

rupture of this piping and concluded that the resulting calculated doses at the plant site boundary would not exceed the limits for normal plant operation specified in 10 CFR part 20. The NRC staff has reviewed the results of the licensee's analyses and finds that the results satisfy the criteria stated in Branch Technical Position ETSB 11-5 and are therefore acceptable. In addition, Hatch has a Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program in place, as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix I. This surveillance and monitoring program applies to various pathways through which radioactive material might be released to the air, river water, milk, and vegetation. Any detected concentrations of radioactive material above predetermined limits are required to be reported. This program has not identified concentrations of radioactive material above or near permitted values. Any leakage from the offgas system in the plant building would be detected by plant radiation monitoring instrumentation.

The Petitioner asserts that a break of the offgas piping running to the main stack could cause the radiation exposures to individuals in the power block to increase above negligible. As previously mentioned, the licensee is required by regulation to have and maintain a radiation protection program to limit radiation exposure of plant workers. As part of this program, workers wear digital alarming dosimeters when entering plant areas in the power block that contain the offgas piping which runs to the main stack. Furthermore, radiation monitors are located in these areas. Therefore, the NRC staff concludes that there is reasonable assurance that individuals in the power block will not receive significant radiation exposure in the event of a break of the offgas piping which runs to the main stack.

NRC inspectors periodically review portions of the gaseous radwaste system. For example, Inspection Report Nos. 50-321/99-04 and 50-366/99-04, dated August 4, 1999, stated that inspectors observed the filter change out for the Unit 1 and Unit 2 gaseous and particulate effluent monitors and determined that it was done in accordance with licensee procedures. The Inspection Report also stated that, based on a review of the licensee's 1998 Annual Effluent Release Report issued prior to May 1, 1999, the amounts of activity released from the plant in liquid and gaseous effluents had remained stable over the last several years and the radiation doses resulting from those releases were a small percentage of regulatory limits.

The Petitioner questions the degraded capability of the gaseous radwaste systems to preclude hydrogen burns and detonations. Hydrogen burns and detonations are prevented by keeping the hydrogen concentration of gases from the air ejector below the flammable limit. This goal is achieved by maintaining adequate process steam flow for dilution at all times. This steam flow is monitored and alarmed in the control room. Hydrogen analyzers are used to monitor the offgas system to provide further assurance that the hydrogen concentration is maintained below the flammable limit. However, in the unlikely event of an uncontrollable hydrogen increase, plant procedures require that the plant be shut down. The offgas system piping and components are designed to withstand the unlikely event of a hydrogen burn or detonation. The NRC staff stated in the Unit 2 SER that design provisions incorporated to reduce the potential for gaseous releases due to hydrogen explosions in the gaseous radwaste system were acceptable.

The Petitioner states that there have been more than 25 hydrogen burns and detonations in offgas systems at plants similar to Hatch. In 1990, Hatch experienced an event involving possible ignition of hydrogen in the Unit 1 offgas system. The event was discussed in LER 321/90-012, dated July 20, 1990. The LER included corrective actions to replace valves and to revise system operating and abnormal occurrence procedures to assure specific actions are taken if hydrogen concentrations exceed certain limits. The LER also stated that Hatch Unit 2 was not susceptible to the identified cause of the Unit 1 event because of a difference in design of the offgas system. The LER concluded that the health and safety of the public was not affected by the event. The LER was reviewed by NRC inspectors and discussed in an inspection report dated June 23, 1992. The inspection report discusses a number of corrective actions that were taken following the event. These corrective actions included repair or replacement of various components in the offgas system and revisions to procedures which directly affect the operation of the offgas system. The inspection report stated that these procedural revisions properly implemented corrective actions for this event.

The gaseous radwaste system is operated on a regular basis to control effluents, and any significant degradation of the material condition of the system would be quickly detected. Thus, operability of the system is

demonstrated without the need for special inspections or testing.

The gaseous radwaste system is designed and licensed to limit the doses from effluents to individual members of the public to ALARA levels to comply with Appendix I to 10 CFR part 50. Based on the discussion above, the NRC concludes that the gaseous radwaste system is being operated within its design and licensing bases.

IV. Conclusion

The NRC requested information from the licensee, which, in essence, satisfied the action requested by the Petitioner. However, for the reasons discussed above, the NRC staff does not agree with the Petitioner's contentions that Hatch is being operated outside its design and licensing bases because the material condition of piping, tanks, and other components of the liquid and gaseous radwaste systems is not being properly inspected and maintained.

A copy of this Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by that regulation, this Director's Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance of this Director's Decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of this Director's Decision within that time.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, IDCA.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice of the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed information collection request under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey questions and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:
Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527, telephone (202) 336-8563.

Summary of Form Under Review

Type of Request: New information collection.

Title: Political Risk Insurance Survey.

Form Number: OPIC 233.

Frequency of Use: Once per client.

Type of Respondents: Individual business officer representatives of business institutions.

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 1 hour per client.

Number of Responses: 480.

Federal Cost: \$0.

Authority for Information Collection: Section 234A, of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): OPIC is sponsoring a survey to identify trends relating to its clients' experiences with political risk in emerging markets. The survey results will not only help OPIC identify new products and opportunities to fulfill its mandate to insure investments overseas against a broad range of political risks, but will also provide valuable information to the political risk insurance industry, thereby helping the industry to enhance its programs.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

Rumu Sarkar,

Assistant General Counsel, Department of Legal Affairs.

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PEACE CORPS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Notice of change of effective date and additional modifications to proposed systems of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, the Peace Corps issued public

notice of its proposal to modify nineteen systems of records and add six new systems of records. The notice provided information required under the Privacy Act on the revised and new systems of records. This Notice revises the effective date for two systems of records and gives notice that the effective date for the remaining systems is October 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maggie Thielen, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20526. Telephone: (202) 692-1106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, the Peace Corps issued public notice on September 5, 2000, of its proposal to modify nineteen systems of records and add six new systems of records (65 FR 53772, September 5, 2000). The notice provided information required under the Privacy Act on the revised and new systems of records. The Comment deadline in the Notice was October 20, 2000, and the effective date for the systems of records was October 23, 2000, unless the Peace Corps received comments that would require a different determination. As a result of receiving internal comments, Privacy Act systems PC-17 and PC-22 will require additional modification. Therefore, these two systems will not become effective on October 23. Instead, the current version of PC-17 will remain in effect until it is republished for comment by the Peace Corps with additional modifications. The current version of PC-17 may be found at <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?System=PC-22>, which is a new system, can be found in the Notice published on September 5, 2000, at 65 FR 53772.

This notice is issued in Washington, DC, October 19, 2000.

Doug Greene,

Chief, Information Officer and Associate Director for Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Alcan Aluminium Limited, Common Shares, No Par Value) File No. 1-03677

October 18, 2000.

Alcan Aluminium Limited, which is organized under the laws of Canada ("Company"), has filed an application

with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Shares, no par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX") and on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX").

In addition to being listed on the PCX and CHX, the Security is currently listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") and trades on numerous markets around the world. The Company has determined to reduce the number of listings for its Security in order to concentrate trading on a limited number of exchanges. The Company will therefore continue to maintain its listed status on the NYSE, as well as its listings on the Toronto, London, and Swiss stock exchanges.

The Company has stated in its application that the PCX and the CHX have indicated that they will not oppose withdrawal of the Security from its respective listings. The application shall not have any effect on either the Security's continued listing on the NYSE or its registration under Section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before November 8, 2000, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the respective rules of the PCX and CHX and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).