Park estate in Carlisle.

AAM has funded the maintenance and development of the Coastal Park and has allowed the public to use the land as part of their Community Relations programme since 1969 when the site became operational.

It is AAM's intention to work with Land & Lakes, IOACC and the Welsh Government to develop the Coastal Park and its surrounding area as a holiday leisure resort, which will ensure long term benefits for the public whilst providing increased sustainable facilities for both the local community and visitors to the area. Land and Lakes has been in talks with Horizon Nuclear Power with regard to the possibility of utilising some of the land to provide accommodation for the nuclear construction workforce; this would provide enhanced facilities for the resort and the general public.

Land & Lakes is aware of how the land has been used in the past and they are very keen to understand the needs of the local community and general public to ensure that the most is made of this area. Over the next few weeks and months Land & Lakes will be carrying out a series of public consultations to ensure that there is an open dialogue with the local community before submitting a planning application to the IOACC in early 2012.

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