# Centuryaluminum

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011 Earnings Conference Call

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In addition, throughout this conference call, we will use non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations to the most comparable GAAP financial measures can be found in the Appendix of today's presentation and on our website at www.centuryaluminum.com. **Century** ALUMINUM

### **Participants**

- Logan Kruger, CEO
- Mike Bless, CFO

#### **Overview**

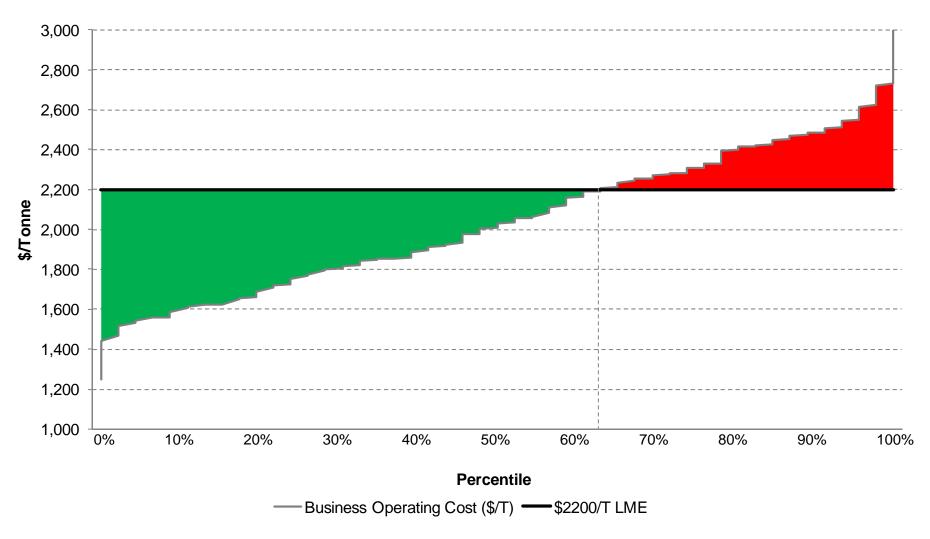
#### Market

- Developed markets macro uncertainty and risk
- Emerging markets continued relatively strong performance
- Physical markets remain generally sound
- Price supported by marginal operating costs

#### Operations

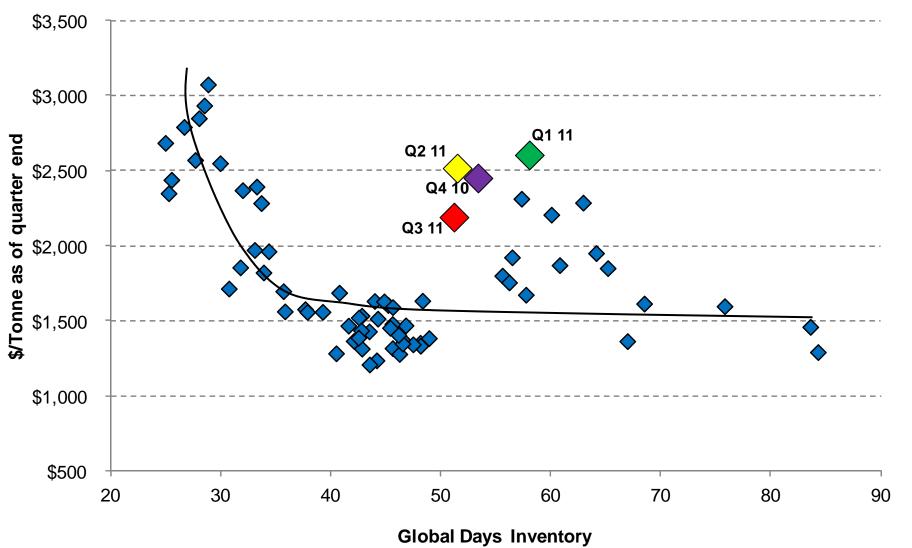
- Progress at Hawesville
- Good performance at Grundartangi and Mt. Holly
- Mt. Holly long-term power prices
- Helguvik power arbitration and discussions

### **2011 Aluminum Cost Curve**



Source: CRU Group - www.crugroup.com

#### Stocks vs. Aluminum Price



Note: Inventory includes TOCOM, Japanese port, NYMEX, Shanghai, LME & IAI unwrought stocks

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#### **Operations**

#### Hawesville

- Key operational positions filled
- Plant operations reaching stability
- Training and other processes
- Plan to reach full sustainable operations

