Current developments in the global aluminium industry

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Overview

- Recent industry developments
- Current global market conditions
- Responding to the climate change challenge



Recent industry developments

- Merger between Rusal, Sual and Glencore
- Alcoa's US \$33 billion offer to acquire Alcan
- Significant growth in Chinese aluminium production





Aluminium consumption: growth rates







* Includes Africa and the Middle East

Expansion in WA alumina industry

- Production grew by 25 per cent in 2006
 to \$4.6 billion
- Expansions completed at Pinjarra and Worsley refineries
- WA supplies 17 per cent of the world's alumina output





Managing greenhouse emissions

- Energy accounts for 22 per cent of aluminium production costs
- Aluminium industry working towards goal of being climate neutral by 2020
- Aluminium as part of the solution through recycling and increased use in transport





Australian industry performance

- Aluminium direct greenhouse emissions down by almost 20 per cent since 1990
- PFC emissions reduced by 74 per cent per tonne of aluminium since 1990
- Every tonne of alumina made today produces almost 20 per cent less greenhouse emissions compared to 1990



Managing greenhouse emissions through new technology

- Gas fired cogeneration plants at Pinjarra and Wagerup refineries
- Cogen plants produce electricity and steam from natural gas
- Residue carbon capture uses waste CO2 to treat bauxite residue





WA's greenhouse advantages

- Advantages of natural gas and technology
- Every tonne of alumina produced by Alcoa in Western Australia
 - Uses just over half the energy, and
 - Produces less than half the greenhouse emissions compared to Chinese alumina



Conclusion

- Global industry has undergone significant change
- Demand for aluminium will continue to grow for the long term
- Key sustainability challenge: managing climate change and energy





australia's aluminium

