

## Press Release

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### **Alro receives NADCAP Performance Certificate for Heat Treatment and Testing of Aerospace Products Quality**

Slatina, 14 October, 2008: Alro SA (BVB: ALR), the largest aluminium producer in Central and Eastern Europe, today announces that it has received the NADCAP (National Aerospace and Defence Contractor Accreditation Programme) performance certification for conformity with aerospace industry requirements. The certificate was awarded by the NADCAP Management Council, in accordance with SAE Aerospace Standard AS 70003, following the testing of aluminium alloys produced at Slatina for heat treatment, conductivity measurement, tensile testing, hardness and metallography.

The accreditation was received in September, for a period of one year, recognizing the conformity of Alro's processes with the international requirements of the aerospace industry.

The certification is the result of Alro's significant investment program which is focused on diversifying output, increasing high value added production and improving quality. Over the past six years, the company has invested more than USD 270 million in technological and environmental projects, improving the production mix and the quality of output. This year, Alro successfully completed the modernisation of its cold rolling mill, following a USD 4.8 million investment, doubling the mill's processing capacity to 36,000 tpa and improving the quality of flat rolled products such as sheets and coils, meaning the facility's performance will rank amongst the highest of modern mills in operation.

Commenting on the accreditation, Gheorghe Dobra, General Manager of Alro SA, said:

*"Since its privatization, Alro has implemented an ambitious investment program aimed at transforming the company into a producer of value added goods. This strategy has been successfully deployed in Slatina and the NADCAP accreditation comes as recognition that our development plan is on the right course. With Alro's competency now fully recognised by the aerospace industry, we look forward to seeing the company progress as a regular supplier of top quality products that meet the demands of the most exigent customers."*

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**Notes to the Editors:**

Alro SA is subsidiary of Vimetco N.V., a global, vertically-integrated primary and processed aluminium producer. Alro is the largest aluminium production facility in Central and Eastern Europe measured by volume with an installed production capacity of 265,000 tonnes per year.

The main markets for the aluminium manufactured by Alro SA are within the EU (Hungary, Poland, Greece, Germany and Romania). The company also exports to the US and South Korea. Alro is ISO 9001 certified for quality management and has EN 9100 certificate for aerospace production organizations, its products respecting the quality standards for primary aluminium on the London Metal Exchange – LME, as well as the international standards for flat rolled products.