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Aluminium added to Quebec’s list of critical and strategic minerals

Montreal, January 24, 2024 – The Aluminium Association of Canada (AAC) welcomes the addition of aluminium to Quebec’s list of critical and strategic minerals.

The government’s decision comes at a strategic moment in our industrial development, when Quebec, which produces 75% of North America’s primary aluminium, will play a major role in the decarbonization of the North American economy through its contribution to electrification.

“From the production of renewable energy with solar panels through transmission lines and all the way to batteries and electric vehicles, Quebec’s low-carbon aluminium is essential from start to finish,” said Jean Simard, President and CEO of AAC.

Aluminium is listed as a critical mineral in the USA, Canada and, more recently, Europe. Canada produces more than 80% of North America’s primary metal, and nearly 45% of all primary metal in Europe and the United States combined. It is also the largest source of low-carbon metal production from a democracy.

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About the Aluminium Association of Canada

Founded in 1990, the Aluminium Association of Canada (AAC) represents the three Canadian world-class aluminium producers: Alcoa, Alouette, and Rio Tinto. Operating nine smelters in Canada, eight of which in Quebec, they employ over 9,000 workers, producing more than 80% of North America’s primary metal, with \$12 billion in exports, mainly to the United States. The AAC and its members are active in the development of best practices in health and safety and responsible low CO₂ production. For more information, visit aluminium.ca or X @AAC_aluminium.

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