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Tomago Aluminium Signs Deal with Hot Metal Customer

CSR notes the attached media release from Tomago Aluminium Company regarding its signing of a long-term hot metal supply agreement with Midal Cables International (Midal), a venture of Bahrain-based Midal Cables with an Australian based partner.

CSR is a joint venture participant in Tomago Aluminium through its 70 per cent shareholding in Gove Aluminium Finance Limited.

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Tomago Aluminium today confirmed that it has signed a long-term hot metal supply agreement with Midal Cables International (Midal), a venture of Bahrain-based Midal Cables with an Australian based partner.

Midal plans to build a \$30 million aluminium products manufacturing facility in the Hunter creating 290 direct jobs.

Tomago Aluminium CEO Brian Cooper said Midal will build the facility in close proximity to the Tomago Aluminium smelter, using molten aluminium as feedstock to make aluminium alloy rods, wires and conductors.

“This is great news for us, our region and the NSW economy,” Mr Cooper said.

“As well as \$30 million of investment and 290 direct jobs for the Hunter, this project will provide additional work for sub-contractors and suppliers and add to the region’s manufacturing base.

“At full capacity, Midal’s new Hunter facility will be able to produce 50,000 tonnes per annum of aluminium rods and conductors,” Mr Cooper said.

Midal will take approximately 5% of Tomago Aluminium’s hot metal in its first year of production, increasing to approximately 10% thereafter.

“Tomago Aluminium has a very long and proud history in NSW. We are one of the biggest employers in the Hunter with a large and very skilled workforce and we are really pleased to be working with Midal for the greater benefit of the region.

“This is a great opportunity to value add to our operations and the community and is a significant show of faith in Tomago Aluminium’s contribution to the region and our ability to sustain our organisation into the future.

“We have been working hard to create the right environment for our sustainability and this partnership with Midal will help us to achieve our goals.

“We have welcomed the advice and assistance that has been provided to Midal by the NSW Department of Industry and Investment throughout this process,” Mr Cooper said.

Established 27 years ago, Tomago Aluminium currently produces 528,000 tonnes of aluminium annually, some 25% of Australia’s primary aluminium production.

It contributes an estimated \$1.5 billion into the national economy annually (including \$500 million into the Hunter Region alone), employs approximately 1300 employees and contractors and indirectly sustains some 4,000 jobs.

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