UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC., et al.,	•	Case No. 09-10478 (BLS)
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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FIRST AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS



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JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS

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Aleris International, Inc. and its affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession (each as defined below) hereby propose the following joint plan of reorganization:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

1.1 Defined Terms.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the respective meanings specified below, unless the context otherwise requires:

- **1.1.1 2006 Senior Indenture.** That certain Senior Indenture, dated December 19, 2006, among Aleris, as issuer, certain U.S. Debtors as guarantors, and LaSalle Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, pursuant to which Aleris issued those certain 2006 Senior Notes.
- **1.1.2** *2006 Senior Notes.* Those certain 9%/9.75% Senior Notes due 2014 and issued pursuant to the 2006 Senior Indenture.
- **1.1.3 2007 Senior Indenture.** That certain Senior Indenture, dated September 11, 2007 among Aleris, as issuer, certain U.S. Debtors, as guarantors, and LaSalle Bank National Association, pursuant to which Aleris issued those certain 2007 Senior Notes.
- **1.1.4** *2007 Senior Notes.* Those certain 9% Senior Notes due 2014 and issued by Aleris pursuant to the 2007 Senior Indenture.
- **1.1.5** *9019 Settlement.* That certain settlement described in Section 7.3 of the Plan.
- **1.1.6** *9019 Settlement Parties.* Oaktree, Apollo, and the Debtors, each as parties to the 9019 Settlement.

- **1.1.7** *Acquisition Agreement.* That certain Asset Acquisition Agreement, dated February 5, 2010, among each OpCo, Aleris, and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries, attached as Exhibit "1.1.7" to the Plan.
- **1.1.8** *Administrative Bar Date Order.* An order of the Bankruptcy Court setting a deadline to file a proof of claim asserting an Administrative Expense.
- **1.1.9** *ADH.* Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH, as debtor and debtor in possession.
- 1.1.10 ADH Equity Interests. Equity Interests in ADH.
- 1.1.11 ADH Liquidity Adjustment. An amount equal to (a) the amount set forth in Schedule "1.1.11" to the Plan on the applicable Determination Date *plus* (b) thirty percent (30%) of the Closing Liquidity Adjustment (if the Closing Liquidity Adjustment is a positive number) *minus* (c) the absolute value of thirty percent (30%) of the Closing Liquidity Adjustment is a negative number).
- **1.1.12** *ADH Plan Deductions.* The sum of the following, each as determined in accordance with Section 7.1.1 of the Plan and without duplication:
 - (a) thirty-six percent (36%) of unpaid fees and expenses due and owing under the DIP Credit Agreements,
 - (b) thirty-six percent (36%) of a reasonable estimate of additional unpaid fees and expenses that will be due and owing under the DIP Credit Agreements on the Effective Date,
 - (c) forty percent (40%) of a reasonable estimate of fees and expenses that will be due and owing in connection with the Exit ABL Facility on the Effective Date,
 - (d) thirty percent (30%) of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee,
 - (e) thirty percent (30%) of the fees and expenses due and owing under the Equity Commitment Agreement,
 - (f) thirty percent (30%) of a reasonable estimate of additional fees and expenses that will be due and owing under the Equity Commitment Agreement on the Effective Date,
 - (g) the Administrative Expenses on account of fees and expenses incurred by professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code specifically for and by ADH (other than ordinary course professionals),
 - (h) a reasonable estimate of additional Administrative Expenses on account of fees and expenses incurred by professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code specifically for and by ADH (other than ordinary course professionals) that will be due and owing on the Effective Date,
 - (i) thirty-six percent (36%) of the Blackstone Fees,

- (j) the amount set forth on Schedule "1.1.12(j)" to the Plan as the outstanding borrowings under the Belgian and German sub-facilities under the DIP Term Credit Agreement and borrowings under the European tranche of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, each on the applicable Determination Date, and
- (k) the ADH Liquidity Adjustment.
- 1.1.13 ADH Plan Value. The greater of (a) \$300 million minus the ADH Plan Deductions and (b) the ADH Roll-Up Value plus the European Term Loan Minimum Recovery.
- **1.1.14** *ADH Roll-Up Stock.* Non-Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Roll-Up Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.15** *ADH Roll-Up Subscription Notes.* IntermediateCo Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the IntermediateCo Notes multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Roll-Up Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.16** *ADH Roll-Up Subscription Stock.* Number of shares of Rights Offering Common Stock equal to the aggregate number of shares of Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Roll-Up Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.17** *ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights.* The rights to subscribe for units consisting of the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Stock and the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Notes to be issued on the Effective Date at the Subscription Purchase Price on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 7.1.1 of the Plan.
- 1.1.18 ADH Roll-Up Value. An amount equal to (a) \$25 million plus (b) interest accrued from August 1, 2009 to the Effective Date on European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims to be rolled up pursuant to the 9019 Settlement set forth in Section 7.3 of the Plan minus (c) interest received from August 1, 2009 to the Effective Date on the European Term Loan Claims to be rolled up into European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims pursuant to the 9019 Settlement.
- **1.1.19** *ADH Term Loan Stock.* Non-Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Term Loan Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.20** *ADH Term Loan Subscription Notes.* IntermediateCo Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of IntermediateCo Notes multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Term Loan Value and the denominator of which is Plan Value.
- **1.1.21** *ADH Term Loan Subscription Stock.* Number of shares of Rights Offering Common Stock equal to the aggregate number of shares of Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the ADH Term Loan Value and the denominator of which is Plan Value.

- **1.1.22** *ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights.* The rights to subscribe for units consisting of the ADH Term Loan Subscription Stock and ADH Term Loan Subscription Notes to be issued on the Effective Date at the Subscription Purchase Price on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 7.1.1 of the Plan.
- 1.1.23 ADH Term Loan Value. ADH Plan Value minus ADH Roll-Up Value.
- **1.1.24** *Administrative Expense.* Any Claim constituting a cost or expense of administration in these Chapter 11 Cases under section 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without express or implied limitation, any actual and necessary costs and expenses of preserving the Debtors' estates, any expenses of professionals under sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, any actual and necessary costs and expenses of operating the Debtors' businesses, any indebtedness or obligations incurred or assumed by the Debtors, as debtors in possession (except as expressly provided otherwise herein), in connection with the conduct of their business or for the acquisition or lease of property or the rendition of services, any allowed compensation or reimbursement of expenses under section 503(b)(2)-(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, and any fees or charges assessed against the Debtors' estates under section 1930, chapter 123, title 28, United States Code.
- **1.1.25** *Administrative Expense Creditor.* Any Creditor entitled to payment of an Administrative Expense.
- **1.1.26** Administrative Expense Objection Deadline. The first Business Day that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, as such date may be extended from time to time by order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- **1.1.27** *Affiliate.* Any entity that is an "affiliate" within the meaning of section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.1.28** *Aleris.* Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Debtor and Debtor in Possession in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 1.1.29 Aleris Equity Interests. Equity Interests in Aleris.
- 1.1.30 Allowed.
 - (a) With respect to any Claim (other than an Administrative Expense, Other ADH Claim, or U.S. Affiliate Claim), proof of which was filed within the applicable period of limitation fixed in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) by the Bankruptcy Court,
 - (i) as to which no objection to the allowance thereof has been interposed within the applicable period of limitation fixed by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, such Claim to the extent asserted in the proof of such Claim, or
 - (ii) as to which an objection has been interposed, such Claim to the extent that it has been allowed in whole or in part by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or by an agreement with the Debtors or Reorganized

Debtors, as the case may be, in accordance with the Claims Settlement Guidelines as in effect at the time of such agreement.

- (b) Any claim allowed in accordance with the Claims Settlement Guidelines, by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, or under this Plan.
- (c) With respect to any Other ADH Claim or U.S. Affiliate Claim, such Claim to the extent it has been determined to be valid and enforceable in whole or in part in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law, and any dispute with respect to the allowance of such Claim shall be resolved in any appropriate forum of competent jurisdiction.
- (d) With respect to any Claim (other than an Administrative Expense), as to which no proof of claim was filed within the applicable period of limitation fixed by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, such Claim to the extent that it has been listed by a Debtor in its Schedules as liquidated in amount and not disputed or contingent.
- (e) With respect to any Claim that is asserted to constitute an Administrative Expense,
 - that represents an actual or necessary expense of preserving the estate or operating any of the Debtors' businesses for payment of goods, services, wages, or benefits or for credit extended to any of the Debtors, as debtor in possession, any such Claim to the extent that such claim is reflected as a postpetition liability of such Debtor on the Debtor's books and records as of the Effective Date;
 - (ii) in an action against any of the Debtors commenced after the Commencement Date and pending as of the Confirmation Date, any such Claim to the extent,
 - (1) it is allowed by a Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by agreement between the Reorganized Debtor and the holder of such Administrative Expense, and
 - (2) if such Debtor disputes that such claim is a cost or expense of administration under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent the Bankruptcy Court determines by a Final Order that it constitutes a cost or expense of administration under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code;
 - (iii) timely filed in accordance with the Administrative Bar Date Order, any such Claim to the extent,
 - (1) no objection is interposed by the Administrative Expense Objection Deadline, or
 - (2) if an objection is interposed by the Administrative Expense

Objection Deadline, is allowed in whole or in part by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court and only to the extent that such allowed portion is deemed, pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, to constitute a cost or expense of administration under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; or

- (iv) that represents a Claim of a professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code that is required to apply to the Bankruptcy Court for the allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code or an Administrative Expense arising under section 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), 503(b)(5), or 503(b)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, such Claim to the extent it is allowed by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; or
- (v) that is a fee or expense properly due and owing under the DIP Credit Agreements or Equity Commitment Agreement.
- **1.1.31** *Allowed Amount.* The lesser of (a) the dollar amount of an Allowed Claim or (b) the Estimated Amount of such Claim.
- **1.1.32** *Amended and Restated Organizational Documents.* The certificates or articles of incorporation and by-laws, partnership agreement, or limited liability company agreement, as applicable, of HoldCo, IntermediateCo, and each of the Reorganized Debtors, to be amended or amended and restated in accordance with Section 7.5 hereof, in substantially the form of Exhibit "1.1.32" to the Plan.
- **1.1.33** *Apollo.* Apollo Management VII, L.P. and its affiliated investment funds, and/or such other affiliate of Apollo Management VII, L.P. as it may designate.
- 1.1.34 Backstop Parties. Oaktree, Apollo, and Sankaty.
- **1.1.35** *Ballot.* The form or forms distributed to holders of impaired Claims and Equity Interests on which is to be indicated the acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- **1.1.36** *Bankruptcy Code.* Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time, as applicable to these Chapter 11 Cases.
- **1.1.37** *Bankruptcy Court.* The United States District Court for the District of Delaware, having jurisdiction over these Chapter 11 Cases and, to the extent of any reference made pursuant to section 157 of title 28 of the United States Code, the unit of such District Court constituted pursuant to section 151 of title 28 of the United States Code.
- **1.1.38** *Bankruptcy Rules.* The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as amended, as applicable to these Chapter 11 Cases, including the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.1.39 Bar Date. September 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. (New York Time).

- **1.1.40** *Blackstone Fees.* Unpaid Administrative Expenses on account of fees and expenses incurred by The Blackstone Group pursuant to their engagement letter dated May 19, 2009.
- **1.1.41** *Board of Directors.* The Board of Directors of each of the Debtors or each of the Reorganized Debtors, as it may exist from time to time.
- **1.1.42** *Business Day.* Any day on which commercial banks are required to be open for business in New York, New York.
- 1.1.43 Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests. Equity Interests in the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries.
- 1.1.44 *Cash.* Legal tender of the United States of America.
- **1.1.45** *Cause of Action.* Any action, cause of action, liability, obligation, right, suit, debt, sum of money, damage, judgment, claim, and demand whatsoever, whether known or unknown, in law, equity, or otherwise.
- **1.1.46** *Chapter 11 Cases.* The Debtors' chapter 11 cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court and jointly administered under the caption *In re Aleris International, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 09-10478 (BLS) (Jointly Administered).
- 1.1.47 Charging Lien. As defined in Section 7.9 of the Plan.
- **1.1.48** *Claim.* A "claim," as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, against the Debtors, as debtors or Debtors in Possession, whether or not asserted, whether or not the facts of or legal bases therefor are known or unknown, and specifically including, without express or implied limitation, any rights under sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, any claim of a derivative nature, any potential or unmatured contract claims, and any other Contingent Claim, whether or not it constitutes a "claim" under section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.1.49** *Claims Settlement Guidelines.* The settlement guidelines and authority contained in that certain Order Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019(b) Authorizing the Establishment of Procedures to Settle Certain Prepetition or Postpetition Claims Against the Debtors' Estates, dated June 23, 2009 [Docket No. 706], as amended by the amendments set forth in Exhibit "1.1.49" to the Plan.
- **1.1.50** *Class.* Any group of Claims or Equity Interests classified by the Plan pursuant to section 1122(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.1.51** *Closing Liquidity Adjustment.* An amount, determined as of the Determination Date, equal to:
 - (a) if the Determination Date Net Working Capital is both (i) equal to or greater than the Net Working Capital Floor and (ii) equal to or less than the Net Working Capital Ceiling, zero dollars (\$0.00);
 - (b) if the Determination Date Net Working Capital is less than the Net Working Capital Floor, then the lesser of (i) the amount of such difference and (ii) \$45

million, which in either case shall be expressed as a positive number; or

(c) if the Determination Date Net Working Capital is greater than the Net Working Capital Ceiling, then the lesser of (i) the amount of such excess and (ii) \$45 million, which in either case shall be expressed as a negative number.

1.1.52 Commencement Date.

- (a) For the U.S. Debtors, February 12, 2009.
- (b) For ADH, February 5, 2010.
- **1.1.53** *Confirmation Date.* The date on which the Confirmation Order has been entered by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court.
- **1.1.54** *Confirmation Order.* The order or orders of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan in accordance with the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.1.55** *Contingent Claim.* Any Claim, the liability for which attaches or is dependent upon the occurrence or happening, or is triggered by, an event, which event has not yet occurred, happened, or been triggered, as of the date on which such Claim is sought to be estimated or an objection to such Claim is filed, whether or not such event is within the actual or presumed contemplation of the holder of such Claim and whether or not a relationship between the holder of such Claim and the Debtors now or hereafter exists or previously existed.
- **1.1.56** *Contribution Agreement.* That certain Contribution Agreement, dated February 5, 2010, among HoldCo, IntermediateCo, and each OpCo attached as Exhibit "1.1.56" to the Plan.

1.1.57 Convenience Claim.

- (a) One or more Allowed General Unsecured Claims against any of the U.S. Debtors other than Debt Claims held by a Creditor in an aggregate Allowed Amount of \$10,000 or less, or
- (b) One or more Allowed General Unsecured Claims against any of the U.S. Debtors other than Debt Claims held by a Creditor in an aggregate Allowed Amount greater than \$10,000, the aggregate Allowed Amount of which has been reduced to \$10,000 by the election of such Creditor, or
- (c) One or more General Unsecured Claims that are wholly Unliquidated Claims against any of the U.S. Debtors held by a Creditor, as to which the Creditor elects to liquidate at an amount equal to \$10,000 for purposes of treating such General Unsecured Claims as an Allowed Convenience Claim.
- 1.1.58 *Creditor*. Any Entity that holds a Claim against any of the Debtors.
- **1.1.59** *Creditors' Committee.* The Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee, consisting of Entities appointed as members in the Chapter 11 Cases by the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware in accordance with section 1102(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and

their duly appointed successors, if any, as the same may be reconstituted from time to time.

- **1.1.60** *Debt Claim.* Any General Unsecured Claim represented by a note or debt security issued pursuant to an indenture, bank credit agreement, note purchase agreement, or otherwise prior to the Commencement Date or any guarantee by any of the Debtors of any obligations of another Entity under any note or debt security issued pursuant to an indenture, bank credit agreement, note purchase agreement, or otherwise prior to the Commencement Date.
- **1.1.61** *Debtor.* Any of the U.S. Debtors or ADH. "*Debtors*" collectively refers to the U.S. Debtors and ADH.
- **1.1.62** *Debtor in Possession.* Any of the Debtors in its capacity as a debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. "*Debtors in Possession*" collectively refers to the Debtors in their capacity as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.1.63 Determination Date. The last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the Confirmation Date occurs; *provided*, that if the Effective Date is more than forty-five (45) days after such Determination Date, then a new Determination Date shall be established on the last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the Effective Date occurs.
- **1.1.64** *Determination Date Net Working Capital.* The Net Working Capital of Aleris and its subsidiaries as of the Determination Date.
- **1.1.65** *DIP ABL Agent Bank.* Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, or such other Entity acting as administrative agent under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement from time to time.
- 1.1.66 **DIP ABL Claim.** Claims arising under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.67** *DIP ABL Credit Agreement.* That certain Amended and Restated Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006 and amended and restated as of December 19, 2006 and as further amended as of November 7, 2007, September 10, 2008, February 10, 2009, and amended and restated as of March 20, 2009 and further amended on June 29, 2009, December 29, 2009, and February 5, 2010 among Aleris, each of the other U.S. Debtors, Aleris Aluminum Canada S.E.C./Aleris Aluminum Canada L.P., Aleris Specification Alloy Products Canada Company, Aleris Switzerland GmbH, the lenders from time to time party thereto, the DIP ABL Agent, and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, Bank of America, N.A., and Wachovia Bank, N.A. as co-collateral agents, as further amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.68** *DIP Credit Agreements.* Collectively, the DIP Term Credit Agreement and the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.69** *DIP Lenders.* Collectively, the lender parties to the DIP Credit Agreements.

- 1.1.70 DIP Order. That certain Final Order Pursuant to Sections 361, 362, 363 and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 4001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (A) Authorizing the Debtors to (I) Use Cash Collateral, and (II) Obtain Postpetition Financing and (B) Granting Adequate Protection, dated March 18, 2009 [Docket No. 299].
- **1.1.71 DIP Term Agent Bank.** Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent under the DIP Term Credit Agreement, or such other Entity acting as administrative agent under the DIP Term Credit Agreement from time to time.
- **1.1.72** *DIP Term Credit Agreement.* That certain Debtor-in-Possession Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2009 and amended and restated as of March 19, 2009 and amended as of May 12, 2009, June 29, 2009, December 29, 2009, January 29, 2010, and February 5, 2010, among Aleris, ADH, Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA, the lenders party thereto, and the DIP Term Agent Bank, as further amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms of the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.73** *Disallowed Claim.* A Claim that is disallowed in its entirety by an order of the Bankruptcy Court or such other court of competent jurisdiction, as the case may be.
- **1.1.74** *Disbursing Agent.* Any Entity in its capacity as a disbursing agent under Section 8.1 of the Plan.
- 1.1.75 *Disputed Claim*. A Claim that is neither an Allowed Claim nor a Disallowed Claim.
- **1.1.76** *Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries.* Together, Aleris Aluminum U.S. Sales Inc. and Wabash Alloys, L.L.C.; and each a "*Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary*."
- **1.1.77** *Distribution.* The payment or distribution under the Plan of property or interests in property to the holders of Allowed Claims.
- **1.1.78** *Distribution Date.* The first Business Day of the month commencing six (6) months after the Initial Distribution Date and every six (6) months thereafter until the Final Distribution Date.
- **1.1.79** *Distribution Record Date.* The first Business Day that is **five (5) days** from and after the Confirmation Date.
- **1.1.80** *District Court.* The United States District Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 1.1.81 DTC. Depository Trust Company.
- **1.1.82** *Effective Date.* A Business Day selected by the Debtors, with the consent of a Majority in Interest, that is within **thirty-one (31) days** after the date by which all of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Plan specified in Section 10.1 have been satisfied or waived in accordance with such section, or, if a stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect, a date mutually acceptable to the Debtors and a Majority in Interest

that is within **thirty-one (31) days** after the date of the expiration, dissolution, or lifting of such stay.

- **1.1.83** *Encumbrance.* With respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest, assignment, or encumbrance of any kind or nature in respect of such asset (including, without express or implied limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any security agreement, and the filing of, or agreement to give, any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code or comparable law of any jurisdiction).
- **1.1.84** *Entity.* An individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, joint venture, estate, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any political subdivision thereof, or other person or entity.
- **1.1.85** *Equity Commitment Agreement.* That certain equity commitment agreement, dated February 5, 2010 among the Debtors and the Backstop Parties annexed as Exhibit "1.1.85" to the Plan.
- **1.1.86** *Equity Interest.* Any interest in any of the Debtors represented by shares of common or preferred stock or membership interests or the right to acquire shares of common or preferred stock or membership interests.
- **1.1.87** *Estimated Amount*. The estimated dollar value of an Unliquidated Claim, Disputed Claim, or Contingent Claim pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.1.88** *European Roll-Up Term Loans.* The German Roll-Up Loans, as defined in the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.89** *European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim*. Any Claims arising under the European Roll-Up Term Loans under the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.90** *European Term Loan Acquisition Entity.* A direct or indirect subsidiary of IMCO International, Inc. to be identified at or before the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan.
- **1.1.91** *European Term Loan Claim.* Any Claim arising out of that certain European Term Loan Facility.
- **1.1.92** *European Term Loan Facility.* That certain €303 million sub-facility under the Prepetition Term Loan Agreements, among ADH, as borrower, and certain U.S. Debtors and non-debtor affiliates, as guarantors.
- 1.1.93 European Term Loan Minimum Recovery. \$75 million.
- 1.1.94 *Exchange Act.* The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- **1.1.95** *Exit ABL Facility.* Asset-based lending facility to become available to the Reorganized Debtors on or after the Effective Date on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and a Majority in Interest.

- **1.1.96** *Final Distribution Date*. The Distribution Date on or after the Initial Distribution Date and after all Disputed Claims have become either Allowed Claims or Disallowed Claims.
- **1.1.97** *Final Order.* An order as to which the time to appeal, petition for *certiorari*, or move for reargument or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for *certiorari*, or other proceedings for reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or as to which any right to appeal, petition for *certiorari*, reargue, or rehear shall have been waived in writing in form and substance satisfactory to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, and their counsel or, in the event that an appeal, writ of *certiorari*, or reargument or rehearing thereof has been sought, such order shall have been affirmed by the highest court to which such order was appealed, or *certiorari* has been denied or from which reargument or rehearing was sought, and the time to take any further appeal, petition for *certiorari* or move for reargument or rehearing shall have expired.
- 1.1.98 *Final Subscription Purchase Price*. As defined in Section 7.1.3(c) of the Plan.
- 1.1.99 Final Subscription Units. As defined in Section 7.1.3(c) of the Plan.
- **1.1.100** *GAAP*. Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as set forth in the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification.
- **1.1.101** *General Unsecured Claim.* Any Claim against the U.S. Debtors other than a DIP Claim, an Administrative Expense, a U.S. Tax Claim, a Priority Non-Tax Claim, an Insured Claim, or a U.S. Roll-Up Term Claim. General Unsecured Claims include, without limitation, any U.S. Term Loan Claims and any Claims against the U.S. Debtors held by an Affiliate that is a direct or indirect holder of an equity interest in Aleris.
- **1.1.102** *German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claims*. Any New Money DIP Term Claim against ADH arising under the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.103** *HoldCo.* ACH1 Holding Co., a Delaware corporation, which is or will be the parent of IntermediateCo and the indirect parent of each OpCo.
- 1.1.104 HSR Act. The Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.
- 1.1.105 Indenture Trustees. The respective indenture trustees under the Indentures.
- **1.1.106** *Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses.* All the fees and expenses, including the reasonable fees and expenses of their attorneys and advisers, incurred by the Indenture Trustees under their respective indentures from the Commencement Date to the Effective Date, up to a maximum of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each Indenture Trustee for each series of Debt Claims for which it acts as Indenture Trustee.
- **1.1.107** *Indentures.* Collectively, the 2006 Senior Indenture, the 2007 Senior Indenture, and the Senior Subordinated Indenture and each, an "*Indenture*."
- **1.1.108** *Initial Distribution Date.* A date after the Effective Date that is selected by the Reorganized Debtors in their discretion but, in any event, is within **fifteen (15) days** after the Effective Date, or such later date as the Bankruptcy Court may establish upon request by the Reorganized Debtors, for cause shown.

- **1.1.109** *Insured Claims.* Any Claim against any of the U.S. Debtors alleging damages, including without limitation, damages arising in connection with personal injuries, allegedly incurred as a result of the U.S. Debtors' operations and activities prior to the U.S. Debtors' Commencement Date that is allegedly covered by insurance issued on behalf of the applicable U.S. Debtor. A list of Insured Claims are identified or will be identified on Schedule "1.1.109" to the Plan.
- **1.1.110** *Insurance Policies.* The liability insurance policies that are potentially available to respond to defense costs and indemnity payments incurred in connection with the Insured Claims.
- **1.1.111** *Insurance Proceeds.* Any indemnity proceeds payable under the Insurance Policies with respect to liability for the Insured Claims.
- **1.1.112** *IntermediateCo.* AHC Intermediate Co., a Delaware corporation, which is or will be the parent of each OpCo.
- **1.1.113** *IntermediateCo Note Indenture.* That certain IntermediateCo Note Indenture to be entered into between IntermediateCo and an indenture trustee to be named at or before the Confirmation Hearing substantially in the form of Exhibit "1.1.113" to the Plan.
- **1.1.114** *IntermediateCo Notes.* Subordinated, unsecured notes issued pursuant to the IntermediateCo Note Indenture in an aggregate principal amount equal to Forty-Five and 00/100 Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) and having such other terms, covenants, and conditions set forth therein.
- **1.1.115** *IntermediateCo Preferred Stock.* Preferred stock issued by IntermediateCo having the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit "1.1.115" to the Plan.
- **1.1.116** *Internal Revenue Code.* The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any applicable rulings, Treasury Regulations, judicial decisions, and notices, announcements, and other releases of the United States Treasury Department or the IRS.
- 1.1.117 IRB. An industrial revenue bond.
- 1.1.118 IRS. The United States Internal Revenue Service.
- 1.1.119 Majority in Interest. At any time before the Voting Deadline, "Majority in Interest" shall mean Backstop Parties (a) having executed a Plan Support Agreement and (b) at such time, holding over fifty percent (50%) of the funding commitments under the Equity Commitment Agreement of the Backstop Parties that have executed a Plan Support Agreement, and at any time on and after the Voting Deadline, "Majority in Interest" shall mean Backstop Parties (x) having executed a Plan Support Agreement and (y) at such time, holding over eighty-three percent (83%) of the funding commitments under the Equity Commitment Agreement of the Backstop Parties that have executed a Plan Support Agreement (it being understood that for purposes of this definition, the percentage of funding commitments of each Backstop Party is European Term Loan Claims, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims (such claims, the "Relevant Claims"), as a percentage of Relevant Claims held by all of

the Backstop Parties that have executed a Plan Support Agreement and in each case giving *pro forma* effect to the 9019 settlement).

- 1.1.120 Maximum Rights Offering Amount. \$690 million.
- **1.1.121** *Maximum Third-Party Reduction.* The product of (i) the Preliminary Subscription Units, to which Rights Offering Participants (other than the Backstop Parties) would be entitled without giving effect to the Minimum Ownership Cutback multiplied by (ii) ninety percent (90%).
- 1.1.122 Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold. Percentage of New Common Stock issued on the Effective Date equal to (a) seventy-two and one tenths of a percent (72.1%) plus (b) the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold Adjustment (if such amount is a positive number) minus (c) the absolute value of the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold Adjustment (if such amount is a negative number).
- **1.1.123** *Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold Adjustment.* Percentage of New Common Stock issuable on the Effective Date, which percentage may be positive or negative, equal to the following:
 - (a) the percentage of New Common Stock distributable to Oaktree and Apollo pursuant to the Plan and the Rights Offering based upon the principal amount of European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and European Term Loan Claims held by Oaktree and Apollo as of the Confirmation Date *plus* interest that accrued on such amounts as of the Confirmation Date (including interest accrued pursuant to the 9019 Settlement set forth in Section 7.3 of the Plan) *minus*
 - (b) the percentage of New Common Stock distributable to Oaktree and Apollo pursuant to the Plan and the Rights Offering based upon Oaktree and Apollo owning collectively the principal amount of European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and European Term Loan Claims set forth in the Schedule 8(e) to the Equity Commitment Agreement *plus* interest that accrued on such amounts as of the Confirmation Date (including interest accrued pursuant to the 9019 Settlement set forth in Section 7.3 of the Plan),

in each case calculated without giving effect to the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold.

1.1.124 Minimum Ownership Cutback. As defined in Section 7.1.2 of the Plan.

- **1.1.125** *Net Working Capital.* The difference, with respect to any Entity or Entities at any date, of the following relating to the applicable Entity or Entities as of such date:
 - (a) the sum of
 - (i) cash,
 - (ii) net accounts receivable,

- (iii) net inventories,
- (iv) prepaid expenses, and
- (v) margin call broker receivable, *minus*
- (b) the sum of
 - (i) accounts payable,
 - (ii) accrued employee costs,
 - (iii) accrued withholding,
 - (iv) accrued payroll taxes,
 - (v) toll liabilities,
 - (vi) borrowings outstanding under the DIP Credit Agreements, including accrued but unpaid interest thereon,
 - (vii) accrued restructuring, and
 - (viii) all other current liabilities.

Net Working Capital shall be determined in accordance with GAAP consistently applied using the same accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures as were used in the determination of Projected Net Working Capital. Net Working Capital shall be determined using the Hyperion report titled, "Aleris International, Inc. Balance Sheet – Trend – detailed (Other Assets and Liabilities) Total Aleris – Consolidated." In addition, the Net Working Capital shall be determined so as to remove the effects, if any, resulting from any change in the Net Working Capital or components thereof, caused by a change in GAAP, including accounting pronouncements, promulgated or implemented by the Debtors between the date of Projected Net Working Capital and the applicable determination date regardless of whether or not such change is otherwise required to be adopted, except as otherwise agreed by the Debtors and the Majority in Interest. To the extent that any adjustments result from matters set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, the Net Working Capital shall be adjusted to eliminate the effect of such amounts.

1.1.126 Net Working Capital Allowed Adjustment Amount. \$25 million.

- **1.1.127** *Net Working Capital Ceiling.* Projected Net Working Capital *plus* the Net Working Capital Allowed Adjustment Amount.
- **1.1.128** *Net Working Capital Floor.* Projected Net Working Capital *minus* the Net Working Capital Allowed Adjustment Amount.
- **1.1.129** *New Common Stock.* Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of HoldCo of which forty-five million (45,000,000) shares shall be authorized.

- **1.1.130** New Money Term DIP Claim. Any Claim arising under the New Money Term DIP Facility.
- **1.1.131** *New Money Term DIP Facility.* That certain \$500 million term loan facility under the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- **1.1.132** *Non-Rights Offering Common Stock.* Ten million (10,000,000) shares of New Common Stock.
- **1.1.133** *Oaktree.* Certain investment funds and accounts managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. and its affiliates.
- 1.1.134 OpCo. RLD Acquisition Co., RCY Acquisition Co., Spec A Acquisition Co., Spec P Acquisition Co., HQ1 Acquisition Co., Intl Acquisition Co., UWA Acquisition Co., or Name Acquisition Co., each as a signatory to the Acquisition Agreement, which will acquire the assets of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition Agreement. "OpCos" collectively refers to RLD Acquisition Co., RCY Acquisition Co., Spec A Acquisition Co., Spec P Acquisition Co., HQ1 Acquisition Co., Intl Acquisition Co., UWA Acquisition Co., Intl Acquisition Co., UWA Acquisition Co., and Name Acquisition Co.
- **1.1.135** *Organizational Documents.* The certificates or articles of incorporation and by-laws, partnership agreement, or limited liability company agreement, or other operative formation documents, as applicable, of each of the Debtors as of the Commencement Date.
- **1.1.136** *Other ADH Claims.* Any Claim against ADH other than the German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claims, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and European Term Loan Claims.
- **1.1.137** *Other U.S. Equity Interests.* Any Equity Interest in the U.S. Debtors other than the Aleris Equity Interests and the Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests.
- **1.1.138** *Other U.S. Secured Claim.* Any Claim against any of the U.S. Debtors to the extent of the value of the interest in property of the estate of such Debtor securing such Claim other than a DIP ABL Claim, New Money Term DIP Claim, Administrative Expense, U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim, and any U.S. Tax Claim that is secured by property of the estate of any U.S. Debtor.
- **1.1.139** *Pension Plans.* Collectively, the Commonwealth Aluminum Lewisport, LLC Hourly Employees Pension Plan, the Commonwealth Industries, Inc. Cash Balance Plan, the ALSCO Metals Corporation Cash Balance Plan, and the ALSCO Metals Corporation Retirement Plan for Bargained Employees.
- **1.1.140** *Plan.* This plan of reorganization, either in its present form or as it may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with Section 4.1 hereof, and the exhibits and schedules to the foregoing, as the same may be in effect at the time such reference becomes operative.
- 1.1.141 Plan Support Agreements. As defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement.

- 1.1.142 Plan Value. U.S. Plan Value plus ADH Plan Value.
- 1.1.143 Plan Value Share Price. Plan Value divided by Non-Rights Offering Common Stock.
- 1.1.144 Preliminary Subscription Purchase Price. As defined in Section 7.1.3(c) of the Plan.
- 1.1.145 Preliminary Subscription Units. As defined in Section 7.1.3(c) of the Plan.
- **1.1.146** *Prepetition Term Loan Agent Bank.* Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, under the Prepetition Term Loan Agreements, or such other Entity acting as administrative agent under the Prepetition Term Loan Agreements from time to time.
- **1.1.147** *Prepetition Term Loan Agreements.* Together with related agreements and documents, that certain Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006 and amended and restated as of December 19, 2006, and further amended as of March 13, 2007 and February 10, 2009, among Aleris, Aurora Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., which merged with and into Aleris, ADH, various lenders thereto, the Prepetition Term Loan Agent Bank, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., as syndication agent, and PNC Bank, National Association, National City Business Credit, Inc., and Key Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents.
- **1.1.148** *Priority Non-Tax Claim.* Any Claim against a U.S. Debtor to the extent such claim is entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code other than a DIP ABL Claim, New Money Term DIP Claim, Administrative Expense, U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim, and a U.S. Tax Claim.
- **1.1.149** *Pro Rata Share.* The percentage derived by dividing the Allowed Amount of a Creditor's Allowed Claim by the sum of (i) aggregate Allowed Amount of all Allowed Claims within the class under the Plan in which such Creditor's Allowed Claim is treated and (ii) the aggregate Disputed Amount of all Disputed Claims within the class under the Plan in which such Creditor's Allowed Claim is treated. For purposes of calculating Pro Rata Share, any claims denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars shall be converted to U.S. dollars based upon the applicable exchange rate on the Distribution Record Date.
- **1.1.150** *Projected Net Working Capital.* The amounts set forth below opposite the projected Determination Dates:

Determination Date	Projected Net Working Capital	
March 31, 2010	\$87.1 million	
April 30, 2010	\$83.2 million	
May 31, 2010	\$67.5 million	
June 30, 2010	\$78.2 million	

For any Determination Date after June 30, 2010, the Projected Net Working Capital will be determined by the Debtors with the approval of the Majority in Interest by a date that is at least **three (3) months** prior to the applicable Determination Date. The Debtors will use projection methods consistent with the preparation of the Projected Net Working Capital above, volumes no less than those consistent with the projections provided in the disclosure statement for the Plan and the then projected London Metal Exchange aluminum prices.

- **1.1.151** *Registration Rights Agreement.* That certain Registration Rights Agreement to be entered into on the Effective Date among HoldCo and the applicable Backstop Parties, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "1.1.151."
- **1.1.152** *Reorganized ADH.* ADH, as reorganized as of the Effective Date in accordance with this Plan, or any successor in interest thereto, from and after the Effective Date.
- **1.1.153** *Reorganized Aleris.* Aleris, as reorganized as of the Effective Date in accordance with this Plan, or any successor in interest thereto, from and after the Effective Date.
- **1.1.154** *Reorganized Debtor.* Any of the Debtors, as reorganized as of the Effective Date in accordance with this Plan, or any successors in interest thereto (including, without limitation, any OpCo to the extent that such Entity, pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, assumes the liabilities of such Debtor for Allowed Administrative Expenses or other amounts payable under the Plan), from and after the Effective Date.
- 1.1.155 *Restructuring Transactions*. To have the meaning set forth in Section 7.6 of the Plan.
- **1.1.156** *Retention Period.* Five (5) years from and after the Effective Date or such shorter period as the Bankruptcy Court may set.
- **1.1.157** *Rights Offering.* The offering of the Subscription Rights to the holders of (a) U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, (b) European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and (c) European Term Loan Claims.
- **1.1.158** *Rights Offering Agent.* The Debtors or any Entity designated by the Debtors in the Subscription Form, as agent with respect to the Rights Offering described in Section 7.1 of the Plan.
- 1.1.159 Rights Offering Common Stock. Aggregate number of shares of New Common Stock available to the Rights Offering Eligible Creditors, which will be calculated by dividing (a) the Rights Offering Value minus the principal amount of the IntermediateCo Notes by (b) the Rights Offering Common Stock Price.
- 1.1.160 Rights Offering Common Stock Price. Plan Value Share Price multiplied by 90%.
- 1.1.161 Rights Offering Eligible Creditors. Collectively, holders of Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, holders of Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and holders of Allowed European Term Loan Claims who are (a) accredited investors as defined in Rule 501 under Regulation D of the Securities Act or (b) non-U.S. persons, as defined in Regulation S of the Securities Act.

- **1.1.162** *Rights Offering Participants.* Collectively, Rights Offering Eligible Creditors that elect to receive New Common Stock and Subscription Rights in full satisfaction of their Claims pursuant to the Plan.
- **1.1.163** *Rights Offering Units.* The New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes to be issued and sold through the Rights Offering (including the Rights Offering Residual Units to be issued and sold pursuant to the Equity Commitment Agreement).
- 1.1.164 Rights Offering Value. The sum of the following:
 - (a) the fees, expenses and/or payments payable on or prior to the Effective Date set forth in the definition of "ADH Plan Deductions" other than clauses (j) and (k) thereof;
 - (b) the fees, expenses and/or payments payable on or prior to the Effective Date set forth in the definition of "U.S. Plan Deductions" other than clauses (o), (p), and (x) thereof;
 - (c) the amount of borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreements and interest thereon to be repaid on the Effective Date from proceeds of the Rights Offering; and
 - (d) the amount payable to holders of U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, holders of European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and holders of European Term Loan Claims that elect to receive Cash under this Plan.
- **1.1.165** *Rights Offering Residual Units.* New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes available for purchase pursuant to the Rights Offering, but not subscribed for by Rights Offering Participants.
- 1.1.166 Sankaty. Sankaty Advisors, LLC on behalf of the investment funds advised by it.
- **1.1.167** *Schedules.* The schedules of assets and liabilities and the statements of financial affairs filed by the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court, as required by section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Official Bankruptcy Forms of the Bankruptcy Rules, as such schedules and statements have been and may be amended by the Debtors from time to time in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 1009.
- 1.1.168 SEC. The United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 1.1.169 Securities Act. The Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- **1.1.170** *Security.* Any instrument that qualifies under section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act, including, among other things, the New Common Stock, the IntermediateCo Notes, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, and the Subscription Rights.
- **1.1.171** *Senior Note Claims.* Any Claim arising out of the 2006 Senior Indenture or the 2007 Senior Indenture.
- 1.1.172 Senior Subordinated Indenture. That certain Senior Subordinated Indenture, dated December 19, 2006 among Aurora Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., which was merged with

and into Aleris, as issuer, certain U.S. Debtors, as guarantors, and LaSalle Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, pursuant to which Aleris issued those certain Senior Subordinated Notes.

