

ATF-06-07—Linkages to Technology Providers

Project

The implementation of initiatives under the Aluminium Task Force relies on the application of technology, both new and existing, to enhance current performance, both commercial and environmental.

Many of the projects within the action plan are focused on using expertise in the Partnership to identify potential improvements in aluminium production processes. For implementation of improvements to occur it is imperative that there are linkages to technology providers.

A register of technology providers will be accessible by industry and could form an effective mechanism to provide operators with the access to resources necessary to implement change.

An open and transparent register (publicly available) will attract technology providers who may be seeking to offer their expertise across the Partnership and this may also provide operators with a selection of providers to ensure a competitive market environment.

Objectives

By mid 2007, technology providers register to be operating via the Internet with linkages to the national industry associations and governments involved in the task force.

Performance Indicators

The technology is fully operational by mid 2007.

Technology providers upload information on the register.

Milestones

By end of 2006 Develop a web page for the technology register.

Develop and agree standard reporting information for the register.

By March 2007 Trial the technology register and circulate to task force members for comment.

By mid 2007 The technology register will be fully 'live' and ready to accept information.

Resources

Consultancy to develop database and web page interface.

Ongoing maintenance.

In-kind resources from government and national industry associations to link to the register and also promote it through newsletters, emails and other industry information.

Possible operating environment.

The technology register could be embedded in a web page related to the Partnership (to be determined).

Technology providers will be able to access the technology register through a password and username. This will ensure that only the technology provider (and the website administrator) can amend any of the details.

The technology provider will need to complete a range of compulsory information fields before the register will accept the information.

Once the information is complete it will be automatically uploaded and visible to anyone accessing the register.

There will be no scrutiny of the technology providers (reputation or quality of documentation) and therefore it will be up to the operator to ensure the credentials of the technology provider.

The register will be structured such that information will expire after a period of time (say every 6 to 12 months). At this time an email will be sent to the technology provider asking them to reaffirm the information or it will be removed from the register.

This will ensure minimal manual input and keep the register up to date.

Participation

Australia, the United States and China.