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GLENCORE UNIT FACES CLAIMS

44%- owned Century Aluminium claims to have breached US environmental laws

LONDON: Glencore is facing a string of claims that it breached environmental laws at one of its significant affiliate companies.

Century Aluminium (44% owned by Glencore) is being pursued by environmental agencies, local residents and other companies in eight cases.

Century outlines claims against its subsidiary, Virgin Island Alumina Corp (Vialco), which, along with the current owners of its old alumina refining facility at St Croix, has been ordered by the US environmental protection agency to carry out "recovery plan to remove and manage hydrocarbons floating on groundwater underlying the facility".

Century and Vialco are among the defendants listed in a lawsuit brought by the US Virgin Islands' commissioner for the department of planning and natural resources, which alleges "damages to natural resources caused by releases from the alumina refinery facility at St Croix".

" 100 % Environmental Compliance To DOE Industrial Effluent Standard B" "If fail, subject to Max Fine of RM 100,000 and Max Imprisonment of 5 years or Both"

DOE Standard B:

- * COD = 200 mg/l
- * BOD = 50 mg/l
- * Zinc = 2 mg/l
- * O&G = 10 mg/l
- * pH = 5.5 9.0
- * TSS = 100 mg/l

Environmental Quote:

Atmospheric contaminants were romantically called stardust.



"Budget's all fixed."

Please check for leakages to prevent water wastage in the factory. Every drop of water counts.

Last 3 DOE Visits:

F3 on 11/04/2011 F9 on 30/03/2011 F18 on 17/02/2011

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