- **1.1.173** *Senior Subordinated Note Claim.* Any Claim against the Debtors arising out of the Senior Subordinated Notes.
- **1.1.174** *Senior Subordinated Notes.* Those certain 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016 issued by Aurora Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., which was merged with and into Aleris, pursuant to the Senior Subordinated Indenture.
- **1.1.175** *Solicitation Date.* The deadline for the Debtors to complete the mailing of solicitation packages as set forth in the order approving the disclosure statement for this Plan.
- **1.1.176** *Stockholders Agreement.* That certain Stockholders Agreement to be entered into on the Effective Date among HoldCo and each Entity receiving nine percent (9.0%) or more of the outstanding shares of New Common Stock on the Effective Date, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "1.1.176." As set forth in Section 7.8.2 of the Plan, all other Creditors receiving New Common Stock under the Plan shall be deemed parties to the Stockholders Agreement and, accordingly, bound by the terms thereof, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms.
- **1.1.177** *Structuring and Arrangement Fee.* An amount of Cash equal to three and one-half percent (3.5%) of the Maximum Rights Offering Amount.
- **1.1.178** Subscription Expiration Date. The first Business Day that is twenty (20) Business Days after the Solicitation Date, but subject to the Debtors' right to extend such date with the consent of the Majority in Interest, which shall be the final date by which a Rights Offering Participant may exercise its Subscription Rights and pay the Subscription Purchase Price.
- **1.1.179** *Subscription Form.* The form used by the holder of a Subscription Right to exercise such Subscription Right.
- 1.1.180 Subscription Purchase Price. An amount equal to the sum of (a) Rights Offering Common Stock Price per share of New Common Stock distributed pursuant to the Rights Offering, *plus* (b) the principal amount of the IntermediateCo Notes allocable to that share.
- **1.1.181** *Subscription Rights.* Collectively, the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights, the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, and the U.S. Subscription Rights.
- 1.1.182 Tax Code. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- **1.1.183** *Transaction Agreements.* Collectively, the Acquisition Agreement and the Contribution Agreement.
- **1.1.184** *Unliquidated.* As to any Claim, the amount of liability has not been fixed, whether pursuant to agreement, applicable law, or otherwise, as of the date on which such Claim is sought to be estimated.

- **1.1.185** *U.S. Affiliate Claims*. All Claims against any U.S. Debtor held by an Affiliate of any U.S. Debtor other than any Affiliate that is a direct or indirect holder of an equity interest in Aleris.
- 1.1.186 U.S. Debtors. The following Entities, as debtors and debtors in possession:
 - (a) Aleris;
 - (b) Alchem Aluminum Shelbyville Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (c) Alchem Aluminum, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (d) Aleris Aluminum Europe, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (e) Aleris Aluminum U.S. Sales Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (f) Aleris Blanking and Rim Products, Inc., a Indiana corporation;
 - (g) Aleris Light Gauge Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (h) Aleris Nevada Management, Inc., a Nevada corporation;
 - (i) Aleris Ohio Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (j) Aleris, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (k) Alsco Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (1) Alsco Metals Corporation, a Delaware corporation;
 - (m) Alumitech of Cleveland, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (n) Alumitech of Wabash, Inc., a Indiana corporation;
 - (o) Alumitech of West Virginia, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (p) Alumitech, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
 - (q) AWT Properties, Inc., a Ohio corporation;
 - (r) CA Lewisport, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
 - (s) CI Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
 - (t) Commonwealth Aluminum Concast, Inc., a Ohio corporation;
 - (u) Commonwealth Aluminum Lewisport, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;

- (v) Commonwealth Aluminum Metals, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
- (w) Commonwealth Aluminum Sales Corporation, a Delaware corporation;
- (x) Commonwealth Aluminum Tube Enterprises, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
- (y) Commonwealth Aluminum, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
- (z) Commonwealth Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (aa) ETS Schaefer Corporation, a Ohio corporation;
- (bb) IMCO Indiana Partnership L.P., a limited partnership between IMCO Recycling of Indiana, Inc. and IMCO International, Inc. under the laws of the state of Indiana;
- (cc) IMCO International, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (dd) IMCO Investment Company, a Delaware corporation;
- (ee) IMCO Management Partnership, L.P., a limited partnership between IMCO Investment Company and Aleris International, Inc. under the laws of the state of Texas;
- (ff) IMCO Recycling of California, Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (gg) IMCO Recycling of Idaho Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (hh) IMCO Recycling of Illinois Inc., a Illinois corporation;
- (ii) IMCO Recycling of Indiana Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (jj) IMCO Recycling of Michigan L.L.C., a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware;
- (kk) IMCO Recycling of Ohio Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (II) IMCO Recycling of Utah Inc., a Delaware corporation;
- (mm) IMCO Recycling Services Company, a Delaware corporation;
- (nn) IMSAMET, Inc, a Delaware corporation;
- (oo) Rock Creek Aluminum, Inc., a Ohio corporation;
- (pp) Silver Fox Holding Company, a Delaware corporation; and
- (qq) Wabash Alloys, L.L.C., a limited liability company organized under the laws of

the state of Delaware.

- **1.1.187** U.S. Liquidity Adjustment. An amount equal to (a) an amount set forth on Schedule "1.1.187" on the applicable Determination Date *plus* (b) seventy percent (70%) of the Closing Liquidity Adjustment (if the Closing Liquidity Adjustment is a positive number), *minus* (c) the absolute value of seventy percent (70%) of the Closing Liquidity Adjustment (if the Closing Liquidity Adjustment is a negative number).
- **1.1.188** *U.S. Plan Deductions.* The sum of the following, each as determined in accordance with Section 7.1.1 of the Plan and without duplication:
 - (a) sixty-four percent (64%) of unpaid fees and expenses due and owing under the DIP Credit Agreements,
 - (b) sixty-four percent (64%) of a reasonable estimate of additional unpaid fees and expenses that will be due and owing under the DIP Credit Agreements on the Effective Date,
 - (c) sixty percent (60%) of a reasonable estimate of fees and expenses that will be due and owing in connection with the Exit ABL Facility on the Effective Date,
 - (d) seventy percent (70%) of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee,
 - (e) seventy percent (70%) of the fees and expenses due and owing under the Equity Commitment Agreement,
 - (f) seventy percent (70%) of a reasonable estimate of additional fees and expenses that will be due and owing under the Equity Commitment Agreement on the Effective Date,
 - (g) Cash payments to be made to Allowed Convenience Claims,
 - (h) a reasonable estimate of the Cash payments to Convenience Claims that constitute Disputed Claims that may become Allowed,
 - (i) \$4 million (the amount associated with the Cash payment to U.S. Debtors Class 5 Claims),
 - (j) A reasonable estimate of Administrative Expenses pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code that constitute Disputed Claims that may become Allowed,
 - (k) Allowed but unpaid Administrative Expenses pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code,
 - (1) unpaid Administrative Expenses on account of fees and expenses incurred by professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code (other than ordinary course professionals and professionals retained specifically for and by ADH),

- (m) a reasonable estimate of additional unpaid Administrative Expenses on account of fees and expenses incurred by professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Effective Date (other than ordinary course professionals and professionals retained specifically for and by ADH),
- (n) sixty-four percent (64%) of the Blackstone Fees,
- (o) the amount set forth on Schedule "1.1.188(o)" to the Plan as the outstanding borrowings by non-European entities under the DIP Credit Agreements on the applicable Determination Date,
- (p) the U.S. Liquidity Adjustment,
- (q) a reasonable estimate of cure costs as of the Effective Date under executory contracts and leases assumed pursuant to Section 9.1.2 of this Plan,
- (r) the amount of payments to be made on account of Allowed Other Secured Claims,
- (s) a reasonable estimate of the payments that would be required to be made on account of Disputed Other Secured Claims that may become Allowed,
- (t) the amount of payments to be made on account of Allowed U.S. Tax Claims,
- (u) a reasonable estimate of the payments that would be required to be made on account of Disputed U.S. Tax Claims that may become Allowed,
- (v) the amount of payments to be made on account of Priority Non-Tax Claims,
- (w) a reasonable estimate of the payments that would be required to be made on account of Disputed Priority Non-Tax Claims that may become Allowed, and
- (x) if the ADH Term Loan Value equals the European Term Loan Minimum Recovery, the ADH Plan Deductions in excess of (i) \$300 million *minus* (ii) the European Term Loan Minimum Recovery *minus* (iii) the ADH Roll-Up Value.
- 1.1.189 U.S. Plan Value. \$700 million minus the U.S. Plan Deductions.
- 1.1.190 U.S. Roll-Up Cash-Out Amount. U.S. Plan Value.
- 1.1.191 U.S. Roll-Up Minimum Recovery. \$120 million.
- **1.1.192** U.S. Roll-Up Stock. Non-Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the U.S. Plan Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.193** U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim. Any Claim arising out of the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loans under the DIP Term Credit Agreement.
- 1.1.194 U.S. Roll-Up Term Loans. U.S. Roll-Up Loans, as defined in the DIP Credit Agreement.

- **1.1.195** *U.S. Subscription Notes.* IntermediateCo Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of IntermediateCo Notes multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the U.S. Plan Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.196** U.S. Subscription Stock. Number of shares of Rights Offering Common Stock equal to the aggregate amount of Rights Offering Common Stock multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the U.S. Plan Value and the denominator of which is the Plan Value.
- **1.1.197** U.S. Subscription Rights. The rights to subscribe for units consisting of the U.S. Subscription Stock and the U.S. Subscription Notes to be issued on the Effective Date at the Subscription Purchase Price on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 7.1.1 of the Plan.
- **1.1.198** U.S. Tax Claim. A Claim against the U.S. Debtors that (i) meets the requirements specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) that is of the type specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code and that is secured by an interest of any of the U.S. Debtors in property of the estate whether or not the Claim arises within the periods specified in section 507(a)(8), and including any related prepetition secured claim for penalties.
- 1.1.199 U.S. Term Loan Claims. Any Claims arising under the U.S. Term Loan Facility.
- **1.1.200** *U.S. Term Loan Facility.* That certain \$825 million facility under the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement with Aleris, as borrower, and the U.S. Debtors, as guarantors.
- 1.1.201 U.S. Trustee. The Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware.
- **1.1.202** *Voting Deadline*. The date set by the Bankruptcy Court by which all completed ballots must be received.
- **1.1.203** *Voting Procedures Order.* A final order of the Bankruptcy Court approving procedures relating to the solicitation and tabulation of votes with respect to the Plan.
- 1.1.204 Voting Record Date. As defined in the Voting Procedures Order.

1.2 Other Terms.

Wherever from the context it appears appropriate, each term stated in either the singular or the plural shall include the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, the feminine, and the neuter. The words "herein," "hereof," "hereto," "hereunder," and others of similar import refer to the Plan as a whole and not to any particular section, subsection, or clause contained in the Plan. An initially capitalized term used herein that is not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term, if any, in the Bankruptcy Code, unless the context shall otherwise require.

1.3 Exhibits and Schedules.

Any exhibit or schedule to the Plan not annexed hereto shall be contained in a separate exhibit volume or plan supplement, which shall be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court no later than the earlier of (i) **thirty (30) days** prior to the commencement of the hearing on confirmation of the Plan and (ii) **fifteen (15) days** prior to the Voting Deadline. To the extent an exhibit to the Plan (or an exhibit to such exhibit) contains the Plan, the disclosure statement for the Plan, or an item that is already annexed to the Plan as an exhibit, the exhibit hereto may not include the redundant item.

Such exhibits and schedules may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court during normal hours of operation of the Bankruptcy Court. Such exhibits and schedules shall also be available for download from the following website: www.kccllc.com/aleris.

ARTICLE II

PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND U.S. TAX CLAIMS

2.1 Administrative Expenses.

2.1.1 Payment of Allowed Administrative Expenses.

The Allowed Amount of each Administrative Expense against a U.S. Debtor that is Allowed as of the Effective Date shall be paid in full, in Cash, on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable; *provided*, *however*, that (a) Administrative Expenses of the type specified in Section 1.1.30(e)(i) of the Plan shall be assumed and paid by the Reorganized Debtors in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transactions and any agreements relating thereto and, (b) the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims shall be satisfied in accordance with the treatment set forth in U.S. Debtors Class 3. Each Administrative Expense of the type specified in Section 1.1.30(e)(ii) of the Plan shall be paid the Allowed Amount of such Administrative Expense in full, in Cash, as soon as practicable after such Administrative Expense is Allowed.

2.1.2 Compensation and Reimbursement Claims.

The Bankruptcy Court shall fix in the Confirmation Order a date for the filing of, and a date to hear and determine, all applications for final allowances of compensation or reimbursement of expenses under section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code or applications for allowance of Administrative Expenses arising under section 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), 503(b)(5), or 503(b)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, other than expenses already allowed by Final Order. The Allowed Amount of all Administrative Expenses arising under section 330, 331, 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), 503(b)(5), or 503(b)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be paid in full, in Cash, (a) upon the later of (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the date upon which any such Administrative Expense becomes Allowed or (b) at such later date or upon such other terms as may be mutually agreed upon between each such Administrative Expense Creditor and the Reorganized Debtors.

2.1.3 Administrative Expenses Specific to the U.S. Debtors.

(a) <u>DIP ABL Claims.</u>

Each holder of a DIP ABL Claim will receive payment in full, in the applicable currency under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, of the unpaid portion of its claim on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable. The payment shall be made by Aleris and the Debtors' non-Debtor affiliates, Aleris Specification Alloy Products Canada Company and Aleris Switzerland GmbH. To fund the payments by Aleris Specification Alloy Products Canada Company and Aleris Switzerland GmbH, Aleris shall make a series of cash capital contributions and/or loans using proceeds from the Rights Offering through its direct and indirect Debtor and non-Debtor subsidiaries, such that Aleris Specification Alloy Products Canada Company and Aleris Switzerland GmbH, respectively, receive certain cash capital contributions and/or loans. Using the proceeds of the cash capital contributions and/or loans, on the Effective Date or soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, Aleris, Aleris Specification Alloy Products Canada Company and Aleris Switzerland GmbH shall pay all outstanding DIP ABL Claims in full in applicable currency under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement to the DIP ABL Agent Bank for distribution to holders of DIP ABL Claims.

(b) <u>New Money Term DIP Claims.</u>

Each holder of a New Money DIP Claim will receive payment in full, in the applicable currency under the DIP Term Credit Agreement, of the unpaid portion of its claim on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable. The payment shall be made by ADH and the Debtors' non-Debtor affiliate, Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA. Specifically, using proceeds from the Rights Offering, Aleris shall make a series of cash capital contributions and/or loans through its direct and indirect Debtor and non-Debtor subsidiaries, such that ADH and Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA, respectively, receive certain cash capital contributions and/or loans. Using the proceeds of the cash capital contributions and/or loans, on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, ADH and Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA shall pay all outstanding New Money Term DIP Claims in full in the applicable currency under the DIP Term Credit Agreement to the DIP Term Agent Bank for distribution to holders of New Money Term DIP Claims.

(c) <u>U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.</u>

Classification and treatment of U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims are set forth below in Section 3.1.2 below. If the holders of the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loans do not vote to accept the Plan in accordance with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, then the U.S. Debtors reserve the right to confirm the Plan in accordance with section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Paragraph 17(c) of the DIP Order.

2.1.4 Administrative Claims Specific to ADH.

Administrative Expenses against ADH shall be assumed and paid by Reorganized ADH in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transactions and any agreements relating thereto.

2.2 U.S. Tax Claims.

At the sole option of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, each holder of an Allowed U.S. Tax Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Allowed U.S. Tax Claim either:

- (a) in full, in Cash, on the latest of (i) the Effective Date, (ii) the date such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim becomes Allowed, and (iii) the date such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim is payable under applicable non-bankruptcy law;
- (b) equal semi-annual Cash payments in an aggregate amount equal to such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim, together with interest at the applicable non-bankruptcy rate, commencing upon the later of (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the date such U.S. Tax Claim becomes Allowed; or as soon thereafter as is practicable and continuing over a period of eighteen (18) months (but in no event exceeding five (5) years from and after the Commencement Date of the U.S. Debtors);
- (c) such other treatment as shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court to provide the holder of such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim deferred Cash payments having a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim; or
- (d) upon such other terms as may be mutually agreed upon between each holder of a U.S. Tax Claim and the Reorganized Debtor against which such Allowed U.S. Tax Claim is asserted.

ARTICLE III

CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

3.1 Summary of Claims and Equity Interests.

3.1.1 Claims Against and Equity Interests in the U.S. Debtors.

Claims against and Equity Interests in the U.S. Debtors are classified for all purposes, including, without express or implied limitation, voting, confirmation, and distribution pursuant to the Plan, as follows:

Class	Treatment	Status	Entitled to Vote
U.S. Debtors Class 1:	Paid in full, in Cash, on the later of the Effective Date	Unimpaired	No.
Priority Non-Tax Claims	and as soon as practicable after the Priority Non-Tax	-	Deemed to
	Claim becomes Allowed.		accept.
U.S. Debtors Class 2:	Reinstated or otherwise left unimpaired.	Unimpaired	No.
Other U.S. Secured		-	Deemed to
Claims			accept.
U.S. Debtors Class 3:	Pro Rata Share of one of the following:	Impaired	Yes.
U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan			
Claims	1. (a) U.S. Roll-Up Stock and (b) U.S. Subscription Rights,		
	or		
	2. Cash equal to the U.S. Plan Value.		

Class	Treatment	Status	Entitled to Vote
U.S. Debtors Class 4: Convenience Claims	Paid Cash equal to 25% of Allowed Amount of Allowed Convenience Claim on later of the Initial Distribution Date and as soon as practicable after such Convenience Claim becomes Allowed.	Impaired	Yes.
	Eligible for 50% payout on the Final Distribution Date if total Allowed Amount of Administrative Expenses under section 503(b)(9) is less than \$6.5 million (including any such expenses that have been paid by the Debtors prior to the Effective Date).		
U.S Debtors Class 5: General Unsecured Claims other than Convenience Claims and Insured Claims	Pro Rata Share of \$4 million in Cash.	Impaired	Yes.
U.S. Debtors Class 6: U.S. Affiliate Claims	Reinstated or otherwise left unimpaired.	Unimpaired	No. Deemed to accept.
U.S. Debtors Class 7: Insured Claims	 The holder of an Insured Claim may elect to: remain in U.S. Debtors Class 7 and limit such holder's recovery on account of its Allowed Insured Claim to any Insurance Proceeds available for such Claim, have its Insured Claim be treated under the Plan as a General Unsecured Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 5, or subject to Section 3.2.4(b) of the Plan, have its Insured Claim be treated under the Plan as a Convenience Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 4. 	Impaired	Yes.
U.S. Debtors Class 8: Aleris Equity Interests.	Cancelled.	Impaired	No. Deemed to reject.
U.S. Debtors Class 9: Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests.	Cancelled.	Impaired	No. Deemed to reject.
U.S. Debtors Class 10: Other U.S. Equity Interests	Reinstated.	Unimpaired	No. Deemed to accept.

3.1.2 Claims Against and Equity Interests in ADH.

Claims against and Equity Interests in ADH are classified for all purposes, including, without express or implied limitation, voting, confirmation, and distribution pursuant to the Plan, as follows:

Class	Treatment	Status	Entitled to Vote
ADH Class 1: German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claims	Paid in full, in Cash, on the Effective Date.	Unimpaired	No.
ADH Class 2: European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims	 Pro Rata Share of one of the following: 1. (a) ADH Roll-Up Stock and (b) the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights, or 2. Cash equal to \$25 million. 	Impaired	Yes.
ADH Class 3: European Term Loan Claims	 Pro Rata Share of one of the following: 1. (a) ADH Term Loan Stock and (b) the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, <i>or</i> 2. Cash equal to the ADH Term Loan Value. 	Impaired	Yes.
ADH Class 4: Other ADH Claims	Reinstated or otherwise left unimpaired.	Unimpaired	No. Deemed to accept.
ADH Class 5: ADH Equity Interests	Reinstated.	Unimpaired	No. Deemed to accept.

3.2 Classification and Treatment of Claims Against and Equity Interests in the U.S. Debtors.

3.2.1 U.S. Debtors Class 1 – Priority Non-Tax Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 1 consists of all Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: On the later of (x) the Effective Date and (y) as soon as practicable after the date its Priority Non-Tax Claim becomes Allowed, each holder of an Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim in full, in Cash.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 1 is unimpaired. The holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 1 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled

to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.2 U.S. Debtors Class 2 – Other U.S. Secured Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 2 consists of all Allowed Other U.S. Secured Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each Allowed Other U.S. Secured Claim shall be unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, each Allowed Other U.S. Secured Claim shall be treated in one of the following ways:
 - (i) The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of a holder of an Allowed Other U.S. Secured Claim shall be left unaltered, *or*
 - (ii) Notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the holder of an Allowed Other U.S. Secured Claim to demand or receive accelerated payment of such Claim prior to the stated maturity of such Claim from and after the occurrence of a default under the agreements governing or evidencing such Claim or applicable law, such Claim shall be reinstated and the applicable U.S. Debtor shall:
 - (1) cure all defaults that occurred before or from and after the U.S. Debtors' Commencement Date (other than defaults of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code),
 - (2) reinstate the maturity of such Claim as such maturity existed prior to the occurrence of such default,
 - (3) compensate the holder of such Claim for any damages incurred as a consequence of any reasonable reliance by such holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law,
 - (4) if such Claim arises from any failure to perform a nonmonetary obligation, other than a default arising from failure to operate a nonresidential real property lease subject to section 365(b)(1)(A), compensate the holder of such Claim (other than the debtor or an insider) for any actual pecuniary loss incurred by such holder as a result of such failure, *and*
 - (5) Not otherwise alter the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which the holder of such Claim is entitled.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 2 is unimpaired. The holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 2 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.3 U.S. Debtors Class 3 – U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.

(a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 3 consists of all Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.

- (b) <u>Allowance of Claims</u>: After giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims will be deemed allowed in the principal amount, as of September 30, 2009, of \$436,762,168.50 and €70,944,418.10 *plus* accrued interest (including interest accrued pursuant to the 9019 Settlement from August 1, 2009) up to the Effective Date.
- (c) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date and in accordance with the Restructuring Transactions, each holder of a U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim as of the Distribution Record Date shall receive, at the election of the holder of such U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim made on or before the Subscription Expiration Date, one of the following:
 - (i) its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Roll-Up Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the U.S. Subscription Rights, *or*
 - (ii) Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Plan Value.

If the holder of a U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim (other than a Backstop Party) completes and returns its Subscription Form by the Subscription Expiration Date, such holder shall be deemed to have elected the treatment described in clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan **unless** the holder completes and returns a Ballot, in which it elects the treatment described in clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan, in which case, such holder shall be deemed to have relinquished, forever and irrevocably, its right to participate in the Rights Offering and the Rights Offering Agent shall return any amounts that such holder paid for the exercise of its Subscription Rights without interest. Any other holder of a U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim (*i.e.*, other than a Backstop Party or a holder returning its Subscription Form and electing the treatment described in clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan pursuant to the preceding sentence) that fails to make a timely election on its Ballot electing the treatment described in clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan.

Up to **ten (10) days** prior to the Effective Date and upon written notice to the Debtors and Oaktree, Apollo may change its election of clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan (*i.e.*, to receive its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Roll-Up Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the U.S. Subscription Rights) to clause 3.2.3(c)(ii) of the Plan (*i.e.*, Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Plan Value).

(d) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 3 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 3 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.4 U.S. Debtors Class 4 – Convenience Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 4 consists of all Allowed Convenience Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: On the later of (x) the Initial Distribution Date and (y) as soon as practicable after the date its Convenience Claim is Allowed, each holder of an Allowed Convenience Claim shall receive a payment of Cash equal to 25% of the

Allowed Amount of its Convenience Claim. If the aggregate amount of Allowed Administrative Expenses under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code is less than \$6.5 million (including any such expenses that have been paid by the Debtors prior to the Effective Date), then on the later of the Final Distribution Date and as soon as practicable after the date its Convenience Claim is Allowed, each holder of an Allowed Convenience Claim shall receive an additional payment of Cash equal to 25% of the Allowed Amount of its Convenience Claim.

- (i) Aggregation of Claims: For purposes of treatment in U.S. Debtors Class 4, all General Unsecured Claims, including, without limitation, any Claims arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and irrespective of whether any or all such Claims are unliquidated, disputed, or contingent, against all the U.S. Debtors of a Creditor shall be aggregated and treated as a single Convenience Claim. If a holder of a General Unsecured Claim elects to have any eligible General Unsecured Claim, including, among others, any unliquidated, disputed, or contingent General Unsecured Claim or Insured Claim, treated as a Convenience Claim, then that election applies to all such holder's General Unsecured Claims other than Debt Claims against all the U.S. Debtors, and such holder shall have a single Convenience Claim. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in determining the aggregate Allowed Amount of Convenience Claims held by a Creditor, claims acquired by such Creditor after the Commencement Date from an Entity other than an Affiliate of such Creditor shall not be included in such total, and a Creditor may make separate Convenience Claim elections with respect to General Unsecured Claims acquired after the Commencement Date from an Entity other than an Affiliate of such Creditor.
- (ii) Election by Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims Other than Debt Claims: Any creditor whose aggregate Allowed General Unsecured Claims other than Debt Claims against the U.S. Debtors total \$10,000 or less automatically shall have such Claims treated as a Convenience Claim. Any holder of any other eligible Allowed General Unsecured Claim that desires treatment of such Claims as a Convenience Claim in the Allowed Amount of \$10,000 shall make such election on the Ballot to be provided to holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 5 and return such Ballot to the address specified therein on or before the Voting Deadline and such Ballot shall be tabulated as a Convenience Claim. Any election the Debtors receive after the Voting Deadline shall not be binding on the U.S. Debtors unless the Voting Deadline is expressly waived in writing by Aleris with respect to any such Claim.
- (iii) Election by Holders of Wholly Unliquidated General Unsecured Claims: Subject to Section 3.2.4(b)(i) of the Plan, each Creditor that asserts General Unsecured Claims that are only Unliquidated Claims against the U.S. Debtors may elect to settle, liquidate, and have all of such Claims treated as a single Allowed Convenience Claim in the Allowed Amount of \$10,000. Any holder of such unliquidated Claims that desires

treatment of its Claims as a Convenience Claim shall make such election on the Ballot to be provided to holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 5 and return the Ballot to the address specified therein on or before the Voting Deadline. Upon the timely receipt of the Ballot, the Claim shall be tabulated as a Convenience Claim for voting purposes only. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors may reject such election by providing notice of such rejection **fourteen (14) days** after the Voting Deadline, in which case, all such Claims shall be treated as Unliquidated. Claims that are General Unsecured Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 5 subject to allowance, liquidation, and/or estimation by the Bankruptcy Court for all purposes other than voting. For avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall tabulate any such wholly Unliquidated General Unsecured Claim against the U.S. Debtors, where the holder of such Claim elects treatment of its Claim as a Convenience Claim, as a Convenience Claim irrespective of whether the Debtors accept or reject such election.

- Election by Holders of Insured Claims: Subject to Section 3.2.4(b)(i) of (iv) the Plan, each holder of an Insured Claim may elect to settle, liquidate, and have such Claim treated as an Allowed Convenience Claim in the Allowed Amount of the lesser of \$10,000 and the asserted amount of the Claim. Any holder of such a Claim that desires treatment of its Claim as a single Convenience Claim shall make such election on the Ballot to be provided to holders of Insured Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 8 and return the Ballot to the address specified therein on or before the Voting Deadline. Upon the timely receipt of the Ballot, the Claim shall be tabulated as a Convenience Claim for voting purposes only. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors may reject such election by providing notice of such rejection fourteen (14) days after the Voting Deadline, in which case, such Claim shall be treated as an Insured Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 8 for all purposes other than voting. For avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall tabulate any Insured Claim, where the holder of such Claim elects treatment of its Claim as a Convenience Claim, as a Convenience Claim irrespective of whether the Debtors accept or reject such election.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 4 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 4 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.5 U.S. Debtors Class 5 – General Unsecured Claims Other than Convenience Claims and Insured Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 5 consists of all Allowed General Unsecured Claims other than Convenience Claims and Insured Claims.
- (b) <u>Allowance of Certain Debt Claims</u>:
 - (i) The 2006 Senior Notes shall be deemed Allowed in the aggregate amount of \$606,521,000.00.

- (ii) The 2007 Senior Notes shall be deemed Allowed in the aggregate amount of \$106,875,016.00.
- (iii) The Senior Subordinated Notes shall be deemed Allowed in the aggregate amount of \$405,321,945.00.
- (iv) After giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, the U.S. Term Loan Claims shall be deemed Allowed in the aggregate amount of 220,086.098.00 and 666,974,920.30.
- (v) After giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, the guarantee of the European Term Loan shall be deemed Allowed in the aggregate amount of \$286,058,937.20 and €53,237,092.30.
- (c) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Initial Distribution Date and each Distribution Date until the Final Distribution Date, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive its Pro Rata Share of \$4 million in Cash *minus* the aggregate amount of Cash previously received by such holder on the Initial Distribution Date and each other Distribution Date.
- (d) <u>Subordination of the Subordinated Note Claims</u>: With respect to Senior Subordinated Note Claims, the Disbursing Agent shall enforce Section 506 of the Senior Subordinated Indenture whereby holders of Senior Subordinated Notes agreed to subordinate their Subordinated Note Claims to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined in the Senior Subordinated Indenture), including, without limitation, the Senior Note Claims. To effect such subordination, the remaining holders of Allowed Debt Claims shall be entitled to receive their Pro Rata Share among all Debt Claims (calculated without taking into account the Senior Subordinated Note Claims) of any Distribution that otherwise would have been made on account of Senior Subordinated Note Claims.
- (e) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 5 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 5 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.6 U.S. Debtors Class 6 – U.S. Affiliate Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 6 consists of all Allowed U.S. Affiliate Claims against the U.S. Debtors.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each Allowed U.S. Affiliate Claim shall be unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, each Allowed U.S. Affiliate Claim shall be treated in one of the following ways:
 - (i) The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of a holder of an Allowed U.S. Affiliate Claim shall be left unaltered, *or*
 - (ii) Notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the holder of an Allowed U.S. Affiliate Claim to demand or receive accelerated payment of such Claim prior to the stated maturity of such

Claim from and after the occurrence of a default under the agreements governing or evidencing such Claim or applicable law, such Claim shall be reinstated and the applicable U.S. Debtor shall

- (1) cure all defaults that occurred before or from and after the U.S. Debtors' Commencement Date (other than defaults of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code),
- (2) reinstate the maturity of such Claim as such maturity existed prior to the occurrence of such default,
- (3) compensate the holder of such Claim for any damages incurred as a consequence of any reasonable reliance by such holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law,
- (4) if such Claim arises from any failure to perform a nonmonetary obligation, other than a default arising from failure to operate a nonresidential real property lease subject to section 365(b)(1)(A), compensate the holder of such Claim (other than the debtor or an insider) for any actual pecuniary loss incurred by such holder as a result of such failure, *and*
- (5) not otherwise alter the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which the holder of such Claim is entitled.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 6 is unimpaired. The holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 6 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.7 U.S. Debtors Class 7 – Insured Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 7 consists of all Insured Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each holder of an Insured Claim shall elect, by marking the appropriate box on such holder's Ballot, one of the following options:
 - (i) The recovery of a holder of an Allowed Insured Claim shall be limited to any Insurance Proceeds available to such holder's Claim, if any (without warranty or representation of any kind from the Debtors with respect to the availability of Insurance Proceeds with respect to such Claim), and the holder of an Insured Claim so electing to limit its recovery to Insurance Proceeds shall have the sole responsibility for seeking recovery under the Debtors' Insurance Policies on account of such Insured Claim and to satisfy any and all retroactive premiums, retentions, or deductibles under the Debtors' Insurance Policies;
 - (ii) The Insured Claim shall be treated as a General Unsecured Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 5 and, accordingly, the holder of an Allowed Insured Claim will be limited to any Distribution received by U.S. Debtors Class 5 and will be deemed to have waived any and all rights to seek

recovery on such Claim from any other property of the Debtors' estates, including without limitation, any Insurance Proceeds, except to Distributions made to holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 5; *or*

(iii) The Insured Claim shall be treated as an Allowed Convenience Claim in the Allowed Amount of \$10,000 in U.S. Debtors Class 4 and, accordingly, the holder of such Insured Claim will be limited to any Distribution received by U.S. Debtors Class 4 and will be deemed to have waived any and all rights to seek recovery on such claim from any other property of the Debtors' estates, including, without limitation, any Insurance Proceeds, except to Distributions made to holders of Allowed Convenience Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 4; *provided*, *however*, in accordance with Section 3.2.4(b)(iv) of the Plan, the Debtors may reject the holder of an Insured Claim's election of clause 3.2.7(b)(iii), in which case, the Insured Claim shall be treated as an Insured Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 7 for all purposes other than voting.

If the holder of an Insured Claim fails to make a timely election, such holder shall be irrevocably deemed to have elected to remain an Insured Claim.

(c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 7 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of Claims in U.S. Debtors Class 7 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.8 U.S. Debtors Class 8 – Aleris Equity Interests.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 8 consists of all Aleris Equity Interests.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each holder of an Aleris Equity Interest shall not receive or retain anything on account of the Plan. On the Effective Date, following the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions on such date, all Aleris Equity Interests shall be deemed cancelled and extinguished; holders of Aleris Equity Interests need not surrender their certificates or other documentation evidencing ownership of such Aleris Equity Interests.

As set forth in Section 10.3.7(c) of the Plan, certain holders of Aleris Equity Interests shall be enjoined from taking a worthless stock deduction with respect to any such Aleris Equity Interest.

(c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 8 is impaired. The holders of Aleris Equity Interests in U.S. Debtors Class 8 are deemed to reject the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.9 U.S. Debtors Class 9 – Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 9 consists of all Allowed Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: The holders of Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests shall not receive or

retain anything on account of the Plan. On the Effective Date, following the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions on such date, all Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests shall be deemed cancelled and extinguished; the holders of the Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests need not surrender its certificates or other documentation evidencing ownership of such Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests.

(c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 9 is impaired. The holders of Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests in U.S. Debtors Class 9 are deemed to reject the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.2.10 U.S. Debtors Class 10 – Other U.S. Equity Interests.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 10 consists of all Allowed Other U.S. Equity Interests.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date, each Allowed Other Equity Interest shall be reinstated subject to the corporate reorganization of the U.S. Debtors as described in Section 7.6 below.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: U.S. Debtors Class 10 is unimpaired. The holders of Equity Interests in U.S. Debtors Class 10 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.3 Classification and Treatment of Claims Against and Equity Interests in ADH.

3.3.1 ADH Class 1 – German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: ADH Class 1 consists of all Allowed German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date, each holder of an Allowed German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Allowed German Tranche of U.S. DIP Loan Claim in full, in the applicable currency under the DIP Term Credit Agreement, as provided in Section 2.1.3(b) of the Plan.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: ADH Class 1 is unimpaired. The holders of Claims in ADH Class 1 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.3.2 ADH Class 2 – European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: ADH Class 2 consists of all Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.
- (b) <u>Allowance</u>: After giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, the European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims will be deemed Allowed in the amount of the ADH Roll-Up Value.
- (c) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date and in accordance with the Restructuring

Transactions, each holder of an Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim shall receive, at the election of the holder of such Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim made on or before the Subscription Expiration Date, one of the following:

- (i) its Pro Rata Share of the ADH Roll-Up Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights, *or*
- (ii) Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of \$25 million.

Up to **ten (10) days** prior to the Effective Date and upon written notice to the Debtors and Oaktree, Apollo may change its election of clause 3.3.2(c)(i) of the Plan (*i.e.*, its Pro Rata Share of the ADH Roll-Up Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights) to clause 3.3.2(c)(ii) of the Plan (*i.e.*, Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of \$25 million).

(d) <u>Status</u>: ADH Class 2 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of Claims in ADH Class 2 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.3.3 ADH Class 3 – European Term Loan Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: ADH Class 3 consists of all Allowed European Term Loan Claims.
- (b) <u>Allowance</u>: After giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, the European Term Loan Claims will be deemed Allowed in the aggregate principal amount of \$286,058,937.66 and €53,237,092.34 *plus* accrued and unpaid interest as of the Commencement Date for ADH.
- (c) <u>Treatment</u>: On the Effective Date and in accordance with the Restructuring Transactions, each holder of a European Term Loan Claim as of the Distribution Record Date shall receive, at the election of the holder of such European Term Loan Claim made on or before the Subscription Expiration Date, one of the following:
 - (i) its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, *or*
 - (ii) Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Value.

If the holder of a European Term Loan Claim (other than a Backstop Party) completes and returns its Subscription Form by the Subscription Expiration Date, such holder shall be deemed to have elected the treatment described in clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan *unless* the holder completes and returns a Ballot, in which it elects the treatment described in clause 3.3.3(c)(ii) of the Plan unless the holder completes and returns a Ballot, in which it elects the treatment described in clause 3.3.3(c)(ii) of the Plan, in which case, such holder shall be deemed to have relinquished, forever and irrevocably, its right to participate in the Rights Offering and the Rights Offering Agent shall return any amounts that such holder paid for the exercise of its Subscription Rights without interest. Any other holder of a European Term Loan Claim (*i.e.*,

other than a Backstop Party or a holder returning its Subscription Form and electing the treatment described in clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan pursuant to the preceding sentence) that fails to make a timely election on its Ballot electing the treatment described in clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan, shall be irrevocably deemed to have elected the treatment under clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan.

Up to ten (10) days prior to the Effective Date and upon written notice to the Debtors and Oaktree, Apollo may change its election of clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan (*i.e.*, its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Stock to be issued on the Effective Date and the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights) to clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan (*i.e.*, Cash equal to its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Value).

(d) <u>Status</u>: ADH Class 3 is impaired. To the extent and in the manner provided in the Voting Procedures Order, the holders of the Claims in ADH Class 3 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.3.4 ADH Class 4 – Other ADH Claims.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: ADH Class 4 consists of all Allowed Other ADH Claims.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each Allowed Other ADH Claim shall be unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, each Allowed Other ADH Claim shall be treated in one of the following ways:
 - (i) The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of a holder of an Allowed Other ADH Claim shall be left unaltered, *or*
 - (ii) Notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the holder of an Allowed Other ADH Claim to demand or receive accelerated payment of such Claim prior to the stated maturity of such Claim from and after the occurrence of a default under the agreements governing or evidencing such Claim or applicable law, such Claim shall be reinstated and ADH shall
 - (1) cure all defaults that occurred before or from and after ADH's Commencement Date (other than defaults of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code),
 - (2) reinstate the maturity of such Claim as such maturity existed prior to the occurrence of such default,
 - (3) compensate the holder of such Claim for any damages incurred as a consequence of any reasonable reliance by such holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law,
 - (4) if such Claim arises from any failure to perform a nonmonetary obligation, other than a default arising from failure to operate a nonresidential real property lease subject to section 365(b)(1)(A), compensate the holder of such Claim

(other than the debtor or an insider) for any actual pecuniary loss incurred by such holder as a result of such failure, *and*

- (5) not otherwise alter the legal, equitable, or contractual rights to which the holder of such Claim is entitled.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: ADH Class 4 is unimpaired. The holders of Claims in ADH Class 4 are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.3.5 ADH Class 5 – ADH Equity Interests.

- (a) <u>Classification</u>: ADH Class 5 consists of all Allowed ADH Equity Interests.
- (b) <u>Treatment</u>: Each Allowed ADH Equity Interest shall be reinstated.
- (c) <u>Status</u>: ADH Class 5 is unimpaired. The holders of ADH Equity Interests are deemed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

3.4 Impairment under the Plan.

In the event of a controversy as to whether any class of Claims or Equity Interests is impaired under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy at or prior to the Confirmation Date.

ARTICLE IV

MODIFICATION, REVOCATION, OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PLAN

4.1 Modification of the Plan.

The Debtors may, with the consent of a Majority in Interest, alter, amend, or modify the Plan under section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code at any time prior to the Confirmation Date so long as the Plan, as modified, meets the requirements of sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. After the Confirmation Date and prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors may only alter, amend, or modify the Plan in accordance with section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and with the consent of a Majority in Interest.

4.2 Revocation or Withdrawal.

4.2.1 Right to Revoke.

The Debtors may revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Confirmation Date, subject to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement and the Plan Support Agreements.

4.2.2 Effect of Withdrawal or Revocation.

If the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Confirmation Date, then the Plan shall be deemed null and void. In such event, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a

waiver or release of any claims or defenses or any admission or statement against interest by the Debtors in any further proceedings involving any Debtor.

4.3 Amendment of Plan Documents.

From and after the Effective Date, the authority to amend, modify, or supplement the exhibits and schedules to the Plan and any documents attached to such exhibits and schedules shall be as provided in such exhibits and schedules and their respective attachments.

