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Monthly Update to Customers, Employees, Suppliers, and Friends of Kaiser Aluminum:

In conjunction with today's filing of Kaiser's second-quarter 10-Q and the corresponding news release on our financial results, we announced that it is unlikely we will emerge from Chapter 11 until sometime in the first half of 2005.

The revised timeline is due to the complexity of our case combined with the fact that our commodity asset sale process has taken longer than previously anticipated.

I want to emphasize that we do not expect the revised timeline to affect plant operations or our unwavering commitment to meet the needs of our customers.

If you have any questions about our revised timeline or any other aspect of our Chapter 11 case, please let us know – by way of your Kaiser Aluminum contact person (in the case of customers or other external constituents) or your supervisor (in the case of employees). We will do our best to respond promptly.

Thank you.

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President and Chief Executive Officer