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IndustriALL Global Union in solidarity with IAM at Alcoa Intalco aluminum smelter in Ferndale, WA

Dear Brother Bob,

On behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union's](#) fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, I wish to express our full support and solidarity with the IAM in its fight to protect the jobs of approximately 600 IAM Local 2379 (District 160) members at the Alcoa Intalco aluminum smelter in Ferndale, WA.

We understand Alcoa's decision to close the plant is final, which is highly regrettable, given the impact this would have on workers' livelihoods and also considering the critical importance of domestic manufacture of high quality aluminum, as the current pandemic clearly underscores it. We urge Alcoa to reconsider its misguided decision to close the plant.

At the same time, we fully support and praise IAM's initiatives, along with different partners, in seeking the cooperation of local, state and federal authorities, and calling on them to adopt the necessary policy changes to find a new buyer for the Alcoa Intalco facility.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with the sisters and brothers of IAM at the Alcoa Intalco aluminum smelter in Ferndale in their struggle to find a solution to save this strategically important plant, and keep the jobs of the 600 sisters and brothers of IAM Local 2379.

In solidarity,



Valter Sanches,
General Secretary