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**KAISER ALUMINUM SUBSIDIARIES FILE PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF  
PROCEEDS FROM ALPART SALE**

HOUSTON, Texas, November 1, 2004 -- Kaiser Aluminum announced that two of its subsidiaries, Alpart Jamaica Inc. (AJI) and Kaiser Jamaica Corporation (KJC), have filed a joint plan of liquidation and related disclosure statement in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The joint plan as filed has been approved by the AJI and KJC boards of directors and by the Unsecured Creditors' Committee.

AJI and KJC are the subsidiaries through which Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation (KACC) owned its interests in Alumina Partners of Jamaica (Alpart), a Delaware partnership that operates a bauxite mining operation and alumina refinery located in Jamaica. As previously announced, AJI and KJC sold their interests in Alpart on July 1, 2004.

Under the proposed plan of liquidation filed by AJI and KJC, the assets of those entities, consisting primarily of the net proceeds received by them in connection with the sale of their interests in Alpart, will be transferred to a liquidation trust, whereupon AJI and KJC will be dissolved. The liquidating trustee would then make distributions of cash to the creditors of AJI and KJC in accordance with the plan. As indicated in the disclosure statement, it is currently anticipated that AJI and KJC will have approximately \$278.4 million of cash available for distribution to creditors when the plan becomes effective. Of the cash available for distribution, \$20 million is expected to be retained, subject to certain terms and conditions, in a cash collateral account securing Kaiser's debtor in possession (DIP) financing until such financing is terminated.

The plan and disclosure statement filed by AJI and KJC outline the specific treatment and expected recoveries of AJI and KJC creditors. The disclosure statement

indicates that, assuming the holders of the 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes accept the plan and after payment of priority claims and trust expenses (initial reserves for which are expected to be established in the range of \$15 to \$20 million), AJI and KJC anticipate ultimately distributing cash as follows (in millions):

- KACC's 9-7/8% and 10-7/8% Senior Notes: \$162.7 to \$171.1
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: \$82.7 to \$84.3
- KACC's 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes: \$8.0

The \$8.0 million payment to be made for the benefit of holders of KACC's 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes will be made if, and only if, such holders approve the plan. In addition, the plan provides that the Bankruptcy Court will determine the amount, if any, to be paid in respect of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds. Any amounts paid in respect of the 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes and the Revenue Bonds will be paid from amounts that otherwise would be distributed to holders of the 9-7/8% Senior Notes and the 10-7/8% Senior Notes.

The disclosure statement also indicates that it is currently anticipated that the plan of liquidation for Kaiser Alumina Australia Corporation, which owns Kaiser Aluminum's interests in Queensland Alumina Limited, will provide for an additional \$8.0 million payment to the holders of KACC's 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes if, and only if, such holders of the Senior Subordinated Notes vote to accept that plan.

As described in the disclosure statement, the plan and disclosure statement will be subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court, and the plan will be subject to a vote by certain creditors. The company anticipates that certain creditors are likely to challenge the proposed plan. The effectiveness of the plan is expressly conditioned on Bankruptcy Court approval of the Intercompany Settlement Agreement. This disclosure is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a solicitation for a vote on the plan.

Copies of the plan and disclosure statement will be posted in the "Restructuring" section of Kaiser Aluminum's web site at [www.kaiseral.com](http://www.kaiseral.com).

The plan filed relates exclusively to AJI and KJC and will have no impact on the normal, ongoing operation of Kaiser Aluminum's fabricated aluminum products business or other operations.

Kaiser Aluminum (OTCBB: KLUCQ) is a leading producer of fabricated aluminum products and owns interests in alumina and primary aluminum assets.

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