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☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 1-34474

**CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)  
2511 Garden Road  
Building A, Suite 200  
Monterey, California  
(Address of registrant's principal offices)

13-3070826  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)  
93940  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (831) 642-9300

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class:

Name of each exchange on which registered:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share  
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

NASDAQ Stock Market LLC  
(NASDAQ Global Select Market)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in a definitive proxy or information statement incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☒ Non-Accelerated Filer ☐ Smaller Reporting Company ☐  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

Based upon the closing price of the registrant's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on June 30, 2012, the approximate aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$377,000,000. As of February 28, 2013, 88,554,921 shares of common stock of the registrant were issued and outstanding.

Documents Incorporated by Reference:

All or a portion of Items 10 through 14 in Part III of this Form 10-K are incorporated by reference to the Registrant's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for its 2013 Annual Meeting, which will be filed within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year covered by this report on Form 10-K, or if the Registrant's Schedule 14A is not filed within such period, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K which will be filed within such 120 day period.

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## PART I

### Item 1. Business

Century Aluminum Company is a Delaware corporation with our principal executive offices located at 2511 Garden Road, Building A, Suite 200, Monterey, California 93940.

Throughout this Form 10-K, and unless expressly stated otherwise or as the context otherwise requires, "Century Aluminum Company," "Century Aluminum," "Century," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Century Aluminum Company and its subsidiaries.

#### Available Information

Additional information about Century may be obtained from our website, which is located at [www.centuryaluminum.com](http://www.centuryaluminum.com). Our website provides access to filings we have made through the EDGAR filing system of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including our annual, quarterly and current reports filed on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, respectively, our code of ethics that applies to all employees and ownership reports filed on Forms 3, 4 and 5 after December 16, 2002 by our directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. These filings are also available on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, we will make available free of charge copies of our Forms 10-K, Forms 10-Q, and Forms 8-K upon request. A copy of the code of ethics is available on our website. Requests for these documents can be made by contacting our Investor Relations Department by mail at: 2511 Garden Road, Building A, Suite 200, Monterey, CA 93940, or by phone at: (831) 642-9300. Information contained in our website is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered a part of, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report includes forward-looking statements, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We may make forward-looking statements in our SEC filings, press releases, news articles, earnings presentations and when we are speaking on behalf of the Company. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not strictly relate to historical or current facts. Often, they include the words "believe," "expect," "target," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "seek," "estimate," "potential," "project," "scheduled," "forecast" or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," "might," or "may."

Forward-looking statements in this annual report, for example, include statements about the following subjects, among other things:

- Our business objectives, strategies and initiatives, the growth of our business and our competitive position and prospects;
- Our assessment of significant economic, financial, political and other factors and developments that may affect our results, including currency risks;
- Our assessment of the aluminum market, aluminum prices, aluminum financing, inventories and warehousing arrangements and other similar matters;
- Aluminum prices and their effect on our financial position and results of operations;
- Future construction investment and development of our facility in Helguvik, Iceland and with respect to the Century Vlissingen project, including our discussions regarding power purchase agreements, future capital expenditures, the costs of completion or cancellation, production capacity and the sources of funding for the facility;
- Our hedging and other strategies to mitigate risk and their potential effects;
- Our curtailed operations, including the potential restart of curtailed operations at Ravenswood, and potential curtailment of other domestic assets;
- Our procurement of electricity, alumina, carbon products and other materials and our assessment of pricing and other terms relating thereto including the potential benefits of the amended Santee Cooper Service Agreement and the potential benefits to be provided to Grundartangi and our planned Helguvik smelter from the recent purchase by Century Vlissingen of carbon anode production assets in the Netherlands;
- Our ability to access the wholesale power market for Hawesville or Ravenswood;

- Estimates of our pension and other postretirement liabilities and future payments, deferred income tax assets and property plant and equipment impairment, environmental liabilities and other contingent liabilities and contractual commitments;
- Our agreement in principle with the Century Aluminum of West Virginia ("CAWV") retirees and any contributions to a voluntary employee benefit association relating to that agreement;
- Changes in, or the elimination of, the retiree medical benefit plans and programs of certain of our subsidiaries and their effect on our financial position and results of operation;
- Discussions with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regarding our Ravenswood facility;
- Critical accounting policies and estimates, the impact or anticipated impact of recent accounting pronouncements or changes in accounting principle;
- Our anticipated tax liabilities, benefits or refunds;
- Our assessment of the ultimate outcome of outstanding litigation, including litigation with our former CEO, and environmental matters and liabilities relating thereto;
- Compliance with laws and regulations and the effect of future laws and regulations;
- Our capital resources, projected financing sources and projected uses of capital; and
- Our debt levels and intentions to incur or repay debt in the future, including the E.ON contingent obligation.

