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To members of the non-ferrous metals ad-hoc working group
To all EMF member organisations
To the members of PSE

Re:

Solidarity with Rio Tinto and former Alcan workers
Action day 23 April 2008
European Parliament, Strasbourg, France

Dear Colleagues

The European aluminium industry is in turmoil and the sites and the jobs of former Alcan in Europe are in danger. The hostile buyout offer issued by Rio Tinto is putting in jeopardy the future of the European aluminium excellence. The former examples of Pechiney and Alusuisse have shown that as long as only financial aspects are being considered, the survival of this industry in Europe is more than uncertain.

The EMF demands that the European Commission and the European Parliament take into consideration:

- 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.

Rio Tinto is planning to dismantle several divisions of former Alcan so that it can continue to increase its shareholder dividend by

approximately 20%, just as it did during the past exercise. This puts 20,000 jobs in the Rio Tinto group in Europe at risk.

The EMF expresses its full solidarity with the workers of Rio Tinto in Europe who are organising an Action Day today in front of the European

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Thank you in advance.

In solidarity,
General Secretary
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