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Rio Tinto AP60 plant announcement of additional electrolysis cells: one more step towards the decarbonization of the planet

Montreal, November 17, 2021 – The Aluminium Association of Canada is delighted with the announcement of an increase in capacity at the Rio Tinto AP60 plant located in Arvida, seeing it, according to its president and CEO, Jean Simard, “as good news for Quebec, Canada and the planet. The AP60 technology is the most recent in the world, commercially available and the most efficient in terms of efficiency and air emissions. Each ton produced here has the lowest carbon footprint in the world. Quebec’s responsibly produced low-carbon aluminium is the envy of the planet and we have every interest in supporting it.”

The annual production of aluminium in Quebec is 2.8 million tons to which will be added the 25,000 tons per year announced today. Quebec production has a carbon footprint of less than 2 tons of CO₂ per ton of aluminium, compared to those produced using energy from fossil fuels that can emit up to 14 tons of CO₂ per ton of aluminium.

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About the Aluminium Association of Canada (www.aluminium.ca/en)

The Aluminium Association of Canada (AAC) is a non-profit organization representing three Canadian world-class aluminium producers: Alcoa, Alouette, and Rio Tinto operating nine smelters in Canada, eight of which are in Quebec, and employing over 8,800 workers. For more information, visit www.aluminium.ca or Twitter [@AAC_aluminium](https://twitter.com/AAC_aluminium).

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