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CFAC Develops Plan to Investigate Historic Site Contamination

Seeks Public Input

Columbia Falls, MT., June 5, 2015 -- Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, LLC (CFAC) today announced it has developed a Draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Work Plan (RI/FS Work Plan) to thoroughly understand conditions at the former Anaconda Aluminum Smelter site near Columbia Falls, Montana and explore potential remediation alternatives to address such conditions. The draft RI/FS Work Plan is available at the Columbia Falls Public Library and http://www.rouxinc.com/CFAC-Draft-RI-FS-Work-Plan-Available-for-Public-Comment/. CFAC is asking the public, regulators, and other interested parties to review and comment on the document. A comment form is included on the draft RI/FS Work Plan web site. Comments may also be emailed to CFAC-Comments@rouxinc.com or mailed to:

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Developed by CFAC's environmental contractor, Roux Associates, Inc. (Roux) the draft RI/FS Work Plan complies with applicable federal and state requirements. It presents a roadmap and schedule for performing a comprehensive assessment of existing site conditions and an evaluation of alternatives to address those conditions. Under the draft RI/FS Work Plan, Roux will conduct field investigations in 2016, and produce a summary report the first part of 2017. The entire RI/FS evaluation is expected to take approximately four and one half years. After receiving public and regulatory input, CFAC will finalize and implement the RI/FS Work Plan.

CFAC approached the EPA in December 2014 to discuss entering into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to conduct the investigation. Such AOCs provide for regulatory oversight of RI/FS Work Plan development and execution, including opportunities for agency review and comment on various interim steps. If CFAC and EPA enter into an AOC, CFAC and Roux will modify the draft RI/FS Work Plan to include appropriate regulatory supervision.

"This is a comprehensive plan for assessing the environmental conditions at CFAC and developing the data we need to evaluate potential remedial solutions. I am looking forward to receiving input from the public and regulators on the draft RI/FS Work Plan so we can finalize it and move forward. We will work diligently to implement the RI/FS Work Plan and coordinate closely with Calbag to demolish certain site buildings and properly dispose of wastes", Steve Wright, CFAC Environmental Manager said.

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