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## **Century Announces the Curtailment of One Potline at Hawesville, KY Smelter**

CHICAGO, IL -- (Marketwired) -- 09/09/15 -- Century Aluminum of Kentucky, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX), today announced the orderly curtailment of one potline at its Hawesville, Kentucky aluminum smelter, effective immediately. Following the curtailment, Hawesville's primary aluminum production will be about 60% of capacity. The plant was operating at approximately 80% capacity prior to the curtailment. Century Aluminum of Kentucky previously issued a notice of its intent to curtail its plant operations in their entirety beginning on October 24, 2015, unless the current pricing environment substantially changes, and such notice remains in effect.

### About Century Aluminum

Century Aluminum Company owns primary aluminum capacity in the United States and Iceland. Century's corporate offices are located in Chicago, IL.

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