

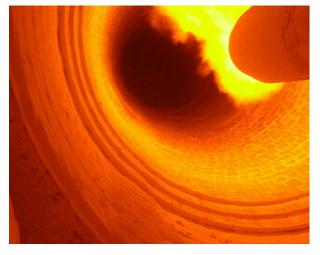
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Almatis Ramps Up Calcined Alumina Production Capacity in North America

Almatis, a global leader in alumina solutions, is pleased to announce a substantial investment to increase the capacity of calcined alumina production in North America. The project is designed to boost primary calcined alumina production capacity at its Benton, Arkansas plant. This initiative underscores Almatis' commitment to meeting the increasing demands of its valued customers and enhancing its position as a trusted provider of high-quality alumina products.

The project consists of four distinct phases, all working towards the impressive goal of achieving a capacity increase of 15%. This increase comes in response to projected market demand for specialty lower soda calcines and the introduction of other innovative products into the Almatis calcined alumina portfolio.



The project was officially launched earlier this year, with a primary focus on process and quality improvements to increase production of specialty lower soda calcines.

"We are dedicated to adapting our processes to align with our customers' ever-growing demands," commented Chuck Compson, Chief Commercial Officer at Almatis. "Our expert teams have been busy at work, finding innovative solutions to enhance the kiln's capacity. Initial testing began at the end of September, and we are eagerly anticipating successful results through the end of the year."

The targeted completion date for the first phase of this ambitious project is Q1 2024. As part of this milestone, Almatis has committed to strengthening its position in the calcined alumina market, while focusing on customers' demands and driving innovation. Almatis remains steadfast in its mission to provide the highest quality alumina products to its global customer base.

Calcined Aluminas: Building the Future in Refractories and Ceramics

Calcined aluminas, such as those produced by Almatis, play a crucial role in the manufacturing of refractories and ceramics. These versatile materials are used to enhance the strength, durability, and heat resistance of a wide range of products, from the bricks used in furnaces and kilns to the glossy finishes on ceramic tiles. Almatis' commitment to innovation ensures that these vital components continue to advance and support industries worldwide

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