

# Current Report

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To: **Financial Supervisory Authority  
Bucharest Stock Exchange**

**Current report in compliance with the stipulations of the Law no. 24/2017 and of the FSA Regulation no.5/2018 regarding the issuers of financial instruments and market operations**

Date of report: **30 June 2020**

Name of issuer: **Alro S.A.**

Headquarters: **Slatina, 116 Pitesti Street, Olt County**

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Sole registration number at the Trade Register Office: **RO 1515374**

Trade Register Number: **J28/8/1991**

The European Unique Identifier (EUID): **ROONRCJ28/8/1991**

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): **5493008G6W6SORM2JG98**

Subscribed and paid-in share capital: **356,889,567.5 RON**

Regulated market on which the issued shares are traded: **Bucharest Stock Exchange – Premium Tier Category** (market symbol: **ALR**)

We hereby inform all persons who may be interested about the following **important event to be reported**:

## Press Release

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### **ALRO, one of the largest vertically integrated aluminium producers in Europe, is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

- **Being one of the pillars of the Romanian economy, ALRO invested over USD 700 million since the privatization and currently has an annual turnover of over USD 600 million, more than 4,000 employees, with over 20,000 jobs indirectly depending on it and yearly contribution of over USD 30 million to the state and local budget**
- **Over the past five decades, ALRO has produced more than 10 million tonnes of electrolytic aluminium and 11 million tonnes of cast aluminium**
- **ALRO holds more than seven patents, underlining its commitment to innovation and high value-added products**
- **ALRO publishes, today, the 2019 Consolidated Sustainable Value Report, underlining that the overall investments done during the past years led ALRO having 99% energy efficiency for electrolysis technology and emissions below the European average, thus placing ALRO in the top of companies with low environmental impact**

*Slatina, 30 June 2020* – ALRO S.A. (BSE: ALR, “the Company” or “ALRO”), one of the largest vertically integrated aluminium producers in Europe, measured by production capacity, is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the last five decades, ALRO has committed itself to its employees, partners and clients by being one of the pillars of the Romanian economy.

Starting to operate in 1965, ALRO currently has two divisions, Primary and Processed Aluminium. After constantly investing in new technology, ALRO reached a production of 265,000 tonnes of electrolytic aluminium per annum, a Cast-House capacity of 325,000 tonnes per annum, while producing around 100,000 tonnes per year of flat-rolled products. The Company has invested more than USD 700 million since privatization in technology and environmental protection.

***“The modernization of facilities and the implementation of innovative technologies have led to notable achievements. An example is that the production of electrolytic aluminium made until 1989 can be done now with only half of the means of production we had available then, at a much lower cost and with greater care for the environment”, said Gheorghe DOBRA, CEO of ALRO Slatina.*** ALRO’s efforts have been acknowledged over the past five decades by obtaining important certifications, such as NADCAP, EN 9100 and ISO 9001 for quality laboratory. ***“Investments in production capacity, in efficiently utilizing our resources and in employee training are part of the company’s culture and can be easily recognized in our portfolio of value-added products, in our patents, in the certifications obtained, and in the trust we enjoy from partners and customers”, added Gheorghe DOBRA.***

At the time of its establishment, the Company had an electrolytic aluminium production of over 8,000 tonnes per annum and produced only aluminium ingots. Currently, the Company has a diversified product portfolio, and out of the total 2019 production, over 83,000 tonnes are represented by high value-added products for the more sophisticated industries, such as automotive and aerospace. Moreover, high value-added products used in the aerospace industry have increased by 40% in the last seven years, from over 27,000 tonnes in 2012 to over 38,000 tonnes in 2019.

ALRO has constantly implemented energy efficiency programs and applied circular economy principles in its business and has increased the quantities of aluminium scrap recycled and re-melted, having an Eco-Recycling facility with a capacity of 35,000 tonnes which reintroduces the aluminium in the production circuit with an energy consumption about 95% lower compared to the primary technology (by electrolysis). Thus, the Company has accessed non-reimbursable funds for increasing the profitability and development of new products worth over RON 115 million, the projects being completed in 2019.