ARTICLE V

TREATMENT OF DISPUTED CLAIMS

5.1 **Objections to Claims; Prosecution of Disputed Claims.**

The Reorganized Debtors shall object to the allowance of Claims filed with the Bankruptcy Court with respect to which the Reorganized Debtors dispute liability in whole or in part. All objections that are filed and prosecuted by the Reorganized Debtors as provided herein shall be litigated to Final Order by the Reorganized Debtors or compromised and settled in accordance with the Claims Settlement Guidelines.

Unless otherwise provided herein or extended by order of the Bankruptcy Court, all objections by the Reorganized Debtors to Claims shall be served and filed no later than **ninety (90) days** after the Effective Date.

5.2 Amendment to the Claim Settlement Guidelines.

The Confirmation Order shall approve the amendment to the Claim Settlement Guidelines as set forth in Exhibit "1.1.49" of the Plan.

5.3 Distributions on Account of Disputed Claims.

Notwithstanding Section 3.2 hereof, but subject to Section 3.2.4(b)(iii) hereof, a Distribution shall only be made by the Reorganized Debtors to the holder of a Disputed Claim when, and to the extent that, such Disputed Claim becomes Allowed. No Distribution shall be made with respect to all or any portion of any Disputed Claim pending the entire resolution thereof in the manner prescribed by Section 5.1 hereof.

No interest shall be paid on account of Disputed Claims that later become Allowed except to the extent that payment of interest is required under section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

ARTICLE VI

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN

6.1 Impaired Classes to Vote.

Each holder of a Claim in an impaired Class of Claims shall be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan to the extent and in the manner provided by the Voting Procedures Order.

6.2 Acceptance by Class of Claims.

Acceptance of the Plan by any impaired Class of Claims shall be determined in accordance with the Voting Procedures Order.

6.3 Nonconsensual Confirmation.

Because the U.S. Debtors Class 8 (Aleris Equity Interests) and U.S. Debtors Class 9 (Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests) are deemed to have rejected the Plan, the Debtors intend to seek confirmation of the Plan in accordance with section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

In the event that any impaired Class of Claims shall fail to accept the Plan in accordance with section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors intend to (a) request that the Bankruptcy Court confirm the Plan in accordance with section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such non-accepting Class, in which case the Plan itself shall constitute a motion for such relief, or (b) amend the Plan in accordance with Section 4.1 hereof.

6.4 Substantive Consolidation for Voting and Distribution Purposes.

6.4.1 Deemed Substantive Consolidation.

For administrative convenience, the U.S. Debtors' estates shall be substantively consolidated for voting, confirmation, and distribution purposes only. Absent the substantive consolidation provided herein, no recovery would be available to Creditors in U.S. Debtors Class 4 (Convenience Claims) and U.S. Debtors Class 5 (General Unsecured Claims Other than Convenience Claims and Insured Claims).

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval, pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, effective as of the Effective Date, of the limited consolidation of the U.S. Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

On and after the Effective Date:

- (a) All guarantees by any of the U.S. Debtors of the obligations of any other U.S. Debtor arising prior to the Effective Date shall be deemed eliminated so that any Claim against any U.S. Debtor and any guarantee thereof executed by any other U.S. Debtor and any joint and several liability of any of the U.S. Debtors shall be deemed to be one obligation of the deemed consolidated U.S. Debtors, and
- (b) Each and every General Unsecured Claim and the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims filed or to be filed in the Chapter 11 Cases against one or more of the U.S. Debtors shall be deemed filed against the consolidated U.S. Debtors and shall be deemed one Claim against and an obligation of the deemed consolidated U.S. Debtors.

The substantive consolidation shall not affect the following:

- (a) The mutuality requirements imposed by section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with any setoff rights asserted by a Creditor;
- (b) The allowance or treatment of U.S. Affiliate Claims;
- (c) The legal and organizational structure of the Reorganized U.S. Debtors;
- (d) Pre- and post-Commencement Date liens, guarantees, and security interests that are required to be maintained in connection with any of the following:
 - Executory contracts that were entered into during the U.S. Debtors' chapter 11 cases or that have been or will be assumed pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code;
 - (ii) The Plan;
 - (iii) The DIP Credit Agreements; or
 - (iv) The Exit ABL Facility;
- (e) Distributions out of any insurance policies or Distributions out of proceeds of such policies; or
- (f) The payment of any fee payable pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan, on a per-Debtor basis.

6.4.2 Reservation of Rights.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the U.S. Debtors reserve the right to deconsolidate any or all of the U.S. Debtors and tabulate votes on a debtor-by-debtor basis.

ARTICLE VII

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

7.1 The Rights Offering.

7.1.1 Calculation of Plan Value.

Before the Effective Date, but within the later of (a) **five (5) Business Days** after the Confirmation Date and (b) **ten (10) Business Days** after the first day of the month in which the Confirmation Date shall occur, the Debtors, in consultation with, and subject to approval of, a Majority in Interest, will calculate the Plan Value, the U.S. Plan Deductions, the ADH Plan Deductions, the Rights Offering Value, the Closing Liquidity Adjustment, the ADH Liquidity Adjustment, the U.S. Liquidity Adjustment, and the Determination Date Net Working Capital (and all definitions related to any of the foregoing).

If the Effective Date is more than **forty-five (45) days** after the initial Determination Date, the Debtors, in consultation with, and subject to approval of, a Majority in Interest, will recalculate, based upon the new Determination Date, the Plan Value, the U.S. Plan Deductions, the ADH Plan Deductions, the Rights Offering Value, the Closing Liquidity Adjustment, the ADH Liquidity Adjustment, the U.S. Liquidity Adjustment, and the Determination Date Net Working Capital (and all definitions related to the foregoing) on the **fifth (5th) Business Day** before the Effective Date.

Any value (a) determined as of the Determination Date and (b) denominated in a currency that is not U.S. dollars will be converted to U.S. dollars based upon the applicable exchange rate as of the Determination Date. Any other value (x) used in the calculation of the ADH Plan Deductions or U.S. Plan Deductions, (y) determined as of a date other than the Determination Date, and (z) denominated in a currency that is not U.S. dollars will be converted to U.S. dollars based upon the applicable exchange rate as of **one (1) Business Day** before the date on which such calculation occurs.

The Bankruptcy Court will resolve any dispute between the Debtors and the Majority in Interest regarding any such calculations.

7.1.2 Issuance of Subscription Rights in the Rights Offering.

The Debtors shall send to each holder of an Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim, an Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim or an Allowed European Term Loan Claim a Ballot, on which each holder of such Claims may elect to receive, at its option:

(a) (i) its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Roll-Up Stock, ADH Roll-Up Stock, or ADH Term Loan Stock, as applicable, and

(ii) its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Subscription Rights, ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights or ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, as applicable, *or*

(b) Cash in the amount of its Pro Rata Share of the U.S. Plan Value, the amount set forth in section 3.3.2(c)(ii) of the Plan, or ADH Term Loan Value, as applicable.

If the holder of an Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim elects option (a) (*i.e.*, its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Roll-Up Stock and its Pro Rata Share of U.S. Subscription Rights), such holder may elect to exercise up to its Pro Rata Share of the U.S. Subscription Rights.

If the holder of an Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim elects option (a) (*i.e.*, its Pro Rata Share of ADH Roll-Up Stock and its Pro Rata Share of ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights), such holder may elect to exercise up to its Pro Rata Share of the ADH Roll-Up Subscription Rights.

If the holder of an Allowed European Term Loan Claim elects option (a) (*i.e.*, its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Stock and its Pro Rata Share of ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights), such holder may elect to exercise up to its Pro Rata Share of the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights.

If a holder of Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims and Allowed European Term Loan Claims elects option (a), such holder (now a Rights Offering Participant) may also exercise its Subscription Rights via the Subscription Form enclosed with its Ballot.

The number of units of shares of New Common Stock and principal amount of IntermediateCo Notes with respect to which Aleris will accept subscriptions is subject to a reduction (the "*Minimum Ownership Cutback*") in order to effectuate the 9019 Settlement and provide Oaktree and Apollo, collectively, with a minimum ownership of the New Common Stock outstanding on the Effective Date equal to the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold. Any shares of New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes excluded from the Subscription Rights due to a Minimum Ownership Cutback shall instead be considered part of the Rights Offering Residual Units. The Minimum Ownership Cutback will be made pro rata among the Rights Offering Participants other than the Backstop Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors shall not reduce the number of units distributable to Rights Offering Participants (except for the Backstop Parties) by more than the Maximum Third-Party Reduction.

As set forth in Section 7.1.8 of the Plan, any New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes distributed in accordance with this Rights Offering shall be distributed upon the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.

7.1.3 Rights Offering Procedures.

(a) <u>Subscription Period</u>.

The Rights Offering shall commence when the Ballots and Subscription Forms are first transmitted/mailed to holders of Allowed U.S. Roll-Up Claims, Allowed European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and Allowed European Term Loan Claims, which shall be no later than the Solicitation Date.

Each Rights Offering Eligible Creditor (other than a Backstop Party) intending to participate in the Rights Offering must affirmatively elect to exercise its Subscription Rights on or prior to the Subscription Expiration Date in accordance with the Plan and the Subscription Form.

(b) <u>Exercise of Subscription Rights</u>.

Only Rights Offering Eligible Creditors will be allowed to exercise Subscription Rights for Rights Offering Units.

In order to exercise the Subscription Rights, each Rights Offering Eligible Creditor (other than a Backstop Party) must return a duly completed Subscription Form to the Rights Offering Agent so that such form and payment, in Cash, of the aggregate Subscription Purchase Price are **actually received** by the Rights Offering Agent on or before the Subscription Expiration Date. If the Rights Offering Agent for any reason does not receive from a given Rights Offering Eligible Creditor (other than a Backstop Party) a duly completed Subscription Form and payment, in Cash, of the aggregate Subscription Purchase Price on or prior to the Subscription Expiration Date, then such Rights Offering Eligible Creditor shall be deemed to have forever and irrevocably relinquished and waived its right to participate in the Rights Offering. If a Rights Offering Eligible Creditor returns a Ballot and elects treatment under clause 3.2.3(c)(i) of the Plan or clause 3.3.3(c)(i) of the Plan, as applicable, but fails to timely exercise its Subscription Rights, it shall be deemed to have elected not to exercise its Subscription Rights.

(c) <u>Payment for Units Distributable Upon Exercise of Subscription Rights</u>.

Each Rights Offering Participant, except for the Backstop Parties, shall be required to pay, so that it is <u>actually received</u> by the Rights Offering Agent on or prior to the Subscription Expiration

Date, the Subscription Purchase Price for each unit for which such Rights Offering Participant subscribes, consisting of a share of New Common Stock and the principal amount of IntermediateCo Notes applicable to such share (such Subscription Purchase Price, the "*Preliminary Subscription Purchase Price*" and such units, the "*Preliminary Subscription Units*"). For purposes of determining such Rights Offering Participant's aggregate Preliminary Subscription Purchase Price and Preliminary Subscription Units, the Rights Offering Value shall be deemed the Maximum Rights Offering Amount.

If the Rights Offering Agent, for any reason, does not receive from a Rights Offering Participant (other than a Backstop Party) full payment of its aggregate Preliminary Subscription Purchase Price on or prior to the Subscription Expiration Date, then such Rights Offering Participant shall be deemed to have forever and irrevocably relinquished and waived its right to participate in the Rights Offering. Any such unexercised Subscription Rights shall be treated as Rights Offering Residual Units and shall be acquired by the Backstop Parties.

As set forth in Section 7.1.1 of this Plan, the Debtors, in consultation with, and subject to the approval of, a Majority in Interest, shall determine the Rights Offering Value, the Subscription Purchase Price and, after giving effect to the Minimum Ownership Cutback, the number of Rights Offering Units each Rights Offering Participant is entitled to receive (such Subscription Purchase Price, the "*Final Subscription Purchase Price*" and such units, the "*Final Subscription Units*"). If the Final Subscription Purchase Price and/or the number of Final Subscription Units are less than the Preliminary Subscription Purchase Price and/or the number of Preliminary Subscription Units respectively, then, promptly following the Effective Date, the Rights Offering Agent shall refund to each Rights Offering Participant (except for the Backstop Parties) the appropriate excess payment (if any) without interest. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the aggregate Final Subscription Purchase Price paid by each Rights Offering Participant in an amount equal to their stated principal amount with the remaining Final Subscription Purchase Price allocated to the New Common Stock received by such participant.

The Rights Offering Agent shall hold any payments received for the exercise of Subscription Rights prior to the Effective Date in escrow until the Effective Date. In the event that the conditions to the Effective Date are not met or waived, such payments shall be returned to the applicable Rights Offering Participant without interest. Each Rights Offering Participant may exercise all or any portion of such participant's Subscription Rights pursuant to the Subscription Form. Except as set forth in Section 7.1.5, the valid exercise of Subscription Rights cannot be revoked.

If any Entity (other than a Backstop Party) exercises such Subscription Rights after the Subscription Expiration Date, such exercise shall be null and void, and the Debtors shall not be obligated to honor any such purported exercise regardless of when the documents relating to such exercise were sent.

(d) <u>Rights Offering Residual Units</u>.

After the Subscription Expiration Date, unexercised Subscription Rights shall be treated as Rights Offering Residual Units and shall be purchased by the Backstop Parties pursuant to the Equity Commitment Agreement.

(e) <u>Subscription Notification</u>.

On the Effective Date, the Rights Offering Agent will notify each Rights Offering Participant of its respective allocation of Rights Offering Units, and in the case of the Backstop Parties,

the Rights Offering Agent will notify each Backstop Party on or before the **third** (3^{rd}) **Business Day** prior to the Effective Date of its portion of Rights Offering Residual Units that such Backstop Party is obligated to purchase pursuant to the Equity Commitment Agreement.

In the event there is a Minimum Ownership Cutback or the Rights Offering Value is less than the Maximum Rights Offering Amount, then any excess portion of the payment made by the Rights Offering Participant shall be returned without interest promptly following the Effective Date.

(f) <u>Disputes in the Exercise of Subscription Rights</u>.

All questions concerning the timeliness, viability, form, and eligibility of any exercise of Subscription Rights shall be determined by the Debtors, with the consent of a Majority in Interest, whose good-faith determinations shall be final and binding. The Debtors, in their reasonable discretion, may (a) waive any defect or irregularity, (b) permit a defect or irregularity to be corrected within such times as the Debtors may determine, or (c) reject the purported exercise of any Subscription Rights.

Aleris or the Rights Offering Agent may give notice to any Rights Offering Eligible Creditor regarding any defect or irregularity in connection with any purported exercise of Subscription Rights by such Rights Offering Eligible Creditor and may permit such defect or irregularity to be cured within such time as it may determine in good faith to be appropriate; *provided*, *however*, that Aleris and the Rights Offering Agent will not have any obligation to provide such notice, nor will they incur any liability for failure to give notification.

7.1.4 *Transfer Restrictions.*

Subscription Rights shall be provided to each Rights Offering Eligible Creditor as of the Voting Record Date. The Subscription Rights are not transferable. Rights Offering Eligible Creditors may not sell, transfer, assign, pledge or otherwise dispose of the Subscription Rights. Any such transfer or attempted transfer is null and void and the Debtors will not treat any purported transferee as the holder of any Subscription Rights.

7.1.5 *Revocation*.

Once a Rights Offering Eligible Creditor exercises its Subscription Rights, such exercise cannot be revoked except if such Rights Offering Eligible Creditor elects the cash payment option on its Ballot. If a Rights Offering Eligible Creditor elects the cash payment option on its Ballot, the Rights Offering Eligible Creditor shall be deemed to have relinquished, forever and irrevocably, its rights to participate in the Rights Offering and the Rights Offering Agent shall return any amounts that such Rights Offering Eligible Creditor paid for the exercise of its Subscription Rights without interest.

7.1.6 Backstop of the Rights Offering.

Subject to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement, the Backstop Parties shall purchase all, if any, Rights Offering Residual Units. Accordingly, the Backstop Parties shall pay to the Rights Offering Agent, by wire transfer in immediately available funds on or before the Effective Date, Cash in an amount equal to the Subscription Purchase Price multiplied by the number of units of Rights Offering Residual Units. The Rights Offering Agent shall deposit such funds into the escrow for the proceeds of the Rights Offering.

7.1.7 Structuring and Arrangement Fee.

Each Backstop Party (or such affiliate as may be designated by such Backstop Party) shall, as set forth in the Equity Commitment Agreement, receive the Structuring and Arrangement Fee. The Structuring and Arrangement Fee shall be allocated to each Backstop Party (or, in each case, their designated affiliates) in proportion to the backstop amount provided by such Backstop Party, respectively.

7.1.8 Distribution of the New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes.

On, or as soon as practicable after the Effective Date, the Disbursing Agent shall distribute the New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes purchased by the Rights Offering Participants and the Backstop Parties, pursuant to the Rights Offering, to such purchasers, subject to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement with respect to the Backstop Parties. To the extent a holder of a U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim or European Term Loan Claim requires any regulatory approval to purchase such New Common Stock, the Debtors will not distribute any shares of New Common Stock to such holder unless and until all such regulatory approvals are received. The Debtors will not be required to refund any Subscription Purchase Price in the event that any Rights Offering Participant fails to receive any applicable regulatory approval (including any approval under the HSR Act).

7.1.9 No Interest.

No interest shall be paid to Rights Offering Participants exercising Subscription Rights on account of amounts paid in connection with the exercise of the Subscription Rights.

7.2 Purchase of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock.

Pursuant to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement, the Backstop Parties (or such affiliate, fund, or account managed by a Backstop Party, as may be designated by the managing Backstop Party) shall purchase the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock from IntermediateCo and shall pay to IntermediateCo, by wire transfer in immediately available funds on the Effective Date, Cash in an amount equal to \$5 million.

7.3 The 9019 Settlement.

To consensually resolve all outstanding disputes among the 9019 Settlement Parties (*i.e.*, Oaktree, Apollo, and the Debtors) with respect to the European Term Loan, the DIP Order, the DIP Term Credit Agreement, and the parties' respective rights under the same, the 9019 Settlement Parties have agreed to the following settlement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, effective as of the Effective Date:

- (a) In accordance with the DIP Order and sections 2.01(b)(ii) and 2.01(b)(iv) of the DIP Term Credit Agreement, upon the Effective Date of their original allocation of roll-up rights (\$267.0 million), Oaktree and Apollo will be deemed to have elected to roll up:
 - (i) \$242.0 million principal amount of their U.S. Term Loan Claims into U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and
 - \$25.0 million principal amount of their European Term Loan Claims into European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims;

provided, with respect to U.S. Term Loan Claims and European Term Loan Claims rolled-up into U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims and European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, respectively, on or after August 1, 2009, interest shall accrue on such U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims and European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims as if Oaktree and Apollo had rolled-up such claims on August 1, 2009.

For avoidance of doubt, the amounts set forth above include amounts rolled up prior to August 1, 2009, and as to such amounts, interest will continue to accrue as of the date of such roll-up election.

- (b) Upon the Effective Date, Oaktree and Apollo will each waive its rights to roll up any remaining European Term Loan Claims into the European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims.
- (c) Pursuant to the Plan, the Rights Offering, and the Equity Commitment Agreement, Oaktree and Apollo will receive the right to subscribe for New Common Stock equal to at least the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold.

The Plan shall constitute a motion to approve the 9019 Settlement. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of such settlement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and a finding by the Bankruptcy Code that the 9019 Settlement is in the best interest of the Debtors and their respective estates. If the Effective Date does not occur, the 9019 Settlement shall be deemed to have been withdrawn without prejudice to the respective positions of the parties, including, but not limited to the ability of Oaktree and Apollo to elect to roll up into the U.S. Roll-Up Term Loans and the European Roll-Up Term Loans, and neither the fact of the proposed settlement nor the terms thereof shall be admissible in connection with the underlying dispute among the parties.

7.4 Corporate Action.

On or as soon as practicable after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor shall take such actions as may be or become necessary to effectuate the Plan and any transactions contemplated thereby, all of which shall be authorized and approved in all respects, in each case without further action being required under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule (including, without limitation, any action by the holders of Equity Interests or directors of any Reorganized Debtor), including, without limitation, each Reorganized Debtor (a) may engage in any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, without limitation, transactions related to the Rights Offering, the Transaction Agreements, the Exit ABL Facility, and the transactions contemplated by Sections 7.6.1 and 7.6.2 of the Plan, and (b) may file its Amended and Restated Organizational Documents with the Secretary of State for the state in which such Reorganized Debtor is organized. All matters provided for in the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, and any corporate action required by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors in connection with the Plan shall occur in the order specified in Schedule "7.6.1" to the Plan.

To the full extent permissible under section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, each Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, is exempt from compliance with any applicable non-bankruptcy law and regulations related to the transactions contemplated by the Plan.

7.5 Amendment of Organizational Documents.

Each of the Organizational Documents shall be amended or amended and restated as of the Effective Date in substantially the form of the Amended and Restated Organizational Documents.

7.6 The Restructuring Transactions.

7.6.1 Transfer of Assets/Merger/Dissolution/Consolidation.

On, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the OpCos shall engage in the transactions set forth on Schedule "7.6.1" to the Plan (the "*Restructuring Transactions*"). In addition, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter and without the need for any further action, the Reorganized Debtors may:

- (a) Cause any or all of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors to be merged into one or more of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, dissolved, or otherwise consolidated;
- (b) Cause the transfer of any assets between or among the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors; or
- (c) Engage in any other transactions in furtherance of the Plan.

7.6.2 Dissolution of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries.

From and after the Effective Date, the existing directors of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries and the then current officers of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries shall continue to serve in such capacity as the directors and officers of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries through the earlier of the date the respective entity is dissolved in accordance with this Section 7.6.2 of the Plan and the date such director or officer resigns, is terminated or otherwise is unable to serve; *provided*, *however*, that, in the event that any director or officer of Aleris or any Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary resigns, is terminated, or is unable to serve as a director or officer, the successor to such director or officer shall be selected in accordance with the organizational documents of Aleris or the applicable Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary in effect at such time.

Upon consummation of the Acquisition Agreement and the filing by or on behalf of Aleris or any Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary of a certification to that effect with the Bankruptcy Court, Aleris or the applicable Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary shall be deemed dissolved for all purposes without the necessity for any other or further actions to be taken by or on behalf of Aleris or the applicable Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary shall file with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Delaware a certificate of dissolution, which may be executed by an officer of such Debtor without need for approval by the Board of Directors or the holders of Equity Interests in Aleris or the applicable Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary. From and after the Effective Date, Aleris and each Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary shall not be required to file any document, or take any other action, or obtain any approval from the Board of Directors or holders of Equity Interests, to withdraw their business operation from any states in which the Debtors previously conducted their business operations.

To the extent that anything in this Section 7.6.2 of the Plan is inconsistent or conflicts with any of the bylaws, organizational documents, and related corporate documents of either Aleris or any

Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary, such organizational documents are deemed amended by the Plan to permit and authorize the Debtors to take the actions contemplated by this Section 7.6.2 of the Plan. In addition, as of the Effective Date, the respective organizational documents of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries shall be deemed amended to prohibit the issuance of any shares of non-voting stock.

7.6.3 Disposition of Certain Assets.

Certain assets that the Reorganized Debtors intend to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of after the Effective Date will be transferred to an OpCo formed exclusively to hold such assets. The list of such assets is set forth in Schedule "7.6.3" to the Plan. Any transfer or other disposition by such OpCo of such assets shall be deemed a transfer made pursuant to this Plan, and, therefore, will be exempt from the transfer taxes pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code.

In accordance with Section 7.12 of the Plan, the closing of the Acquisition Agreement will occur on the Effective Date. Pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, each Dissolving U.S. Subsidiary will transfer all of the assets specified in the Acquisition Agreement to the OpCo designated in Schedule "2" to the Acquisition Agreement free and clear of any and all Claims, Equity Interests, Encumbrances, and other interests.

7.7 The Exit ABL Facility.

The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to enter into the Exit ABL Facility and incur indebtedness thereunder on the Effective Date without the need for any further corporate action and without any further action by the holder of Claims or Equity Interest.

7.8 New Common Stock.

7.8.1 Distribution of New Common Stock.

In accordance with Section 7.1.8 and Article 8 of the Plan, the Debtors shall distribute or cause to be distributed the New Common Stock to Creditors in U.S. Debtor Class 3 (U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims), ADH Class 2 (European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims), and ADH Class 3 (European Term Loan Claims).

7.8.2 Stockholders Agreement.

As a condition to its receipt of shares of New Common Stock under the Plan, any Entity that, together with its Affiliates, would own nine percent (9.0%) or more of the New Common Stock to be issued on the Effective Date must execute and agree to be bound by the Stockholders Agreement. All other Creditors that receive New Common Stock under the Plan shall be deemed to be party to and, accordingly, bound by terms thereof.

7.8.3 Registration Rights Agreement.

Pursuant to the Transaction Agreements, HoldCo shall enter into the Registration Rights Agreement for the benefit of the applicable Backstop Parties and any such other parties identified in the Registration Rights Agreement.

7.8.4 HSR Act Compliance.

No Backstop Party will have any obligation to fund under the Equity Commitment Agreement, and no shares of New Common Stock to be distributed under the Plan to it or any other entity required to file a Premerger Notification and Report Form under the HSR Act, until the notification and waiting periods applicable under such Act to such entity shall have expired or been terminated. The Debtors will not be required to refund any Subscription Purchase Price in the event that any Rights Offering Participant fails to receive any applicable regulatory approval (including any approval under the HSR Act).

7.8.5 *Compliance with E.U. Competition Law.*

No Backstop Party will have any obligation to fund under the Equity Commitment Agreement, and no shares of New Common Stock will be distributed under the Plan to it, until the European Commission shall have (i) declared the acquisition of control by Oaktree over the assets of Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries pursuant to the Plan, the Rights Offering, and the Transaction Agreements is compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation No. 139/2004 of January 20, 2004, on the control of concentrations between undertakings, either unconditionally or conditionally in terms reasonably satisfactory to the parties; or (ii) not issued a decision within the required deadlines with the consequences that the transaction contemplated by the Plan are deemed compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 10(6) of the EC Merger Regulation.

7.9 Cancellation of Securities of the U.S. Debtors.

As of the Effective Date, all notes, agreements, and securities evidencing General Unsecured Claims, except for European Term Loan Claims, and the rights of the holders thereof thereunder shall be cancelled and deemed null and void and of no further force and effect, and the holders thereof shall have no rights, and such instruments shall evidence no rights, except the right to receive the Distributions provided herein.

As of the Effective Date, all Aleris Equity Interests, Cancelled U.S. Equity Interests, 2006 Senior Notes, 2007 Senior Notes, Senior Subordinated Notes, any outstanding IRB, the U.S. Term Loan Facility, and any other Debt Claim will be deemed cancelled.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plan, each Indenture or other agreement that governs the rights of a holder of a Debt Claim that is administered by an Indenture Trustee shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of permitting the applicable Indenture Trustee thereunder (i) to make Distributions to such holder pursuant to the terms of the applicable Indenture; (ii) maintain any rights and liens ("*Charging Liens*") it may have for any unpaid fees, costs, expenses, and indemnification under such Indenture or other agreement, *provided*, *however*, such rights and Charging Liens are limited to the Distributions, if any, to such holders; and (iii) to be paid by such holders or reimbursed for such prepetition and postpetition fees, costs, expenses, and indemnification (to the extent not paid as an Administrative Expense or otherwise) from the Distributions, if any, to such holders (until payment in full of such fees, costs, expenses or indemnification) on the terms and conditions set forth by the respective Indenture, other agreement, or applicable law.

Nothing in this Plan shall affect the subordination rights among the 2006 Senior Notes, 2007 Senior Notes, Senior Subordinated Notes, any outstanding IRB, the U.S. Term Loan Facility, and

any other Debt Claims, including, without limitation, any applicable Indenture Trustee's rights to exercise Charging Liens with respect to any Distributions.

7.10 The European Term Loan.

Upon the Effective Date, in exchange for consideration provided under the Plan, all holders of Allowed European Term Loan Claims shall be deemed to have assigned their respective Allowed European Term Loan Claims to the European Term Loan Acquisition Entity.

The European Term Loan Acquisition Entity shall make any Distributions on account of European Term Loan Claims under the Plan of New Common Stock, ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, and/or Cash. Specifically, Aleris shall make a series of capital contributions and/or loans through its direct and indirect subsidiaries to European Term Loan Acquisition Entity. Using the proceeds of such capital contributions and/or loans, on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the European Term Loan Acquisition Entity shall distribute the New Common Stock, the ADH Term Loan Subscription Rights, and/or Cash to the Disbursing Agent for distribution to the holders of the European Term Loan Claims as of the Distribution Record Date.

As set forth in Section 10.3.3 of the Plan, European Term Loan Claims are not subject to discharge, waiver, or release; instead, on the Effective Date, the terms and conditions of the European Term Loan shall be modified as set forth in Exhibit "7.10" of the Plan, the European Term Loan Claims shall be deemed transferred to the European Term Loan Acquisition Entity, the European Term Loan Acquisition Entity shall be deemed to have assumed all responsibilities of the Prepetition Term Loan Agent Bank thereunder with respect to the European Term Loan Facility, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent Bank shall be released from all other responsibilities under the Prepetition Term Loan Agreements with respect to the European Term Facility.

7.11 Management of Reorganized Debtors.

7.11.1 General.

In accordance with the Acquisition Agreement, the indirect and direct parents of each of the Reorganized Debtors shall be HoldCo and IntermediateCo. The management, control, and operation of HoldCo and IntermediateCo are the responsibility of their respective boards of directors and officers, subject to, and in accordance with, HoldCo's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. On the Effective Date, the management, control, and operation of each Reorganized Debtor shall be the responsibility of its respective board of directors, officers, and/or managing members, subject to and in accordance with, its respective Amended and Restated Organizational Documents.

7.11.2 Board of Directors of HoldCo.

The initial members of the board of directors for HoldCo and their relevant qualifications will be identified in Schedule "7.11.2" to the Plan.

7.11.3 Officers of HoldCo.

The current officers of Aleris shall, on the Effective Date, become the officers of HoldCo with comparable titles and responsibilities. Such officers shall serve in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law, any employment agreements with HoldCo, IntermediateCo, or the Reorganized Debtors, and any Amended and Restated Organizational Documents.

7.12 Effectuating Documents and Further Transactions.

Each of the officers of the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors is authorized, in accordance with his or her authority under the resolutions of the Board of Directors, to execute, deliver, file, or record such contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, including, without limitation, the Exit ABL Facility, the Transaction Agreements, the Rights Offering, any other exhibit or schedule to the Plan, and any notes or securities issued by any of the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to the Plan.

ARTICLE VIII

DISTRIBUTIONS

8.1 Disbursing Agent.

All Distributions under the Plan, including distributions to holders of U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, and European Term Loan Claims, shall be made by the Reorganized Debtors as Disbursing Agent or such other entity designated by the Reorganized Debtors as a Disbursing Agent. The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of its duties unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, and, in the event that a Disbursing Agent is so otherwise ordered, all costs and expenses of procuring any such bond or surety shall be borne by the Reorganized Debtors.

8.2 Distribution Record Date for Distributions under the Plan.

Except as and to the extent otherwise required by customary procedures of the DTC with respect to Debt Claims, as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the various transfer and claims registers for each of the classes of Claims as maintained by the Debtors, their respective agents, or the Indenture Trustees shall be deemed closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record holders of any of the Claims. The Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall have no obligation to recognize any transfer of the Claims occurring after the close of business on the Distribution Record Date. The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Disbursing Agent, and the Indenture Trustees shall be entitled to recognize and deal hereunder only with those record holders stated on the transfer ledgers as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, to the extent applicable.

8.3 Time of Distributions under the Plan.

Any Distribution to be made by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to the Plan shall be deemed to have been timely made if made within **ten (10) days** after the time therefor specified in the Plan. Distributions with respect to U.S. Debtors Class 5 (General Unsecured Claims other than Convenience Claims and Insured Claims) shall only be made on a Distribution Date; *provided, however*, that if a Claim in U.S. Debtors Class 5 becomes Allowed subsequent to the Initial Distribution Date, the Disbursing Agent may, in its sole discretion, make a Distribution with respect to such Claim prior to the Distribution Date. Distributions to a Backstop Party under the Plan with respect to any U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claim, European Term Loan Claim, or European Roll-Up Term Loan Claim shall be made on the Effective Date.

8.4 Single Distribution to Each Creditor.

For purposes of treatment and Distribution under the Plan, except as expressly provided herein, all Allowed Claims held by a Creditor within a class shall be aggregated and treated as a single Claim. At the written request of Aleris or the Disbursing Agent, any Creditor holding multiple Claims within a class shall provide to Aleris or the Disbursing Agent, as the case may be, a single address to which any Distributions shall be sent. At the written request of any Creditor holding any such multiple Claims made to the Disbursing Agent within **thirty (30) days** prior to a Distribution Date, such Creditor shall receive an itemized statement of the Allowed Claims for which the Distribution is being made.

8.5 Compliance with Tax Withholding and Reporting Requirements.

In connection with the Plan, the Debtors and the Disbursing Agent will comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by all applicable federal, state, local, and foreign taxing authorities, and all Distributions hereunder shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding the above, each holder of an Allowed Claim that is to receive a Distribution under the Plan shall have the sole and exclusive responsibility for the satisfaction and payment of any tax obligations imposed by any governmental unit, including income, withholding and other tax obligations, on account of such Distribution. Any party issuing any instrument or making any Distribution under the Plan has the right, but not the obligation, to withhold such Distribution until such holder has made arrangements satisfactory to such issuing or disbursing party for payment of any such tax obligations. The Disbursing Agent may require, as a condition to receipt of a Distribution, that the holder complete the appropriate Form W-8 or Form W-9, as applicable to each such holder. If the Disbursing Agent makes such a request, and the holder fails to complete and return a Form W-8 or W-9, as applicable, before the **one-hundred eightieth (180th) day** after the Disbursing Agent makes such a request, such Distribution shall be deemed an unclaimed Distribution.

8.6 Distributions Administered by the Indenture Trustees.

8.6.1 *Distributions*.

Distributions to holders of Debt Claims that are governed by an Indenture administered by an Indenture Trustee will be made on each Distribution Date through the facilities of the DTC in accordance with the customary practices of DTC, as and to the extent practicable, at the direction of the Indenture Trustee. On the initial Distribution Date, the distribution will be made by means of book-entry exchange through the facilities of DTC, and each Indenture Trustee will deliver instructions to DTC directing DTC to effect Distributions on a pro rata basis as provided under the Plan with respect to the Debt Claims upon which such Indenture Trustee acts as trustee.

8.6.2 *Expiration of the Retention Period.*

Upon the expiration of the Retention Period, all monies or other property held for distribution by any Indenture Trustee under any indenture governing any of the Unsecured Claims shall be returned to the Reorganized Debtors by such trustee, free and clear of any claim or interest of any nature whatsoever, including, without express or implied limitation, escheat rights of any governmental unit under applicable law.

8.6.3 Payment of Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses.

The Reorganized Debtors will pay the Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses to the extent that an Indenture Trustee makes a written request for Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses within **thirty (30) days** after the Effective Date.

The Indenture Trustees do not need to apply to the Bankruptcy Court for approval of the Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses. Any dispute between the Reorganized Debtors and an Indenture Trustee regarding the reasonableness of any such fees and expenses shall be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court.

The Reorganized Debtors shall also compensate each Indenture Trustee for services rendered from and after the Effective Date up to an amount equal to ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each series of Debt Claims for which it acts as Indenture Trustee *minus* any previously reimbursed Indenture Trustees' Fees and Expenses, including, the reasonable compensation, disbursements, and expenses of the agents and legal counsel of such trustee in connection with the performance after the Effective Date of its duties under Section 8.6 hereof, and shall be indemnified by the Reorganized Debtors for any loss, liability, or expense incurred by it in connection with the performance of such duties to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in the related indenture.

8.7 Manner of Payment under the Plan.

Unless the Entity receiving a payment agrees otherwise, any payment in Cash to be made by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors shall be made, at the election of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (as the case may be), by check drawn on a domestic bank or by wire transfer from a domestic bank.

8.8 Fractional Shares or Other Distributions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no fractional shares of New Common Stock shall be distributed, and no Cash payments shall be distributed in respect thereof. When any Distribution pursuant to the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim would otherwise result in the issuance of a number of shares of New Common Stock that is not a whole number, the actual distribution of shares of New Common Stock shall be rounded as follows: (a) fractions of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or greater shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and (b) fractions of less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) shall be rounded to the next lower whole number with no further payment thereof. The total number of authorized shares of New Common Stock to be distributed to holders of Allowed Claims shall be adjusted as necessary to account for the foregoing rounding.

8.9 Distribution of Unclaimed Property.

Any Distribution under the Plan that is unclaimed after **one hundred eighty (180) days** following the date such property is distributed (including, without limitation, because the Distribution made to the last known address is returned as undeliverable or because a check evidencing a Distribution under the Plan is not cashed within such time), or that is not distributed by the Disbursing Agent because of the failure of a holder of an Allowed Claim to comply with certain withholding tax reporting requirements, shall be deemed not to have been made and shall be transferred to the OpCo identified in the Acquisition Agreement, free and clear of any claims or interests of any Entities, including, without express or implied limitation, any claims or interests of any governmental unit under escheat principles. The Debtors shall not be obligated to make any further Distributions on account of the Claim with respect

to which such Distribution was made, and such Claim shall be treated as a Disallowed Claim. Nothing contained herein shall affect the discharge of the Claim with respect to which such Distribution was made, and the holder of such Claim shall be forever barred from enforcing such Claim against HoldCo, IntermediateCo, any OpCo, any of the Reorganized Debtors, or their respective assets, estate, properties, or interests in property.

8.10 Interest on Distributions.

8.10.1 Allocation of Plan Distributions between Principal and Interest.

To the extent that any Allowed Claim entitled to a Distribution under the Plan is comprised of indebtedness and accrued but unpaid interest thereon, such Distribution shall be allocated to the principal amount of the Claim (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) first and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds the principal amount of the Claim, to accrued but unpaid interest.

8.10.2 Accrual of Interest.

No interest shall accrue or be paid with respect to any Distribution as a consequence of such Distribution not having been made on the Effective Date. Whenever any Distribution to be made under this Plan shall be due on a day other than a Business Day, such Distribution shall instead be made, without interest, on the immediately succeeding Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been made on the date due.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

9.1 Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

9.1.1 Assumption of Contracts and Leases of the U.S. Debtors on Schedule "9.1."

Any executory contracts or unexpired leases listed on Schedule "9.1" to the Plan shall be deemed to have been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date, and the Plan shall constitute a motion to assume such executory contracts and unexpired leases. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of such assumptions pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that each such assumption is in the best interest of the applicable Debtor and its estate.

9.1.2 Cure Amounts.

With respect to each such executory contract or unexpired lease assumed by the Debtors, unless, prior to the Effective Date (1) the Bankruptcy Court determines otherwise pursuant to a Final Order or (2) the parties to the executory contract or unexpired lease agree otherwise, the dollar amount required to cure any defaults of the Debtors existing as of the Confirmation Date shall be conclusively presumed to be the amount set forth in Schedule "9.1" to the Plan with respect to such executory contract or unexpired lease unless an objection to the proposed cure amount is filed by the Voting Deadline. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, any such cure amount shall be treated as an Allowed Administrative Expense under the Plan unless an objection is timely filed, and, upon payment of such Allowed Administrative Expense, all defaults of the Debtors existing as of the Confirmation Date with respect to such executory contract or unexpired lease shall be deemed to have been cured.

9.1.3 Assignment of Assumed Aleris Contracts and Leases.

On the Effective Date, in furtherance of the obligations of the Reorganized Debtors under the Transaction Agreements, the executory contracts and unexpired leases set forth on Schedule "9.1" hereto, which either have been assumed during the course of the Chapter 11 Cases or are being assumed pursuant to Section 9.1.1 hereof, shall be assigned to the Entity identified on Schedule "9.1."

9.1.4 Assumption of ADH Contracts and Leases.

Any executory contracts or unexpired leases of ADH (whether or not such executory contracts or unexpired leases are listed on the Schedules of ADH) shall be deemed to have been assumed by ADH as of the Effective Date. The Plan shall constitute a motion to assume such executory contracts and unexpired leases. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of such assumptions pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that each such assumption is in the best interest of ADH and its estate. The parties to such executory contracts and unexpired leases shall not be required to assert any cure claims in the Chapter 11 Cases, but may instead assert any claims or obligations owed by ADH in the ordinary course in a forum of competent jurisdiction.

