

Century Aluminum Company Announces Common Stock Offering

MONTEREY, CA, Jan 27, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX) today announced that it intends to offer \$100 million of new shares of its common stock under an effective shelf registration statement on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company also intends to grant to the underwriters of the proposed offering a thirty day option to purchase up to an additional 15 percent of such newly issued shares of its common stock to cover over-allotments, if any. The offering is subject to market conditions, and there can be no assurance as to whether or when the offering may be completed, or as to the actual size or terms of the offering. The company intends the net proceeds received from the offering will be used for general corporate purposes.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated will act as joint bookrunners for the offering. Copies of the prospectus and the prospectus supplement related to the offering may be obtained from Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Prospectus Department, One Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010, telephone 800-221-1037; or from Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, 180 Varick Street 2/F, New York, NY 10014, telephone 866-718-1649.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

Century Aluminum Company owns primary aluminum capacity in the United States and Iceland, as well as an interest in alumina and bauxite assets in the United States and Jamaica. Century's corporate offices are located in Monterey, California.

Cautionary Statement

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws. The company has based its forward-looking statements on current expectations and projections about the future; however, these statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, any of which could cause the company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed in its forward-looking statements. More information about these risks, uncertainties and assumptions can be found in the risk factors and forward-looking statements cautionary language contained in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to revise any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date such forward-looking statements are made.

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