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EPA Record of Decision Delivers Another Milestone for CFAC Project

COLUMBIS FALLS, Mont., (January 22, 2025) Remediation efforts at the former Columbia Falls Aluminum Company site today achieved a significant milestone when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Record of Decision (ROD).

Based on the extensive site assessment in the Remedial Investigation and the comprehensive review of available remedial options in the Feasibility Study, the ROD is a key step to addressing site legacy issues going forward. By describing and explaining the set of clean up actions that EPA has selected for the site, the ROD establishes the EPA's road map for site remediation. Furthermore, the ROD includes EPA's response to each public comment that it received regarding its June 2023 Proposed Plan for site remediation.

The next steps are to move from this outline to develop a consent decree, detailed designs of the specific remedial actions and then to implement those clean up measures.

"We believe that this ROD reflects a lot of hard work by the regulators, and members of the community and are grateful for the effort that they put in to achieve this milestone." said CFAC Manager John Stroiazzo. "We look forward to working with the regulators, the community, and our neighbors as the project progresses."

"CFAC and its parent company Glencore Ltd supports this ROD, and we believe that it achieves our objectives for the CFAC site of protecting human health and the environment. This is a key step in addressing site issues and returning the site to productive use," said Cheryl Driscoll, Corporate Secretary and Tax Director of CFAC parent company Glencore Ltd. and the Chief Administrative Officer of Glencore's U.S. operations.