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Intermediate report 2nd semester 2010

Below we give information regarding the expected year results 2010.

In our press release of 27 August regarding the first half year results 2010, we mentioned that the second semester has traditionally lower volumes then the first due to summer and season's holidays.

While this is the case but both volumes and prices are higher than last year and we expect a profitable second semester, if prices remain at the current levels.

Lead Long Term Forward Sales on the LME

On 30 September 2010 the LME forward sales were 4.550 mT, compared to 3.900 mT at 30 June 2010. On 30 September 2010 the LME lead price was 1,657 EUR/mT, compared to 1,377 EUR/mT on 30 June 2010.

Since all these sales are now made in Euro we no longer show the comparable US$ price.

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