

Governments Announce Support for Alcoa's Gallium Critical Mineral Development Project in Western Australia

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[Alcoa Corp.](#) (NYSE: AA, ASX: AAI) ("Alcoa" or the "Company") welcomes the announcement of the United States and Australian governments to advance the development of a gallium plant to be co-located at the Company's Wagerup alumina refinery in Western Australia.

This latest development follows support given for the project from Japan Australia Gallium Associates Pty Ltd ("JAGA"), a joint venture between the Japanese Government and Sojitz Corporation ("Sojitz"), through a Joint Development Agreement ("JDA") with Alcoa announced in August 2025. Following completion of feasibility assessments, Alcoa expects that a joint U.S., Australia and Alcoa special purpose vehicle ("SPV") would enter into the joint venture with JAGA to construct a gallium plant. The plant, which would be operated by Alcoa, would be expected to produce 100 metric tons of gallium annually. Today's announcement confirms support for the gallium joint venture.

Under the terms of the non-binding agreement, the U.S. and Australian governments and Alcoa would provide capital to the SPV and receive gallium offtake in proportion to their interests. Among other purposes, the capital would be used for preparation of final feasibility studies, and the development and construction of the project. Definitive agreements for the gallium joint venture will be prepared among the governments of the United States, Australia and Japan, and Alcoa and Sojitz.

Gallium is naturally present in bauxite, the raw material used in the production of alumina, and can be extracted during the refining process. Gallium is a critical mineral essential to technology, especially the semiconductor industry and defense sectors and is recognized as vital to national security by the United States, Australia and Japan. Globally, gallium production is concentrated from a single source, and market controls have heightened interest in establishing and securing alternate supply chains.

"Alcoa has been a strong contributor to both the American and Australian economies and welcomes the opportunity to support both nations in progressing a new source of gallium," said Alcoa President and CEO William F. Oplinger. "The investment support from the U.S. and Australian governments underscores Alcoa's role in supporting the development of the critical mineral supply chain, and the importance of our Australian operations not only to the aluminum industry, but also as key to manufacturing, technology, and defense industries."

Alcoa will continue to work cooperatively with the Western Australian Government to progress the project under the State Agreement and approvals framework. The parties are targeting 2026 for final investment decision and production.

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Alcoa (NYSE: AA; ASX: AAI) is a global industry leader in bauxite, alumina and aluminum products with a vision to build a legacy of excellence for future generations. With a values-based approach that encompasses integrity, operating excellence, care for people and courageous leadership, our purpose is to Turn Raw Potential into Real Progress. Since developing the process that made aluminum an affordable and vital part of modern life, our talented Alcoa's have developed breakthrough innovations and best practices that have led to greater efficiency, safety, sustainability and stronger communities wherever we operate.

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