9.2 Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases of the U.S. Debtors.

Any executory contracts or unexpired leases of the U.S. Debtors (whether or not such executory contracts or unexpired leases are listed on the Schedules of the U.S. Debtors) that either (a) are set forth on Schedule "9.2" to the Plan or (b) (1) are not listed on Schedule "9.2" to the Plan, (2) have not been assumed by the Debtors with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, *and* (3) are not the subject of pending motions to assume at the Confirmation Date shall be deemed to have been rejected by the Debtors as of the Effective Date.

The Plan shall constitute a motion to reject such executory contracts and unexpired leases, and the Reorganized Debtors shall have no liability thereunder except as is specifically provided in the Plan. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of such rejections pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that each such rejected executory contract or unexpired lease is burdensome and that the rejection thereof is in the best interest of the applicable Debtor and its estate.

9.3 Claims Arising from Rejection, Termination, or Expiration.

Claims created by the rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases (including, without limitation, the rejection provided in Section 9.2 of the Plan) or the expiration or termination of any executory contract or unexpired lease of any of the U.S. Debtors prior to the Confirmation Date, must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on the Debtors no later than **thirty (30) days** after:

- (a) in the case of an executory contract or unexpired lease that was terminated or expired by its terms prior to the Confirmation Date, the Confirmation Date,
- (b) in the case of an executory contract or unexpired lease rejected by the Debtors, the entry of the order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing such rejection, or
- (c) in the case of an executory contract or unexpired lease that is deemed rejected pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Plan, the Confirmation Date.

Any Claims for which a rejection claim is not filed and served within the time provided herein will be forever barred from assertion and shall not be enforceable against HoldCo, IntermediateCo, any of the OpCos, the Reorganized Debtors, or any of their respective estates, assets, properties, or interests in property.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, all such Claims that are timely filed as provided herein shall be treated as General Unsecured Claims under the Plan and shall be subject to the provisions of Article V of the Plan.

9.4 Previously Scheduled Contracts.

Schedule "9.4" to the Plan sets forth a list of agreements that were listed on the Schedules of the U.S. Debtors as executory contracts, but which the Debtors believe should not be considered executory contracts (either because they were not executory contracts as of the Commencement Date or because they have expired or terminated in accordance with their terms prior to the Effective Date). If any party to an agreement listed on Schedule "9.4" believes that such agreement is an executory contract or unexpired lease that should be assumed or rejected in the Chapter 11 Cases, such party must file an objection to the characterization of its agreement by the Voting Deadline.

If any such agreements are determined to be executory contracts, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, reserve the right to seek the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of any such contract, and the time within which the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, may seek to assume, assume and assign, or reject any such agreements shall be tolled until **twenty (20) Business Days** after the date on which an order determining that any such agreement is an executory contract becomes a Final Order.

9.5 Insurance Policies and Agreements.

The Debtors do not believe that the insurance policies issued to, or insurance agreements entered into by, the Debtors prior to the Commencement Date constitute executory contracts. Pursuant to the Transaction Agreements, Aleris is assigning any right, title, and interest it has in any insurance policy or insurance agreement to the OpCo identified in the Acquisition Agreement.

To the extent that such insurance policies or agreements are determined to be executory contracts, then, notwithstanding anything contained in Section 9.1 or 9.2 of the Plan to the contrary, the Plan shall constitute a motion to assume such insurance policies and agreements and, in the case of Aleris, to assign such insurance policies and insurance agreements as set forth in Schedule "2" to the Acquisition Agreement. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of such assumption pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that each such assumption is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, and all parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases.

Unless otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to a Final Order or agreed to by the parties thereto prior to the Effective Date, no payments are required to cure any defaults of the Debtors existing as of the Confirmation Date with respect to each such insurance policy or agreement.

Nothing contained in the Plan, including this Section, shall constitute a waiver of any claim, right, or Cause of Action that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, may hold against the insurer under any policy of insurance or insurance agreement.

9.6 Indemnification and Reimbursement Obligations.

For purposes of the Plan, the obligations of the Debtors to indemnify and reimburse persons who are or were directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors on the Commencement Date or at any time thereafter against and for any obligations pursuant to their respective Organizational Documents, applicable non-bankruptcy law, or specific agreement, or any combination of the foregoing, shall survive confirmation of the Plan, remain unaffected thereby, and not be discharged in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, irrespective of whether indemnification or reimbursement is owed in connection with an event occurring before, on, or after the Commencement Date.

9.7 Assumption of Employee Compensation and Benefit Programs.

On the Effective Date, the assumption and assumption and assignment of the benefit plans provided pursuant to this Section 9.7 shall be (a) deemed to have occurred as of Effective Date unless specified otherwise herein or in the Transaction Agreements, (b) authorized, (c) deemed approved in all respects, and (d) in effect from and after the Effective Date or such other date in each case without requiring further action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule, including, without express or implied limitation, any action by any party or Entity, including any administrative committee of any plan or the stockholders or directors of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors.

Except with respect to any benefit plans, policies, or programs (x) for which the Debtors have received approval of the Bankruptcy Court to reject or terminate on or before the Effective Date (y) that is rejected or terminated pursuant to the Plan, or (z) that is subject to a pending motion to reject or terminate as of the Confirmation Date, all employment and severance policies, workers' compensation programs, and all compensation and benefit plans, policies and programs of the Debtors applicable to any employee, officer, or director that is in his or her position as of the Confirmation Date, including, without express or implied limitation, all retirement and savings plans; health care plans; disability plans; employee assistance programs; severance benefit plans; incentive plans; life, accidental death, and dismemberment insurance plans; and any other benefit plans, policies, or programs that the Debtors are required to continue pursuant to section 1113 or section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as though they are, executory contracts that are deemed assumed under the Plan, and the Debtors' obligations under such plans, policies, and programs shall be deemed assumed pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, survive confirmation of the Plan, remain unaffected thereby, and not be discharged in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Any rights and obligations of Aleris under such plans, policies, and programs shall be assumed and/or assigned in accordance with the Transaction Agreements.

Any defaults existing under any of such plans, policies, and programs shall be cured promptly after they become known by the Reorganized Debtors.

9.8 Management Agreements.

On the Effective Date, all employment contracts between the Debtors and any employee of the Debtors who was employed by the Debtors as of the date immediately preceding the Effective Date (including, without limitation, any offer letters issued to any such employees to the extent such offer letters are not superseded by formal employment contracts) shall be deemed assumed by the Debtors; *provided, however*, that set forth in Schedule "9.8" to the Plan is a list of employees of the Debtors that will enter into, or have entered into, new employment contracts with HoldCo, the Debtors, or the Reorganized Debtors on or before the Effective Date and the material terms of such contracts, in which

case any such new employment contract described on Schedule "9.8" to the Plan will supersede the existing contract with such employee. Any rights and obligations of Aleris under any such employment contracts shall be assigned to, and assumed by, as set forth in Schedule "2" to the Acquisition Agreement.

ARTICLE X

CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

10.1 Condition Precedent to Entry of the Confirmation Order.

Entry of the Confirmation Order (and the occurrence of the Confirmation Date) is subject to the termination of the Pension Plans in accordance with 29 U.S.C. § 1341(c) or 1342.

10.2 Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date.

10.2.1 Occurrence of the Effective Date.

The "effective date of the plan," as used in section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall not occur, and the Plan shall be of no force and effect, until the Effective Date. The occurrence of the Effective Date is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) The Confirmation Order has been entered and is in full force and effect.
- (b) The Confirmation Order has become a Final Order.
- (c) All conditions to the obligations of the Backstop Parties in the Equity Commitment Agreement have been satisfied or waived.
- (d) The Reorganized Debtors (other than Reorganized Aleris) shall have received a commitment reasonably satisfactory to such Reorganized Debtors and a Majority in Interest for an Exit ABL Facility, and all conditions to closing under the Exit ABL Facility have been satisfied or waived.
- (e) The Rights Offering has been completed, including, among other things, the occurrence of the Subscription Expiration Date.
- (f) All required regulatory approvals from any government agencies, including, without limitation, the European Commission, shall have been obtained, and any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act shall have expired or been terminated.
- (g) Each of the exhibits to the Plan shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Reorganized Debtors and a Majority in Interest.
- (h) The U.S. Plan Value is no less than \$120 million.

10.2.2 Waiver of Conditions Precedent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors reserve the right to waive the occurrence of any of the foregoing conditions precedent to the Confirmation Date or the Effective Date or to modify any of such conditions precedent with the express consent of a Majority in Interest; *provided*, *however*, the

Debtors may not waive the condition to the occurrence of the Effective Date set forth in Section 10.2.1(h) of the Plan unless each holder of a U.S. Roll-Up Claim either (a) agrees to receive less value than its Pro Rata Share of the U.S. Roll-Up Minimum Recovery or (b) receives value at least equal to its Pro Rata Share of the U.S. Roll-Up Minimum Recovery. Any such written waiver of a condition precedent set forth in this section may be effected at any time, without notice, without leave or order of the Bankruptcy Court, and without any formal action other than proceeding to consummate the Plan. Except as the Debtors may otherwise specify, any actions required to be taken on the Effective Date shall take place and shall be deemed to have occurred simultaneously, and no such action shall be deemed to have occurred prior to the taking of any other such action.

10.2.3 Effect of Failure of Conditions to the Effective Date.

If the Debtors decide, in consultation with the Majority in Interest, that one of the foregoing conditions cannot be satisfied, and the Debtors do not waive the occurrence of such condition, then the Debtors, with the consent of a Majority in Interest shall file a notice of the failure of the Effective Date with the Bankruptcy Court, at which time the Plan and the Confirmation Order shall be deemed null and void

10.3 Effects of Confirmation.

10.3.1 Vesting of Assets.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date, title to all assets and properties and interests in property dealt with by the Plan shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors free and clear of all Claims, Equity Interests, Encumbrances, and other interests, and the Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of discharge of the liabilities of the Debtors arising prior to the Effective Date, except as may be otherwise provided in the Plan.

10.3.2 Binding Effect.

Except as otherwise provided in section 1141(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, on and after the Confirmation Date, the provisions of the Plan shall bind any holder of a Claim against, or Equity Interest in, the Debtors and such holder's respective successors and assigns, whether or not the Claim or Equity Interest of such holder is impaired under the Plan and whether or not such holder has accepted or rejected the Plan.

10.3.3 Discharge of Debtors.

The rights afforded in the Plan and the treatment of all Claims and Equity Interests herein shall be in exchange for and in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release of all Claims and Equity Interests of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued thereon from and after the Commencement Date, against the Debtors, or their estates, assets, properties, or interests in property; *provided, however*, ADH shall not receive a discharge and release of Allowed European Term Loan Claims, and such claims shall survive ADH's chapter 11 case.

Except as otherwise provided herein, on the Effective Date, all Claims against the Debtors and Equity Interests in Aleris and the Dissolving U.S. Subsidiaries shall be satisfied, discharged, and released in full. The Reorganized Debtors shall not be responsible for any obligations of the Debtors except those expressly assumed by the Reorganized Debtors in the Plan. All Entities shall be precluded and forever barred from asserting against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, their successors or

assigns, or their assets, properties, or interests in property any other or further Claims based upon any act or omission, transaction, or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the Effective Date, whether or not the facts of or legal bases therefor were known or existed prior to the Effective Date.

10.3.4 Release of Certain Parties.

On the Effective Date, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall be deemed to and hereby unconditionally and irrevocably release (i) each person who is or was a director or officer of the Debtors on the Commencement Date or any time thereafter and (ii) the Backstop Parties and their Affiliates and all of their respective directors and officers from any and all claims, interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, causes of action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise, that such entity or person would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively) or that any holder of a Claim or Equity Interest or other Entity would have been able to assert on behalf of the Debtors, relating to any act, omission, transaction, event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan, except that (a) no such (i) director or officer of the Debtors or (ii) Backstop Party, Affiliate thereof, or director or officer thereof shall be released from any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud as determined by Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and (b) the foregoing release shall not apply to any express contractual or financial obligations owed to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or any right or obligation arising under or that is part of the Plan or an agreement entered into pursuant to, in connection with or contemplated by, the Plan.

10.3.5 Exculpation.

None of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, HoldCo, IntermediateCo, any of the OpCos, any of the Backstop Parties and their Affiliates, any of the members of the Creditors' Committee, or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, attorneys, agents, or advisers shall have or incur any liability to any Entity for any act or omission in connection with or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases, including, without limitation, the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the DIP Credit Agreement, the negotiation of the Plan, pursuit of confirmation of the Plan, the consummation of the Plan, or the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan, except for gross negligence or willful misconduct, and in all respects shall be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities under, or in connection with, the Plan.

10.3.6 Reservation of Claims Including Avoidance Actions.

Any rights, claims, or causes of action accruing to the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to any statute or legal theory, including, without express or implied limitation, any avoidance or recovery actions under sections 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, and 553 of the Bankruptcy Code and (except as provided herein) any rights to, claims or causes of action for recovery under any policies of insurance issued to or on behalf of the Debtors shall remain assets of the Debtors' estates and, on the Effective Date, shall be transferred to the Reorganized Debtors. The Reorganized Debtors shall be deemed the appointed representatives to, and may, pursue, litigate, and compromise and settle any such rights, claims, or causes of action, as appropriate, in accordance with what is in the best interests of and for the benefit of the Reorganized Debtors; *provided*, *however*, that, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Debtors shall be deemed to have released any right to pursue an avoidance or recovery action under section 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, or 553 of the

Bankruptcy Code against any Creditor that continued to supply goods or services to any of the Debtors during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases.

10.3.7 Term of Injunctions or Stays.

(a) Injunction Related to Discharged Claims and Cancelled Interests.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, and except with respect to enforcement of the Plan, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against or Equity Interests in any Debtor are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from:

- (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on any such Claim or Equity Interest against any Reorganized Debtor;
- (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order against any Reorganized Debtor with respect to any such Claim or Equity Interest;
- (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against any Reorganized Debtor, or against property of any Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, with respect to any such Claim or Equity Interest; and
- (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from any Reorganized Debtor, or against the property or interests in property of any Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, with respect to any such Claim or Equity Interest.
- (b) <u>Continuation of Existing Injunctions and Stays.</u>

Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court or by the Plan, all injunctions or stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Cases under section 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date.

(c) <u>Injunction Against Worthless Stock Deductions.</u>

Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, on or after the Confirmation Date, any person or group of persons constituting a "fifty percent shareholder" of Aleris within the meaning of section 382(g)(4)(D) of the Tax Code shall be enjoined from claiming a worthless stock deduction with respect to any Aleris Equity Interests held by such person(s) (or otherwise treating such Equity Interests as worthless for U.S. federal income tax purposes) for any taxable year of such person(s) ending prior to the Effective Date.

ARTICLE XI

RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

Pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter (a) arising under the Bankruptcy Code, (b) arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Cases or the Plan, or (c) to perform any of the following actions:

- (a) to hear and determine any and all motions or applications pending on the Confirmation Date (or thereafter if a contract listed on Schedule "9.4" of the Plan is thereafter determined to be executory, and the Debtors are required to assume or reject it) for the assumption and/or assignment or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases to which a Debtor is a party or with respect to which a Debtor may be liable, and to hear and determine any and all Claims resulting therefrom or from the expiration or termination prior to the Confirmation Date of any executory contract or unexpired lease;
- (b) to determine any and all adversary proceedings, applications, motions, and contested or litigated matters that may be pending on the Effective Date or that, pursuant to the Plan, may be instituted by any of the Reorganized Debtors after the Effective Date, including, without express or implied limitation, any claims to avoid any preferences, fraudulent transfers, or other avoidable transfers, or otherwise to recover assets for the benefit of the Debtors' estates;
- (c) to hear and determine any objections to the allowance of Claims arising prior to the Effective Date, whether filed, asserted, or made before or after the Effective Date, including, without express or implied limitation, to hear and determine any objections to the classification of any Claim and to allow or disallow any Disputed Claim in whole or in part;
- (d) to issue such orders in aid of execution of the Plan to the extent authorized or contemplated by section 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (e) to consider any modifications of the Plan, remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including, without express or implied limitation, the Confirmation Order;
- (f) to hear and determine all applications for allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals under sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and any other fees and expenses authorized to be paid or reimbursed under the Plan;
- (g) to hear and determine all controversies, suits, and disputes that may relate to, affect, or arise in connection with the Plan (and all exhibits to the Plan) or its interpretation, implementation, enforcement, or consummation;
- (h) to the extent that Bankruptcy Court approval is required, to consider and act on the compromise and settlement of any Claim or Cause of Action by or against the Debtors' estates;

- (i) to determine such other matters that may be set forth in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or that may arise in connection with the Plan or the Confirmation Order;
- (j) to hear and determine matters concerning state, local, and federal taxes, fines, penalties, or additions to taxes for which the Debtors may be liable, directly or indirectly, in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code (including any request for expedited determination under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code);
- (k) to hear and determine matters concerning the exemption to comply with any applicable non-bankruptcy laws and regulations, in accordance with, among other things, section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, relating to transactions contemplated by the Plan; and
- (1) to enter an order or final decree closing these Chapter 11 Cases.

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 Payment of Statutory Fees.

All fees payable pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at the hearing on confirmation of the Plan, shall be paid by the Debtors on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding Section 6.4 of the Plan, the Debtors shall pay all of the foregoing fees on a per-Debtor basis.

12.2 Exemption from Securities Law.

Pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, the offering, issuance, and distribution of any Securities pursuant to the Plan (other than Securities distributed pursuant to the Rights Offering or the Equity Commitment Agreement) and any and all settlement agreements incorporated herein shall be exempt from, among other things, the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act and any other applicable law requiring registration prior to the offering, issuance, distribution or sale of Securities. In addition, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, under section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, any Securities contemplated by the Plan and any and all settlement agreements incorporated therein will be freely tradable by the recipients thereof, subject to:

- (a) the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and compliance with any rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such Securities or instruments;
- (b) the restrictions, if any, on the transferability of such Securities and instruments; and
- (c) applicable regulatory approval.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, shares of New Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes issued to the Rights Offering Participants and the Backstop Parties pursuant to the Rights Offering and the Equity Commitment Agreement, respectively, shall be issued pursuant to the exemption provided under section 4(2) of the Securities Act, Regulation D thereunder, or Regulation S thereunder. The holders of such equity and debt Securities shall receive registration rights with respect to the New Common Stock as set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

12.3 Third Party Agreements.

The Distributions to the various classes of Claims hereunder shall not affect the right of any Entity to levy, garnish, attach, or employ any other legal process with respect to such Distributions by reason of any claimed subordination rights or otherwise. All of such rights and any agreements relating thereto shall remain in full force and effect.

12.4 Dissolution of Creditors' Committee.

On the Effective Date, the Creditors' Committee shall thereupon be released and discharged of and from all further authority, duties, responsibilities, and obligations relating to and arising from and in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases. Except for the limited purpose of presenting final applications for fee and expenses, the Creditors' Committee shall be deemed dissolved.

12.5 Notices.

Any notices, requests, and demands required or permitted to be provided under the Plan, in order to be effective, shall be in writing and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when actually received at the following addresses:

If to the Debtors:

Aleris International, Inc 25825 Science Park Dr., Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Attn: Christopher R. Clegg, Esq.

and

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153 Attn: Stephen Karotkin, Esq. Debra A. Dandeneau, Esq.

and

Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. One Rodney Square 920 North King Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Attn: Paul N. Heath, Esq. L. Katherine Good, Esq. Andrew C. Irgens, Esq.

If to the Creditors' Committee:	Reed Smith LLP 2500 One Liberty Place 1650 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 Attn: Claudia Z. Springer, Esq. Derek J. Baker, Esq.
	Reed Smith LLP Reed Smith Centre 225 Seventh Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 Attn: Paul M. Singer, Esq.
	Reed Smith LLP 1202 N. Market Street, Suite 1500 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Attn: Kurt F. Gwynne, Esq. Mark W. Eckard, Esq.
If to the Backstop Parties:	Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Attn: Alan W. Kornberg, Esq. Kenneth M. Schneider, Esq.
	Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen, & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 Attn: Philip Mindlin, Esq.

12.6 Headings.

The headings used in the Plan are inserted for convenience only and neither constitutes a portion of the Plan nor in any manner affects the construction of the provisions of the Plan.

Andrew J. Nussbaum, Esq. Gregory E. Pessin, Esq.

12.7 Inconsistency.

In the event of any inconsistency among the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and any exhibit or any schedule to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan governs. In the event of any inconsistency between the Plan and the Confirmation Order, the Confirmation Order governs.

12.8 Severability.

At the option of the Debtors, acting with the consent of a Majority in Interest, any provision of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any of the exhibits to the Plan that is prohibited,

unenforceable, or invalid shall, as to any jurisdiction in which such provision is prohibited, unenforceable, or invalidated, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition, unenforceability, or invalidation without invalidating the remaining provisions of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and the exhibits to the Plan or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provisions in any other jurisdiction.

12.9 Governing Law.

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules), the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof, shall govern the construction of the Plan and any agreements, documents, and instruments executed in connection with the Plan, except as otherwise expressly provided in such agreements, documents, or instruments.

12.10 Tax Related Provisions.

12.10.1 Exemption from Transfer Taxes.

Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the issuance, transfer, or exchange of notes or equity securities under the Plan, the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, the making or assignment of any lease or sublease, or the making or delivery of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan, including, without express or implied limitation, any liens granted in connection with Exit ABL Facility and the sale, transfer, or other disposition of assets held by OpCo for disposition, as described in Section 7.6 of the Plan shall not be subject to any sales and use, stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage recording, or other similar tax.

12.10.2 Expedited Determination of Postpetition Taxes.

The Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors are authorized (but not required) to request an expedited determination of taxes under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for all tax returns filed for, or on behalf of, the Debtors for all taxable periods (or portions thereof) from the Commencement Date through (and including) the Effective Date.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware March 11, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleris International, Inc. Alchem Aluminum Shelbyville Inc. Alchem Aluminum, Inc. Aleris Aluminum Europe, Inc. Aleris Aluminum U.S. Sales Inc. Aleris Blanking and Rim Products, Inc. Aleris Blanking and Rim Products, Inc. Aleris Light Gauge Products, Inc. Aleris Nevada Management, Inc. Aleris Ohio Management, Inc. Aleris, Inc. Alsco Holdings, Inc. Alsco Metals Corporation Alumitech of Cleveland, Inc. Alumitech of Wabash, Inc. Alumitech of West Virginia, Inc. Alumitech, Inc. AWT Properties, Inc. CA Lewisport, LLC CI Holdings, LLC Commonwealth Aluminum Concast, Inc. Commonwealth Aluminum Lewisport, LLC Commonwealth Aluminum Metals, LLC Commonwealth Aluminum Sales Corporation Commonwealth Aluminum Tube Enterprises, LLC Commonwealth Aluminum, LLC Commonwealth Industries, Inc. **ETS Schaefer Corporation** IMCO Indiana Partnership L.P. IMCO International, Inc. IMCO Investment Company IMCO Management Partnership, L.P. IMCO Recycling of California, Inc. IMCO Recycling of Idaho Inc. IMCO Recycling of Illinois Inc. IMCO Recycling of Indiana Inc. IMCO Recycling of Michigan L.L.C. IMCO Recycling of Ohio Inc. IMCO Recycling of Utah Inc. IMCO Recycling Services Company IMSAMET, Inc. Rock Creek Aluminum, Inc. Silver Fox Holding Company Wabash Alloys, L.L.C. Aleris Deutschland Holding, GmbH.

By: <u>/s/ Sean M. Stack</u>

Name: Sean M. Stack Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Aleris International, Inc.,

President of the other U.S. Debtors, and

Managing Director of ADH

Exhibits to the Plan

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1.5	Acquisition Agreement
1.1.32	Form of Amended and Restated Organizational Documents of HoldCo, IntermediateCo, and the Reorganized Debtors
1.1.48	Amendment to the Claims Settlement Guidelines
1.1.55	Contribution Agreement
1.1.84	Equity Commitment Agreement
1.1.112	Form of IntermediateCo Note Indenture
1.1.114	Terms of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock
1.1.151	Form of Registration Rights Agreement
1.1.176	Form of Stockholders Agreement
7.10	Terms of the Amendment to European Term Loan Facility

Exhibit 1.1.5

Acquisition Agreement

ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

THIS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated February 5, 2010, by and among ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Aleris International</u>"), the Selling Subsidiaries (as defined below), and RLD Acquisition Co, a Delaware corporation ("<u>RLD</u>"), RCY ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>RCY</u>"), SPEC A ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Spec A</u>"), SPEC P ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Spec P</u>"), HQ1 ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>InternationalCo</u>"), INTL ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>UWA</u>"), and NAME ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>UWA</u>"), and NAME ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NAMECO</u>," and together with RLD, RCY, Spec A, Spec P, HQCO, InternationalCo and UWA, the "<u>Operating Companies</u>").

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WHEREAS, Aleris International and its subsidiaries are engaged in the production and sale of aluminum rolled and extruded products, recycled aluminum, specification alloy production and other specialty products (the "<u>Business</u>"), domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, Aleris International and its affiliated U.S. debtors and, on February 5, 2010, Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") commenced voluntary cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court; and

WHEREAS, concurrent herewith, the Operating Companies, AHC1 Holding Co. ("<u>HoldCo</u>"), a Delaware corporation and the indirect parent of each Operating Company, and AHC Intermediate Co. ("<u>IntermediateCo</u>"), a Delaware corporation and the direct or indirect parent of each Operating Company, have entered into that certain Contribution Agreement (the "<u>Contribution Agreement</u>"), dated as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Operating Companies' acquisition of the Business and the Plan (as defined herein), and subject to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement (as defined in the Plan), certain affiliated investment funds and accounts managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., have committed to buy (either alone or together with one or more of the other Backstop Parties), and IntermediateCo has committed to issue and sell, for \$5 million in cash (the "<u>Cash Proceeds</u>"), 5,000 shares of exchangeable preferred stock of IntermediateCo (the "<u>Preferred Stock</u>"), which have a stated value equal to \$5 million and terms substantially as set forth in <u>Annex A</u>; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, HoldCo and IntermediateCo have agreed to contribute, or cause to be contributed, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, to each Operating Company its proportional share of (i) shares of common stock (the "<u>New Common Stock</u>"), par value \$0.01 per share, of HoldCo, (ii) subordinated, unsecured exchangeable notes due 2020 issued pursuant to the IntermediateCo Note Indenture between IntermediateCo and an indenture trustee to be named, in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$45 million, with terms substantially as set forth in <u>Annex B</u> (the "<u>IntermediateCo Notes</u>") and (iii) the Cash Proceeds; and

WHEREAS, Aleris International wishes to sell, assign and transfer to each of the Operating Companies, and each Operating Company wishes to purchase and acquire from Aleris International, the respective assets (including the assets of the Selling Subsidiaries and stock of subsidiaries of Aleris International) relating to a separate division or certain intangibles of the Business, which, in the aggregate, comprises substantially all of Aleris International's assets, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and interests other than as expressly permitted hereunder and, in connection therewith, each Operating Company is willing to pay the Purchase Price, including the assumption of the Liabilities, all upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Debtors may, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, prior to the Closing, engage in one or more related transactions generally designed to simplify and consolidate the organizational structure of the Debtors, consistent with the acquisition of the divisions hereunder, by merging, dissolving or otherwise consolidating one or more of the Debtors;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the representations, warranties, agreements and covenants hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound, Aleris International and each Operating Company hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section 1 (capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan):

"<u>Affiliate</u>" of any particular person means any other person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such person. For purposes of this definition, "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management and policies of a person whether through the ownership of voting securities, contract or otherwise.

"<u>Allocation</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code.

"<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

"<u>Business</u>" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>Cash Proceeds</u>" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Chapter 11 Cases" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Closing" means the closing of the transactions contemplated by this

Agreement.

"<u>Closing Date</u>" means the Effective Date.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Contribution Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Debtors" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>GAAP</u>" means United States generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied.

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" means any government or governmental or regulatory body thereof, or political subdivision thereof, whether federal, state, local or foreign, or any agency, instrumentality or authority thereof, or any court or arbitrator (public or private), including any taxing authority.

"HoldCo" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"IntermediateCo" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"IntermediateCo Notes" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>Law</u>" means any foreign, federal, state, local law, statute, code, ordinance, rule or regulation.

"Liabilities" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(c).

"<u>New Common Stock</u>" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>Plan</u>" means the Joint Plan of Reorganization of the Debtors, dated the date hereof (as may be modified, amended or supplemented).

"Preferred Stock" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>Purchased Assets</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.

"<u>Purchase Price</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.

"<u>Seller Tax Return</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(d).

"<u>Selling Subsidiaries</u>" means the direct and indirect U.S. subsidiaries of Aleris International as set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u>, which shall be completed and attached hereto by Aleris International in time to be included in the filing of the Plan Supplement.

"Tax" or "Taxes" means (i) all federal, state, local or foreign taxes, charges, fees, imposts, levies or other assessments, including all income, gross receipts, capital, sales, use, *ad valorem*, value added, transfer, franchise, profits, inventory, capital stock, license, withholding, payroll, employment, social security, unemployment, excise, severance, stamp, occupation, property and estimated taxes, customs duties, fees, assessments and charges of any kind whatsoever, (ii) all interest, penalties, fines, additions to tax or additional amounts imposed by any Tax authority in connection with any item described in clause (i) and (iii) any liability in respect of any items described in clauses (i) or (ii) payable by reason of contract, assumption, transferee liability, operation of law, Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6(a) (or any predecessor or successor thereof or any analogous or similar provision under Law) or otherwise.

"<u>Tax Return</u>" means any return, report, information return or other document (including schedules or any related or supporting information) filed or required to be filed with any governmental entity or other authority in connection with the determination, assessment or collection of any Tax or the administration of any laws, regulations or administrative requirements relating to any Tax.

"Transfer Taxes" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.

2. Purchase of Purchased Assets.

On the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, on the Closing Date, (a) each Operating Company shall purchase a portion of Aleris International's assets (including the assets of the Selling Subsidiaries) as set forth in <u>Schedule 2</u>, which shall be completed and attached hereto by the Operating Companies and Aleris International in time to be included in the filing of the Plan Supplement, and shall be amended as necessary by any Operating Company with the consent of Aleris International prior to the Closing Date, such that the Operating Companies shall, in the aggregate, purchase all of Aleris International's and the Selling Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in and to all of Aleris International's and the Selling Subsidiaries' assets, properties, business and goodwill of every kind, character and description, whether tangible or intangible, whether real, personal or mixed, and wherever located, and in existence on the Closing Date after taking into account all distributions pursuant to the Plan (such assets being purchased are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "<u>Purchased Assets</u>"), and (b) the Purchase Price shall be paid as set forth in Section 3.

3. Purchase Price.

In accordance with <u>Schedule 2</u>, each Operating Company shall pay its respective portion of the purchase price (in the aggregate, the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") to Aleris International in consideration for the sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance and delivery

by Aleris International to each of the Operating Companies of its respective portion of the Purchased Assets. The Purchase Price shall be the aggregate of the following:

(a) up to approximately 36.5 million shares of the New Common Stock, which shall equal 100% of the outstanding shares of New Common Stock on the Closing Date;

(b) the IntermediateCo Notes; and

(c) the obligations and liabilities that remain outstanding after giving effect to the Plan (including, without limitation, any amounts payable by the Debtors under the Plan with respect to Administrative Claims and Disputed Claims) (the "<u>Liabilities</u>") of Aleris International and the Selling Subsidiaries.

4. Assumption of Liabilities.

NAMECO agrees to assume and to perform and discharge, except as provided for in Section 6(b) and as set forth on <u>Schedule 2</u>, the Liabilities of Aleris International.

5. Purchase Price Allocation.

Each Operating Company's respective portion of the Purchase Price shall be allocated for U.S. federal income tax purposes among the Purchased Assets as of the Closing Date in accordance with Schedule 2 and in a manner consistent with Section 1060 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations, which allocations will be set out in separate schedules to be prepared by each Operating Company as soon as reasonably practicable after the Closing Date (each an "Allocation"). The parties hereto agree that (i) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the transfer of the Purchased Assets pursuant hereto shall be treated as a taxable transaction, and (ii) for all Tax purposes, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be reported in a manner consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the Allocation. No party will take any position inconsistent with the preceding sentence in any Tax Return, in any refund claim, in any litigation, or otherwise, except as otherwise required pursuant to a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code or analogous provision of state, local or foreign Tax law. The parties also agree to cooperate in preparing IRS Form 8594 (including any subsequent adjustments required thereto). If any such Allocation is disputed by any Governmental Authority, the party receiving notice of such dispute will promptly notify the other parties and the parties will use their reasonable best efforts to sustain the final allocation. The parties will share information and cooperate in good faith to permit the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to be properly, timely and consistently reported.

6. Tax Matters.

(a) Transfer Taxes. (i) NAMECO shall be responsible for (and shall indemnify and hold harmless the other and their respective directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, agents, successors and permitted assigns against) any sales, use, stamp, documentary stamp, filing, recording, transfer or similar fees or taxes or governmental charges (including any interest and penalty thereon) payable in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement ("Transfer Taxes"). Aleris International shall, however, seek to include in the Plan a provision that provides that the transfer of the Purchased Assets shall be free and clear of any Transfer Taxes under Bankruptcy Code Section 1146(a). Aleris International and the Operating Companies shall cooperate and consult with each other prior to filing any Tax Returns in respect of Transfer Taxes; provided, however, Aleris International may initially pay any Transfer Taxes (for which the applicable Operating Company shall promptly reimburse Aleris International) and, thereafter, in reliance on Section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable) apply for a refund (which refund shall be remitted to the applicable Operating Company to the extent such Transfer Taxes were previously reimbursed by such Operating Company). Aleris International and the Operating Companies shall cooperate and otherwise take commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any available refunds for Transfer Taxes.

(ii) To the extent that any Transfer Taxes are required to be paid by NAMECO relating to the assets acquired by an Operating Company other than NAMECO, the applicable Operating Company shall promptly reimburse NAMECO for such Transfer Taxes.

(b) <u>Real and Personal Property Taxes</u>. All real and personal property Taxes or similar *ad valorem* obligations levied with respect to the Purchased Assets, whether imposed or assessed before or after the Closing Date, shall be borne by the Operating Companies, but only as to those taxes or obligations that are due and payable after the Closing Date without penalty.

(c) <u>Section 338 Election</u>. The Operating Companies shall be permitted, but are not required, to make an election under Section 338 of the Code (or any comparable state, local, or foreign Law) with respect to the purchase of the equity interests of any subsidiary of Aleris International or any Selling Subsidiary, if applicable, that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and Aleris International shall use its best efforts to timely make, or cause to be timely made, any joint election under such section as requested by the Operating Companies.

(d) <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. As of the Closing Date, HQCO shall hereby be delegated and have full responsibility for all Tax matters with respect to Aleris International and the Selling Subsidiaries for all taxable periods of Aleris International and the Selling Subsidiaries ending on or prior to, or including, the Closing Date. In furtherance thereof, and without limitation, HQCO shall (i) prepare and file (or cause to be prepared and filed) all Federal, state, local and foreign tax returns, reports, certificates, forms or similar statements or documents (collectively, "<u>Seller Tax Returns</u>") that Aleris International or any Selling Subsidiary is required to file or that HQCO otherwise deems appropriate (including the filing of amended Seller Tax Returns or requests for refunds), and (ii) control any inquiry, contest, audit or administrative or court proceeding relating to any such Tax matters. Neither Aleris International nor any Selling Subsidiary shall file or amend after the Closing Date any Seller Tax Return for any taxable periods (or portions thereof) described in the first sentence of this subsection (d) without HQCO's prior written consent.

7. Instruments of Conveyance; Further Assurances; Power of Attorney.

(a) Attached to this Agreement as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form of the bill of sale pursuant to which all right, title and interest of Aleris International and the Selling Subsidiaries in and to the Purchased Assets will be hereby transferred, assigned and conveyed on the Closing Date to the Operating Companies, their successors and assigns, forever, in accordance with the Plan. Aleris International, the Selling Subsidiaries and the Operating Companies each agree, from time to time after the Closing Date, upon the request of the other and without further consideration, to do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or to cause to be done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, assignments, transfers, conveyances, powers of attorney, consents and assurances as might be required to, or to more effectively, convey, assign, transfer, set over and deliver to, and to vest, perfect and confirm in each Operating Company all of Aleris International's and the Selling Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in and to such Operating Company's respective portion of the Purchased Assets.

(b) Effective as of the Closing Date, Aleris International hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints each Operating Company, its successors and assigns, its true and lawful attorney, with full power of substitution, in the name, place and stead of Aleris International, to take all action which such Operating Company may deem proper in order to vest, perfect or confirm of record or otherwise in such Operating Company the title of any of the Purchased Assets, or otherwise to carry out the provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, the handling of all Tax matters and any governmental filings of Aleris International). Aleris International acknowledges that the foregoing powers are coupled with an interest and are and shall be irrevocable in any manner and for any reason.

(c) Effective as of the Closing Date, each Selling Subsidiary hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints each Operating Company, its successors and assigns, its true and lawful attorney, with full power of substitution, in the name, place and stead of such Selling Subsidiary, to take all action which such Operating Company may deem proper in order to vest, perfect or confirm of record or otherwise in such Operating Company the title of any of the Purchased Assets, or otherwise to carry out the provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, the handling of all Tax matters and any governmental filings of such Selling Subsidiary). Each Selling Subsidiary acknowledges that the foregoing powers are coupled with an interest and are and shall be irrevocable in any manner and for any reason.

8. Covenant and Agreement of Aleris International.

Aleris International covenants and agrees to file the Plan and the related Disclosure Statement of the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court on behalf of the Debtors, which Plan shall be reasonably acceptable in form and substance to each of the Operating Companies, and will not make any revision, modification, supplement or amendment that would adversely affect the Operating Companies without the consent of the Operating Companies (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld). Aleris International shall use commercial best efforts to obtain confirmation of the Plan.

9. Covenant and Agreement of the Operating Companies.

(a) The Operating Companies covenant and agree to cause IntermediateCo to issue and sell the Preferred Stock to the Backstop Parties pursuant to that certain Equity Commitment Agreement.

(b) The Operating Companies covenant and agree to cause HoldCo to enter into (i) a registration rights agreement with substantially the same terms as set forth in Exhibit F to the Equity Commitment Agreement and (ii) a stockholders' agreement with substantially the same terms as set forth in Exhibit G to the Equity Commitment Agreement.

10. Conditions to Obligations of the Operating Companies.

The respective obligations of the Operating Companies to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction at or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions, any one or more of which may be waived (but only in writing) by each Operating Company (provided that no such waiver shall be deemed to have cured any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant made in this Agreement):

(a) <u>Confirmation Order</u>. The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order in a form reasonably acceptable to the Operating Companies.

(b) <u>Contribution Agreement</u>. The transactions contemplated by the Contribution Agreement shall have been consummated.

(c) <u>Conditions to Confirmation</u>. The conditions to confirmation and the conditions to the Effective Date shall have been satisfied (or waived by the Debtors and a Majority in Interest) in accordance with the Plan.

(d) <u>Purchase of Preferred Stock</u>. The Backstop Parties shall concurrently purchase the Preferred Stock from IntermediateCo.

11. Disclaimer.

Aleris International, the Selling Subsidiaries and the Operating Companies hereby agree that the Purchased Assets are being transferred AS IS and WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, except as may otherwise be provided in any deeds executed by Aleris International and the Selling Subsidiaries for the purpose of effecting the transfer of record ownership of real estate to the Operating Companies.

12. Notices.

Any notices or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given or made when personally delivered or when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or sent by telecopy, addressed as follows or to such other address as the party to whom the same is intended shall have specified in conformity with the foregoing:

If to Aleris International or any Selling Subsidiary:

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Dr., Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg, Esq. Telecopy No.: (216) 910-3654

If to the Operating Companies:

c/o Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Dr., Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg, Esq. Telecopy No.: (216) 910-3654

13. Successors.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Each Operating Company may, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, direct the transfer of the Purchased Assets on its behalf by assigning its rights to purchase, accept and acquire the Purchased Assets and its obligations to assume and thereafter pay or perform as and when due, or otherwise discharge, the Liabilities, to any affiliate of any Operating Company.

