

## Century Aluminum Restarts Potline at Ravenswood

MONTEREY, CA, Sep 25, 2006 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX) reported today that the company has initiated the restart of the potline at Century Aluminum of West Virginia's Ravenswood reduction facility that was shut down on July 29 as a result of a notice to strike by the United Steelworkers. A three-year labor agreement with the union was subsequently ratified on August 5.

Each of the company's four potlines at Ravenswood has a rated capacity of approximately 42,500 tonnes per year. The company expects that the affected potline will be capable of producing at its rated capacity by the end of December 2006.

The company continues to anticipate that direct restart costs will total approximately \$4 million. Major restart cost items include pot relining, anode replacement and excess power consumed during the restart phase. The company estimates that lost production from the shutdown will total about 12,000 tonnes, with approximately 75% of the production loss occurring in the third quarter.

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

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