EPSA

LETTER OF INTENT

Participation in the socio-economic analysis on aluminium and its poorly soluble compounds

November 2026

Preferred response date Please return this Letter of Intent preferably by the end of November 2026, to support the planned launch of the SEA before the end of 2026.

1. Background

The German MAK Commission has proposed occupational exposure limits of 0.05 mg Al/m^3 for the respirable fraction and 0.5 mg Al/m^3 for the inhalable fraction for aluminium and its poorly soluble compounds. The proposals are under consideration in Germany and may have important technical, operational and socio-economic implications across the value chain.

Worker health and safety remains the priority. EPSA considers that the regulatory discussion should be supported by robust evidence on exposure, measurement capability, technical feasibility and the practical consequences of implementation. Alpha alumina is currently outside the scope of the MAK discussion and of this EPSA project.

2. Proposed socio-economic analysis

EPSA intends to appoint an external consultant to conduct a socio-economic analysis (SEA). The expected work will examine relevant uses and exposure situations, technical feasibility, possible compliance measures, costs and potential impacts on operations and supply chains. The final scope, methodology, governance, confidentiality arrangements and deliverables will be agreed with the consultant and participating companies.

The indicative total cost is approximately EUR 100,000, to be shared among all participating companies. Each company's share will depend on the final number of participants and will decrease as more companies join. Final financial commitments will be confirmed through a separate project agreement or equivalent written confirmation.

3. Purpose of this Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent allows organisations to indicate their preferred level of involvement and their willingness, in principle, to contribute to the SEA. It will help EPSA determine whether there is sufficient participation to launch the work and prepare a detailed proposal with the external consultant.

4. Organisation details

Company / organisation	
Name	
Position	
Email	
Telephone	
Date	

5. Indication of involvement

Please select one main option:

☐ A. No current interest. We do not wish to participate or receive further information at this stage.

☐ B. Information / access interest. We wish to receive updates and discuss access to the SEA results, including the applicable financial conditions.

☐ **C. Active participation. We are interested in co-funding the SEA and, where feasible, contributing relevant company data or expertise.**

6. Potential contribution

For options B or C, please indicate what your organisation may be able to provide, subject to internal approval and agreed confidentiality arrangements:

☐ Financial contribution to the shared SEA cost;
☐ Workplace exposure or measurement information;
☐ Technical information on processes, controls or feasibility;
☐ Information on uses, applications, volumes or supply chains;
☐ Economic information, including investment, operating costs or potential impacts;
☐ Participation in interviews, surveys, workshops or project meetings.

7. Status of this Letter

This Letter of Intent records a serious expression of interest but is not itself a legally binding project agreement. By signing it, the organisation acknowledges that participation in or access to the SEA is expected to involve a financial contribution. The organisation does not incur a final payment obligation until the project scope, individual contribution, confidentiality conditions and contractual arrangements have been presented and accepted in writing.

EPSA will use the responses to confirm the participant group and request a detailed consultant proposal. EPSA also intends to organise an information meeting in early December. Late expressions of interest may still be considered where the project timetable and consultant arrangements allow.

8. Authorisation

Authorised representative	
Signature	
Date	

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