Your guide to smashing the aluminium industry in Europe

Includes: maps, photos, names and addresses
**Introduction**

Saving Iceland is a broad based international network of individuals who do not intend to stand by passively and watch the Icelandic government and multinational corporations destroy Iceland’s natural beauty. As a campaign we have always favoured and advocated the use of direct action, after only three years our actions have had a marked effect: radicalizing many Icelanders; setting back projects; saving wildernesses and introducing a new wave of radical energy to Icelandic society.

Every summer since 2005 Saving Iceland has organised an action camp in Iceland. We get a lot of enquiries from people who want to show their solidarity but cannot make it to Iceland in the summer. Fortunately for you the aluminium industry is a global cancer and you can ‘make your protest felt’ without going far from home anywhere in Europe.

Saving Iceland always welcomes solidarity actions, whatever their form, you will know which tactics work best in your country. This guide mainly focuses on Alcoa, Alcan and Century Aluminium (AKA Glencore, RUSAL). But many more corporations are trying to enter Iceland; Norsk Hydro, Corn Downing, Atlansal, Arctus EHF, R+D Carbon and builders Bechtel and Impregilo are all valid targets. See: www.savingiceland.org for a full list.

**Disclaimer**

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Alcoa's facilities in Belgium are all part of their automotive wing, The Bruxelles location, (right) is a logistics office linking their plant in Stribro, Czech Republic with customers across Europe.
Österreich

Alcoa has no facilities in Austria, but there are 3 Alcan service centres

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Saving Iceland

Saving Iceland is an international campaign to defend the Icelandic Wilderness, the largest remaining wild area of Europe, from heavy industry. Different transnational companies, particularly the aluminium industry, and the Icelandic government have begun to implement an immense program that will, if executed, transform the country from an outstanding area of natural beauty into another heavily industrialised and polluted nation.

† Plans include the constructing of new smelters and expansion of existing ones, the harnessing of many of the country’s major glacial river systems and destruction of outstanding geological geyser landscapes and unique geothermal biosystems for new power plants.

† Corporations searching for cheap energy

Iceland, with its vast possibilities of hydroelectric and geothermal energy, is an appealing target for ALCOA, ALCAN, Century Aluminium and others, for two reasons. First is increasing energy insecurity and dependence and increased cost of utilising fossil fuels; second is the increasing concern about climate issues, where the green image of hydroelectric and geothermal energy is appealing. Also, Iceland has a comfortable amount of yet unspent carbon credits and the pollution prevention schemes are milder for the corporations. But Icelandic aluminium smelters will far exceed the 1,600,000 tonnes of emissions permitted under the Kyoto Convention if all of the planned smelter projects materialise. Aluminium contributes heavily to climate change, due to emission of large amounts of carbon dioxide and perfluorocarbons: potent, extremely persistent greenhouse agents, released in the electrolytic processing of bauxite.

† Destruction of ecosystems

The ecological consequences of large dams are also grim. They include significant and irreversible loss of species, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The massive alteration of major river systems around the world has led to more than a third of the species of freshwater fish to be extinct or endangered. The constantly fluctuating water levels in reservoirs in Iceland would cause dust storms and soil erosion, which would have a devastating effect on the vegetation of the region. It is estimated that up to 3000sq km will be affected.

† Moreover, starving the marine life of the normal silt emissions would constitute a serious threat to the valuable Icelandic fishing grounds. A recent study shows that free flowing glacial rivers are vital in reducing greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere by providing nutrients to plankton and as such are already harnessed by nature. Blocking the silt emissions to the ocean nullifies this immensely beneficial role of glacial rivers.

† Details of the industrialisation program

Iceland is building the 190 meter high Karahnjukar dam solely for a new smelter for the American aluminium giant ALCOA in Reydarfjordur. ALCOA want to build another aluminium factory in the north of the country, at Bakki near the town of Husavik. ALCAN and Century Aluminium have already been given the green light to expand greatly their existing smelters in the southwest of Iceland. Century Aluminium also want to build yet another aluminium smelter in Helguvik, near Keflavik. In addition, R&D Carbon Ltd. has secured planning permission for a highly polluting anode rod plant at Katanes in Hvalfjordur. Environmental scientists have alerted the people of Reykjavik to the grave consequences if these projects are realised. The scientists calculate that Faxafloi bay, where the capital is situated, 'is destined to quickly become the most heavily polluted area in Northern Europe'.

† Let’s not forget that almost all the companies mentioned above have a long history of convictions for crimes against nature and still have judgements pending on charges of serious environmental damage or corruption.

† For more details on these issues, see http://www.savingiceland.org/sos.