14. Paragraph Headings.

The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

15. Severability.

If at any time subsequent to the date hereof, any provision of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be of no force and effect, but the illegality or unenforceability of such provision shall have no effect upon and shall not impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

16. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

17. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement represents the entire understanding and agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and can be amended, supplemented or changed, and any provision thereof can be waived, only by written instrument making specific reference to this Agreement signed by the party against whom enforcement of any such amendment, supplement, modification or waiver is sought.

18. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC. By_ Sean M. Stack Exec.VP & CFO WABASH ALLOYS, L.L.C. By Sean M. Stack President ALERIS ALUMINUM U.S. SALES INC. By_ Sean M. Stack President RLD ACQUISITION CO. By Sean M. Stack President RCY ACQUISITION CO. By_ Sean M. Stack President SPEC A ACQUISITION CO. By_ Sean M. Stack

Sean M. Stack President [SIGNATURE PAGE TO ACQUISITION AGREEMENT]

SPEC P ACQUISITION CO.

By_

Sean M. Stack President

HQ1 ACQUISITION CO.

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Sean M. Stack President INTL ACQUISITION CO.

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Sean M. Stack President

UWA ACQUISITION CO.

By_

Sean M. Stack President

NAME ACQUISITION CO.

By_

Sean M. Stack President

Schedule 1

Selling Subsidiaries

- 1. Wabash Alloys, L.L.C.
- 2. Aleris Aluminum U.S. Sales Inc.

Schedule 2

Distribution of Purchased Assets

[see attached]

Preferred Stock Term Sheet

Liquidation Preference:	\$5 million (in the aggregate), plus accrued and unpaid dividends, to be paid upon the liquidation of IntermediateCo prior to any payment on the common stock of IntermediateCo.
Dividends:	Payable at 8% per annum multiplied by the liquidation preference, compounded semiannually on each dividend payment date. IntermediateCo's board of directors may declare and pay dividends; if undeclared, dividends will accumulate to the extent they are not paid on the dividend payment date for the semiannual period to which they relate.
Voting Rights:	Holders of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will have the right to elect one director if IntermediateCo fails to pay in full and in Cash six consecutive semiannual dividends or the mandatory redemption payment. At such time, IntermediateCo's board of directors must be comprised of at least five members.
Amendments and Waivers:	The affirmative vote of the holders of 80% of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock is necessary for amendments of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock that (i) change the stated redemption date of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock; (ii) reduce the liquidation preference of, or dividend rate on, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock; (iii) adversely affect the right to exchange the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, or (iv) reduce the percentage of outstanding IntermediateCo Preferred Stock necessary to amend the terms thereof or to grant waivers.
Registration Rights:	New Common Stock that may be issued upon exchange of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will be offered customary registration rights.
Redemption:	Subject to mandatory redemption on the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date at a redemption price equal to the liquidation preference, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. There will be no optional redemption rights.
Holder's Option to Exchange:	At the holder's option, at any time prior to redemption but after the third anniversary of the Effective Date, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will be exchangeable into New Common Stock on a per share dollar exchange ratio to be determined at the time of issuance based upon 110% of the Plan Value Share Price (as defined in the Plan).
	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, after the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the holder shall have the right to exchange the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock into New Common Stock under the following circumstances:
	➢ immediately prior to an IPO or
	upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Change (as defined in the IntermediateCo Note Indenture) of HoldCo.

Anti-Dilution Provisions:	Exchange ratio will be adjusted to provide anti-dilution protection for recapitalizations, below-market issuances, or subdivisions or combinations.
Transfer Restrictions:	Any transfer restrictions will be described in the Plan Supplement.

Annex B

IntermediateCo Exchangeable Notes Term Sheet

Principal Amounts:	\$45,000,000.	
Maturity:	Ten years.	
Issue Price:	100% of the principal amount on the Effective Dat	е.
Interest:	Interest rate will be equal to 6% per annum, at the directors, in cash or by accretion to the face value of arrears on March 31 and September 30 of each yea will be treated as Original Issue Discount for tax per	of the IntermediateCo Notes, semiannually in r, beginning on March 31, 2011. Stated interest
Exchange Rights:	At the holder's option, after the third anniversary of Common Stock on a per share dollar exchange rati- upon 100% of the Plan Value Share Price (as defin- dilution.	o to be determined at the time of issuance based
Anti-Dilution Provisions:	Exchange ratio will be adjusted to provide anti-dilumarket issuances, subdivisions or combinations.	ution protection for recapitalizations, below-
Fundamental Change:	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained months after the Effective Date, the holder shall ha Notes for New Common Stock immediately prior t HoldCo at face value plus any accrued but unpaid i occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in HoldCo.	tive the right to exchange the IntermediateCo to an initial public offering (an " <i>IPO</i> ") of interest divided by the IPO price or upon the
Optional Redemption:	On or after the third anniversary of the Effective Date upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of the holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the anniversary of the issuance of the IntermediateCo Notes of the years indicated below:	
	Year 2013 2014 2015 and thereafter	Percentage 102% 101% 100%
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On or after the later of the six month anniversary of the Effective Date and January 1, 2011, and only upon the occurrence of a fundamental change of HoldCo, at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of the holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the anniversary of the issuance of the IntermediateCo Notes of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2011	104%
2012 and thereafter	103%

Covenants:	None.	
Events of Default:	• Default due to non-payment of the Notes upon maturity	
	• Customary default due to bankruptcy or receivership	
Registration Rights:	New Common Stock that may be issued upon exchange of the IntermediateCo Notes will be offered rights, if any, pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.	
Transfer Restrictions:	As provided for in Section IX to the Disclosure Statement.	
Ranking:	IntermediateCo shall have the full and absolute discretion to subordinate the debt represented by the IntermediateCo Notes to any debt or other borrowing of money designated by IntermediateCo to be senior in ranking.	
Governing Law:	New York.	

BILL OF SALE¹

This **BILL OF SALE** (this "<u>Bill of Sale</u>") is made and delivered this [___] day of [____], 2010, by Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Seller</u>"), for the benefit of [____], a Delaware corporation ("<u>Purchaser</u>"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement (as hereinafter defined).

WHEREAS, Seller and the Operating Companies have entered into that certain Acquisition Agreement dated as of February 5, 2010 (the "<u>Agreement</u>"), the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, which provides, among other things, for the sale and assignment by Seller to the Operating Companies of the Purchased Assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in the Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Seller, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement:

1. Effective as of [], Seller does hereby bargain, sell, grant, assign, transfer, convey and deliver unto Purchaser, and its successors and assigns, forever, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Purchaser's respective Purchased Assets (as set forth under Purchaser's name in <u>Schedule 2</u> to the Agreement, as amended) **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** such Purchased Assets with all appurtenances thereto, unto Purchaser, and its successors and assigns, for its use forever.

2. This Bill of Sale shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties thereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3. Nothing in this Bill of Sale, express or implied, is intended to or shall be construed to modify, expand or limit in any way the terms of the Agreement. To the extent that any provision of this Bill of Sale conflicts or is inconsistent with the terms of the terms of the Agreement, the Agreement shall govern.

4. This Bill of Sale is executed and delivered pursuant to the Agreement.

5. This Bill of Sale shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

¹ This form should be used for each Operating Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Seller has caused this Bill of Sale to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By:_____

Name:_____

Title:_____

Form of Amended and Restated Organizational Documents of HoldCo, IntermediateCo, and the Reorganized Debtors

To Be Filed with the Plan Supplement

Amendment to the Claims Settlement Guidelines

To Be Filed with the Plan Supplement

Contribution Agreement

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

CONTRIBUTION 2010 AGREEMENT. dated February 5. (this "Agreement"), by and among AHC1 HOLDING CO., a Delaware corporation ("HoldCo"), AHC INTERMEDIATE CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of HoldCo ("IntermediateCo"), RLD ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("RLD"), RCY ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("RCY"), SPEC A ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of RCY ("Spec A"), SPEC P ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of RCY ("Spec P"), NAME ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("NAMECO"), INTL ACOUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("InternationalCo"), UWA ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("UWA") and HQ1 ACQUISITION CO., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of IntermediateCo ("HQCO" and collectively, with RLD, RCY, Spec A, Spec P, NAMECO, InternationalCo and UWA, the "Operating Companies"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Acquisition Agreement (as defined below).

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WHEREAS, concurrent herewith, the Operating Companies have entered into that certain Acquisition Agreement (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), dated as of the date hereof, with Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Aleris International</u>"), and the Selling Subsidiaries (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement), to purchase substantially all of the assets of Aleris International (including the assets of the Selling Subsidiaries); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Acquisition Agreement, HoldCo has agreed to issue to IntermediateCo as a capital contribution up to approximately 36.5 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of HoldCo (the "<u>HoldCo</u> <u>Contributed Assets</u>"), which shall equal 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock issued by HoldCo on the Closing Date (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement), to be transferred (directly or indirectly) by IntermediateCo to the Operating Companies; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Acquisition Agreement, subject to the terms of the Equity Commitment Agreement (as defined in the Plan), certain affiliated investment funds and accounts managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., have committed to buy (either alone or together with one or more of the other Backstop Parties (as defined in the Plan)), and IntermediateCo has committed to issue and sell, for \$5 million in cash (the "<u>Cash Proceeds</u>"), 5,000 shares of exchangeable preferred stock of IntermediateCo (the "<u>Preferred Stock</u>"), which have a stated value equal to \$5 million (as described in the Acquisition Agreement) and IntermediateCo has agreed to transfer the Cash Proceeds to the Operating Companies (in proportion to the relative net value of the assets to be acquired by each respective Operating Company) as a contribution to capital; and

with WHEREAS, in connection the Acquisition Agreement, IntermediateCo has agreed to (i) transfer to the Operating Companies (in proportion to the relative net value of the assets to be acquired by each respective Operating Company) as a capital contribution the HoldCo Contributed Assets and (ii) transfer to the Operating Companies (in proportion to the relative net value of the assets to be acquired by each respective Operating Company) as a capital contribution subordinated, unsecured exchangeable notes due 2020 issued pursuant to the IntermediateCo Note Indenture between IntermediateCo and an indenture trustee to be named, in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$45 million (as described in the Acquisition Agreement) (the "Exchangeable Notes" and together with the HoldCo Contributed Assets, the "Contributed Assets"), to be transferred by the Operating Companies to Aleris International, pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the HoldCo Contributed Assets shall be contributed by HoldCo to IntermediateCo and the Contributed Assets and the right to the Cash Proceeds shall then be contributed by IntermediateCo (directly or indirectly) to each of the Operating Companies immediately prior to the Closing (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement) and that such contribution shall take place prior to the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, HoldCo, IntermediateCo and the Operating Companies hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Contribution</u>.

(a) Immediately prior to the Closing, HoldCo agrees to assign, transfer, convey, contribute and deliver to IntermediateCo all of HoldCo's right, title and interest in and to the HoldCo Contributed Assets, and IntermediateCo agrees to accept such assignment, transfer, contribution and conveyance, as a contribution to capital.

(b) Immediately after the contribution from HoldCo to IntermediateCo is effected, IntermediateCo agrees to assign, transfer, convey, contribute and deliver to each Operating Company (in proportion to the relative net value of the assets to be acquired by each respective Operating Company as will be agreed to among IntermediateCo and the Operating Companies prior to the Closing and will be set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u>, which shall be completed by the parties and attached hereto prior to the Closing Date) all of IntermediateCo's right, title and interest in and to the Contributed Assets and the Cash Proceeds, and each Operating Company agrees to accept such assignment, transfer, contribution and conveyance, as a contribution to capital.

(c) Immediately after the contribution from IntermediateCo to RCY is effected, RCY agrees to assign, transfer, convey, contribute and deliver to Spec A and Spec P (in proportion to the relative net value of the assets to be acquired by Spec A and Spec P, respectively, as will be agreed to among IntermediateCo, RCY, Spec A and Spec P prior to the Closing and will be set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u>, which shall be completed by the parties and attached hereto prior to the Closing Date) certain of RCY's right, title and interest in and to the Contributed Assets and the Cash Proceeds, and each of Spec A and

Spec P agrees to accept such assignment, transfer, contribution and conveyance, as a contribution to capital.

(d) The transfer of the HoldCo Contributed Assets to IntermediateCo shall be entered into the records of HoldCo and IntermediateCo, and the Contributed Common Stock shall be deemed duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

(e) The transfer of the Contributed Assets and Cash Proceeds to the Operating Companies shall be entered into the records of IntermediateCo and each respective Operating Company.

2. <u>IntermediateCo Preferred Stock</u>. As provided for in, and subject to, the Equity Commitment Agreement, IntermediateCo will issue and sell to the Backstop Parties the Preferred Stock for \$5 million in cash.

3. <u>Stockholders Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement</u>. In furtherance of the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement, Holdco agrees to enter into (i) a registration rights agreement with substantially the same terms as set forth in Exhibit F to the Equity Commitment Agreement (as defined in the Plan) and (ii) a stockholders' agreement with substantially the same terms as set forth in Exhibit G to the Equity Commitment (as defined in the Plan).

4. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

(a) <u>Notices</u>. Any notices or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given or made when personally delivered or when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or sent by telecopy, addressed as follows or to such other address as the party to whom the same is intended shall have specified in conformity with the foregoing:

If to HoldCo, IntermediateCo or any of the Operating Companies:

c/o Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Dr., Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg, Esq. Telecopy No.: (216) 910-3654

(b) <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

(c) <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflict of laws principals thereof.

(d) <u>Paragraph Headings</u>. The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(e) <u>Severability</u>. If at any time subsequent to the date hereof, any provision of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be of no force and effect, but the illegality or unenforceability of such provision shall have no effect upon and shall not impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

(f) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement represents the entire understanding and agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and can be amended, supplemented or changed, and any provision thereof can be waived, only by written instrument making specific reference to this Agreement signed by the party against whom enforcement of any such amendment, supplement, modification or waiver is sought.

(g) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first set forth above.

AHC1 HOLDING CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President AHC INTERMEDIATE CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President RLD ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President RCY ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President SPEC A ACQUISITION-CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT]

SPEC P ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President INTL ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President UWA ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President NAME ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President HQ1 ACQUISITION CO. By: Name: Sean M. Stack Title: President

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT]

Schedule 1

Distribution of Assets

[see attached]

Equity Commitment Agreement

EQUITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

February 5, 2010

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Attention: Steve Demetriou

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We understand that Aleris International, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>"), together with certain of its Subsidiaries (as defined herein) other than Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH ("<u>Aleris Deutschland</u>") and its Subsidiaries, and Aleris Deutschland propose to file a joint plan of reorganization with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"), in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time in accordance with the terms therein and, after the execution thereof, the Plan Support Agreements (as defined herein) the "<u>Plan</u>").

Among other things, the Plan will provide for an offering (the "<u>Rights Offering</u>") to holders of allowed U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims and/or European Term Loan Claims (collectively, the "<u>Eligible Claims</u>") of non-transferable rights ("<u>Rights</u>") to purchase units (each, a "<u>Unit</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Units</u>") consisting of, in the aggregate, (i) shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Holdco Common Stock</u>"), of ACH1 Holding Co., a Delaware corporation and the indirect parent company of certain operating entities that will, in the aggregate, hold all of the assets of the Company on the Effective Date pursuant to the Restructuring Transactions ("<u>Holdco</u>"), representing in the aggregate at least 66.5% of the Holdco Common Stock issued as of the Effective Date (subject to dilution and adjustment as set forth herein) and (ii) \$45,000,000 of exchangeable unsecured notes (the "<u>IntermediateCo Notes</u>") issued by ACH Intermediate Co., a Delaware corporation and a first-tier Subsidiary of Holdco ("<u>IntermediateCo</u>"). The terms of the IntermediateCo Notes are set forth on <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto.

In order to facilitate the Rights Offering, pursuant to this letter (the "<u>Equity</u> <u>Commitment Agreement</u>") and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth herein, including the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof and pursuant to Sections 25 and 26 hereof, each respective undersigned investor (acting individually or through one or more of their Affiliates) (together, the "<u>Investors</u>") agrees to purchase on the Closing Date (as defined herein), and the Company agrees to sell, for the Subscription Purchase Price set forth herein, (i) the Units issued upon the exercise of the Rights allocated to each Investor under the Plan in respect of its Eligible Claims (such Investor's "<u>Subscription Units</u>") and (ii) such Investor's Backstop Percentage (as defined herein) of such Units as are offered pursuant to the Rights Offering but not purchased on or before the expiration of the Rights Offering (such unpurchased Units in the aggregate, the "<u>Residual Units</u>").

In consideration of the foregoing, and the representations, warranties and covenants set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Definitions. For purposes of this Equity Commitment Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below. Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.

(a) "<u>Affiliate</u>" of any specified Person means (i) any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person and (ii) any Client Accounts. For the purposes of this definition, (x) "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise, and (y) "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control" shall have correlative meanings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Affiliate" shall not include any portfolio company of a commingled investment fund or special purpose vehicle thereof.

(b) "<u>Aggregate ABL Exposure</u>" means, on a pro forma basis, the sum of the dollar equivalent of (i) the aggregate principal amount of all loans to be drawn under the Exit ABL Facility as of the Effective Date plus (ii) the aggregate undrawn amount under all letters of credit that will be outstanding under the Exit ABL Facility as of the Effective Date plus (iii) the aggregate amount of all drawings under letters of credit that will be required to be reimbursed under the Exit ABL Facility as of the Effective Date plus (ii) hereof.

(c) "<u>Ancillary Agreements</u>" means (i) the Registration Rights Agreement and (ii) the Stockholders Agreement.

(d) "<u>Antitrust Laws</u>" means the HSR Act, the EC Merger Regulation, and any other competition, merger control and antitrust law of any other applicable supranational, national, federal, state, provincial or local law designed or intended to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolizing or restraining trade or lessening competition of any other country or jurisdiction, to the extent applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement.

(e) "<u>Apollo</u>" means collectively Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware 892) VII, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners (Delaware) VII, L.P., Apollo Overseas Partners VII, L.P., and Apollo Investment Fund (PB) VII, L.P.; <u>provided</u>, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any commitment made by and any liability of any of the foregoing Persons pursuant to the terms of this Equity Commitment Agreement shall be on a several, and not on a joint, basis in the proportions described on <u>Schedule 1(e)</u> hereto.

(f) "<u>Backstop Percentage</u>" means, with respect to each Investor, the amount set forth opposite such Investor's name on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u> hereto, as such schedule may be amended by the relevant Investors from time to time.

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(g) "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>" means the voluntary cases (i) commenced by the Company and certain of its Subsidiaries (excluding Aleris Deutschland and its Subsidiaries), and (ii) to be commenced by Aleris Deutschland, in each case by having filed or filing petitions under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 in the Bankruptcy Court.

(h) "<u>Client Account</u>" means any client or client account with respect to which a Person has investment discretion to purchase, dispose of, vote or otherwise control the actions with regard to the investment activities.

(i) "<u>Company Subsidiary</u>" means each direct and indirect Subsidiary of the Company (including Aleris Deutschland and its direct and indirect Subsidiaries) and, following the Effective Date, each direct and indirect Subsidiary of Holdco.

(j) "<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>" means an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement as complying with section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(k) "<u>EC Merger Regulation</u>" means Council Regulation No 139/2004 of January 20, 2004, on the control of concentrations between undertakings.

(1) "<u>Equity Commitment Order</u>" means an order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing this Equity Commitment Agreement (including payment of the expenses and indemnification obligations hereunder) in the form attached as <u>Exhibit E</u> hereto.

(m) "<u>Government Entity</u>" means any U.S., supranational, foreign, domestic, federal, territorial, provincial, state, municipal or local governmental authority, quasi-governmental authority, instrumentality, court, government or self-regulatory organization, commission, tribunal, arbitral body or organization or any regulatory, administrative or other agency, or any political or other subdivision, department or branch of any of the foregoing.

(n) "<u>HSR Act</u>" means the United States Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

(o) "<u>IntermediateCo Preferred Stock</u>" means exchangeable preferred stock of IntermediateCo having a fixed liquidation preference of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), the terms of which are set forth on <u>Exhibit D</u> hereto.

(p) "<u>Long-Term Equity Incentive Program</u>" means that certain long-term equity incentive program described in the Disclosure Statement.

(q) "<u>Mandatory Antitrust Filings</u>" means all notifications and filings, which the Company and/or the Investors are required to deliver to any Government Entity under the applicable Antitrust Laws of Canada, Mexico, Russia, South Korea and Ukraine, prior to the Closing Date, regarding the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement.

(r) "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means any change, effect, event, occurrence, state of facts or development that, individually or together with any one or more changes, effects,

events, occurrences, state of facts or developments, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or otherwise) or results of operations of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries taken as a whole or on the ability of the Company or a Company Subsidiary, as the case may be, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement, the Ancillary Documents, the Plan or any other documents contemplated hereby or thereby, other than an effect (1) that is fully cured before the earlier of the date of any termination of this Equity Commitment Agreement and the Effective Date or (2) resulting from any act or omission of the Debtors taken with the prior written consent of the Requisite Investors.

(s) "<u>Oaktree</u>" means Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., on behalf of the investment funds and accounts it manages set forth on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u> hereto; <u>provided</u>, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any commitment made by and any liability of any of the foregoing investment funds and accounts pursuant to the terms of this Equity Commitment Agreement shall be on a several, and not on a joint, basis in the proportions set forth on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u>, as may be adjusted from time to time.

(t) "<u>Oaktree Manager</u>" means OCM FIE, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and an Affiliate of Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

(u) "<u>Permitted Transferee</u>" means each of (i) Oaktree or any Affiliate thereof, (ii) Apollo or any Affiliate thereof, or (iii) Sankaty or any Affiliate thereof.

(v) "<u>Person</u>" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

(w) "<u>Plan Support Agreements</u>" means, collectively, the Plan Support Agreements in substantially the forms attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, to be entered into by the Company and the Backstop Parties following the entry of the Disclosure Statement Order and receipt of the Disclosure Statement (it being understood that prior to the entry of the Plan Support Agreements by the Company and the Backstop Parties, the term "Plan Support Agreements" shall refer to the forms of agreements attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto).

(x) "<u>Pro Forma Exit ABL Availability</u>" means the amount, determined on a pro forma basis as of the Effective Date, equal to the lesser of (a) the excess, if any, of (i) the total borrowing base (as computed under the credit agreement for the ABL Exit Facility and net of any reserves assessed against borrowing availability thereunder) over (ii) the Aggregate ABL Exposure; and (b) the excess, if any, of (i) the dollar equivalent of the aggregate commitments thereunder over (ii) the Aggregate ABL Exposure; as such amount is shown on an officer's certificate of a responsible officer of Aleris received by the Requisite Investors no later than five (5) Business Days prior to the Effective Date.

(y) "<u>Pro Forma Liquidity</u>" means the amount, determined on a pro forma basis as of the Effective Date, equal to (a) Pro Forma Exit ABL Availability <u>plus</u> (b) cash as set forth on the compliance certificate; *i.e.*, "bank cash" <u>minus</u> (c) if borrowings under the DIP Term

Credit Agreement plus accrued but unpaid interest and fees thereon as of the Effective Date exceed \$269 million, the excess of the borrowings under the DIP Term Credit Agreement plus accrued but unpaid interest and fees thereon as of the as of the Effective Date over \$244 million <u>minus</u> (d) the dollar amount of any accounts payable (as determined in accordance with the definition of "Net Working Capital") of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to any supplier set forth on <u>Schedule 7(1)</u> if the number of days outstanding under such payable is greater than the payment terms set forth on <u>Schedule 7(1)</u> as of the date hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, "bank cash" in clause (b) above shall include the proceeds the Company receives pursuant to the sale of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock as set forth in Section 2(e).

(z) "<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>" means that certain registration rights agreement relating to the Holdco Common Stock, to be entered into on the Closing Date, by and among Holdco and each Investor, having the terms set forth in <u>Exhibit F</u> hereto and otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Requisite Investors.

(aa) "<u>Requisite Investors</u>" means, as of any particular time, Investors representing in the aggregate 50% or more of the Backstop Percentage at such time.

(bb) "<u>Sankaty</u>" means Sankaty Advisors, LLC, on behalf of the funds and accounts it manages or advises.

(cc) "<u>Specified Securities</u>" means the IntermediateCo Notes, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock and shares of Holdco Common Stock issuable under the Long-Term Equity Incentive Program.

(dd) "<u>Stockholders Agreement</u>" means that certain stockholders agreement, to be entered into on the Closing Date, by and among Holdco, each Investor and the other stockholders of Holdco (including, for the avoidance of doubt, certain holders of Holdco Common Stock deemed to be parties to the Stockholders Agreement under Section 7.7.2 of the Plan), having the terms set forth in <u>Exhibit G</u> hereto and otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Requisite Investors.

(ee) A "<u>Subsidiary</u>" of any Person means another Person of which such first Person, (i) owns directly or indirectly an amount of the voting securities, other voting ownership or voting partnership interests sufficient to elect at least a majority of such other Person's board of directors or other governing body (or, if there are no such voting interests, 50% or more of the equity interests), (ii) in the case of a partnership, serves as a general partner or (iii) in the case of a limited liability company, serves as a managing member.

(ff) "<u>Termination Date</u>" means (i) June 30, 2010 or (ii) if the Confirmation Order approving the Plan has been entered by June 30, 2010 but has not become a Final Order by such date and all other conditions in Section 11 are satisfied or are capable of being satisfied by June 30, 2010, the earlier of (A) October 31, 2010 and (B) the maturity date (whether the scheduled maturity date or the maturity date pursuant to an acceleration) of any loans under any DIP Credit Agreement, as such date may be extended pursuant to the terms thereof; <u>provided</u>, that, for the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in

Section 11 hereof by June 30, 2010, the Investors' obligation to consummate the transactions herein shall be subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions as of the Closing Date.

(gg) "<u>Transaction Expenses</u>" means all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by each Investor or its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and all Bankruptcy Court and other judicial and regulatory proceedings related to such transactions (including all reasonable fees and expenses of legal, accounting and financial advisors and management consultants engaged by the Investors or their Affiliates as of the date hereof, and the reasonable fees and expenses of any additional advisors or consultants engaged by the Investors or their Affiliates), filing and recording fees, costs and expenses of due diligence, transportation, duplication and messenger expenses.

(hh) "<u>Underlying EBITDA</u>" means, with respect to the Company and its Subsidiaries for any period, the sum of (i) the amount of EBITDA set forth in the DIP Term Credit Agreement, (ii) plus any expenses or charges related to the transactions contemplated in this Equity Commitment Agreement and the Plan, (iii) plus or minus, as applicable, metal lag resulting from gains or losses in inventory value due to changes in aluminum prices for such period, as calculated by the Company consistent with past practices, (iv) plus or minus any net one-time cash gains or losses directly resulting from the termination of transactional (non-aircraft related) metal Hedging Agreements (as defined in the DIP Term Credit Agreement) by a counterparty to the Company upon (or as a result of) the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases.

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(ii) Other Defined Terms:

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2. <u>The Rights Offering</u>.

(a) The Company shall commence, administer and consummate the Rights Offering in accordance with the Plan and the related disclosure statement, which disclosure statement (as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time) shall be consistent with the Plan and reasonably acceptable to the Requisite Investors (the "<u>Disclosure</u> <u>Statement</u>"), it being understood that the form of the draft Disclosure Statement dated February 5, 2010, delivered to the Investors is acceptable to them.

(b) As settlement for certain rights described in the Plan, based on their Eligible Claims as of the Effective Date, subject to this Section 2(b), the shares of Holdco Common Stock issued to Oaktree and Apollo or any Affiliates thereof that own Eligible Claims under the Plan shall in the aggregate represent, after giving effect to the Rights Offering but subject to dilution from the Specified Securities, a percentage of the Holdco Common Stock issued under the Plan that is not less than the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold. If the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold is not met, the Company shall reduce, in accordance with the Plan, the Units issuable to holders of Eligible Claims (other than the Investors and their Affiliates) that elect to exercise Rights under the Plan in the amount necessary to allow the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold to be reached, and such Units (allocated as among the Investors as may be determined by Oaktree and Apollo) shall be deemed "Residual Units" hereunder; provided, that, the Company shall not reduce the Units issuable to holders of Eligible Claims (other than the Investors and their Affiliates) that elect to exercise Rights under the Plan by more than 90%.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Company and the Investors agree that the number of shares of Holdco Common Stock and principal amount of

IntermediateCo Notes that the Investors or their Affiliates may elect to receive pursuant to the Rights Offering shall not be subject to the Minimum Ownership Cutback under Section 7 of the Plan.

If the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement (d) are consummated, the Company shall pay to the Oaktree Manager and the Investors set forth on Schedule 2(d) hereto (or such Affiliates or third parties as such Persons may designate) on the Closing Date a fee (the "Structuring and Arrangement Fee") equal to 3.5% of the Maximum Rights Offering Amount. If this Equity Commitment Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 19(b)(ii), Section 19(b)(iv), Section 19(b)(v), Section 19(b)(vi), Section 19(c)(iii), Section 19(c)(iv), Section 19(c)(v) or Section 19(d) hereof, or if the Plan is not consummated by the Termination Date and on or prior to the Voting Deadline there was made and not withdrawn prior to the Voting Deadline (or there was made prior to the Voting Deadline a public announcement indicating an intention to make) a proposal or offer from (or by, in the case of a public announcement) a third party as to which the Board of Directors of the Company made no determination (by the Voting Deadline) that could reasonably be considered (or could reasonably be expected to lead to) a Superior Proposal, the Company shall pay to the Oaktree Manager and any Investors set forth on Schedule 2(d) hereto (or such Affiliates or third parties as such Persons may designate) concurrently with or promptly after such termination a fee (the "Termination Fee") equal to the Structuring and Arrangement Fee minus \$5,000,000. The percentage of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee or Termination Fee allocated to such Persons is set forth on Schedule 2(d) hereto. The Structuring and Arrangement Fee and Termination Fee shall be nonrefundable when paid.

(e) Subject to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement, each Investor (or such other Affiliates or third parties as such Investor may designate) agrees to purchase from IntermediateCo on the Closing Date, at a purchase price equal to \$1,000.00 per share, shares of IntermediateCo Preferred Stock calculated by multiplying (i) 5,000, which amount represents the aggregate shares of IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, times (ii) such Investor's percentage set forth on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u> hereto.

(f) Within two (2) Business Days after the completion of the calculations determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 7.1.1 of the Plan, the Company hereby agrees and undertakes to give each Investor by electronic facsimile transmission the certification by an executive officer of the Company of (i) the number of such Investor's Subscription Units as of such Date and the aggregate purchase price therefor, (ii) such Investor's Residual Units as of such date and the aggregate purchase price therefor, and (iii) the percentage of Holdco Common Stock to be issued under the Plan that such Units represent (after giving effect to the Rights Offering and purchases under this Equity Commitment Agreement, but subject to dilution from the Specified Securities) (the "<u>Purchase Notice</u>").

3. <u>The Backstop Commitment</u>.

(a) On the basis of the representations and warranties contained herein, but subject to the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof and the utilization of the proceeds of the Rights Offering solely as set forth in Section 9(i) hereof, and pursuant to Sections 25 and 26

hereof, each Investor agrees to subscribe for in accordance with the Plan and purchase on the Effective Date (the "<u>Closing Date</u>"), and the Company agrees to sell and issue, at a purchase price per Unit equal to the Subscription Purchase Price, (i) such Investor's Subscription Units and (ii) a number of Residual Units calculated by multiplying (x) such Investor's Backstop Percentage times (y) the aggregate number of Residual Units (collectively, the "<u>Commitment</u>"). Subject to the foregoing, each Investor shall, or shall cause its Affiliates to, elect to receive and exercise all of the Rights offered to such Investor or Affiliate in respect of its Eligible Claims in accordance with the Plan.

(b) The Company shall pay or reimburse each Investor for its Transaction Expenses; <u>provided</u>, that the Company shall not be responsible for any fees and expenses of legal, accounting and financial advisors and management consultants that are engaged by the Investors after the date hereof unless the Company consents to such payment or reimbursement, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. The Transaction Expenses shall be paid upon the earlier of the Closing Date and termination of this Equity Commitment Agreement in accordance with Section 19 hereof, except for termination resulting from the breach by such Investor of any representation, warranty or covenant set forth herein. The filing fees, if any, required by the HSR Act or other Antitrust Laws shall be paid by the Company when filings under the HSR Act are made. For the avoidance of doubt, this Section 3(b) shall not affect the Company's obligation to pay the fees and expenses of (i) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, (ii) Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, (iii) Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP and (iv) The Blackstone Group pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court's order approving debtor-in-possession financing and the DIP Financing Documents (as defined therein).

4. <u>Closing; Company Deliverables</u>.

(a) The documents to be delivered on the Closing Date by or on behalf of the parties hereto and the Subscription Units and Residual Units will be delivered at the offices of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153 on the Closing Date.

(b) The Company shall provide the Purchase Notice to each Investor as provided in Section 2(f) hereto; <u>provided</u>, that on the Closing Date each Investor shall purchase, and the Company shall sell, only such number of such Investor's Subscription Units and Residual Units as are listed in the Purchase Notice, without prejudice to the rights of such Investor to seek later an upward or downward adjustment if the number of such Investor's Subscription Units and/or Residual Units set forth in such Purchase Notice is inaccurate.

(c) On the Closing Date, the Company shall (i) deliver to the Investors a certificate signed by an officer of the Company pursuant to which such officer shall certify that all of the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof have been satisfied (or waived in writing by the Investors), (ii) deliver to each Investor or its Affiliates as designated on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u> hereto the shares of Holdco Common Stock and IntermediateCo Notes representing such Investor's or its Affiliates' Subscribed Units and Residual Units in certificated form, duly registered in the name of such Investor or its Affiliates, (iii) cause to be delivered to each Investor or its Affiliates as designated on <u>Schedule 1(f)</u> hereto the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock in certificated form, duly registered in the name of such Investor or its Affiliates, (iv) cause to be delivered to the

Investors the Ancillary Agreements, duly executed by Holdco, and (v) reimburse or pay each Investor for any Transaction Expenses not paid prior to the Closing Date by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account specified by such Investor at least 24 hours in advance.

(d) All of the Subscription Units and Residual Units of the Investors or their Affiliates will be delivered with any and all issue, stamp, transfer or similar taxes or duties payable in connection with such delivery duly paid by the Company to the extent required under the Confirmation Order or applicable law.

5. <u>Investor Deliverables</u>. On the Closing Date, each Investor shall (i) deliver (a) to the Company the payment of the aggregate purchase price for such Investor's Subscription Units and Residual Units and (b) to IntermediateCo the payment of the aggregate purchase price for such Investor's shares of IntermediateCo Preferred Stock by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account specified by the Company to the Investors, and (b) cause to be delivered to Holdco, the Ancillary Agreements, duly executed by such Investor.

6. Arm's-Length Transaction. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement, the Company acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the Commitment, the Rights Offering and any other transactions described in this Equity Commitment Agreement are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, the Company Subsidiaries and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Investors, on the other hand, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and does understand and accept the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement; (ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, the Investors are and have been acting solely as principals and are not the financial advisors or fiduciaries for the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates, or stockholders, creditors (other than the Investors themselves) or employees or any other party; (iii) the Investors have not assumed nor will they assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in the Company's or any Company Subsidiary's or their respective Affiliates' favor with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Investors have advised or are currently advising the Company or the Company Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates on other matters) and the Investors have no obligation to the Company or the Company Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth in this Equity Commitment Agreement and the other documents relating to the Rights Offering: (iv) the Investors and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from the Company's and the Company Subsidiaries' and their respective Affiliates' and the Investors have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of their execution, delivery and performance of this Equity Commitment Agreement or any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) the Investors have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent the Company has deemed appropriate. The Company, on behalf of itself and the Company Subsidiaries, hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company or any Company Subsidiary may have against the Investors with

respect to any breach or alleged breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

7. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company hereby represents and warrants to each Investor that:

(a) <u>Organization: Standing and Power</u>. The Company and each Company Subsidiary and, as of the Closing Date, each of Holdco and IntermediateCo (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (ii) subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, has the full power and authority necessary to own its property and assets and to conduct its business as presently conducted and (iii) subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, is duly qualified and is authorized to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its property or the conduct of its business requires such qualifications except for failures to be so qualified which, either individually or in the aggregate, have not had, or would not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Authority; Execution and Delivery; Enforceability. Subject to the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Equity Commitment Order, the Company, each Company Subsidiary, Holdco and IntermediateCo each has the corporate, partnership or limited liability company power and authority, as the case may be, to execute, deliver and perform the terms and provisions of this Equity Commitment Agreement, each Plan Support Agreement (subject to the entry of the Disclosure Statement Order) and the Ancillary Agreements to which it is, or is specified to be, a party and has taken all necessary corporate, partnership or limited liability company action, as the case may be, to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Equity Commitment Agreement, each Plan Support Agreement (subject to the entry of the Disclosure Statement Order) and the Ancillary Agreements to which it is a party. The Company has duly executed and delivered this Equity Commitment Agreement, following the entry of the Disclosure Statement Order subject to the provisions of Section 9(c) hereof, the Company will have duly executed and delivered each Plan Support Agreement, and as of the Closing Date, each of Holdco and IntermediateCo will have duly executed and delivered each Ancillary Agreement to which it is, or is specified to be, a party, and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Investors and subject to the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Interim Equity Commitment Order, as of the date hereof, this Equity Commitment Agreement constitutes, as of the date of their execution and delivery by the Company, each Plan Support Agreement will constitute, and, as of the Effective Date, each other Ancillary Agreement to which it is, or is specified to be, a party will constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, Holdco and IntermediateCo enforceable against the Company, Holdco and IntermediateCo in accordance with its terms.

(c) <u>Issuance of Securities</u>. The (i) Rights, (ii) shares of Holdco Common Stock, (iii) IntermediateCo Notes, and (iv) shares of IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, when issued and delivered as provided herein, will each have been duly and validly authorized and, in the case of the Holdco Common Stock and IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, will be duly and validly issued and delivered, fully paid and non-assessable, and, in each case, free and clear of all taxes, liens, pre-emptive rights, rights of first refusal, subscription and similar rights and, in the

case of the IntermediateCo Notes, will be legally binding and enforceable obligations of IntermediateCo.

- (d) <u>Capital Structure; Subsidiaries</u>.
 - (i) As of the Effective Date, the authorized capital stock of Holdco will consist solely of (1) 45,000,000 shares of Holdco Common Stock, of which a number of shares will be issued and outstanding in accordance with the Plan and (2) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of which no shares will be issued and outstanding in accordance with the Plan. As of the Effective Date, Holdco will have reserved (A) a number of shares of Holdco Common Stock for issuance upon the exchange of the IntermediateCo Notes in accordance with the Plan, (B) a number of shares of Holdco Common Stock for issuance upon the exchange or redemption of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock in accordance with Plan, and (C) a number of shares of Holdco Common Stock for issuance under the Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as described in the Disclosure Statement.
 - (ii) As of the Effective Date, the authorized capital stock of IntermediateCo will consist solely of (i) 5,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>IntermediateCo Common</u> <u>Stock</u>"), of which 100 shares will be issued and outstanding and 100% of which will be owned by Holdco, and (ii) 5,000 shares of preferred stock, all of which will be issued and outstanding.
 - (iii) Holdco is a Delaware corporation formed in connection with the Plan and since its formation has not engaged, and does not currently engage, in any business or activity other than serving as the direct parent of IntermediateCo. As of the Effective Date, Holdco has no assets other than the IntermediateCo Common Stock and the books and records of Holdco. IntermediateCo is a Delaware corporation newly formed in connection with the Plan and since its formation has not engaged, and does not currently engage in any business or activity other than serving as the direct or indirect parent of the OpCos that, in turn, will hold, in the aggregate, all of the assets of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries as of the Effective Date. IntermediateCo has no assets other than the interests in the OpCos and the books and records of IntermediateCo.
 - (iv) Except for the Specified Securities and the shares of Holdco Common Stock to be issued under the Plan, as of Closing, there are no outstanding subscription rights, options, warrants, convertible or exchangeable securities or other rights of any character

> whatsoever to which the Company, Holdco or IntermediateCo is a party relating to issued or unissued capital stock of the Company, Holdco or IntermediateCo, or any commitments of any character whatsoever relating to issued or unissued capital stock of the Company or Holdco or IntermediateCo or pursuant to which the Company, Holdco or IntermediateCo is or may become bound to issue or grant additional shares of its capital stock or related subscription rights, options, warrants, convertible or exchangeable securities or other rights, or to grant preemptive rights, which, in each instance, will be in effect immediately following the closing of the transactions contemplated hereby.

