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Non-ferrous metals industry requests swift EU action on US aluminium tariff

Brussels, 9 March 2018 – The European non-ferrous metals association (Eurometaux) echoes the European aluminium industry’s call for EU action in the wake of the US decision to impose a 10% tariff on all aluminium products from Europe. Alongside the European Commission’s diplomatic engagement in the next 15 days, we support the request for immediate market surveillance and the implementation of safeguard measures if proven necessary.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux’s Director General, stated: “A 10% tariff on all aluminium imports from Europe to the US would cause significant economic harm for Europe’s aluminium producers. We are shocked that Europe would not be exempted from the US tariff, given the strong economic and political connection between our territories. Even with an exemption, there would be major consequences from the redirection of aluminium flows to Europe from third countries.

We support the European aluminium industry’s call for swift European Commission action to implement market surveillance and WTO-compatible safeguard measures if proven necessary. Aluminium and other metals are strategic materials, essential to supplying Europe’s low-carbon transition. The EU must do all it can to keep its domestic industry competitive.

European producers already face substantial pressure from Chinese overcapacities. We must keep aspiring to tackle that challenge together through a global solution”.

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Eurometaux is the decisive voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers in Europe. With 500,000 employees and an annual turnover of €120bn, our members represent an essential industry for European society that businesses in almost every sector depend on. Together, we are leading Europe towards a more circular future through the endlessly recyclable potential of metals.

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