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**Ormet Reschedules Restart of Sixth Potline
Hurricane Dean Affects Alumina Supply**

Hannibal, Ohio – Ormet Corporation, a top U.S. producer of aluminum, announced today that it has secured sufficient alumina to allow it to energize its sixth potline and be back on track with production targets by year end.

Ormet receives alumina from various sources and September's source was the Jamalco alumina refinery in Jamaica. The restart of the sixth potline was originally scheduled for September, but due to damage at the Jamalco facility from Hurricane Dean, the restart had been delayed.

Aside from alumina supply, the sixth potline has been ready to begin production.

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Headquartered in Hannibal, Ohio, Ormet Corporation is a major U.S. producer of aluminum, aluminum billet products and smelter-grade alumina. Ormet employs approximately 1,000 people. For more information, visit the website at www.ormet.com.