



Alba Reports Q2 2015 Results

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C (Alba) presents its financial results as per the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) accounting rules. All investors and reporters are asked to read Alba's Q2 & H1 2015 Audited Financial Statements posted at www.albasmelter.com.

Alba's results for Second Quarter & First Half of 2015 are summarised below:

- Net Income up by 107% YoY in H1 2015
- Gearing for Line 6 Expansion Project
- Interim Dividend of BD 7.9 million (US\$ 21 million) proposed by the Board

Q2 2015 Industry Highlights:

- Global aluminium demand continues to grow with world consumption up by 5% Year-on-Year (YoY); however, significant drop in physical premiums and LME prices is expected in the 2nd half of 2015.
- World production rose by 7% YoY as compared to Q2 2014.
- LME inventories at 3.5 million metric tonnes (mt) in June.
- The LME cash average at US\$ 1,769/t in Q2 2015 compared to US\$ 1,798/t for the same period last year.

H1 2015 Alba Highlights:

- Launch of Summer 'Safety Jungle Campaign'.
- Line 6 Expansion Project approved during EGM in June 2015 and will increase Alba's capacity by 514,000 metric tonnes to reach a total production of 1,450,000 mt.
- Production up by 3.1% YoY thanks to a strong operational performance.
- Value-Added Sales were 66% versus 65% in Q2 2014.
- Physical premiums up by 47% YoY but sharp decline is expected in Q3 2015.

Q2 & H1 2015 Financial Results:

Alba's Total Sales for the first half of 2015 were up by 8% YoY to reach BD 405.9 million (US\$ 1.080 billion) versus BD 376.4 million (US\$ 1.001 billion) in H1 2014 thanks to favourable management performance. Total Sales for the second quarter of 2015 were BD 199.3 million (US\$ 530 million) compared to BD 193.6 million (US\$ 515 million) for the same period in 2014.

The company posted a Net Income of BD 66.9 million (US\$ 178 million) in H1 2015 versus BD 32.3 million (US\$ 86 million) for the same period in 2014, up by 107% YoY. Net Income for the second quarter of 2015 stood at BD 29.8 million (US\$ 79 million) compared to BD 15.2 million (US\$ 41 million) in Q2 2014, an increase of 96% YoY.



The Board has recommended an Interim Cash Dividend of 5.5 Fils per share, which is BD 7.9 million (US\$ 21 million) to be paid in September 2015.

2015 Alba Priorities:

- Continuous focus on Safety, Training and Development Initiatives programs.
- Deliver on Project Titan.
- Sustained focus of Value-Added Sales.
- Line 6 Project Expansion.

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) announced the release of its second quarter and first half of 2015 results on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

Commenting on Q2 & H1 2015 Results, the Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors, Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa:

"Alba was able to outperform the industry and continue to deliver on Safety. We plan to use this positive momentum as we gear-up for Line 6 Expansion Project which will make Alba the largest single-site aluminium smelter in the world."

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray added:

"Alba continues to excel in what we control -- which is Safety, Production and Cost. As we look ahead for the remainder of 2015, we see a large drop in the all-in-aluminium prices; however, we expect to deliver solid results despite these challenges."

Alba's Management will be holding a conference call on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 (post-closing of Bahrain trading-hours) to discuss Alba's performance for the second quarter and first-half of 2015 results as well as outline the company's priorities for the remainder of this year.