

Steelworkers Ratify Labor Agreement With Century Aluminum of Kentucky

MONTEREY, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 12/23/10 -- Century Aluminum of Kentucky, a wholly owned subsidiary of Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX), announced today that the membership of United Steelworkers Local 9423 has voted to ratify a five-year labor agreement covering approximately 500 hourly workers at the company's Hawesville, KY aluminum smelter.

"We are pleased with this ratification vote," said plant manager Matt Powell. "This was a positive step for Century, our workers and the local community."

Century Aluminum Company, the parent of Century Aluminum of Kentucky, owns primary aluminum capacity in the United States and Iceland. Century's corporate offices are located in Monterey, California.

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