



To: Rio Tinto workers in Europe  
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Re: **Solidarity with Rio Tinto and former Alcan workers**

On behalf of OS KOVO (Czech Metalworkers' Federation) we would like to express our solidarity with Rio Tinto workers and with former Alcan workers whose jobs in Europe are endangered due to the fact that Rio Tinto is planning to dismantle several divisions of former Alcan.

At the same time we fully support the EMF demands towards the European Commission and European Parliament /see below/ linked with the European aluminium industry:

- the need for a continued aluminium industry on our continent that is able to ensure the long-term future of a competitive industry, protected from the threat of relocation;
- potential support for this strategy by fostering research and development activities in Europe in that sector;
- the need for a socially balanced resolution of the current conflict. Only relying on financial aspects will result in a departure from Europe of the entire aluminium-based industry in the short run.

OS KOVO also fully support and express the solidarity with Rio Tinto workers in Europe who are today organising the Action Day in front of the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

In solidarity

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