 (v) As of the Effective Date, Holdco will have no Subsidiaries other than those Subsidiaries listed on <u>Schedule 7(d)</u> hereto (which Schedule identifies the direct owners of each such Subsidiary and their percentage ownership therein).

(e) No Conflicts or Defaults. Subject to the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Equity Commitment Order, neither the execution, delivery or performance by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and, as of the Closing Date, Holdco and IntermediateCo of this Equity Commitment Agreement, nor compliance by them with the terms and provisions herein, (i) will contravene any applicable law, statute, rule or regulation or any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental instrumentality in any material respect, (ii) will conflict with or result in any breach of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of (or the obligation to create or impose) any lien upon any of the property or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or, as of the Closing Date, Holdco or IntermediateCo pursuant to the terms of any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, credit agreement or loan agreement (including the debtor-in-possession credit agreements in effect as of the date hereof), or any other material agreement, contract or instrument, in each case to which the Company, Holdco, IntermediateCo or any Company Subsidiary is a party or by which it or any of its property or assets is bound or to which it may be subject, or (iii) will violate any provision of the certificate or articles of incorporation, certificate of formation, limited liability company agreement or by-laws (or equivalent organizational documents), as applicable, of the Company, Holdco, IntermediateCo or any Company Subsidiary, except, in each case, to the extent that any such contravention, conflict or violation has not resulted in, and would not reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) <u>Governmental Consents and Filings</u>. No order, consent, approval, license, authorization or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with (except for those that have otherwise been obtained or made on or prior to the Closing Date and which remain in full force and effect on the Closing Date) or exemption by, any governmental or public body or authority (except as required under the Bankruptcy Code and applicable state and federal bankruptcy rules or as required by applicable Antitrust Laws), or any subdivision thereof, is required to be obtained or made by, or on behalf of, the Company or any Company Subsidiary or, as of the Closing Date, Holdco or IntermediateCo to authorize, or is required to be obtained or made by, or on behalf of, the Company Subsidiary or, as of the Closing Date, Holdco or

IntermediateCo in connection with, (i) the execution, delivery and performance of this Equity Commitment Agreement or (ii) the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of this Equity Commitment Agreement.

Financial Statements. (i) The audited consolidated balance sheets of the (g) Company for its fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company for such periods furnished to the Investors prior to the Effective Date, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company at the date of said financial statements and the consolidated results for the respective periods covered thereby, and (ii) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Company for its fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2009 and the related consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company for the nine-month period ended on such date, furnished to the Investors prior to the Effective Date, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries at the date of said financial statements and the results for the period covered thereby, subject to normal year-end adjustments and the absence of footnotes. All such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, consistently applied except to the extent provided in the notes to said financial statements and subject, in the case of the unaudited financial statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments (all of which, when taken as a whole, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect) and the absence of footnotes.

(h) <u>Projections</u>. All financial information and projections ("<u>Projections</u>") that have been or will be made available to the Investors in writing by the Company or its representatives in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby have been or will be prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time made (it being understood that such projections are not to be viewed as facts and are subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the Company's control, and that no assurance can be given that any particular projections will be realized and that actual results may differ and such differences may be material).

(i) <u>Litigation</u>. Except for the Chapter 11 Cases and as set forth on <u>Schedule 7(i)</u>, as of the date hereof, there are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, threatened in writing (i) with respect to this Equity Commitment Agreement or (ii) that, if adversely determined, have had, or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(j) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since September 30, 2009, except as disclosed on <u>Schedule 7(j)</u>, there has been no change in the financial condition, results of operations or business of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, which individually or in the aggregate has had, or reasonably would be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

(k) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Company and each Company Subsidiary and, as of the Closing Date, each of Holdco and IntermediateCo is in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations and orders of, and all applicable restrictions imposed by, all

governmental bodies, domestic or foreign, in respect of the conduct of its business and the ownership of its property, except such noncompliances as, either individually or in the aggregate, have not, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

(1) <u>Suppliers</u>. <u>Schedule 7(1)</u> sets forth a true, correct and complete list, for the 12 months ended December 31, 2009, of the 10 largest suppliers of goods and services to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and a summary of terms of payment for such suppliers as of the date hereof.

Other Representations and Warranties. No Default or Event of Default (as (m) defined in the DIP Term Credit Agreement or the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, as applicable) under the DIP Term Credit Agreement or the DIP ABL Credit Agreement has occurred and is continuing, other than with respect to (i) the covenants set forth in Section 8.17 (Financial Covenants) of the DIP Term Credit Agreement and Section 10.07 (Financial Covenants) of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and (ii) representations and warranties of the Company set forth in the DIP Term Credit Agreement and the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The representations and warranties of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries set forth in Sections 6.09 (Tax Returns and Payments), 6.10 (Compliance with ERISA), 6.12 (Properties), 6.13(a) (Subsidiaries), 6.15 (Investment Company Act), 6.16 (Environmental Matters), 6.17 (Employment and Labor Relations), 6.18 (Intellectual Property, etc.), 6.19 (Insurance), 6.20 (Indebtedness), 6.21 (Cases), 6.23 (Material Contracts) and 6.24 (German Real Estate Holding Companies) of the DIP Term Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety and are true and correct as of the date hereof (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to a specified date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct on and as of such specified date); provided, that, references to "Aleris" or the "Borrowers" shall be deemed to be references to "Holdco" as of the Closing Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of incorporating such sections into this Equity Commitment Agreement only, the definition of "ERISA Event" set forth in the DIP Term Credit Agreement shall be disregarded and replaced with the definition set forth on Schedule 7(m).

8. <u>**Representations and Warranties of the Investors.** Each Investor, severally and not jointly, hereby represents and warrants to the Company that:</u>

(a) <u>Organization, Standing and Power</u>. Such Investor is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has full power and authority necessary to enable it to conduct its business as presently conducted.

(b) <u>Authority; Execution and Delivery; Enforceability</u>. Such Investor has the corporate, partnership or limited liability company power and authority, as the case may be, to execute, deliver and perform the terms and provisions of this Equity Commitment Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and has taken all necessary corporate, partnership or limited liability company action, as the case may be, to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Equity Commitment Agreement, and such Investor has duly executed and delivered this Equity Commitment Agreement and, as of the Closing Date, such Investor will have duly executed and delivered each Ancillary Agreement to which it is, or is specified to be, a party. Assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, Holdco and the

other Investors, as applicable, as of the date hereof, this Equity Commitment Agreement constitutes, and, as of the Effective Date, each other Ancillary Agreement to which it is, or is specified to be, a party will constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligation of such Investor enforceable against the such Investor in accordance with its terms.

(c) <u>Investor Status</u>. Such Investor is either (a) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"),(b) an accredited investor (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act (the "<u>Rules</u>")) or (c) an entity in which all of the equity owners are accredited investors as defined in the Rules. Such Investor acknowledges that (i) any securities purchased or received in connection herewith cannot be resold absent an exemption to the Securities Act or registration of such securities under the Securities Act; (ii) such securities have been acquired for investment and not with a view to distribution or resale; and (iii) the securities being issued to it pursuant hereto are being issued pursuant to an exemption to the Securities Act and will contain legends as set forth in the Disclosure Statement.

(d) <u>Information</u>. Such Investor acknowledges that it has been afforded the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers concerning the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and to obtain additional information that it has requested to verify the accuracy of the information contained herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein will operate to modify or limit in any respect the representations and warranties of the Company or to relieve it from any obligations to such Investor for breach thereof or the making of misleading statements or the omission of material facts in connection with the transactions contemplated therein.

(e) <u>Eligible Claims</u>. Such Investor or an Affiliate thereof, as of the date hereof, is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager for the legal or beneficial owner of such Eligible Claims set forth on such Investor's <u>Schedule 8(e)</u> hereto (collectively, the "<u>Relevant Claims</u>"). There are no Eligible Claims of which such Investor or any of its Affiliates is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or investment advisor or manager for such legal or beneficial owner that are not part of its Relevant Claims unless such Investor or any of its Affiliates does not possess the full power to vote and dispose of such claims; <u>provided</u>, that the Relevant Claims do not include any interest accrued on, or any repayments of, such Relevant Claims after September 30, 2009. Such Investor or the applicable Affiliate thereof has full power to vote, dispose of and compromise the aggregate principal amount of the Relevant Claims.

9. Additional Covenants of the Company.

(a) <u>Approval of Equity Commitment Agreement</u>. The Company agrees to file a motion seeking Bankruptcy Court approval of the Equity Commitment Order as soon as practicable but in no event more than three (3) Business Days after the date hereof.

(b) <u>Filing of Plan and Disclosure Statement</u>. The Company agrees to file the Plan and the Disclosure Statement with the Bankruptcy Court as soon as practicable but in no event more than two (2) Business Days after the date hereof.

(c) <u>Plan Support Agreements</u>. Promptly, and in no event later than three (3) Business Days following the receipt of Plan Support Agreements signed by Oaktree and Apollo (or the Affiliates thereof that own Eligible Claims) (each, a "<u>Minimum Backstop Party</u>" and together, the "<u>Minimum Backstop Parties</u>") and any other holders of Eligible Claims signatory hereto that are willing to deliver a Plan Support Agreement, the Company agrees to execute and deliver the Plan Support Agreements from all such Minimum Backstop Parties and other holders of Eligible Claims and to notify the Investors of the Company's receipt, execution and delivery thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to execute any Plan Support Agreements if the holders of Eligible Claims delivering Plan Support Agreements hold in the aggregate, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the 9019 Settlement, less than 66.6% (by dollar amount) of the outstanding U.S. Roll-Up Loan Claims, 100% (by dollar amount) of the outstanding European Roll-Up Loan Claims and 48.0% (by dollar amount) of the outstanding German Term Loan Claims as of the date of receipt of such Plan Support Agreements by the Company.

(d) <u>Information Supplements</u>. The Company agrees to supplement, from time to time, the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 7(h) hereof so that they will remain complete and correct in all material respects; <u>provided</u>, that no such supplemental information provided after the date hereof pursuant to this Section 9(d) or otherwise shall be deemed to amend or supplement the Schedules to this Equity Commitment Agreement for purposes of determining whether the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof have been satisfied.

(e) <u>Distressed Termination of Pension Plans</u>. Except as contemplated by the Plan, the Company agrees not to, and to cause the Company Subsidiaries not to, take any action described in Section 4041(c) of ERISA to effectuate a distress termination (as described in such section) of any "Plan" (as defined in the DIP Term Credit Agreement), without Oaktree's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. For purposes of clarity, the actions prohibited in the preceding sentence include, without limitation, (i) issuing a notice of intent to terminate to Plan participants or (ii) submitting any notice, request, motion or filing to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation or the Bankruptcy Court (or any other court), which seeks to satisfy the criteria under Section 4041(c).

(f) <u>Cooperation</u>. During the Company's Chapter 11 Cases, the Company and the Company Subsidiaries shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide to counsel for the Investors draft copies of all motions, proposed orders, applications and other documents, relating to the Plan or this Equity Commitment Agreement, the Company or a Company Subsidiary intends to file with the Bankruptcy Court, if reasonably practicable, at least three (3) Business Days prior to the date when the applicable debtor intends to file any such pleading or other document (and, if not reasonably practicable, as soon as reasonably practicable prior to filing) and shall consult in good faith with such counsel regarding the form and substance thereof prior to filing such pleading with the Bankruptcy Court. Nothing in this Section 9(f) shall restrict, limit, prohibit or preclude any Investor from appearing in the Bankruptcy Court with respect to any motion, application or other document filed by the Company or the company Subsidiaries and objecting to, or commenting upon, the relief requested therein, to the extent such objection

or comment is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Equity Commitment Agreement or such Investor's Plan Support Agreement, as applicable.

(g) <u>Notification</u>. The Company agrees to notify, or to cause the Company's subscription agent to notify, on each Friday during the exercise period for the Rights Offering and on each Business Day during the five (5) Business Days prior to the expiration thereof (and any extensions thereto), or more frequently if reasonably requested by the Investors, the Investors of the aggregate number of Rights known by the Company or its subscription agent to have been exercised pursuant to the Rights Offering as of the close of business on the preceding day or the most recent practicable time before such request, as the case may be. In addition, the Company agrees to provide written notice to the Investors of the anticipated occurrence of the Effective Date at least fourteen (14) days prior to the occurrence of the Effective Date and to provide as much notice as is practicable of any anticipated delay beyond the projected Effective Date described in the Company's initial notice to the Investors pursuant to this sentence.

Regulatory Approvals. To the extent required under the HSR Act or (h) applicable Antitrust Laws, the Company agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) prepare and file as promptly as practicable, and in any event by no later than thirty (30) days from the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Equity Commitment Order, an appropriate Notification and Report Form pursuant to the HSR Act; and (ii) prepare and file as promptly as practicable the Mandatory Antitrust Filings (with the exception of the filings required in (i) above) and all other necessary documents, registrations, statements, petitions, filings and applications for other regulatory approvals and any other consent of any other Government Entities either required or that the Company and the Requisite Investors mutually agree are advisable to satisfy the condition set forth in Section 11(k) hereof. The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy the conditions set forth in Sections 11(i) and 11(k) hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries shall have any obligation to divest or dispose of, hold separate or agree to any restrictions on voting, governance or behavioral matters with respect to, any assets or lines of business in connection with obtaining any consents or approvals under this Section 9(h).

(i) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The proceeds from the Rights Offering shall be used solely as follows:

- 1. without utilizing the Rights Offering Reserve Amount, to make the payments set forth in clauses (a) and (b) of the definition of "Rights Offering Value" in full;
- 2. without utilizing the Rights Offering Reserve Amount, \$430,000,000 to make the payments set forth in clause (c) of the definition of "Rights Offering Value" (the "<u>Required DIP Credit</u> <u>Agreements Paydown</u>"); and
- 3. up to an amount equal to the Maximum Rights Offering Amount minus the amounts set forth in <u>Sections 9(i)(1)</u> and <u>(2)</u> (the "<u>Rights</u> <u>Offering Reserve Amount</u>") to make the following payments:

- (i) *first,* the payments set forth in clause (d) of the definition of "Rights Offering Value" in full;
- second, if the Rights Offering Reserve Amount is available after giving effect to the payment in clause (i), up to the lesser of (x) \$20,000,000 and (y) the unutilized amount of the Rights Offering Reserve Amount, for such purposes as the Company determines; and
- (iii) *third*, if the Rights Offering Reserve Amount is available after giving effect to the payments in clauses (i) and (ii), and if the condition set forth in Section 11(g) hereof would be satisfied after giving effect to the Required DIP Credit Agreements Paydown and the utilization of the funds available under clause (ii) above, up to the lesser of (x) \$25,000,000 and (y) the unutilized amount of the Rights Offering Reserve Amount, for such purposes as the Company determines.

(j) <u>Conduct of Business of the Company</u>. From the date hereof until the Closing Date, the Company shall, and shall cause each of the Company Subsidiaries to, conduct its business and operations in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) preserve intact its present business organization, (ii) keep available the services of its directors, officers and key employees, (iii) maintain good relationships with its customers, suppliers, lenders and others having material business relationships with it and (iv) manage its working capital (including the timing of collection of accounts receivable and of the payment of accounts payable and the management of inventory) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

10. Additional Covenants of Investors.

No Joint Control. The Investors undertake prior to the Closing Date not to (a) enter into any shareholders' agreements or any other binding or non-binding agreements or arrangements (including any agreements to assign the Investors' rights, shares, interests or obligations) as a result of which any Person other than Oaktree would be deemed under the EC Merger Regulation to acquire control over the Company jointly with Oaktree and/or would be required to submit a Mandatory Antitrust Filing jointly with Oaktree. The Company will waive this Section 10(a) upon the request of Oaktree if in the Company's reasonable opinion the submission of a joint filing by Oaktree and any other Person would not prevent or materially delay the satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 11(k) hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, if, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, the European Commission would have declared the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement, in the absence of a submission of a joint filing, to be compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation, but the submission of a joint filing would result in the European Commission failing to declare the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of the

EC Merger Regulation, then the submission of a joint filing shall be deemed to cause a material delay in the satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 11(k) hereof.

Regulatory Approvals. To the extent required under the HSR Act or the (b) EC Merger regulation, each Investor agrees to use its reasonable commercial efforts to (i) prepare and file as promptly as practicable, and in any event by no later than thirty (30) days from the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Equity Commitment Order, (x) an appropriate Notification and Report Form pursuant to the HSR Act and (y) a notification on Form CO pursuant to the EC Merger Regulation; and, further, (ii) prepare and file as promptly as practicable the Mandatory Antitrust Filings (with the exception of the filings required in (i) above) and all other necessary documents, registrations, statements, petitions, filings and applications for other regulatory approvals and any other consent of any other Government Entities either required or that the Company and the Requisite Investors hereto mutually agree are advisable to satisfy the condition set forth in Section 11(k) hereof. The Investors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy the conditions set forth in Sections 11(j) and 11(k) hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Investors or their respective Affiliates shall have any obligation to divest or dispose of, hold separate or agree to any restrictions on voting, governance or behavioral matters with respect to, any assets or lines of business in connection with obtaining any consents or approvals under this Section 10(b).

11. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The Commitment and the obligation of the Investors to consummate the transactions herein is subject to the satisfaction (or, subject to the terms of Section 20(b), waiver by the Requisite Investors) on or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions:

(a) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 7 hereof shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitations as to materiality or Material Adverse Effect set forth therein) in each case as of the date hereof and the Closing Date, as if such representations and warranties were made as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to a specified date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such specified date), except to the extent that any failure of such representations and warranties, individually or in the aggregate, to be so true and correct has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have complied in all material respects with all covenants and agreements in this Equity Commitment Agreement and, following the execution thereof, Sections 2 (Effectuating the Restructuring) and 4 (Company Responsibilities) of the Plan Support Agreements. The Company shall have delivered to the Investors a certificate, dated the date of the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Company, to the foregoing effect;

(b) Holdco shall have executed and delivered the Ancillary Agreements on the terms and conditions consistent in all material respects with this Equity Commitment Agreement;

(c) the Plan Support Agreements, if entered into by the Minimum Backstop Parties, shall not have been terminated pursuant to Section 9 (Termination) thereof;

(d) the Restructuring Transactions and the Plan shall be consummated substantially simultaneously with the transactions contemplated herein on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in each Plan Support Agreement;

(e) the U.S. Plan Value is no less than \$120,000,000;

(f) the Company shall have obtained the Exit ABL Facility on terms reasonably acceptable to Oaktree with a commitment in an amount not less than \$500,000,000, it being understood that the terms set forth in the draft term sheet for the Exit ABL Facility, dated November 7, 2009, are acceptable to Oaktree;

(g) the Pro Forma Liquidity shall be no less than \$233,000,000;

(h) the roll-up rights of Oaktree and Apollo and their Affiliates under the DIP Term Credit Agreement shall have not been rescinded or modified in any way without the consent of Oaktree and Apollo;

(i) Holdco shall have entered into employment arrangements with senior executives as described and on terms and conditions as set forth in Section VI.A.3 of the Disclosure Statement;

(j) all governmental approvals and consents required by the Plan, including Bankruptcy Court approval, necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall have been obtained and be in full force and effect; and all applicable mandatory waiting periods shall have expired without any action being taken or threatened by any competent authority that would restrain, prevent or otherwise impose materially adverse conditions on such transactions;

(k) to the extent that regulatory filings are required under Section 10(b) hereof as to one or more Investors, then as to such individual Investor:

- (x) the applicable waiting period under the HSR Act (including any extension thereof by reason of a request for additional information) shall have expired or been terminated;
- (y) the European Commission shall have (i) declared the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement to be compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 6(1)(b), 8(1), or 8(2) of the EC Merger Regulation either unconditionally or conditionally in terms reasonably satisfactory to the parties hereto; or (ii) failed to issue a decision under Article 6(1) of the EC Merger Regulation within the required deadlines with the consequence that the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement are deemed compatible with the common market pursuant to Article 10(6) of the EC Merger Regulation; and

- (z) any competent authority (as to those Mandatory Antitrust Filings in the jurisdictions set forth on <u>Schedule 11(k)</u> with respect to which clearance or approval of the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement is required prior to closing or which impose a mandatory waiting period which must be observed prior to closing) shall (i) have declined jurisdiction over the transactions contemplated by this Equity Commitment Agreement; (ii) have granted clearance explicitly either unconditionally or in terms reasonably satisfactory to the parties; or (iii) through the expiration of time periods available for their investigation, be deemed to have granted clearance;
- (l) since the date hereof, a Material Adverse Effect shall not have occurred;

(m) for any period of three consecutive calendar months (x) commencing with the three-month period ending March 31, 2010 and (y) ending with the three-month period ending on the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the Closing Date (or, if the Closing Date is less than ten (10) Business Days after such month, the immediately preceding month), the Underlying EBITDA for the Company and its Subsidiaries shall not be less than the amount for such period set forth on <u>Schedule 11(m)</u>; and

(n) The Company shall have delivered to the Investors a certificate signed by an executive officer of the Company certifying as to the Company's compliance with its obligations under Section 9(j)(iv) hereof.

12. <u>Indemnification and Exculpation</u>.

The Company (in such capacity, the "Indemnifying Party") agrees to (a) indemnify and hold harmless the Investors, and each of their Affiliates and each of the Investors' and their Affiliates' respective officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, trustees, controlling persons, employees, agents, advisors, attorneys and representatives (each, an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, and costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of outside counsel), to which any Indemnified Party may become subject arising out of or in connection with or relating to this Equity Commitment Agreement or the transaction documents and the transactions contemplated hereby, or any breach by the Company of this Equity Commitment Agreement or any Plan Support Agreement, or any claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, regardless of whether any Indemnified Party is a party thereto, and the Company shall reimburse each Indemnified Party upon demand for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket legal and other expenses incurred by it in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending, or providing evidence in or preparing to serve or serving as a witness with respect to, any lawsuit, investigation, claim or other proceeding relating to any of the foregoing (including, without limitation, in connection with the enforcement of the indemnification obligations set forth herein), irrespective of whether the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, except to the extent such cost or expense is found in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted

from an Indemnified Party's bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct or from such Indemnified Party's breach of the relevant Plan Support Agreement, as applicable, or this Equity Commitment Agreement; <u>provided</u>, that the Indemnifying Party shall not have to reimburse the legal fees and expenses of more than one outside counsel (and any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons with respect to any specific matter for which indemnification is sought unless, as reasonably determined by any such Indemnified Person or its counsel, representation of all such Indemnified Persons would be inappropriate or impracticable or create an actual or potential conflict of interest.

(b) The Company agrees that no Indemnified Party shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to the Company or any Company Subsidiary for or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, except to the extent such liability is found in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Indemnified Party's bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct or from such Indemnified Party's breach of the relevant Plan Support Agreement, as applicable, or this Equity Commitment Agreement. In no event, however, shall any Indemnified Party be liable on any theory of liability for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages.

(c) The Company further agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Requisite Investors, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary will enter into any settlement of any lawsuit, claim or other proceeding arising out or relating to of this Equity Commitment Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby unless such settlement (i) includes an explicit and unconditional release from the party bringing such lawsuit, claim or other proceeding of all Indemnified Parties and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability, or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Party.

Governing Law, etc. THIS EQUITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT 13. IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CHOICE OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. By its execution and delivery of this Equity Commitment Agreement, each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees for itself that, so long as the Chapter 11 Cases are pending, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to any matter under or arising out of or in connection with this Equity Commitment Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment rendered in any such action, suit or proceeding (collectively, "Claims"). To the extent that any Claims arise after the termination of the Chapter 11 Cases, such Claims shall be brought exclusively in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New York. By execution and delivery of this Equity Commitment Agreement, each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably accepts and submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of each such court, generally and unconditionally, with respect to any such action, suit or proceeding.

14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications in connection with this Equity Commitment Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed given (and will be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) if delivered personally, sent via electronic facsimile (with

confirmation), mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) or delivered by an express courier (with confirmation) to the parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as will be specified by like notice):

If to Oaktree, to:

Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. 333 South Grand Avenue, 28th Floor Los Angeles, California 90071 Facsimile No.: (213) 830-8810 (213) 830-6499 Attention: Scott L. Graves Brian Laibow

with a copy to:

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019-6064 Facsimile No.: (212) 373-7757 Attention: Alan W. Kornberg Kenneth M. Schneider

If to Apollo, to:

Apollo Management VII, L.P. c/o Apollo Management 9 West 57th Street New York, New York 10019 Facsimile No.: (212) 515-3263 Attention: Eric L. Press Matthew R. Michelini

with a copy to:

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 Facsimile No.: (212) 403-2000 Attention: Philip Mindlin Andrew J. Nussbaum

If to the Company, to:

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Facsimile No.: (216) 910-3654 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg

with a copy to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153 Facsimile No.: (212) 310-8007 Attention: Stephen Karotkin Debra A. Dandeneau

If to Sankaty, to:

Sankaty Advisors LLC 111 Huntington Ave Boston, Massachusetts 02199 Facsimile No.: (617) 516-2710 Attention: Jeff Robinson

with a copy to:

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza New York, New York 10005 Facsimile No.: (212) 822-5410 Attention: Michael Bellucci

15. <u>Assignments; Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Equity Commitment Agreement is not assignable by any party without the prior written consent of the other parties; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Investors may transfer or distribute any or all shares of Holdco Common Stock or Specified Securities the Investors receive under the Plan to their Affiliates; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the Investors may assign their rights, interests or obligations (including all or a portion of their Backstop Percentages) hereunder to one or more Permitted Transferees without the Company's prior written consent, or to any other Person with the Company's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; provided</u>, <u>further</u>, all such assignments are subject to the covenant set forth in Section 10(a) hereof and that no such assignment shall relieve the Investors of their obligations hereunder and, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof (except the condition set forth in Section 11(k) hereof, which shall be satisfied solely with respect to Oaktree), Oaktree shall be required to

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consummate the transactions contemplated herein; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, the Company may assign its post-Closing Date obligations hereunder to Name Acquisition Co. pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement. This Equity Commitment Agreement is intended to be solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, the Indemnified Parties, and their respective successors and assigns. Nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other third party any legal or equitable right, benefit, standing or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Equity Commitment Agreement.

16. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Equity Commitment Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or the actions of the Investors or any of their Affiliates in the negotiation, performance, or enforcement of this Equity Commitment Agreement.

17. Further Assurances; No Agreement to Support of the Plan.

(a) The parties hereto agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate, from time to time, to effectuate the agreements and understandings of the parties hereto, whether the same occurs before or after the date of this Equity Commitment Agreement.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, this Equity Commitment Agreement shall not bind the Investors to vote in favor of the Plan. The Investors shall only be bound to vote in favor of the Plan upon execution and delivery of, and under the terms of, the Plan Support Agreements. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Investors to vote in favor of, or against, the Plan.

18. <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. All representations and warranties made in this Equity Commitment Agreement will survive the execution and delivery of this Equity Commitment Agreement but will terminate and be of no further force or effect after the Closing Date.

19. <u>Termination</u>.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Equity Commitment Agreement may be terminated by any party or as otherwise provided below at any time prior to the Closing Date upon the earliest of the following events: (i) the termination of this Equity Commitment Agreement by mutual consent of the Requisite Investors and the Company, (ii) by the Company or any Minimum Backstop Party who signed its Plan Support Agreement if the Plan Support Agreements shall not have been entered into by the Company and the Minimum Backstop Parties within four (4) Business Days after the date of the Disclosure Statement Order; provided that the right to terminate pursuant to this clause (ii) shall be waived if it is not exercised within six (6) Business Days after the date of the Disclosure Statement Order, (iii) the Bankruptcy Court shall not have entered the Equity Commitment Order by April 1, 2010, (iv) the Equity Commitment Order shall not have become a Final Order by April 15, 2010, (v) the

Bankruptcy Court shall have stated in writing that it will not approve the Company entering into this Equity Commitment Agreement or will not approve any provision hereof (including the Structuring and Arrangement Fee, the Termination Fee, the Transaction Expenses and the Company's indemnification obligations hereunder) and (vi) the Termination Date.

This Equity Commitment Agreement may be terminated by the Requisite (b)Investors if (i) any Plan Support Agreement is terminated or, prior to the execution and delivery of the Plan Support Agreements, any event occurs that would have constituted a Termination Event under Section 9(a) of the Plan Support Agreements if they were in effect, (ii) the Company fails to perform its obligations under this Equity Commitment Agreement or any Plan Support Agreement in any material respect or is in material breach of any of its representations and warranties contained herein or therein, (iii) any of the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof shall have become incapable of being satisfied and shall not have been waived by the Requisite Investors, (iv) the Company files, supports or endorses a plan or reorganization other than the Plan, (v) the Company withdraws the Plan or publicly announces its intention not to support the Plan, or (vi) the Board of Directors of the Company has determined that continued pursuit of the Plan is inconsistent with its fiduciary duties because, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines in good faith that, a proposal or offer from a third party is reasonably likely to be more favorable to the Company than is proposed under the Plan, taking into account, among other factors, the identity of the third party, the likelihood that any such proposal or offer will be negotiated to finality within a reasonable time, the potential loss to the Company if the proposal or offer were not accepted and consummated, and the likelihood that any such proposal will be consummated within a reasonable time (such proposal as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith, a "Superior Proposal").

(c) This Equity Commitment Agreement may be terminated by the Company if (i) any of the Plan Support Agreements are terminated, (ii) the Investors fail to perform their obligations under this Equity Commitment Agreement or the Plan Support Agreements, if applicable, in any material respect or are in material breach of any of their representations and warranties contained herein or therein, (iii) the Company files, supports or endorses a plan or reorganization other than the Plan, (iv) the Company withdraws the Plan or publicly announces its intention not to support the Plan, or (v) if the Board of Directors of the Company has determined that continued pursuit of the Plan is inconsistent with its fiduciary duties because of a Superior Proposal; <u>provided</u> that, the Company shall pay the Termination Fee pursuant to Section 2(e) hereof prior to termination pursuant to clauses (iii), (iv) or (v) of this Section 19(c) and such payment shall be a condition to termination.

(d) The Company must pay the Termination Fee pursuant to Section 2(d) hereof upon termination by a Minimum Backstop Party pursuant to Section 19(a)(ii) hereof if (i) the Disclosure Statement Order shall have been entered prior to such date and (ii) the Minimum Backstop Parties shall have executed and delivered, or were prepared to execute and deliver, the Plan Support Agreements prior to or on such termination date.

(e) Upon any such expiration or termination of this Equity Commitment Agreement, this Equity Commitment Agreement shall become void and there shall be no liability under this Equity Commitment Agreement on the part of the Investors or the Company;

provided, however, that the provisions of this Equity Commitment Agreement set forth in Sections 2(d) (The Rights Offering), 3(b) (The Backstop Commitment), 12 (Indemnification and Exculpation), 13 (Governing Law, etc.), and 16 (Waiver of Jury Trial) shall remain in full force and effect; provided, further, that, to the extent that such termination results from the breach by a party of any representation, warranty or covenant set forth in this Equity Commitment Agreement, such party shall not be relieved of liability from such breach, but such party shall not be liable on any theory of liability for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages.

20. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>.

(a) This Equity Commitment Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of Oaktree and the Company. By an instrument in writing, the Requisite Investors, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, may waive compliance by the Company or the Investors, respectively, with any term or provision of this Equity Commitment Agreement that such other party was or is obligated to comply with or perform.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the applicable Investor has executed and delivered a Plan Support Agreement and such Plan Support Agreement has not been terminated, (i) any amendment, modification or waiver to Section 25 or any other provision in this Equity Commitment Agreement that would materially adversely affect Sankaty in a disproportionate manner relative to Oaktree and Apollo shall require Sankaty's consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) and (ii) Section 26 may not be amended, modified or waived without Apollo's consent; provided, that, after the Voting Deadline, no Plan Modification (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement) that would constitute a Subject Change (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement) may be made without Apollo's consent (to be given or withheld in its sole discretion).

21. <u>Binding Obligation</u>. Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code and the entry of the Equity Commitment Order by the Bankruptcy Court, this Equity Commitment Agreement is a legally valid and binding obligation of the parties hereto, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their representatives. Nothing in this Equity Commitment Agreement, express or implied, shall give to any entity, other than the parties hereto and their respective members, officers, directors, agents, financial advisors, attorneys, employees, partners, Affiliates, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators and representatives, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Equity Commitment Agreement.

22. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of all sections of this Equity Commitment Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.

23. Other Agreements, Complete Agreement, Interpretation.

(a) The Company and each Investor agree that, based on the amount of Relevant Claims set forth on such Investor's Schedule 8(e) hereto, the amount of Relevant Claims such Investor or its Affiliates, as applicable, would own pro forma after giving effect to the 9019 Settlement is set forth on <u>Schedule 23(a)</u>.

(b) This Equity Commitment Agreement and the other agreements, exhibits and other documents referenced herein constitute the complete agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, oral or written, between or among the parties hereto with respect thereto (including, as among Oaktree, Apollo and the Company, that certain non-binding proposal letter, dated December 1, 2009, and all exhibits attached thereto). This Equity Commitment Agreement is the product of negotiation by and among the parties hereto. Any party enforcing or interpreting this Equity Commitment Agreement shall interpret it in a neutral manner. There shall be no presumption concerning whether to interpret this Equity Commitment Agreement for or against any party by reason of that party having drafted this Equity Commitment Agreement, or any portion thereof, or caused it or any portion thereof to be drafted.

24. <u>Settlement Discussions</u>. This Equity Commitment Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein are part of a proposed settlement of a dispute between the parties hereto. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any applicable state rules of evidence, this Equity Commitment Agreement and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding, except to the extent filed with, or disclosed to, the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, other than a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Equity Commitment Agreement.

25. Sankaty Participation. If (i) the Effective Date occurs and (ii) the conditions set forth in Sections 11(i) and 11(k) hereof are satisfied with respect to Sankaty, Sankaty hereby agrees to receive and exercise all of the Subscription Rights offered to Sankaty or its Affiliates and to purchase the Sankaty Residual Units (as defined herein). The Company and the Investors agree that Sankaty's Subscription Units shall not be subject to the Minimum Ownership Cutback under Section 7 of the Plan. In addition, after Oaktree and Apollo reach the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold, any additional Residual Units shall be allocated to Sankaty pro rata based on the pre-rights offering equity value into which Eligible Claims owned by Oaktree and Apollo in the aggregate may be converted, on the one hand, and Sankaty, on the other hand (the "Sankaty Residual Units"). Sankaty shall receive a percentage of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee and shall purchase a percentage of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, in each case equal to the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate number of Units purchased by Sankaty or its Affiliates and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate number of Units purchased by Apollo, Oaktree and Sankaty or their respective Affiliates. Sankaty would receive a percentage of the Termination Fee (if any) equal to the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate number of Units that would be purchased by Sankaty or its Affiliates and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate number of Units that would be purchased by Apollo, Oaktree and Sankaty or their respective Affiliates, in each case in proportion to their respective ownership of Eligible Claims (pro forma after giving effect to the 9019 Settlement) as of the date the Equity Commitment

Agreement is terminated, and after giving effect to the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold and assuming that all Eligible Holders elect to receive their respective Subscription Rights under the Plan. Notwithstanding anything in this Equity Commitment Agreement to the contrary, any modifications to the terms set forth in Exhibit F or Exhibit G hereto shall not require Sankaty's consent unless such modification materially adversely affects Sankaty in a disproportionate manner relative to Oaktree and Apollo, in which case Sankaty's consent shall be required (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld). This Section 25 and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be assigned or delegated by Sankaty without the prior written consent of the Company and the Requisite Investors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, without affecting the rights and obligations of the other parties hereunder, (i) Sankaty, if Sankaty has executed and delivered a Plan Support Agreement and such Plan Support Agreement has terminated in accordance with Section 9 thereof, or (ii) Oaktree, if Sankaty's Plan Support Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9(b)(iii) of the Plan Support Agreement or the Termination Event set forth in Section 9(a)(x) has occurred due to a breach of the Plan Support Agreement by Sankaty (regardless of whether the Plan Support Agreement is terminated), may terminate Sankaty's rights and obligations under this Equity Commitment Agreement, in which case (i) Sankaty shall not be required to purchase the Sankaty Residual Units, (ii) Sankaty shall no longer be entitled to a portion of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee or the Termination Fee, (iii) Sankaty shall no longer be a Backstop Party for purposes of this Equity Commitment Agreement and the Plan, and (iv) Sankaty's Subscription Units shall be subject to the Minimum Ownership Cutback under Section 7 of the Plan; provided that Sankaty's rights and obligations under the provisions of this Equity Commitment Agreement set forth in Sections 12, 13 and 16 shall remain in full force and effect.

26. Apollo Participation.

(a) If (i) the Effective Date occurs and (ii) the conditions set forth in Sections 11(j) and 11(k) hereof, if applicable to Apollo, are satisfied with respect to Apollo, then Apollo hereby agrees to receive and exercise all of the Subscription Rights offered to Apollo or its Affiliates and to purchase a number of Residual Units as may be agreed by Apollo and Oaktree (collectively, the "Apollo Commitment"); provided, that, without limiting and subject to Apollo's obligations in the Plan Support Agreement if signed by Apollo or any of its Affiliates that hold Eligible Claims, Apollo may, at its option, elect to withdraw all or a portion of the Apollo Commitment and/or withdraw its election on any Ballot of Apollo or any of its Affiliates to receive ADH Term Loan Stock, ADH Roll-Up Stock or U.S. Roll-Up Stock, as applicable, and Subscription Rights in respect of its European Term Loan Claims, European Roll-Up Term Loan Claims and/or US Roll-Up Term Loan Claims, respectively and elect cash in lieu thereof, in each case by written notice to the Company and Oaktree no later than the date that is ten (10) days prior to the Effective Date; provided, further, that upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 11 hereof (other than Sections 11(j) and (k)), if (X) the conditions set forth in Sections 11(j) and (k) are satisfied with respect to Oaktree but not Apollo, (Y) to the extent that regulatory filings are required under Section 9(h) hereof as to the Company, then the Company shall have made such filings with respect to Apollo, and (Z) the conditions set forth in Section 11(j) and (k) are not satisfied as to Apollo on or prior to the 70th day following (i) the Company's initial filing under the HSR Act with respect to Apollo, if such filing is required or (ii) if no such filing is required, the date of this Agreement, then Apollo shall be deemed to

immediately withdraw the Apollo Commitment. Upon withdrawal of the Apollo Commitment, Oaktree shall be deemed to assume the Apollo Commitment in its entirety, and Apollo shall be released of the Apollo Commitment. The Company agrees that Apollo's Subscription Units shall not be subject to the Minimum Ownership Cutback under Section 7 of the Plan. Apollo Management VII, L.P., on behalf of its affiliated investment funds or for its own account, as may be designated by Apollo Management VII, L.P. shall receive a portion of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee and shall purchase a portion of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, in each case equal to the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate number of Units purchased by Apollo or its Affiliates and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate number of Units purchased by Apollo, Oaktree and Sankaty or their respective Affiliates. So long as Apollo has not withdrawn the Apollo Commitment, Apollo would receive a percentage of the Termination Fee (if any) equal to the fraction, expressed as a percentage, (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate number of Units that would be purchased by Apollo or its Affiliates and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate number of Units that would be purchased by Apollo, Oaktree and Sankaty or their respective Affiliates, in each case in proportion to their respective ownership of Eligible Claims (pro forma after giving effect to the 9019 Settlement) as of the date the Equity Commitment Agreement is terminated, and after giving effect to the Minimum Oaktree/Apollo Equity Threshold and assuming that all Eligible Holders elect to receive their respective Subscription Rights under the Plan.

(b) Each of the Company and Oaktree agree to continue to consult with Apollo during and to keep Apollo informed of developments in respect the negotiation, drafting, confirmation, and consummation of the Plan.

