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**Ormet Announces Extension**

Hannibal, Ohio – Ormet Corporation, a top U.S. producer of aluminum, today announced that it has agreed with the owners of an anode facility located in Mead, Wash., to extend an existing purchase agreement to allow for further due diligence of the plant and its assets until October 25, 2010. If the purchase is completed, the carbon anode facility would be used to supply Ormet’s Hannibal, Ohio, smelting operation.

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Headquartered in Hannibal, Ohio, Ormet Corporation is a major U.S. producer of aluminum. Ormet employs approximately 1,000 people. For more information, visit the website at [www.ormet.com](http://www.ormet.com).