



Worsley Alumina

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FROM THE GROUND UP

A new era has begun for Worsley Alumina with the launch of its primary parent company South32.

The new global resources company has been formed as part of the demerger of BHP Billiton. Worsley is a key asset for South32, which has operations across five countries and 11 commodities and more than 27,000 employees and contractors. South32 has an 8 per cent stake in Worsley, Japan Alumina Associates (Australia) 10 per cent and Sojitz Alumina 4 per cent.

The changes coincide with new leadership appointments at Worsley. Former refinery general manager Michael Rix has been appointed asset president overseeing Worsley's integrated mining, refining and port operations near Boddington, Collie and Bunbury respectively.

Michael said he was excited to lead Worsley through its transition to South32. "We have world-class people, assets and bauxite resources, which will immediately contribute to the success of South32," Michael said. "Through safe and efficient production, we will deliver more value to our people, our stakeholders and communities."

Michael joined Worsley in 2007 as a production manager before becoming refinery general manager in 2013. He paid tribute to former asset president Ricus Grimbeek, who is now president and chief operating officer for the South32 Australian region.

"Ricus' extensive operational and leadership expertise is a great asset to South32's executive team," Michael said. "During his tenure at Worsley, Ricus added significant value to the asset and will continue to do so in his chief operating officer role, where his influence will extend to all Australian operations."

Dino Otranto has replaced Michael as refinery general manager. Dino began with Worsley as a graduate engineer in 2004 and has held various roles since including at a South32 aluminium smelter in Mozambique. Gary Eyres continues as general manager of Worsley's mining operations in Boddington.

***Photo:** South32 Worsley Alumina asset president Michael Rix in the company's new uniform.*

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