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Very truly yours,

OCM Opportunities ALS Holdings, L.P.

By: Oaktree Fund GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: Oaktree Fund GP I, L.P., its Managing Member

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Name: Scott Graves Title: Authorized Signatory

Name: **Emily Alexander** Title: Authorized Signatory

By:

By:

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OCM High Yield Plus ALS Holdings, L.P.

By: Oaktree Fund GP IIA, LLC, its General Partner

By: Oaktree Fund GP II, L.P., its Managing Member

By: Name: Name: Scott GVA Title: Authorized Signatory Graves

By:

Name: **Emily Alexande**, Title: Authorized Signatory

Oaktree European Credit Opportunities Holdings, Ltd.

- By: Oaktree Europe GP, Limited, its Director
- By: Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., its Director

By: John B. Frank Managing Principal Name: Title: By: Name: **Brian D. Beck** Title: Managing Director

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APOLLO INVESTMENT FUND VII, L.P.

- By: Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., its general partner
- By: Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC its general partner

By: Name: n: TV Title: YOU NEEDED

APOLLO OVERSEAS PARTNERS (DELAWARE 892) VII, L.P.

- By: Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., its general partner
- By: Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC its general partner

By: Name: L AFTER DA YO SEMEST BY Title:

APOLLO OVERSEAS PARTNERS (DELAWARE) VII, L.P.

- By: Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., its general partner
- By: Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC its general partner

By: Name: 800 N.S. Title:

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APOLLO OVERSEAS PARTNERS VII, L.P.

- By: Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., its general partner
- By. Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC its general partner

By Name: ø 20 Title:

APOLLO INVESTMENT FUND (PB) VII, L.P.

- By: Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., its general partner
- By: Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC its general partner

By: Name: Title:

Acknowledged and Agreed, solely for purposes of Section 2(d) hereof:

OCM FIE, L.P.

- By: Oaktree Fund GP, LLC *its General Partner*
- By: Oaktree Fund GP I, L.P. its Managing Member

By: 0 Todd Molz Name:

Title: Authorized Signatory

By:

Name: **Emily Alexander** Title: Authorized Signatory Acknowledged and Agreed, solely for purposes of Section 25 hereof:

SANKATY ADVISORS, LLC, on behalf of certain Funds and Accounts it manages or advises

By:

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Name: Ranesh Ramanathan Fitle: Authorized Signatory

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Accepted and agreed to this 5^{th} day of February, 2010:

Aleris International, Inc.

By: Name: SEAN M. STROX Title: Exec. Nos Pres. + CFO

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Schedule 1(e)

Apollo

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Schedule 1(f)

Investors

<u>Investor</u>	Backstop Percentage	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>IntermediateCo Preferred</u> <u>Stock</u>
Oaktree Investment Funds and Accounts ¹	100%	100%
Apollo	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 26.	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 26.
Sankaty	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 25.	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 25.
Total	100%	100%

¹ Fund specific information is redacted.

Schedule 2(d)

Structuring and Arrangement Fee

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Structuring and</u> <u>Arrangement Fee</u> <u>Percentage</u>
OCM FIE, L.P.	100%
Sankaty Advisors, LLC	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 25.
Apollo Management VII, L.P., on behalf of its affiliated investment funds or for its own account, as may be designated by Apollo Management VII, L.P.	Percentage to be determined pursuant to Section 26.
Total	1000/

<u>Total</u>

100%

Schedule 7(d)

Subsidiaries

Subsidiary of AHC1 Holding Co.

• AHC Intermediate Co. (100% owned by parent)

Subsidiaries of AHC Intermediate Co.

- RLD Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- RCY Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- Name Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- Intl Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- UWA Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- HQ1 Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)

Subsidiaries of RCY Acquisition Co.

- SPEC A Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)
- SPEC P Acquisition Co. (100% owned by parent)

Schedule 7(i)

Litigation

None.

Schedule 7(j)

Material Adverse Effect

None.

Schedule 7(*l*)

Suppliers

[Redacted]

Schedule 7(m)

DIP Term Credit Agreement Representations and Warranties – ERISA Event

For purposes of incorporating the sections of the DIP Term Credit Agreement into this Equity Commitment Agreement only, the definition of "ERISA Event" set forth in the DIP Term Credit Agreement shall be disregarded and replaced with the following definition:

- (a) any "reportable event", as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30 day notice period is waived);
- (b) the failure to meet the minimum funding standard of Sections 412 and 430 of the Code with respect to any Plan, whether or not waived;
- (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 303(c) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan;
- (d) the incurrence by Aleris or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan;
- (e) the receipt by Aleris or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice of an intent to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan;
- (f) any Plan is or becomes subject to the limitations of Section 436 of the Code;
- (g) the incurrence of any obligation, liability, or expense (other than those reflected on the most recent financial statements of Aleris or its Subsidiaries) which arises under or relates to any "employee benefit plan" (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to Title IV of ERISA, Section 302 of ERISA, Section 412 or 430 of the Code, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, as amended ("COBRA"), the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992, as amended, or any other statute or regulation, other than such obligation, liability or expense that occurs in the normal course of business and consistent with past practice and is not the result of a breach of obligations required by law, that imposes liability on a so-called "controlled group" basis with or without reference to any provision of Section 414 of the Code or Section 4001 of ERISA, including by reason of any of Aleris or its Subsidiaries' affiliation with any ERISA Affiliate;
- (h) receipt from the Internal Revenue Service of notice of the failure of any Plan or any employee benefit plan intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code or the failure of any trust forming part of any Plan or employee benefit plan to qualify for exemption from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code;
- (i) the incurrence by Aleris or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan;

- (j) the receipt by Aleris or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from Aleris or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA or is in endangered or critical status within the meaning of ERISA Section 305; or
- (k) the incurrence by Aleris or its Subsidiaries of projected liabilities in respect of postemployment health, medical or life insurance benefits for any current or former employees of Aleris or its Subsidiaries (except as may be required under COBRA and at the expense of the employee or former employee) other than 110% of those reflected on the financial statements of Aleris or its Subsidiaries for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, which Aleris represents have been made available to Oaktree.

Schedule 8(e)

Relevant Claims

[Redacted]

Schedule 11(k)

Required Jurisdictions for Mandatory Antitrust Filings

[Redacted]

Schedule 11(m)

Projected Underlying EBITDA

Three-Month Period Ending	70% Projected Underlying EBITDA Covenant <u>(\$ in millions)</u>
March 31, 2010	22.8
April 30, 2010	25.7
May 31, 2010	28.7
June 30, 2010	31.7
July 31, 2010	30.3
August 31, 2010	29.2
September 30, 2010	28.0

Schedule 23(a)

Relevant Claims (Post-9019 Settlement)

[Redacted]

EXHIBIT A

JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

(Attached without Exhibits)

Document Not Included Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Plan

EXHIBIT B

FORMS OF PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

(Attached without Exhibits)

Form of Oaktree Plan Support Agreement

PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of [__], 2010 by and between the following parties:

(a) [the undersigned Holder] (the "<u>Undersigned Holder</u>"); and

(b) Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Aleris</u>"), and each of its direct and indirect subsidiaries identified on the signature pages attached hereto (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>" and the Undersigned Holder and the Company, each, a "<u>Party</u>", and collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, Aleris and certain of its subsidiaries (excluding Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH ("<u>Aleris Deutschland</u>") and its subsidiaries) commenced voluntary cases (the "<u>Existing Chapter 11 Cases</u>") by filing petitions under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] Aleris Deutschland commenced a voluntary case (the "<u>Aleris Deutschland Case</u>" and, together with the Existing Chapter 11 Cases, the "<u>Chapter 11</u> <u>Cases</u>") by filing a petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court;

WHEREAS, on [] the Company filed the Plan (as defined herein) with the Bankruptcy Court (the date of that event being the "<u>Trigger Date</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the disclosure statement for the Plan attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> (such disclosure statement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, in a manner consistent with the Plan (as defined below) and reasonably acceptable to the Undersigned Holder, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>");

WHEREAS, other holders of certain U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2009, and amended and restated as of March 19, 2009 (each, a "<u>Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "<u>DIP Credit Agreement</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, other holders of certain European Roll-up Term Loan claims under the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company; WHEREAS, other holders of certain German Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006 and amended and restated as of December 19, 2006, as further amended on March 16, 2007 and February 10, 2009 (each, a "Consenting German Term Loan Holder" and together with the Undersigned Holder, the Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holders and the Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holders, the "Consenting Holders"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., as syndication agent, and PNC Bank, National Association, National City Business Credit, Inc. and Key Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint book running managers (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Prepetition Credit Agreement" and together with the DIP Credit Agreement, the "Credit Agreements"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, each Consenting Holder is the holder of a claim, as defined in the Bankruptcy Code arising out of, or related to the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>U.S. Roll-up</u> <u>Loan Claim</u>" or a "<u>European Roll-up Loan Claim</u>", as applicable) and/or the Prepetition Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>German Term Loan Claim</u>" and together with the U.S. Roll-up Loan Claims and the European Roll-up Loan Claims, the "<u>Aleris Claims</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to implement a financial restructuring (the "<u>Restructuring</u>") of the Company on the terms and conditions set forth in the form of joint plan of reorganization attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (such joint plan, in such form (the "<u>Base Plan</u>"), with such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements (including any Plan Supplement filed in connection therewith), schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments (and only such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements, schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments) to which the Undersigned Holder has consented (such consent to be given or withheld in the Undersigned Holder's sole discretion), being hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Plan</u>");¹

WHEREAS, Aleris and certain affiliates of the Undersigned Holder and certain other parties are parties to that certain Equity Commitment Agreement, dated February 5, 2010 (such agreement, in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u>, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified in accordance with the terms therein, being hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Equity Commitment Agreement</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in good faith negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement with regard to restructuring the outstanding claims of, and interests in, the Company in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Plan;

WHEREAS, each Party has reviewed, or has had the opportunity to review, this Agreement and the Plan with the assistance of professional legal advisors of its own choosing;

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Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain the commitment of the Undersigned Holder to support and vote to accept the Plan, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein to which the Undersigned Holder is party; and

WHEREAS, subject to the execution of definitive documentation and appropriate approvals by the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan, the following sets forth the agreement between the Parties concerning their respective obligations.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. [Intentionally Omitted].

2. <u>Effectuating the Restructuring</u>.

To implement the Plan, the Parties have agreed, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, that the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- (a) solicit the requisite acceptances of the Plan in accordance with section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (b) seek confirmation of the Plan as expeditiously as practicable under the Bankruptcy Code, including under section 1129(b) thereof, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Bankruptcy Court's local rules; and
- (c) consummate the Plan.

3. <u>Commitments of the Undersigned Holder Under this Agreement.</u>

(a) Voting by Undersigned Holder.

As long as a Termination Event (as defined herein) has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder agrees for itself that, so long as it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims, to vote on a plan of reorganization which comports with the definition of the Plan in this Agreement, it shall be bound to, and will, timely vote its Aleris Claims (and not revoke or withdraw its vote) to accept the Plan.

(b) Support of Plan.

As long as a Termination Event has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder, agrees for itself that, so long as it remains the legal

owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims it will:

- i. from and after the date hereof, not directly or indirectly seek, solicit, support or vote in favor of any other plan, sale, proposal or offer of dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, merger or restructuring of the Company that could reasonably be expected to prevent, delay or impede the Restructuring of the Company in accordance with the Plan;
- agree to permit disclosure of the contents of this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Undersigned Holder shall be disclosed only to the Company and shall not be disclosed by the Company to any other person or entity except as required by law or in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement;
- iii. not object to or otherwise commence any proceeding opposing any of the terms of this Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- iv. not object to a motion by the Company to extend the exclusive period for the Company to propose a plan of reorganization; provided that such period does not extend beyond the Termination Date as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement as in effect on the date hereof; and
- v. not take any action that is inconsistent with, or that is intended to delay, confirmation of the Plan.
- (c) Transfer (as defined below) of Claims, Interests and Securities.

The Undersigned Holder hereby agrees, until this Agreement shall have terminated, not to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly (each such disposition, for the avoidance of doubt not including a pledge or collateral assignment or other grant of a security interest until the occurrence of a transfer pursuant to enforcement thereof, a "<u>Transfer</u>"), all or any of its Aleris Claims (including any voting rights associated with such Aleris Claims), *unless* the transferee thereof (a) agrees in an enforceable writing to assume and be bound by this Agreement, and to assume the rights and obligations of the Undersigned Holder under this Agreement and (b) promptly delivers such writing to the Company (each such transferee becoming, upon the Transfer, an Undersigned Holder hereunder). The Company shall promptly acknowledge any such Transfer in writing and provide a copy of that acknowledgement to the transferor. By its acknowledgement of the relevant Transfer, the Company shall be deemed to have acknowledged that its obligations to the Undersigned Holder hereunder shall be deemed to constitute obligations in favor of the relevant transferee as an Undersigned Holder hereunder. Any Transfer of any Relevant Claim (as defined below) that does not comply with the procedure set forth in the first sentence of this Subsection 3(c) shall be deemed void *ab initio*.

(d) Further Acquisition of Aleris Claims.

This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude the Undersigned Holder or any of its respective subsidiaries from acquiring additional Aleris Claims; *provided* that any such additional Aleris Claims acquired by the Undersigned Holder or any subsidiary thereof shall automatically be deemed to be subject to the terms of this Agreement. Upon the request of the Company, the Undersigned Holder shall, in writing and within five (5) business days, provide an accurate and current list of all Aleris Claims that it and any subsidiary holds at that time, subject to any applicable confidentiality restrictions and applicable law.

(e) Representation of the Undersigned Holder's holdings.

The Undersigned Holder represents that, as of the date hereof:

- i. it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager for the legal or beneficial owner of such Aleris Claims set forth on its respective signature page (collectively, the "<u>Relevant Claims</u>");
- ii. there are no Aleris Claims of which it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or investment advisor or manager for such legal or beneficial owner that are not part of its Relevant Claims unless the Undersigned Holder does not possess the full power to vote and dispose of such claims; and
- iii. it has full power to vote, dispose of and compromise the aggregate principal amount of the Relevant Claims.

4. The Company's Responsibilities.

(a) Other Support Agreements.

The Company represents and warrants that, if it has entered into (or concurrently herewith is entering into) restructuring agreements, plan support or lock-up agreements (collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreements</u>") with other Consenting Holders (each, an "<u>Other Support Agreement Party</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreement Parties</u>"), the Other Support Agreements are substantially similar to this Agreement, including without limitation, substantially similar provisions to those set forth in Section 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above and Section 9 below.

(b) Implementation of the Plan.

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- i. effectuate and consummate the Restructuring on the terms described in the Plan and the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- ii. obtain from the Bankruptcy Court an order confirming the Plan, which order shall be in form and substance consistent with the Plan and reasonably acceptable to the Undersigned Holder (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>"), which Confirmation Order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court no later than on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- iii. cause the Effective Date of the Plan to occur no later than on or before the one hundred and fiftieth (150th) day following the Trigger Date; and
- iv. take no actions inconsistent with this Agreement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement or the expeditious confirmation and consummation of the Plan.

5. Mutual Representations and Warranties

Each Party, severally and not jointly, makes the following representations and warranties (as to itself only) to the other Party, each of which is a continuing representation and warranty:

(a) Enforceability.

Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability.

(b) No Consent or Approval.

Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no consent or approval is required by any other entity in order for it to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Power and Authority.

It has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement and the Plan.

(d) Authorization.

The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action on its part.

(e) No Conflicts.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement does not: (a) violate any provision of law, rule or regulations applicable to it or any of its subsidiaries; (b) violate its certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents or those of any of its subsidiaries; or (c) conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any material contractual obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party.

6. [Reserved]

7. <u>No Waiver of Participation and Preservation of Rights.</u>

If the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise set forth in the Plan are not consummated as provided herein, if a Termination Event occurs, or if this Agreement is otherwise terminated for any reason, the Parties each fully reserve any and all of their respective rights, remedies, claims and interests.

8. Acknowledgement.

This Agreement and the Plan and the transactions contemplated herein and therein are the product of negotiations between the Parties and their respective representatives. This Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be a solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for the purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. The Company will not solicit acceptances of the Plan from the Undersigned Holder in any manner inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law.

9. <u>Termination.</u>

(a) Termination Events.

The term "<u>Termination Event</u>," wherever used in this Agreement, means any of the following events (whatever the reason for such Termination Event and whether it is voluntary or involuntary):

- i. (a) the commitments set forth in the Equity Commitment Agreement expire or terminate pursuant to Section 19 of the Equity Commitment Agreement or (b) the Company declares that the Equity Commitment Agreement has terminated or is invalid or of no force or effect;
- ii. the Company's board of directors, based on the advice of its outside counsel, determines that continued pursuit of the Plan is inconsistent with its fiduciary duties because, and the board of directors determines in good faith that, (A) a proposal or offer from a third party is reasonably likely to be more favorable to the Company than is proposed under the Plan, taking into account, among other factors, the identity of the third party, the likelihood that any such proposal or offer will be negotiated to finality within a reasonable time, the potential loss to the Company if the proposal

or offer were not accepted and consummated, and the likelihood that any such proposal will be consummated within a reasonable time, or (B) the Plan is no longer confirmable or feasible;

- iii. the Company files, supports or endorses a plan of reorganization other than the Plan;
- iv. a Confirmation Order reasonably acceptable to the Company and the Undersigned Holder is not entered by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- v. the Effective Date shall not have occurred on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- vi. any of the Chapter 11 Cases is converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- vii. the Bankruptcy Court shall enter an order in any of the Chapter 11 Cases appointing (i) a trustee under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) a responsible officer, or (iii) an examiner, in each case with enlarged powers relating to the operation of the business (powers beyond those set forth in subclauses (3) and (4) of section 1106(a)) under section 1106(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- viii. any of the Chapter 11 Cases of (a) Aleris or Aleris Deutschland or
 (b) any other Debtor is dismissed or suspended pursuant to section 305 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- ix. the Confirmation Order (a) is reversed on appeal or vacated or (b) shall not have become a Final Order on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- x. any Party has breached any material provision of this Agreement or the Company has breached any material provision of the Equity Commitment Agreement, and any such breach has not been duly waived or cured in accordance with the terms hereof or of the Equity Commitment Agreement, as applicable, after a period of five (5) days;
- xi. the Company shall (a) withdraw the Plan or (b) publicly announce its intention not to support the Plan;
- xii. (a) any Other Support Agreement has terminated or (b) the Company has breached any material provision of any Other Support Agreement and any such breach under clause (b) has not

been duly waived or cured in accordance with the terms of such Other Support Agreement after a period of five (5) days;

- xiii. the Release, dated as of February 5, 2010, by and among Aleris, certain of the other Debtors and the other parties thereto, shall cease to be in full force and effect;
- xiv. the Effective Date shall have occurred; or
- xv. any change to the Base Plan shall have been made or any exhibit, supplement, schedule or related or ancillary agreement or instrument or any amendment, modification, consent or waiver to any of the foregoing shall have been agreed to, entered into, executed and delivered, filed with the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise given effect without the consent of the Undersigned Holder, unless otherwise approved in a manner in accordance with the Plan.

The foregoing Termination Events are intended solely for the benefit of the Company and the Undersigned Holder; *provided* that no Party may seek to terminate this Agreement based upon a material breach or a failure of a condition (if any) in this Agreement arising out of its own actions or omissions that were in violation of this Agreement; provided, further, that the Termination Events contemplated by clauses (i)(b), (ii), (viii)(b), (xi)(b) and (xii)(b) of this Section 9(a) and the deadlines contemplated by clauses (iv) and (v) of this Section 9(a) may be waived or extended, respectively, by Consenting Holders holding at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Consenting Holders (the "Requisite Holders") within 5 Business Days following the occurrence thereof unless such waiver or extension materially adversely affects the Undersigned Holder in a disproportionate manner relative to the other Consenting Holders, in which case the Undersigned Holder's consent to such waiver or extension shall be required, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; provided, further, that in the cases of clauses (i)(b), (ii), (xi)(b), and (xii)(b), if the applicable Termination Event has been waived by the Requisite Holders but has not been cured and/or is continuing for more than 15 calendar days following the occurrence of such Termination Event, the Undersigned Holder's consent to such waiver or extension shall be required, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) Termination Event Procedures.
 - i. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i)(a), (ii) or (ix)(b) of Section 9(a) hereof or clause (x) of Section 9(a) hereof due to a material breach of this Agreement by the Undersigned Holder, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice thereof to the Undersigned Holder.

- ii. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (vi), (ix)(a) or (xiii) of Section 9(a) hereof, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without further action.
- iii. Except as set forth in Section 9(b)(ii) hereof, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i) or (ii) of Section 9(a) hereof), subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Undersigned Holder shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Company. The Parties hereby waive any requirement under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to lift the automatic stay thereunder in connection with giving any such notice (and agree not to object to any non-breaching Party seeking to lift the Automatic Stay in connection with giving any such notice, if necessary).
- iv. Any such termination (or partial termination) of the Agreement shall not restrict the Parties' rights and remedies for any breach of the Agreement by any Party, including, but not limited to, pursuant to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 7 hereof.

10. Miscellaneous Terms.

(a) Binding Obligation; Assignment.

Binding Obligation. Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legally valid and binding obligation of the Parties, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their representatives. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, shall give to any entity, other than the Parties and their respective successors or permitted assigns, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement.

Assignment. No rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may be assigned or transferred to any other entity except as provided in Section 3(c) hereof, and any purported assignment or transfer in violation of Section 3(c) shall be null and void ab initio.

(b) Further Assurances.

The Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, from time to time, to effectuate the agreements of the Parties expressed herein.

(c) Headings.

The headings of all sections of this Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.

(d) Governing Law.

THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CHOICE OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. By its execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees for itself that any legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to any matter under or arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment rendered in any such action, suit or proceeding, shall be brought exclusively in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New York. By execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably accepts and submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of each such court, generally and unconditionally, with respect to any such action, suit or proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing consent to jurisdiction in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New York, each of the Parties hereto hereby agrees that, so long as any of the Chapter 11 Cases are pending, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

(e) Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or the actions of the Undersigned Holder or any of its affiliates in the negotiation, performance or enforcement of this Agreement.

(f) Specific Performance

The Parties hereby acknowledge that the rights of the Parties under this Agreement are unique and that remedies at law for breach or threatened breach of any provision of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, agree that, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Agreement, in addition to any remedies at law, the Parties shall, without posting any bond, be entitled to obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, a temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available and the Parties hereby waive any objection to the imposition of such relief.

(g) Complete Agreement, Interpretation and Modification.

- i. **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement, the Plan and the other agreements, exhibits and other documents referenced herein and therein constitute the complete agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, oral or written, between or among the Parties with respect thereto.
- ii. **Interpretation.** This Agreement is the product of negotiation by and among the Parties. Any Party enforcing or interpreting this

Agreement shall interpret it in a neutral manner. There shall be no presumption concerning whether to interpret this Agreement for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted this Agreement, or any portion thereof, or caused it or any portion thereof to be drafted.

iii. **Modification of this Agreement.** This Agreement may only be modified, altered, amended or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the Company and the Undersigned Holder.

(h) Execution of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be executed and delivered (by facsimile or otherwise) in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.

(i) Settlement Discussions.

This Agreement and the Restructuring are part of a proposed settlement of a dispute between the Parties. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any applicable state rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases.

(j) Consideration.

The Company and the Undersigned Holder hereby acknowledge that no consideration, other than that specifically described herein and in the Plan, shall be due or paid to the Undersigned Holder for its agreement to vote to accept the Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, other than the Company's representations, warranties and agreement to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to seek to confirm and consummate the Plan.

(k) Notices.

i.

All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, if sent by facsimile, courier or by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following addresses and facsimile numbers (or at such other addresses or facsimile numbers as shall be specified by like notice):

If to the Company, to:

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Facsimile No.: (216) 910-3654 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg

with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Facsimile No.: (212) 310-8007 Attention: Stephen Karotkin Debra A. Dandeneau;

ii. If to the Undersigned Holder or a transferee thereof, to the addresses or facsimile numbers set forth below following the Undersigned Holder's signature (or as directed by any transferee thereof), as the case may be, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Facsimile No.: (212) 757-3990 Attention: Alan W. Kornberg Kenneth M. Schneider

iii. Any notice given by delivery, mail or courier shall be effective when received. Any notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon oral or machine confirmation of transmission.

(l) Time of the Essence.

The Parties agree that time is of the essence with respect to Sections 4(b)(ii), 4(b)(iii) and the events that give rise to the occurrence of a Termination Event under Section 9 of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Aleris International, Inc.

By:	

Title: _____

[INSERT ENTITY NAME HERE]

By: ______Name: Title:

U.S. Roll-Up Claims: _____

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Form of Apollo Plan Support Agreement

PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of [__], 2010 by and between the following parties:

(a) [the undersigned Holder] (the "<u>Undersigned Holder</u>"); and

(b) Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Aleris</u>"), and each of its direct and indirect subsidiaries identified on the signature pages attached hereto (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>" and the Undersigned Holder and the Company, each, a "<u>Party</u>", and collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, Aleris and certain of its subsidiaries (excluding Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH ("<u>Aleris Deutschland</u>") and its subsidiaries) commenced voluntary cases (the "<u>Existing Chapter 11 Cases</u>") by filing petitions under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] Aleris Deutschland commenced a voluntary case (the "<u>Aleris Deutschland Case</u>" and, together with the Existing Chapter 11 Cases, the "<u>Chapter 11</u> <u>Cases</u>") by filing a petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court;

WHEREAS, on [] the Company filed the Plan (as defined herein) with the Bankruptcy Court (the date of that event being the "<u>Trigger Date</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the disclosure statement for the Plan attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> (such disclosure statement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, unless such amendment, supplement or modification is a Subject Change to which the Undersigned Holder has not consented (such consent to be given or withheld in the Undersigned Holder's sole discretion) the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>");

WHEREAS, other holders of certain U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2009, and amended and restated as of March 19, 2009 (each, a "<u>Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "<u>DIP Credit Agreement</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, other holders of certain European Roll-up Term Loan claims under the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company; WHEREAS, other holders of certain German Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006 and amended and restated as of December 19, 2006, as further amended on March 16, 2007 and February 10, 2009 (each, a "Consenting German Term Loan Holder" and together with the Undersigned Holder, the Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holders and the Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holders, the "Consenting Holders"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., as syndication agent, and PNC Bank, National Association, National City Business Credit, Inc. and Key Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint book running managers (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Prepetition Credit Agreement" and together with the DIP Credit Agreement, the "Credit Agreements"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, each Consenting Holder is the holder of a claim, as defined in the Bankruptcy Code arising out of, or related to the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>U.S. Roll-up</u> <u>Loan Claim</u>" or a "<u>European Roll-up Loan Claim</u>", as applicable) and/or the Prepetition Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>German Term Loan Claim</u>" and together with the U.S. Roll-up Loan Claims and the European Roll-up Loan Claims, the "<u>Aleris Claims</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to implement a financial restructuring (the "<u>Restructuring</u>") of the Company on the terms and conditions set forth in the form of joint plan of reorganization attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (such joint plan, in such form (the "<u>Base Plan</u>"), with such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements (including any Plan Supplement filed in connection therewith), schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments (and only such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements, schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments) that either (i) do not constitute a Subject Change or (ii) constitute a Subject Change to which the Undersigned Holder has consented (such consent to be given or withheld in the Undersigned Holder's sole discretion), being hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Plan</u>");¹

WHEREAS, Aleris and certain affiliates of the Undersigned Holder and certain other parties are parties to that certain Equity Commitment Agreement, dated February 5, 2010 (such agreement, in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u>, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified in accordance with the terms therein, unless such amendment, supplement or modification is a Subject Change to which the Undersigned Holder has not consented (such consent to be given or withheld in the Undersigned Holder's sole discretion), being hereinafter referred to as the "Equity Commitment Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in good faith negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement with regard to restructuring the outstanding claims of, and interests in, the Company in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Plan;

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Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

WHEREAS, each Party has reviewed, or has had the opportunity to review, this Agreement and the Plan with the assistance of professional legal advisors of its own choosing;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain the commitment of the Undersigned Holder to support and vote to accept the Plan, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein to which the Undersigned Holders is party; and

WHEREAS, subject to the execution of definitive documentation and appropriate approvals by the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan, the following sets forth the agreement between the Parties concerning their respective obligations.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. [Intentionally Omitted].

2. Effectuating the Restructuring.

To implement the Plan, the Parties have agreed, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, that the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- (a) solicit the requisite acceptances of the Plan in accordance with section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (b) seek confirmation of the Plan as expeditiously as practicable under the Bankruptcy Code, including under section 1129(b) thereof, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Bankruptcy Court's local rules; and
- (c) consummate the Plan.

3. <u>Commitments of the Undersigned Holder Under this Agreement.</u>

(a) Voting by Undersigned Holder.

As long as a Termination Event (as defined herein) has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder agrees for itself that, so long as it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims, to vote on a plan of reorganization which comports with the definition of the Plan in this Agreement, it shall be bound to, and will, timely vote its Aleris Claims (and not revoke or withdraw its vote) to accept the Plan.

(b) Support of Plan.

As long as a Termination Event has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder, agrees for itself that, so long as it remains the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims it will:

- i. from and after the date hereof, not directly or indirectly seek, solicit, support or vote in favor of any other plan, sale, proposal or offer of dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, merger or restructuring of the Company that could reasonably be expected to prevent, delay or impede the Restructuring of the Company in accordance with the Plan;
- ii. agree to permit disclosure of the contents of this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Undersigned Holder shall be disclosed only to the Company and shall not be disclosed by the Company to any other person or entity except as required by law or in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement;
- iii. not object to or otherwise commence any proceeding opposing any of the terms of this Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- iv. not object to a motion by the Company to extend the exclusive period for the Company to propose a plan of reorganization; provided that such period does not extend beyond the Termination Date as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement as in effect on the date hereof;
- v. consent to any amendments, waivers or modifications to the Plan consented to by Oaktree other than any amendments, waivers or modifications that constitute a Subject Change (in which case, such consent shall be given or withheld in the Undersigned Holder's sole discretion); and
- vi. not take any action that is inconsistent with, or that is intended to delay, confirmation of the Plan.
- (c) Transfer (as defined below) of Claims, Interests and Securities.

The Undersigned Holder hereby agrees, until this Agreement shall have terminated, not to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly (each such disposition, for the avoidance of doubt not including a pledge or collateral assignment or other grant of a security interest until the occurrence of a transfer pursuant to enforcement thereof, a "<u>Transfer</u>"), all or any of its Aleris Claims (including any voting rights associated with such Aleris Claims), *unless* the transferee thereof (a) agrees in an enforceable writing to assume and

be bound by this Agreement, and to assume the rights and obligations of the Undersigned Holder under this Agreement and (b) promptly delivers such writing to the Company (each such transferee becoming, upon the Transfer, an Undersigned Holder hereunder). The Company shall promptly acknowledge any such Transfer in writing and provide a copy of that acknowledgement to the transferor. By its acknowledgement of the relevant Transfer, the Company shall be deemed to have acknowledged that its obligations to the Undersigned Holder hereunder shall be deemed to constitute obligations in favor of the relevant transferee as an Undersigned Holder hereunder. Any Transfer of any Relevant Claim (as defined below) that does not comply with the procedure set forth in the first sentence of this Subsection 3(c) shall be deemed void *ab initio*.

(d) Further Acquisition of Aleris Claims.

This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude the Undersigned Holder or any of its respective subsidiaries from acquiring additional Aleris Claims; <u>provided</u> that any such additional Aleris Claims acquired by the Undersigned Holder or any subsidiary thereof shall automatically be deemed to be subject to the terms of this Agreement. Upon the request of the Company, the Undersigned Holder shall, in writing and within **five (5) business days**, provide an accurate and current list of all Aleris Claims that it and any subsidiary holds at that time, subject to any applicable confidentiality restrictions and applicable law.

(e) Representation of the Undersigned Holder's holdings.

The Undersigned Holder represents that, as of the date hereof:

- i. it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager for the legal or beneficial owner of such Aleris Claims set forth on its respective signature page (collectively, the "<u>Relevant Claims</u>");
- ii. there are no Aleris Claims of which it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or investment advisor or manager for such legal or beneficial owner that are not part of its Relevant Claims unless the Undersigned Holder does not possess the full power to vote and dispose of such claims; and
- iii. it has full power to vote, dispose of and compromise the aggregate principal amount of the Relevant Claims.

4. The Company's Responsibilities.

(f) Other Support Agreements.

The Company represents and warrants that, if it has entered into (or concurrently herewith is entering into) restructuring agreements, plan support or lock-up agreements (collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreements</u>") with other Consenting Holders (each, an "<u>Other Support Agreement Party</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreement Parties</u>"), the Other

Support Agreements are substantially similar to this Agreement, including without limitation, substantially similar provisions to those set forth in Section 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above and Section 9 below.

(g) Implementation of the Plan.

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- i. effectuate and consummate the Restructuring on the terms described in the Plan and the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- ii. obtain from the Bankruptcy Court an order confirming the Plan, which order shall be in form and substance consistent with the Plan and reasonably acceptable to the Undersigned Holder (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>"), which Confirmation Order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court no later than on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- iii. cause the Effective Date of the Plan to occur no later than on or before the one hundred and fiftieth (150th) day following the Trigger Date; and
- iv. take no actions inconsistent with this Agreement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement or the expeditious confirmation and consummation of the Plan.

5. Mutual Representations and Warranties

Each Party, severally and not jointly, makes the following representations and warranties (as to itself only) to the other Party, each of which is a continuing representation and warranty:

(h) Enforceability.

Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability.

(i) No Consent or Approval.

Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no consent or approval is required by any other entity in order for it to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

(j) Power and Authority.

It has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement and the Plan. (k) Authorization.

The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action on its part.

(l) No Conflicts.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement does not: (a) violate any provision of law, rule or regulations applicable to it or any of its subsidiaries; (b) violate its certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents or those of any of its subsidiaries; or (c) conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any material contractual obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party.

6. [Reserved]

7. No Waiver of Participation and Preservation of Rights.

If the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise set forth in the Plan are not consummated as provided herein, if a Termination Event occurs, or if this Agreement is otherwise terminated for any reason, the Parties each fully reserve any and all of their respective rights, remedies, claims and interests.

8. <u>Acknowledgement.</u>

This Agreement and the Plan and the transactions contemplated herein and therein are the product of negotiations between the Parties and their respective representatives. This Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be a solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for the purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. The Company will not solicit acceptances of the Plan from the Undersigned Holder in any manner inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law.

9. <u>Termination.</u>

(a) Termination Events.

The term "<u>Termination Event</u>," wherever used in this Agreement, means any of the following events (whatever the reason for such Termination Event and whether it is voluntary or involuntary):

- (a) the commitments set forth in the Equity Commitment Agreement expire or terminate pursuant to Section 19 of the Equity Commitment Agreement or (b) the Company declares that the Equity Commitment Agreement has terminated or is invalid or of no force or effect;
- ii. the Company's board of directors, based on the advice of its outside counsel, determines that continued pursuit of the Plan is

inconsistent with its fiduciary duties because, and the board of directors determines in good faith that, (A) a proposal or offer from a third party is reasonably likely to be more favorable to the Company than is proposed under the Plan, taking into account, among other factors, the identity of the third party, the likelihood that any such proposal or offer will be negotiated to finality within a reasonable time, the potential loss to the Company if the proposal or offer were not accepted and consummated, and the likelihood that any such proposal will be consummated within a reasonable time, or (B) the Plan is no longer confirmable or feasible;

- iii. the Company files, supports or endorses a plan of reorganization other than the Plan;
- iv. a Confirmation Order reasonably acceptable to the Company and the Undersigned Holder is not entered by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- v. the Effective Date shall not have occurred on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- vi. any of the Chapter 11 Cases is converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- vii. the Bankruptcy Court shall enter an order in any of the Chapter 11 Cases appointing (i) a trustee under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) a responsible officer, or (iii) an examiner, in each case with enlarged powers relating to the operation of the business (powers beyond those set forth in subclauses (3) and (4) of section 1106(a)) under section 1106(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- viii. any of the Chapter 11 Cases of (a) Aleris or Aleris Deutschland or
 (b) any other Debtor is dismissed or suspended pursuant to section 305 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- ix. the Confirmation Order (a) is reversed on appeal or vacated or (b) shall not have become a Final Order on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- x. any Party has breached any material provision of this Agreement or the Company has breached any material provision of the Equity Commitment Agreement, the waiver of which breach of the Equity Commitment Agreement would be a Subject Change, and any such breach has not been duly waived or cured in accordance with the

terms hereof or of the Equity Commitment Agreement, as applicable, after a period of five (5) days;

- xi. the Company shall (a) withdraw the Plan or (b) publicly announce its intention not to support the Plan;
- xii. (a) the Other Support Agreement to which Oaktree is a party has terminated or (b) the Company has breached any material provision of such Other Support Agreement and any such breach under clause (b) has not been duly waived or cured in accordance with the terms of such Other Support Agreement after a period of five (5) days;
- xiii. the Release (as defined below) shall cease to be in full force and effect;
- xiv. the Effective Date shall have occurred; or
- XV. any change to the Base Plan shall have been made or any exhibit, supplement, schedule or related or ancillary agreement or instrument or any amendment, modification, consent or waiver to any of the foregoing (any of the foregoing, a "Plan Modification") shall have been agreed to, entered into, executed and delivered, filed with the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise given effect without the consent of the Undersigned Holder (to be given or withheld in its sole discretion), which Plan Modification: (a) affects in a manner that is adverse to Apollo the economic terms of the Plan and the documents and transactions related thereto, including the amount and timing of distributions to creditors of the Debtors, the Oaktree/Apollo Minimum Equity Threshold, and the rights of Apollo as a creditor of the Debtors and their affiliates (including in connection with the "snapback" provisions in the Release, dated as of February 5, 2010 (the "Release"), by and between Aleris, certain of the other Debtors and the other parties thereto), but excluding waivers of or amendments to the definition of or conditions, representations or other provisions related to the occurrence of a "material adverse effect" or any term of similar import, breaches of or changes to representations of the Debtors relating to their financial statements or projections, and the liquidity and permitted amount of debt of the Debtors when they emerge from bankruptcy, (b) affects in a manner that is adverse to Apollo Apollo's rights as a post-Effective Date shareholder in the Debtors (including, without limitation, any rights (i) to receive information relating to the Debtors, (ii) to registration of stock held by Apollo, or (iii) relating to governance of the Debtors if such Plan Modification relating to the governance of the Debtors does not provide Apollo with proportionate governance rights to persons

owning a comparable number of shares in the Debtors), (c) affects Apollo in a disproportionate manner relative to other similarly situated creditors or the other Consenting Holders, (d) directly relates to Apollo or any of its affiliates (and not to similarly situated persons) or (e) (i) extends to a date later than October 31, 2010 (the "<u>Subject Change Outside Date</u>") the date by which the Effective Date of the Plan must occur or (ii) an effect of which is to make the occurrence of the Effective Date by the Subject Change Outside Date substantially unlikely (any such Plan Modification described in clauses (a) through (d) hereof, a "<u>Subject Change</u>").

The foregoing Termination Events are intended solely for the benefit of the Company and the Undersigned Holder; *provided* that no Party may seek to terminate this Agreement based upon a material breach or a failure of a condition (if any) in this Agreement arising out of its own actions or omissions that were in violation of this Agreement; *provided*, *further*, that the Termination Events contemplated by clauses (i)(b), (ii), (viii)(b), (xi)(b) and (xii)(b) of this Section 9(a) and the deadlines contemplated by clauses (iv) and (v) of this Section 9(a) may be waived or extended, respectively, by Consenting Holders holding at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Consenting Holders (the "<u>Requisite Holders</u>") within 5 Business Days following the occurrence thereof if such waiver or extension is not a Subject Change; *provided, further*, that in the cases of clauses (i)(b), (ii), (xi)(b), and (xii)(b), if the applicable Termination Event has been waived by the Requisite Holders but has not been cured and/or is continuing for more than 15 calendar days following the occurrence of such Termination Event, the Undersigned Holder's consent to such waiver or extension shall be required, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

(b) Termination Event Procedures.

