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## **Rio Tinto Alcan's Phillip Strachan appointed President of the Australian Aluminium Council**

The Australian Aluminium Council has appointed Phillip Strachan (President and Chief Executive Officer, Bauxite & Alumina, Rio Tinto Alcan) as President.

Alan Cransberg (Managing Director, Alcoa of Australia) is the Council's new Vice President.



Commenting on his appointment, Mr Strachan said "I look forward to supporting the important role the Council has to play in representing the industry as it faces what are truly the toughest of times, with a high Australian dollar and low global prices."

"It's important we don't lose sight of the bright future the sector has globally. Demand for aluminium is growing strongly and Australia is blessed with plentiful bauxite resources.

"We will focus on continuing to play a constructive role in the debate on issues that affect the ability of the industry here in Australia to be competitive in the global market.

"With the removal of unnecessary regulation, inefficient policies and cost burdens, our industry can continue to provide attractive and long-term employment for thousands of people in regional Australia.

"I look forward to working constructively with everyone who has a stake in our future, drawing on the 30 years I have spent in the resources industry in Australia, Indonesia, the United Kingdom and Canada," Mr Strachan said.

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