Through investment and alignment programs to local and European regulations, the Company has reduced PFC emissions by more than 98% compared to 2002 and more than 39 times compared to 1990, and although it is one of the major consumers of electricity in Romania, ALRO has 99% energy efficiency for electrolysis technology due to investments done.

The Company’s turnover has stabilized in recent years at more than USD 600 million, although market, business conditions and the legislative environment have varied widely, and this performance has favoured the development of horizontal industry and services in the local community, as well as the decrease of the unemployment rate. With more than 4,000 employees, more than 20,000 jobs that indirectly depend on the aluminium industry’s and ALRO Group’s activity. Besides this, only ALRO’s contributions to the central and local budgets amounted in 2019 to almost RON 130 million (over USD 30 million).

***“Regardless of the business environment’s conditions, the challenges encountered in the legislative framework or those of unforeseen events, ALRO has developed into one of the largest vertically integrated aluminium producers in Europe and one of the largest companies in Romania, remaining a pillar for local communities and the national economy”,*** said Marian NĂSTASE, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ALRO.

***"We will continue to collaborate with and be supportive of our partners, customers, local communities and authorities, investing in the sustainability of our business, in new products and in innovative technologies that reuse and capitalize efficiently on the organisation's existing resources"***, added Marian NĂSTASE.

The Company also aims to increase the professional skills and competencies of employees, leading to the improvement of their individual and team performance, through professional training programs, qualification courses, retraining, specialization, postgraduate programs and team buildings. ALRO is an active member of the local community and is involved in aiding entities, institutions and associations in the education, health or religious systems in Slatina and Olt County through specific sponsorships or actions. The Company also continues its long-term partnerships with academic institutions in the country for internships and supports students in acquiring their bachelor's, master's or doctoral projects, as well as in obtaining their professional qualification in the dual qualification educational system.

At the beginning of the current health crisis, ALRO recognized its role in the local community and supported the community actions to prevent the effects of COVID-19 by donating RON 400,000 to the Slatina County Emergency Hospital, RON 25,000 to the Romanian Red Cross, Olt and RON 18,000 to the International Police Association of Romania, Olt. Furthermore, ALRO also supported Bucharest Fundeni Hospital with RON 30,000 for the acquisition of testing equipment for medical staff and patients.

ALRO's investments in business sustainability, energy efficiency, research and development, waste, emissions and water management, integration of the principles of the circular economy, employee health and safety, as well as their professional development, alongside the organisation's involvement in local communities can be found in 2019 Sustainable Value Report, to be published today, on the Company's website [www.alro.ro](http://www.alro.ro).

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**Notes to the Editors:**

**ALRO Group**

The companies part of ALRO Group are: ALRO S.A. – manufacturer of aluminium, Alum S.A. – producer of alumina, Sierra Mineral Holdings I, Ltd. – bauxite mining, Vimetco Extrusion S.R.L. – extrusion business line, Conef S.A. – holding and management company, Global Aluminium Ltd. – holding company and Bauxite Marketing Ltd - marketing. Having this structure, the Group created an integrated production chain assuring the raw materials for ALRO.

**ALRO**

ALRO is a subsidiary of Vimetco N.V., a global, vertically-integrated primary and processed aluminium producer. ALRO is one of the largest vertically integrated aluminium producers, by capacity, in Europe, having an installed production capacity of 265,000 tonnes per year.

The main market for ALRO products is represented by the European Union; the Company exports its products to the USA and Asia, as well. ALRO is ISO 9001 certified for quality management and has NADCAP and EN 9100 certificates for aerospace production organizations, ALRO's products adhere to

the quality standards for primary aluminium on the LME, as well as international standards for flat rolled products.

Starting from 18 March 2019, the Index Committee of the Bucharest Stock Exchange approved the inclusion of ALRO (code ALR) in BET, the main index of the market, and in BET-TR, the total return version of BET. ALRO's shares have been listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange since October 1997 and following this decision ALRO became the first company in the aluminium industry present in these two indices.