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## **Century, Big Rivers and Kenergy File Definitive Energy Agreements With the Kentucky Public Service Commission**

CHICAGO, IL -- (Marketwired) -- 06/12/13 -- Century Aluminum of Kentucky, a wholly owned subsidiary of Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX), Kenergy Corp. and Big Rivers Electric Corp. today announced that they have finalized and filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission definitive agreements between the parties based on the tentative agreement reached in April. These agreements and the filing are a first step in finalizing the tentative agreement. The agreement is subject to approvals from various third parties, including the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the USDA Rural Utilities Service and other regulatory agencies. The parties will continue to move as expeditiously as possible to finalize the agreement in advance of the expiration of the current power contract on August 20, 2013.

The Hawesville smelter, located in Hancock County, KY, has a rated capacity of 244,000 tonnes of primary aluminum and employs approximately 650 men and women.

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 Chicago, Illinois. More information can be found at [www.centuryaluminum.com](http://www.centuryaluminum.com).

Big Rivers Electric Corporation is a member-owned, not-for-profit, wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Henderson, Kentucky that is owned by three distribution cooperative Members -- Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, headquartered in Paducah; Kenergy Corp, headquartered in Henderson; and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, headquartered in Brandenburg. These Member cooperatives deliver retail electric power and energy to over 113,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in portions of 22 western Kentucky counties.

Kenergy Corp. is a nonprofit electric cooperative that serves 55,282 members in 14 counties in western Kentucky, including Breckinridge, Caldwell, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Union and Webster.

### ***Cautionary Statement***

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements about future, not past, events and involve certain important risks and uncertainties, any of which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties may include, without limitation, whether or not the parties are able to obtain all necessary approvals and consents, whether or not certain proposed equipment upgrades are agreed to and completed and whether or not the market pass through arrangement can be completed prior to the expiration of the current power contract. Forward-looking statements in this press release include statements regarding the completion of an agreement to provide, and the ultimate provision of, market priced power to the Hawesville smelter. More information about these risks, uncertainties and assumptions can be found in the risk factors and forward-looking statements cautionary language contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not undertake, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to revise any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of future events or circumstances.

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