



## News from Hydro

### *Hydro – leading supplier of aluminium building systems worldwide*

**Oslo (2005-08-05):** Hydro is leading in the field of development and distribution of aluminium based building systems worldwide. Hydro Building Systems on a yearly basis delivers 75.000 tonnes of aluminium extrusion – enough to build three medium large airport terminals every day.

Hydro Building Systems is a business unit with locations in more than 25 countries and sales in more than 30 countries. Last year revenues were € 640 million, and HBS employed 2.300 persons.

The main products are windows, doors, façades, structural glazing, sliding structures, conservatories and shutters. In projects the planning, design services and support are part of the deliveries.

Hydro Building Systems markets the main product Brands are DOMAL, TECHNAL and WICONA:

- DOMAL brings high quality and technology together with a wide choice of insulated and non-insulated systems. Its native Italian design, smoothed and stylish shapes, makes DOMAL the ideal choice for both new buildings and refurbishments.
- TECHNAL stands for innovation and design. With building partners around the world, TECHNAL erects and renovates all types of construction from private houses to major buildings.
- The WICONA brand is associated with the highest technical standards, consistent system concept and compatibility of various systems. WICONA focuses on future technologies for energy savings, reducing costs and ensures top standard of living.

Hydro Building Systems has a project to demonstrate, that aluminium façades and windows are superior solutions for sustainable office buildings. The core goals of the project are: 50 percent reduction in energy consumption for both the initial construction and the period of use, enhanced occupier comfort (thermal, visual, social), ecological or life cycle assessment oriented design: less material, non-hazardous, simple separation, good recyclability.

“To meet these challenges aluminium is an evident material” says Lars Hauk Ringvold, head of Hydro Building Systems. “Our “green aluminium” project, where innovative façade concepts are tested against today’s envelope design aims to show that we can have 50 percent of primary energy savings. For the time being a couple of “field” tests are running in different regions of Germany. During 2005 we expect to have the final results.”

Hydro Building System have a long list of references:

- Bali Hotel in Benidorm, Spain
- Ferrari’s new plant in Maranello, Italy
- UGC Picture in Paris, France
- Phoenix Natural Gas in Belfast, Ireland
- Gateway Shopping Centre in Durban, South Africa.
- Dusseldorf Airport, Germany
- Benfica’s and Porto’s football stadiums in Portugal



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- Volvo Europe in Brussels, Belgium
- “The Confederations of Icelandic Employers”, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Technical university in Rome, Italy
- Justice City of Valencia, Spain
- The “ Römergalerie” in Leonberg, Germany
- Warwick Court in London.UK

Hydro is an energy and aluminium supplier founded in 1905, with 36,000 employees in nearly 40 countries. We are a leading offshore producer of oil and gas, the world's third-largest integrated aluminium supplier and a pioneer in renewable energy and energy-efficient solutions. Revenues in 2004 were € 18.8 billion.

Hydro is the third-largest integrated aluminium supplier in the world, with a presence on every continent. Hydro Aluminium last year had revenues of € 9.7 billion and employes 26.000 persons.

Hydro Aluminium consists of five business sectors: Primary Metal, Metal Products, Rolled Products, Extrusion and Automotive, serving their natural parts of the value chain.

Hydro Aluminium Extrusion is one of the worlds leading suppliers of aluminium profiles, with activities in all continents. Extrusion i 2004 had revenues of € 1.7 billion and employed 7.300 persons.

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