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Novelis Chief Strategy Officer Sees Potential for Step Change in Aluminum Rolled Products Demand

Macro-economic trends cited as key drivers of global expansion

CHICAGO, June 25 /PRNewswire/ -- Novelis Inc., the world's leading producer of aluminum rolled products, is positioning itself to meet the growing global demand it sees in markets for consumer packaging, transportation light-weighting and sustainable design applications.

Erwin Mayr, Novelis SVP and Chief Strategy Officer, presented the company's long-term outlook at Harbor International's Third Annual Aluminum Outlook Conference in Chicago this week.

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"The substitution of aluminum as the material of choice is being fueled by compelling trends in economic growth in emerging markets around the globe," said Mayr. "Three macro-economic trends – increasing urbanization, the spreading of wealth throughout emerging markets and the continued move toward sustainability – are all converging to drive demand for aluminum rolled products for the foreseeable future."

Mayr pointed to the relative stability of the rolled products segment versus other aluminum product forms as reason for the company's optimism. "Aluminum rolled products usage and growth is based on a diverse group of end-product market segments," noted Mayr, "from packaging to transportation to building to consumer goods. This makes for a higher level of predictability in terms of planning for future demand and capacity expansion."

In addition to presenting the historical case for continued expansion of aluminum rolled products, Mayr also posed a number of "what if" questions illustrating the potential for step change growth in the years ahead. "What if every Brazilian were to consume as many canned beverages as people do in the U.S.? What if 50% of all car doors were built from aluminum? And what if per capita usage of rolled aluminum in China were to reach the level in Germany today?" asked Mayr. "Any one of these occurrences would significantly accelerate the growth of global aluminum FRP demand, extending well beyond the broadly expected 4% compound annual growth rate throughout this decade."

The entire presentation in support of Mayr's remarks can be downloaded from the Media section of the Novelis Web site under Presentations and Events, or simply click on the following link: <http://novelis.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=20>.

About Novelis

Novelis Inc. is the global leader in aluminum rolled products and aluminum can recycling. The company operates in 11 countries, has approximately 11,600 employees and reported revenue of \$8.7 billion in its 2010 fiscal year. Novelis supplies premium aluminum sheet and foil products to automotive, transportation, packaging, construction, industrial and printing markets throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia. Novelis is a subsidiary of Hindalco Industries Limited (BSE: HINDALCO), one of Asia's largest integrated producers of aluminum and a leading copper producer. Hindalco is a flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, a multinational conglomerate based in Mumbai, India. For more information, please visit www.novelis.com.

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