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Press release

Alcan Specialty Sheet presents its customised solutions at Light+Building exhibition

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Alcan Specialty Sheet, part of Alcan Engineered Products – a business unit of Rio Tinto – presents its innovative enlarged range of customised aluminium-based solutions at the Light+Building 2010 tradeshow in Frankfurt, Germany, from 11 to 16 April. Under the theme “Multiple choices of functional surfaces for new challenges,” Alcan Specialty Sheet showcases innovative functionally modified surfaces and design solutions, including unique reflector materials for high performance lighting applications.

“Innovation, customer focus and sustainability are pivotal values to Alcan Specialty Sheet’s success and market position development,” said Laurent Musy, President, Alcan Specialty Sheet. “In the current economic climate, we firmly believe that 2010 is a year of opportunities to get closer to customers and help them to identify new innovative applications enabled by our customised solutions. Thanks to our dedicated outstanding R&D teams, our extensive products portfolio addresses issues such as reduced energy consumption lighting and solar energy substrates.”

Alcan Specialty Sheet provides unique research and development capabilities and technical support to customise cutting-edge solutions for highly demanding industrial applications. Alcan Specialty Sheet’s plants in Singen and Neuf-Brisach are leading suppliers of Flat Rolled Aluminium products for light and building end-use markets in architecture, industry, decoration and lighting, building on their long-term commitment to provide customers with cost effective and innovative solutions.

“This exhibition is a strategic platform to further understand customer’s needs and expectations. It is also a unique opportunity to support them in shaping future end-use market trends that enables us in return to constantly adapt and customize our offering,” said Thierry Mootz, Director, Sales and Marketing, Automotive & Customised Solutions for Alcan Specialty Sheet.

Alcan Specialty Sheet is a key player in the European rolling industry, enjoying leading market positions for packaging, automotive, and customised industrial sheet solutions including high quality functional surface products. It has world-class rolling and recycling operations in Neuf-Brisach (France) and Singen (Germany), dedicated R&D capabilities in Voreppe (France) and Neuhausen (Switzerland), and employs over 2,000 people.

Alcan Engineered Products is a global sector-leader strongly committed to developing innovative, value-added aluminium products for a broad range of markets and applications, including aerospace, mass transportation, automotive, packaging, energy and building. With around 11,000 employees located in over 27 countries and a commercial presence in more than 60 markets worldwide, Alcan Engineered Products is organised around businesses dedicated to performance materials in the areas of aluminium rolled products, extrusions and automotive structures, aluminium cable and international trade. Alcan Engineered Products is headquartered in Paris, France.

About Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the UK, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminium, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt, talc) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and southern Africa.

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