#### Mt. Holly

- Good safety performance
- Production on track
- Pressure on carbon, power costs
- Long-term power strategy

#### Grundartangi

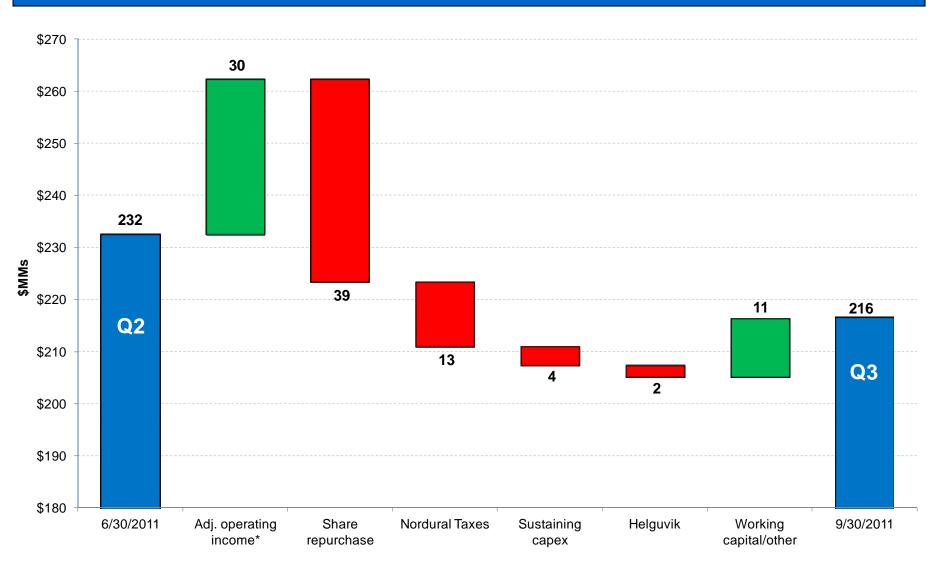
- Excellent safety performance
- Record production volume
- Strong production metrics
- Union contract conclusion

### **Q3 2011 Summary Results**

(\$MM, except per share amounts)

	Q211	Q311
Net sales	\$ 366	\$ 346
Operating income	36	1
Net income (loss)	24	(7)
Diluted EPS	\$0.24	\$(0.07)

### Q3 2011 Liquidity



<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted to exclude certain non-cash or non-recurring items. See reconciliation in appendix.

### Helguvik









### **Summary**

- Volatility and risk in developed regions
- Continued strength from emerging markets
- Hawesville operations improving
- Grundartangi and Mt. Holly performing well
- Helguvik arbitration nearing conclusion

Appendix

### **Appendix**

The following slides contain financial measures which are not based upon generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. The non-GAAP measures utilized are adjusted operating income and adjusted net income. The Company defines adjusted operating income as operating income adjusted for certain non-cash items from the statement of cash flows and certain non-recurring items. The Company defines adjusted net income as net income excluding the after-tax impact of items management believes to be significant and non-recurring or largely non-cash.

The Company's calculations of adjusted operating income and adjusted net income may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies due to differences in the components used in their calculations. The Company's management believes the presentation of adjusted operating income is a useful measure to help investors evaluate the Company's capacity to fund its ongoing cash operating requirements, including capital expenditures and debt service obligations. Adjusted operating income should not be considered as a substitute for operating income as determined in accordance with GAAP. The Company's management believes the presentation of adjusted net income is a useful measure that excludes significant and non-recurring or largely non-cash items that can display significant volatility. Management thus believes the measure of adjusted net income is representative of the current earnings of the Company. Adjusted net income should not be considered as a substitute for net income as determined in accordance with GAAP. The following slides include reconciliations of adjusted operating income and adjusted net income to their most comparable GAAP financial measures.

### **Q311 Adjusted Net Income**

#### **GAAP Reconciliation**

	Q3 2011			
	\$	MM	Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	EPS <sup>(a)</sup>
Net loss as reported	\$	(6.6)	100.1	\$ (0.07)
Gain on forward contracts		(4.2)		(0.04)
LCM adjustment		13.5		0.13
Adjusted net income	<u>\$</u>	2.7	100.1	\$ 0.03

<sup>(</sup>a) Based upon total shares (diluted common plus preferred).

### **Q311 Adjusted Operating Income**

#### **GAAP Reconciliation**

(\$MM)

	Q311	
Operating income	\$ 0.7	
Depreciation	15.5	
LCM adjustment	13.5	
Adjusted operating income	\$ 29.7	

#### For Additional Information

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