

## **ALUMINA TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP**

### **Summary of discussion following presentation**

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- ? Attended by some 70 people.
- ? The forthcoming ICSOBA Congress in Vienna (29/5-1/6/02) will have an invited presentation on the Aluminum Technology Roadmap. Can a similar presentation be provided for the Alumina Technology roadmap?
- ? Issues relating to competitive versus precompetitive research projects. Successful implementation of the latter via AMIRA projects over the last decade.
- ? Appears to be no focus on issues relating to sizing, size distribution of hydrate and particularly alumina supplied to smelters. Comment that this is currently under detailed study in AMIRA projects (P575A in particular).
- ? Why no representation on Steering Committee from Russian and other alumina producers? The Committee will look into possibilities for involving a wider audience including Chinese producers.
- ? Will utilise AMIRA International Website to post ongoing progress with implementation of the Roadmap initiatives and outcomes of Committee meetings. Roadmap has been available on this Website since last November; about to be put on US DOE/OIT and Aluminum Association Websites.
- ? What about an assessment of Best Practice for the alumina industry? No formal exercise has been defined yet; this is being pursued as a lower priority. It is a challenge, as companies may be reluctant to divulge all relevant information.