- i. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i)(a), (ii) or (ix)(b) of Section 9(a) hereof or clause (x) of Section 9(a) hereof due to a material breach of this Agreement by the Undersigned Holder, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice thereof to the Undersigned Holder.
- Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (vi), (ix)(a) or (xiii) of Section 9(a) hereof, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, this Agreement and, except for termination pursuant to clause (xiv), the Apollo Commitment (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement) shall automatically terminate without further action.
- iii. Except as set forth in Section 9(b)(ii) hereof, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i) or (ii) of Section

9(a) hereof), subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Undersigned Holder shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the Apollo Commitment by giving written notice to the Company. The Parties hereby waive any requirement under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to lift the automatic stay thereunder in connection with giving any such notice (and agree not to object to any non-breaching Party seeking to lift the Automatic Stay in connection with giving any such notice, if necessary).

iv. Any such termination (or partial termination) of the Agreement shall not restrict the Parties' rights and remedies for any breach of the Agreement by any Party, including, but not limited to, pursuant to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 7 hereof.

10. <u>Miscellaneous Terms.</u>

(a) Binding Obligation; Assignment.

Binding Obligation. Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legally valid and binding obligation of the Parties, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their representatives. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, shall give to any entity, other than the Parties and their respective successors or permitted assigns, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement.

Assignment. No rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may be assigned or transferred to any other entity except as provided in Section 3(c) hereof, and any purported assignment or transfer in violation of Section 3(c) shall be null and void ab initio.

(b) Further Assurances.

The Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, from time to time, to effectuate the agreements of the Parties expressed herein.

(c) Headings.

The headings of all sections of this Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.

(d) Governing Law.

THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CHOICE OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. By its execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees for itself that any legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to any matter under or arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment rendered in any such action, suit or proceeding, shall be brought exclusively in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New York. By execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably accepts and submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of each such court, generally and unconditionally, with respect to any such action, suit or proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing consent to jurisdiction in either a state or federal court of competent 11 Cases are pending, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

(e) Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or the actions of the Undersigned Holder or any of its affiliates in the negotiation, performance or enforcement of this Agreement.

(f) Specific Performance

The Parties hereby acknowledge that the rights of the Parties under this Agreement are unique and that remedies at law for breach or threatened breach of any provision of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, agree that, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Agreement, in addition to any remedies at law, the Parties shall, without posting any bond, be entitled to obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, a temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available and the Parties hereby waive any objection to the imposition of such relief.

(g) Complete Agreement, Interpretation and Modification.

- i. **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement, the Plan and the other agreements, exhibits and other documents referenced herein and therein constitute the complete agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, oral or written, between or among the Parties with respect thereto.
- ii. **Interpretation.** This Agreement is the product of negotiation by and among the Parties. Any Party enforcing or interpreting this Agreement shall interpret it in a neutral manner. There shall be no presumption concerning whether to interpret this Agreement for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted this Agreement, or any portion thereof, or caused it or any portion thereof to be drafted.

- iii. **Modification of this Agreement.** This Agreement may only be modified, altered, amended or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the Company and the Undersigned Holder.
- (h) Execution of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be executed and delivered (by facsimile or otherwise) in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.

(i) Settlement Discussions.

This Agreement and the Restructuring are part of a proposed settlement of a dispute between the Parties. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any applicable state rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases.

(j) Consideration.

The Company and the Undersigned Holder hereby acknowledge that no consideration, other than that specifically described herein and in the Plan, shall be due or paid to the Undersigned Holder for its agreement to vote to accept the Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, other than the Company's representations, warranties and agreement to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to seek to confirm and consummate the Plan.

(k) Notices.

All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, if sent by facsimile, courier or by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following addresses and facsimile numbers (or at such other addresses or facsimile numbers as shall be specified by like notice):

i. If to the Company, to:

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Facsimile No.: (216) 910-3654 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg

with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Facsimile No.: (212) 310-8007 Attention: Stephen Karotkin Debra A. Dandeneau;

ii. If to the Undersigned Holder or a transferee thereof, to the addresses or facsimile numbers set forth below following the Undersigned Holder's signature (or as directed by any transferee thereof), as the case may be, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 Facsimile No.: (212) 403-1000 Attention: Philip Mindlin Andrew Nussbaum

- iii. Any notice given by delivery, mail or courier shall be effective when received. Any notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon oral or machine confirmation of transmission.
- (l) Time of the Essence.

The Parties agree that time is of the essence with respect to Sections 4(b)(ii), 4(b)(iii) and the events that give rise to the occurrence of a Termination Event under Section 9 of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Aleris International, Inc.

By:	

Title: _____

[INSERT ENTITY NAME HERE]

By: ______Name: Title:

U.S. Roll-Up Claims: _____

European Roll-Up Claims: _____

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PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of [__], 2010 by and between the following parties:

(a) [the undersigned Holder] (the "<u>Undersigned Holder</u>"); and

(b) Aleris International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Aleris</u>"), and each of its direct and indirect subsidiaries identified on the signature pages attached hereto (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>" and the Undersigned Holder and the Company, each, a "<u>Party</u>", and collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, Aleris and certain of its subsidiaries (excluding Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH ("<u>Aleris Deutschland</u>") and its subsidiaries) commenced voluntary cases (the "<u>Existing Chapter 11 Cases</u>") by filing petitions under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] Aleris Deutschland commenced a voluntary case (the "<u>Aleris Deutschland Case</u>" and, together with the Existing Chapter 11 Cases, the "<u>Chapter 11</u> <u>Cases</u>") by filing a petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court;

WHEREAS, on [] the Company filed the Plan (as defined herein) with the Bankruptcy Court (the date of that event being the "<u>Trigger Date</u>");

WHEREAS, on [] the Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the disclosure statement for the Plan attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> (such disclosure statement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>");

WHEREAS, other holders of certain U.S. Roll-Up Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2009, and amended and restated as of March 19, 2009 (each, a "<u>Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Aluminum Duffel BVBA, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent and collateral agent (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "<u>DIP Credit Agreement</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, other holders of certain European Roll-up Term Loan claims under the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holder</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, other holders of certain German Term Loan claims under that certain Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2006 and amended

and restated as of December 19, 2006, as further amended on March 16, 2007 and February 10, 2009 (each, a "<u>Consenting German Term Loan Holder</u>" and together with the Undersigned Holder, the Consenting U.S. Roll-up Loan Holders and the Consenting European Roll-up Loan Holders, the "<u>Consenting Holders</u>"), by and among Aleris, Aleris Deutschland, the lenders party thereto, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., as syndication agent, and PNC Bank, National Association, National City Business Credit, Inc. and Key Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint book running managers (as may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof, the "<u>Prepetition Credit Agreement</u>" and together with the DIP Credit Agreement, the "<u>Credit Agreements</u>"), each of whom are unaffiliated parties, are party to similar plan support agreements with the Company;

WHEREAS, each Consenting Holder is the holder of a claim, as defined in the Bankruptcy Code arising out of, or related to the DIP Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>U.S. Roll-up</u> <u>Loan Claim</u>" or a "<u>European Roll-up Loan Claim</u>", as applicable) and/or the Prepetition Credit Agreement (each, a "<u>German Term Loan Claim</u>" and together with the U.S. Roll-up Loan Claims and the European Roll-up Loan Claims, the "<u>Aleris Claims</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to implement a financial restructuring (the "<u>Restructuring</u>") of the Company on the terms and conditions set forth in the form of joint plan of reorganization attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (such joint plan, in such form (the "<u>Base Plan</u>"), with such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements (including any Plan Supplement filed in connection therewith), schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments (and only such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements, schedules and related or ancillary agreements and instruments) to which the Requisite Holders (as defined below) have consented unless such amendments, modifications, waivers, exhibits, supplements, schedules or related or ancillary agreements or instruments materially adversely affect the Undersigned Holder in a disproportionate manner relative to Oaktree or Apollo, if such party has executed and delivered an Other Support Agreement (as defined below) and such Other Support Agreement has not terminated pursuant to the terms thereof (such parties, the "<u>Consenting Backstop Parties</u>"), in which case the Undersigned Holder's consent shall be required (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), being hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Plan</u>");¹

WHEREAS, Aleris and certain affiliates of the Undersigned Holder and certain other parties are parties to that certain Equity Commitment Agreement, dated February 5, 2010 (such agreement, in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u>, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified in accordance with the terms therein, being hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Equity Commitment Agreement</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in good faith negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement with regard to restructuring the outstanding claims of, and interests in, the Company in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement and the Plan;

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Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

WHEREAS, each Party has reviewed, or has had the opportunity to review, this Agreement and the Plan with the assistance of professional legal advisors of its own choosing;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain the commitment of the Undersigned Holder to support and vote to accept the Plan, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein to which the Undersigned Holder is party; and

WHEREAS, subject to the execution of definitive documentation and appropriate approvals by the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan, the following sets forth the agreement between the Parties concerning their respective obligations.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. [Intentionally Omitted].

2. Effectuating the Restructuring.

To implement the Plan, the Parties have agreed, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, that the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- (a) solicit the requisite acceptances of the Plan in accordance with section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (b) seek confirmation of the Plan as expeditiously as practicable under the Bankruptcy Code, including under section 1129(b) thereof, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Bankruptcy Court's local rules; and
- (c) consummate the Plan.

3. <u>Commitments of the Undersigned Holder Under this Agreement.</u>

(a) Voting by Undersigned Holder.

As long as a Termination Event (as defined herein) has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder agrees for itself that, so long as it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims, to vote on a plan of reorganization which comports with the definition of the Plan in this Agreement, it shall be bound to, and will, timely vote its Aleris Claims (and not revoke or withdraw its vote) to accept the Plan.

(b) Support of Plan.

As long as a Termination Event has not occurred, or has occurred but has been duly waived (or, in the case of a breach under Section 9(a)(x) or (xii), cured) in accordance with the terms hereof, the Undersigned Holder, agrees for itself that, so long as it remains the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager of or with power and/or authority to bind any Aleris Claims it will:

- i. from and after the date hereof, not directly or indirectly seek, solicit, support or vote in favor of any other plan, sale, proposal or offer of dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, merger or restructuring of the Company that could reasonably be expected to prevent, delay or impede the Restructuring of the Company in accordance with the Plan;
- ii. agree to permit disclosure of the contents of this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Undersigned Holder shall be disclosed only to the Company and shall not be disclosed by the Company to any other person or entity except as required by law or in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement;
- iii. not object to or otherwise commence any proceeding opposing any of the terms of this Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- iv. not object to a motion by the Company to extend the exclusive period for the Company to propose a plan of reorganization; provided that such period does not extend beyond the Termination Date as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement as in effect on the date hereof;
- v. consent to any amendments, waivers or modifications to the Plan consented to by Oaktree, unless such amendments, waivers or modifications materially adversely affect the Undersigned Holder in a disproportionate manner relative to the Consenting Backstop Parties, in which case the Undersigned Holder's consent shall be required but shall not be unreasonably withheld; and
- vi. not take any action that is inconsistent with, or that is intended to delay, confirmation of the Plan.
- (c) Transfer (as defined below) of Claims, Interests and Securities.

The Undersigned Holder hereby agrees, until this Agreement shall have terminated, not to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly (each such disposition, for the avoidance of doubt not including a pledge or collateral assignment or other grant of a security interest until the occurrence of a transfer pursuant to enforcement thereof, a "<u>Transfer</u>"), all or any of its Aleris Claims (including any voting rights associated with such Aleris Claims), *unless* the transferee thereof (a) agrees in an enforceable writing to assume and

be bound by this Agreement, and to assume the rights and obligations of the Undersigned Holder under this Agreement and (b) promptly delivers such writing to the Company (each such transferee becoming, upon the Transfer, an Undersigned Holder hereunder). The Company shall promptly acknowledge any such Transfer in writing and provide a copy of that acknowledgement to the transferor. By its acknowledgement of the relevant Transfer, the Company shall be deemed to have acknowledged that its obligations to the Undersigned Holder hereunder shall be deemed to constitute obligations in favor of the relevant transferee as an Undersigned Holder hereunder. Any Transfer of any Relevant Claim (as defined below) that does not comply with the procedure set forth in the first sentence of this Subsection 3(c) shall be deemed void *ab initio*.

(d) Further Acquisition of Aleris Claims.

This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude the Undersigned Holder or any of its respective subsidiaries from acquiring additional Aleris Claims; <u>provided</u> that any such additional Aleris Claims acquired by the Undersigned Holder or any subsidiary thereof shall automatically be deemed to be subject to the terms of this Agreement. Upon the request of the Company, the Undersigned Holder shall, in writing and within **five (5) business days**, provide an accurate and current list of all Aleris Claims that it and any subsidiary holds at that time, subject to any applicable confidentiality restrictions and applicable law.

(e) Representation of the Undersigned Holder's holdings.

The Undersigned Holder represents that, as of the date hereof:

- i. it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or the investment advisor or manager for the legal or beneficial owner of such Aleris Claims set forth on its respective signature page (collectively, the "<u>Relevant Claims</u>");
- ii. there are no Aleris Claims of which it is the legal owner, beneficial owner and/or investment advisor or manager for such legal or beneficial owner that are not part of its Relevant Claims unless the Undersigned Holder does not possess the full power to vote and dispose of such claims; and
- iii. it has full power to vote, dispose of and compromise the aggregate principal amount of the Relevant Claims.

4. The Company's Responsibilities.

(a) Other Support Agreements.

The Company represents and warrants that, if it has entered into (or concurrently herewith is entering into) restructuring agreements, plan support or lock-up agreements (collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreements</u>") with other Consenting Holders (each, an "<u>Other Support Agreement Party</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Other Support Agreement Parties</u>"), the Other

Support Agreements are substantially similar to this Agreement, including without limitation, substantially similar provisions to those set forth in Section 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above and Section 9 below.

(b) Implementation of the Plan.

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

- i. effectuate and consummate the Restructuring on the terms described in the Plan and the Equity Commitment Agreement;
- ii. obtain from the Bankruptcy Court an order confirming the Plan, which order shall be in form and substance consistent with the Plan and reasonably acceptable to the Undersigned Holder (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>"), which Confirmation Order shall be entered by the Bankruptcy Court no later than on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- iii. cause the Effective Date of the Plan to occur no later than on or before the one hundred and fiftieth (150th) day following the Trigger Date; and
- iv. take no actions inconsistent with this Agreement, the Plan or the Equity Commitment Agreement or the expeditious confirmation and consummation of the Plan.

5. Mutual Representations and Warranties

Each Party, severally and not jointly, makes the following representations and warranties (as to itself only) to the other Party, each of which is a continuing representation and warranty:

(a) Enforceability.

Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability.

(b) No Consent or Approval.

Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no consent or approval is required by any other entity in order for it to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Power and Authority.

It has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement and the Plan. (d) Authorization.

The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action on its part.

(e) No Conflicts.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement does not: (a) violate any provision of law, rule or regulations applicable to it or any of its subsidiaries; (b) violate its certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents or those of any of its subsidiaries; or (c) conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any material contractual obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party.

6. [Reserved]

7. No Waiver of Participation and Preservation of Rights.

If the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise set forth in the Plan are not consummated as provided herein, if a Termination Event occurs, or if this Agreement is otherwise terminated for any reason, the Parties each fully reserve any and all of their respective rights, remedies, claims and interests.

8. <u>Acknowledgement.</u>

This Agreement and the Plan and the transactions contemplated herein and therein are the product of negotiations between the Parties and their respective representatives. This Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be a solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for the purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. The Company will not solicit acceptances of the Plan from the Undersigned Holder in any manner inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law.

9. <u>Termination.</u>

(a) Termination Events.

The term "<u>Termination Event</u>," wherever used in this Agreement, means any of the following events (whatever the reason for such Termination Event and whether it is voluntary or involuntary):

 (a) Sankaty's commitments set forth in the Equity Commitment Agreement expire or terminate in accordance with Section 19 or the last sentence set forth in Section 25 of the Equity Commitment Agreement or (b) the Company declares that the Equity Commitment Agreement has terminated or is invalid or of no force or effect;

- ii. the Company's board of directors, based on the advice of its outside counsel, determines that continued pursuit of the Plan is inconsistent with its fiduciary duties because, and the board of directors determines in good faith that, (A) a proposal or offer from a third party is reasonably likely to be more favorable to the Company than is proposed under the Plan, taking into account, among other factors, the identity of the third party, the likelihood that any such proposal or offer will be negotiated to finality within a reasonable time, the potential loss to the Company if the proposal or offer were not accepted and consummated, and the likelihood that any such proposal will be consummated within a reasonable time, or (B) the Plan is no longer confirmable or feasible;
- iii. the Company files, supports or endorses a plan of reorganization other than the Plan;
- iv. a Confirmation Order reasonably acceptable to the Company and the Undersigned Holder is not entered by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day following the Trigger Date;
- v. the Effective Date shall not have occurred on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- vi. any of the Chapter 11 Cases is converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- vii. the Bankruptcy Court shall enter an order in any of the Chapter 11 Cases appointing (i) a trustee under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) a responsible officer, or (iii) an examiner, in each case with enlarged powers relating to the operation of the business (powers beyond those set forth in subclauses (3) and (4) of section 1106(a)) under section 1106(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- viii. any of the Chapter 11 Cases of (a) Aleris or Aleris Deutschland or
 (b) any other Debtor is dismissed or suspended pursuant to section 305 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- ix. the Confirmation Order (a) is reversed on appeal or vacated or (b) shall not have become a Final Order on or before the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Commitment Agreement in effect as of the date hereof);
- x. any Party has breached any material provision of this Agreement, and any such breach has not been duly waived or cured in accordance with the terms hereof after a period of five (5) days;

- xi. the Company shall (a) withdraw the Plan or (b) publicly announce its intention not to support the Plan;
- (a) the Other Support Agreement to which Oaktree is a party has terminated or (b) the Company has breached any material provision of such Other Support Agreement and any such breach under clause (b) has not been duly waived or cured in accordance with the terms of such Other Support Agreement after a period of five (5) days;
- xiii. the Release, dated as of February 5, 2010, by and among Aleris, certain of the other Debtors and the other parties thereto, shall cease to be in full force and effect;
- xiv. the Effective Date shall have occurred; or
- xv. any change to the Base Plan shall have been made or any exhibit, supplement, schedule or related or ancillary agreement or instrument or any amendment, modification, consent or waiver to any of the foregoing shall have been agreed to, entered into, executed and delivered, filed with the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise given effect that materially adversely affects the Undersigned Holder in a disproportionate manner relative to Consenting Backstop Parties without the consent of the Undersigned Holder (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

The foregoing Termination Events are intended solely for the benefit of the Company and the Undersigned Holder; <u>provided</u> that no Party may seek to terminate this Agreement based upon a material breach or a failure of a condition (if any) in this Agreement arising out of its own actions or omissions that were in violation of this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that, except for the Termination Event contemplated in clause (xv) of this Section 9(a), any Termination Event or deadline contemplated therein may be waived or extended, respectively, by Consenting Holders holding at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Aleris Claims held by the Consenting Holders (the "<u>Requisite Holders</u>") within 5 Business Days following the occurrence thereof unless such waiver or extension materially adversely affects the Undersigned Holder in a disproportionate manner relative to the Consenting Backstop Parties, in which case the Undersigned Holder's consent to such waiver or extension shall be required, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) Termination Event Procedures.
 - i. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i)(a), (ii) or (ix)(b) of Section 9(a) hereof or clause (x) of Section 9(a) hereof due to a material breach of this Agreement by the Undersigned Holder, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Company shall have the right to terminate

this Agreement by giving written notice thereof to the Undersigned Holder.

- ii. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event contemplated by clause (vi), (ix)(a) or (xiii) of Section 9(a) hereof, in each case subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without further action.
- iii. Except as set forth in Section 9(b)(ii) hereof, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Termination Event contemplated by clause (i) or (ii) of Section 9(a) hereof), subject to the last sentence of Section 9(a) hereof, the Undersigned Holder shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Company. The Parties hereby waive any requirement under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to lift the automatic stay thereunder in connection with giving any such notice (and agree not to object to any non-breaching Party seeking to lift the Automatic Stay in connection with giving any such notice, if necessary).
- iv. Any such termination (or partial termination) of the Agreement shall not restrict the Parties' rights and remedies for any breach of the Agreement by any Party, including, but not limited to, pursuant to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 7 hereof.

10. Miscellaneous Terms.

(a) Binding Obligation; Assignment.

Binding Obligation. Subject to the provisions of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Agreement is a legally valid and binding obligation of the Parties, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their representatives. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, shall give to any entity, other than the Parties and their respective successors or permitted assigns, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement.

Assignment. No rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may be assigned or transferred to any other entity except as provided in Section 3(c) hereof, and any purported assignment or transfer in violation of Section 3(c) shall be null and void ab initio.

(b) Further Assurances.

The Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, from time to time, to effectuate the agreements of the Parties expressed herein.

(c) Headings.

The headings of all sections of this Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.

(d) Governing Law.

THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CHOICE OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. By its execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees for itself that any legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to any matter under or arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment rendered in any such action, suit or proceeding, shall be brought exclusively in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New By execution and delivery of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto hereby York. irrevocably accepts and submits itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of each such court, generally and unconditionally, with respect to any such action, suit or proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing consent to jurisdiction in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York and County of New York, each of the Parties hereto hereby agrees that, so long as any of the Chapter 11 Cases are pending, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

(e) Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or the actions of the Undersigned Holder or any of its affiliates in the negotiation, performance or enforcement of this Agreement.

(f) Specific Performance

The Parties hereby acknowledge that the rights of the Parties under this Agreement are unique and that remedies at law for breach or threatened breach of any provision of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, agree that, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of the provisions of this Agreement, in addition to any remedies at law, the Parties shall, without posting any bond, be entitled to obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, a temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available and the Parties hereby waive any objection to the imposition of such relief.

- (g) Complete Agreement, Interpretation and Modification.
 - i. **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement, the Plan and the other agreements, exhibits and other documents referenced herein and therein constitute the complete agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior

agreements, oral or written, between or among the Parties with respect thereto.

- ii. **Interpretation.** This Agreement is the product of negotiation by and among the Parties. Any Party enforcing or interpreting this Agreement shall interpret it in a neutral manner. There shall be no presumption concerning whether to interpret this Agreement for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted this Agreement, or any portion thereof, or caused it or any portion thereof to be drafted.
- iii. **Modification of this Agreement.** This Agreement may only be modified, altered, amended or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the Company and the Undersigned Holder.
- (h) Execution of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be executed and delivered (by facsimile or otherwise) in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.

(i) Settlement Discussions.

This Agreement and the Restructuring are part of a proposed settlement of a dispute between the Parties. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any applicable state rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases.

(j) Consideration.

The Company and the Undersigned Holder hereby acknowledge that no consideration, other than that specifically described herein and in the Plan, shall be due or paid to the Undersigned Holder for its agreement to vote to accept the Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, other than the Company's representations, warranties and agreement to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to seek to confirm and consummate the Plan.

(k) Notices.

All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, if sent by facsimile, courier or by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following addresses and facsimile numbers (or at such other addresses or facsimile numbers as shall be specified by like notice):

i. If to the Company, to:

Aleris International, Inc. 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400 Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Facsimile No.: (216) 910-3654 Attention: Christopher R. Clegg

with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Facsimile No.: (212) 310-8007 Attention: Stephen Karotkin Debra A. Dandeneau;

- ii. If to the Undersigned Holder or a transferee thereof, to the addresses or facsimile numbers set forth below following the Undersigned Holder's signature (or as directed by any transferee thereof), as the case may be, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:
 - [____]
- iii. Any notice given by delivery, mail or courier shall be effective when received. Any notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon oral or machine confirmation of transmission.
- (l) Time of the Essence.

The Parties agree that time is of the essence with respect to Sections 4(b)(ii), 4(b)(iii) and the events that give rise to the occurrence of a Termination Event under Section 9 of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Aleris International, Inc.

By:	

Title: _____

[INSERT ENTITY NAME HERE]

By: ______Name: Title:

U.S. Roll-Up Claims: _____

European Roll-Up Claims: _____

German Term Loan Claims: _____

EXHIBIT 1

PLAN

Document Not Included Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Plan

EXHIBIT 2

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Document Not Included Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Plan

EXHIBIT 3

EQUITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

Document Not Included Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Plan

EXHIBIT C

TERMS OF INTERMEDIATECO NOTES

(Attached)

Terms of IntermediateCo Notes

Set forth below is a term sheet summarizing certain terms of the IntermediateCo Notes.

Principal Amounts:	\$45,000,000.
Maturity:	Ten years.
Issue Price:	100% of the principal amount on the Effective Date.
Interest:	Interest rate will be equal to 6% per annum, at the discretion of IntermediateCo's board of directors, in cash or by accretion to the face value of the IntermediateCo Notes, semiannually in arrears on March 31 and September 30 of each year, beginning on March 31, 2011. Stated interest will be treated as Original Issue Discount for tax purposes due to the ability to defer payment.
Exchange Rights:	At the holder's option, after the third anniversary of the Effective Date, exchangeable for New Common Stock on a per share dollar exchange ratio to be determined at the time of issuance based upon 100% of the Plan Value Share Price (as defined in the Plan), subject to adjustment for dilution.
Anti-Dilution Provisions:	Exchange ratio will be adjusted to provide anti-dilution protection for recapitalizations, below-market issuances, subdivisions or combinations.
Fundamental Change:	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, after the date that occurs six (6) months after the Effective Date, the holder shall have the right to exchange the IntermediateCo Notes for New Common Stock immediately prior to an initial public offering (an " <i>IPO</i> ") of HoldCo at face value plus any accrued but unpaid interest divided by the IPO price or upon the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the indenture for the IntermediateCo Notes) of HoldCo.

Optional Redemption:

On or after the third anniversary of the Effective Date upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of the holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the anniversary of the issuance of the IntermediateCo Notes of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2013	102%
2014	101%
2015 and thereafter	100%

On or after the later of the six month anniversary of the Effective Date and January 1, 2011, and only upon the occurrence of a fundamental change of HoldCo, at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of the holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the anniversary of the issuance of the IntermediateCo Notes of the years indicated below:

	<u>Year</u>	Percentage		
	2011	104%		
	2012 and thereafter	103%		
Covenants:	None.			
Events of Default:	• Default due to non-payment of the Notes upon maturity			
	• Customary default due to bankrupt	cy or receivership		
Registration Rights:	New Common Stock that may be issued upon exchange of the IntermediateCo Notes will be offered rights, if any, pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.			
Transfer Restrictions:	As provided for in Section IX to the Disclosure Statement.			
Ranking:	IntermediateCo shall have the full and absolute discretion to subordinate the debt represented by the IntermediateCo Notes to any debt or other borrowing of money designated by IntermediateCo to be senior in ranking.			
Governing Law:	New York.			

EXHIBIT D

TERMS OF INTERMEDIATECO PREFERRED STOCK

(Attached)

Terms of IntermediateCo Preferred Stock

Set forth below is a term sheet summarizing certain terms of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock.

Liquidation Preference:	\$5 million (in the aggregate), plus accrued and unpaid dividends, to be paid upon the liquidation of IntermediateCo prior to any payment on the common stock of IntermediateCo.			
Dividends:	Payable at 8% per annum multiplied by the liquidation preference, compounded semiannually on each dividend payment date. IntermediateCo's board of directors may declare and pay dividends; if undeclared, dividends will accumulate to the extent they are not paid on the dividend payment date for the semiannual period to which they relate.			
Voting Rights:	Holders of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will have the right to elect one director if IntermediateCo fails to pay in full and in Cash six consecutive semiannual dividends or the mandatory redemption payment. At such time, IntermediateCo's board of directors must be comprised of at least five members.			
Amendments and Waivers:	The affirmative vote of the holders of 80% of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock is necessary for amendments of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock that (i) change the stated redemption date of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock; (ii) reduce the liquidation preference of, or dividend rate on, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock; (iii) adversely affect the right to exchange the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock, or (iv) reduce the percentage of outstanding IntermediateCo Preferred Stock necessary to amend the terms thereof or to grant waivers.			
Registration Rights:	New Common Stock that may be issued upon exchange of the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will be offered customary registration rights.			
Redemption:	Subject to mandatory redemption on the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date at a redemption price equal to the liquidation preference, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. There will be no optional redemption rights.			
Holder's Option to Exchange:	At the holder's option, at any time prior to redemption but after the third anniversary of the Effective Date, the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock will be exchangeable into New Common Stock on a per share dollar exchange ratio to be determined at the time of issuance based upon 110% of the Plan Value Share Price (as defined in the Plan).			
	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, after the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the holder shall have the right to exchange the IntermediateCo Preferred Stock into New Common Stock			

under the following circumstances:

- > immediately prior to an IPO or
- upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Change (as defined in the IntermediateCo Note Indenture) of HoldCo.

Anti-DilutionExchange ratio will be adjusted to provide anti-dilution protection for
recapitalizations, below-market issuances, or subdivisions or combinations.

Transfer Restrictions: Any transfer restrictions will be described in the Plan Supplement.

EXHIBIT E

EQUITY COMMITMENT ORDER

(Attached)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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ALERIS INTERNATIONAL, INC., et al.,		Case No. 09-10478 (BLS)
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	:	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	:	
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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO ENTER INTO EQUITY COMMITMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH RIGHTS OFFERING UNDER PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO PAY FEES AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Upon the motion, dated February 5, 2010 (the "*Motion*"),¹ of Aleris

International, Inc. ("Aleris") and certain of its direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries,

as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "U.S. Debtors"),² together with

¹ Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this Order have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

² The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are Aleris International, Inc. (8280), Alchem Aluminum Shelbyville Inc. (8122), Alchem Aluminum, Inc. (5207), Aleris Aluminum Europe, Inc. (0921), Aleris Aluminum U.S. Sales Inc. (9536), Aleris Blanking and Rim Products, Inc. (7340), Aleris Light Gauge Products, Inc. (7311), Aleris Nevada Management, Inc. (2935), Aleris Ohio Management, Inc. (0637), Aleris, Inc. (6630), Alsco Holdings, Inc. (5535), Alsco Metals Corporation (7792), Alumitech of Cleveland, Inc. (1568), Alumitech of Wabash, Inc. (4425), Alumitech of West Virginia, Inc. (3237), Alumitech, Inc. (9351), AWT Properties, Inc. (5332), CA Lewisport, LLC (6561), CI Holdings, LLC (9484), Commonwealth Aluminum Concast, Inc. (7844), Commonwealth Aluminum Lewisport, LLC (7736), Commonwealth Aluminum Metals, LLC (8491), Commonwealth Aluminum Sales Corporation (8512), Commonwealth Aluminum Tube Enterprises, LLC (7895), Commonwealth Aluminum, LLC (5039), Commonwealth Industries, Inc. (5741), ETS Schaefer Corporation (9350), IMCO Indiana Partnership L.P. (3840), IMCO International, Inc. (8362), IMCO Investment Company (5738), IMCO Management Partnership, L.P. (2738), IMCO Recycling of California, Inc. (0255), IMCO Recycling of Idaho Inc. (8990), IMCO Recycling of Illinois Inc. (7227), IMCO Recycling of Indiana Inc. (4357), IMCO Recycling of Michigan L.L.C. (5772), IMCO Recycling of Ohio Inc. (1405), IMCO Recycling of Utah Inc. (2330), IMCO Recycling Services Company (0589), IMSAMET, Inc. (7929), Rock

Aleris' indirect subsidiary, Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Germany, as debtor and debtor in possession ("ADH" and together with the U.S. Debtors, the "Debtors") in the above referenced chapter 11 cases, for entry of an order pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 503(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "*Bankruptcy Code*"), authorizing the Debtors to (i) enter into the Equity Commitment Agreement and (ii) effectuate the transactions contemplated thereunder including, but not limited to, the payment by the Debtors of the Structuring and Arrangement Fee, the Transaction Expenses, and the Termination Fee, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Equity Commitment Agreement; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided to the parties listed therein, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

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Creek Aluminum, Inc. (3607), Silver Fox Holding Company (1188), and Wabash Alloys, L.L.C. (0708). Aleris is the direct or indirect parent of each of its affiliated Debtors as well as various non-debtor international affiliates located in Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia. Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH (3721), an affiliate of the above debtors with a case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code which the Debtors are seeking to have jointly administered with their cases, also joined in the Motion.

ORDERED that, the Equity Commitment Agreement is hereby approved; and it is further

ORDERED that, the Debtors be, and they hereby are, authorized to enter into the Equity Commitment Agreement and to perform all of their obligations thereunder, including, without limitation, paying all fees and expenses required to be paid thereunder, including the Structuring and Arrangement Fee, the Transaction Expenses, the Termination Fee, and any amounts required to be paid pursuant to the indemnification agreement contained in the Equity Commitment Agreement, in each case in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Equity Commitment Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that the fees and expenses required to be paid under the Equity Commitment Agreement, including the Structuring and Arrangement Fee, the Transaction Expenses, the Termination Fee, and any fees required to be paid pursuant to the indemnification agreement contained in the Equity Commitment Agreement, shall constitute allowed administrative expenses of the Debtors' estates pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to interpret this Order and the Equity Commitment Agreement.

Dated: _____, 2010 Wilmington, Delaware

> BRENDAN L. SHANNON UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

EXHIBIT F

TERMS OF REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

(Attached)

Terms of Registration Rights Agreement

Set forth below is a term sheet summarizing the material terms of the Registration Rights Agreement relating to ACH1 Holding Co. ("<u>Holdco</u>"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Equity Commitment Agreement to which this term sheet is attached.

Parties:	Holdco, Oaktree, and other holders of at least 10% of the outstanding shares of Holdco Common Stock (the " <u>Other Investors</u> " and, together with Oaktree, the " <u>Investors</u> ").
Demand Registrations:	Oaktree has the right to request Holdco to effect three demand registrations. At any time following an initial public offering of Holdco (an " <u>IPO</u> "), Apollo has the right to request Holdco to effect two demand registrations and Sankaty has the right to request Holdco to effect one demand registration. Each Other Investor has the right to request Holdco to effect one demand registration at any time following the one-year anniversary of an IPO.
Piggyback Registrations:	Subject to customary exceptions, whenever Holdco proposes to register any of its common stock (" <u>Common Stock</u> ") other than on a Form S-8 or Form S-4, Holdco will provide notice to each Investor and any holder of registrable securities of Holdco will be granted piggyback registration rights.
	In the event of any underwritten offering, the underwriter may exclude shares from registration and the underwriting, and the shares will be given priority as follows: (i) to Holdco for securities it proposes to register, (ii) to each holder requesting piggyback registration on a <i>pari passu</i> basis with each other and (iii) to any other securities to be registered on behalf of any other holder.
Form S-3 Registration:	After Holdco is eligible to register any securities on Form S-3, each Investor and any Person to whom any Investor transfers shares of Common Stock (together with the Investors so long as they hold registrable securities of Holdco, a " <u>Holder</u> "), so long as such Holder holds at least 10% of the outstanding shares of Holdco Common Stock, will have the right to demand Holdco to effect any number of registrations on Form S-3 and such registrations will not be counted as a demand registration.
Underwriting Cutbacks:	The Holder requesting a demand registration or registration on Form S-3 may choose to distribute its securities in an underwritten offering by notifying Holdco of such intent as a part of its request. The underwriter may limit the size of the offering and exclude shares from the registration and underwriting, and the shares that will be included will be given priority as follows: (i) to the Holders requesting inclusion of their securities on a <i>pari passu</i> basis with each other and (ii) to other holders of securities of Holdco.
Holdback Agreement:	Subject to customary exceptions, in the case of an underwritten offering, if so requested by the managing underwriter, each Holder will not for a period of

up to 180 days from the effectiveness of the registration statement effect any public sale of its Common Stock or any other registrable securities, except for those securities included in such registration.

Indemnification: Holdco and each Holder will provide customary indemnification.

EXHIBIT G

TERMS OF STOCKHOLDERS' AGREEMENT

(Attached)

Terms of Stockholders' Agreement

Set forth below is a term sheet summarizing the material terms of the Stockholders' Agreement relating to ACH1 Holding Co. ("<u>Holdco</u>"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Equity Commitment Agreement to which this term sheet is attached.

Board of Directors:	At the Closing Date, the Board of Directors of Holdco (the " <u>Board</u> ") will consist of a five (5) members, of which one member will be the Chief Executive Officer of Holdco and the remaining members will be appointed by Oaktree to be named in the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan).
Drag-Along Transactions:	Holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Holdco Common Stock will have the right to effect a merger or other business combination of Holdco or a sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of all of the Holdco Common Stock or all or substantially all of the assets of Holdco, in each case to an unaffiliated third party, without the approval of other holders of Holdco Common Stock.
Tag Along Rights:	Holders of Holdco Common Stock will have the right to participate in sales of Holdco Common Stock by Oaktree on a proportionate basis other than sales to Apollo.
Preemptive Rights:	If Holdco proposes to issue any additional equity securities and Oaktree is participating in such equity offering, then all other shareholders will have a preemptive right to proportionately participate in such equity offering on the same terms as the proposed issuance to Oaktree.
Transfer Restrictions:	 Prior to an initial public offering of Holdco, holders of Holdco Common Stock may not transfer their shares of Holdco Common Stock if, at any time, the combined number of stockholders of Holdco Common Stock of record equals or exceeds 450, unless such transfer is being made (i) to an existing stockholder of Holdco, (ii) with the prior written consent of Holdco, or (iii) to a single transferee of record and 100% of their shares of Holdco Common Stock are being transferred.

Exhibit 1.1.113

Form of IntermediateCo Note Indenture

Exhibit 1.1.115

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Transfer Restrictions: Any transfer restrictions will be described in the Plan Supplement.

Exhibit 1.1.151

Form of Registration Rights Agreement

Exhibit 1.1.176

Form of Stockholders Agreement

Exhibit 7.10

Terms of the Amendment to the European Term Loan Facility

Schedules to the Plan

Schedule No.	Description				
1.1.11	ADH Liquidity Adjustment				
1.1.12(j)	ADH Plan Deductions				
1.1.108	Insured Claims				
1.1.187	U.S. Liquidity Adjustment				
1.1.188(o)	U.S. Plan Deductions				
7.6.1	Transactions under Section 7.6.1 of the Plan (Merger/Dissolution/Consolidation)				
7.6.3	Assets to Be Disposed under Section 7.6.3 (Disposition of Certain Assets)				
7.11.2	Members of HoldCo Board of Directors				
9.1	Executory Contracts and Leases to Be Assumed				
9.2	Executory Contracts and Leases to Be Rejected				
9.4	Previously Scheduled Contracts				
9.8	Management Agreements				

Schedule 1.1.11

ADH Liquidity Adjustment (\$ in millions)

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
ADH Liquidity Adjustment				
a)	\$24.7	\$24.7	\$29.7	\$19.7

Schedule 1.1.12 (j)

ADH Plan Deduction (j) (\$ in millions)

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Outstanding under the				
Belgium and German sub				
facilities and European ABL				
Term Credit Agreements				
- Belgium	\$30.8	\$30.8	\$30.8	\$30.8
- German	45.3	45.3	45.3	45.3
- European ABL	135.4	135.4	130.4	140.4
	\$211.5	\$211.5	\$206.5	\$216.5

Schedule 1.1.108

Schedule of Insured Claims

Proof of Claim Number	Claimant	Debtor
2755	Lewis Hindman	IMCO Recycling of Ohio, Inc.
3480	Michael Mills	Aleris International, Inc.

Schedule 1.1.187

U.S. Liquidity Adjustment (\$ in millions)

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
U.S. Liquidity Adjustment				
a)	\$21.2	\$21.3	\$8.8	\$10.3

Schedule 1.1.188 (o)

U.S. Plan Deductions (o) (\$ in millions)

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Outstanding borrowings by				
Non-European entities under				
the DIP Credit Agreements				
- DIP Term	\$171.3	\$171.3	\$171.3	\$171.3
- ABL	202.6	202.5	215.0	213.5
	\$373.9	\$373.8	\$386.3	\$384.8

Schedule 7.6.1

Transactions under Section 7.6.1 of the Plan (Merger/Dissolution/Consolidation)

Schedule 7.6.3

Assets to Be Disposed under Section 7.6.3 (Disposition of Certain Assets)

Executory Contracts and Leases to Be Assumed

Executory Contracts and Leases to Be Rejected

Previously Scheduled Contracts

Management Agreements