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

Hannibal, Ohio – Ormet Corporation, a top U.S. producer of aluminum, today announced that it will delay the restart of its sixth and final potline due to affects from Hurricane Dean. Ormet receives alumina from various sources. The current source is from the Jamalco alumina refinery located in Jamaica.

In the meantime, Ormet is evaluating its alternatives and timing. Mike Tanchuk, the company's CEO, confirmed that aside from the alumina supply, the sixth potline is 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.