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**Wise Alloys Message to Customers Regarding Hurricane Rita**

Wise Alloys has been advised by Enbridge, our supplier of natural gas, that it cannot guarantee a supply of natural gas beyond midnight, Friday, Sept. 23, due to the impending landfall of hurricane Rita.

Because we cannot afford the risk of metal freezing in furnaces, if this information does not change, we plan to drain molten aluminum from the furnaces at Alabama Reclamation and the melters in the casthouse at Wise Alloys tonight to minimize the impact of this potential disruption and to facilitate an orderly start-up. Should all this come to pass we could find ourselves in a *force majeure* situation.

Wise Alloys can be back in production in 24 hours following restoration of our natural gas supply. Currently we are assuming the “best case” scenario to be the restoration of our gas supply sometime on Sunday, Sept. 25, and we expect to be back in production late on Monday, Sept. 26.

Due to the rapidly changing situation, we are making no predictions on “worst case” scenarios, but please know that our inside sales staff has details regarding specific customer inventories and we will make every effort to keep our customers updated.

**About Wise Metals Group**

Based in Baltimore, Md., Wise Metals Group LLC includes Wise Alloys, the world’s third-leading producer of aluminum can stock for the beverage and food industries and an environmentally friendly company using recycled aluminum in the production of its can stock; Wise Recycling, one of the largest, direct-from-the-public collectors of aluminum beverage containers in the United States, operating shipping and processing locations throughout the United States that support a network of neighborhood collection centers; and Listerhill Total Maintenance Center, specializing in providing maintenance, repairs and fabrication to manufacturing and industrial plants worldwide ranging from small on-site repairs to complete turn-key maintenance.

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