We believe the expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, based on information available to us on the date of this annual report. However, all forward-looking statements are subject to many risks and uncertainties, including those described under Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and we cannot guarantee our future performance or results of operations, and you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures we make in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual report on Form 10-K and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. See Item 1, "Business – Available Information."

#### Overview

We produce primary aluminum. Aluminum is an internationally traded commodity, and its price is effectively determined on the London Metal Exchange (the "LME"). Our primary aluminum facilities produce standard grade and value-added primary aluminum products. Our current primary aluminum rated production capacity is 785,000 metric tons per year ("mtpy"), of which approximately 170,000 mtpy remained curtailed as of December 31, 2012. We produced approximately 647,000 metric tons of primary aluminum in 2012.

Our primary aluminum capacity includes our facility in Grundartangi, Iceland ("Grundartangi") with rated capacity of 260,000 mtpy; our facility in Hawesville, Kentucky ("Hawesville") with rated capacity of 244,000 mtpy; a 49.7% interest in a facility in Mt. Holly, South Carolina ("Mt. Holly") that provides us with rated capacity of 111,000 mtpy; and our facility in Ravenswood, West Virginia ("Ravenswood"), currently curtailed, with rated capacity of 170,000 mtpy. We are constructing a primary aluminum facility in Helguvik, Iceland (the "Helguvik project") which is currently contemplated to have a rated capacity of up to 360,000 mtpy.

In addition to our primary aluminum assets, we own other facilities at which we produce key operating supplies for the aluminum smelting process. In 2012, Century Aluminum Vliissingen B.V. ("Century Vliissingen") purchased substantially all of the assets of the idled former Zeeland Aluminum Company ("Zalco") anode production facility located in Vliissingen, the Netherlands. Century Vliissingen is expected to restart approximately 75,000 metric tons of annual anode production capacity in late 2013, and ultimately reach an annual anode production capacity of 145,000 metric tons. We also have a 40% stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. ("BHH"), a carbon anode and cathode facility located in Guangxi Zhuang, China. The BHH facility has an annual anode production capacity of up to 180,000 mtpy and an annual graphitization capacity of up to 20,000 mtpy and supplies a portion of the anodes used in our Grundartangi facility.

We have continued investing in the Helguvik project. During 2012, project activity and spending remained at modest levels. We plan to restart major construction activity if we are able to successfully resolve ongoing discussions with the contracted power suppliers for the project. See "Electrical Power Supply Agreements."

## Strategic Objectives

Our strategic objectives are to: (a) optimize our existing assets by managing costs and improving safety, productivity and efficiency; (b) expand our primary aluminum business by constructing, investing in or acquiring additional capacity that offers favorable returns; and (c) pursue upstream opportunities in bauxite mining, alumina refining and the production of other key operating supplies.

### Primary Aluminum Facilities:

Facility	Location	Operational	Rated Capacity (mtpy) (4)	Ownership Percentage
Grundartangi (1)	Grundartangi, Iceland	1998	260,000	100%
Hawesville	Hawesville, Kentucky, USA	1970	244,000	100%
Ravenswood (2)	Ravenswood, West Virginia, USA	1957	170,000	100%
Mt. Holly (3)	Mt. Holly, South Carolina, USA	1980	224,000	49.7%

- (1) In 2012, Grundartangi started a four year \$65 million expansion project that is expected to increase production capacity by approximately 40,000 mtpy.
- (2) In February 2009, we curtailed all operations at the Ravenswood facility. We may in the future restart the curtailed operations upon the realization of several objectives, including an acceptable arrangement for electric power and a new labor agreement.
- (3) Alcoa holds the remaining 50.3% ownership interest and is the operator. Century's share of Mt. Holly's rated capacity is approximately 111,000 mtpy.
- (4) The rated capacity refers to the rated capacity of the technology used in the construction of the facility. The actual production capacity of a facility may significantly exceed the rated capacity through production efficiencies, increased amperage and other similar measures.

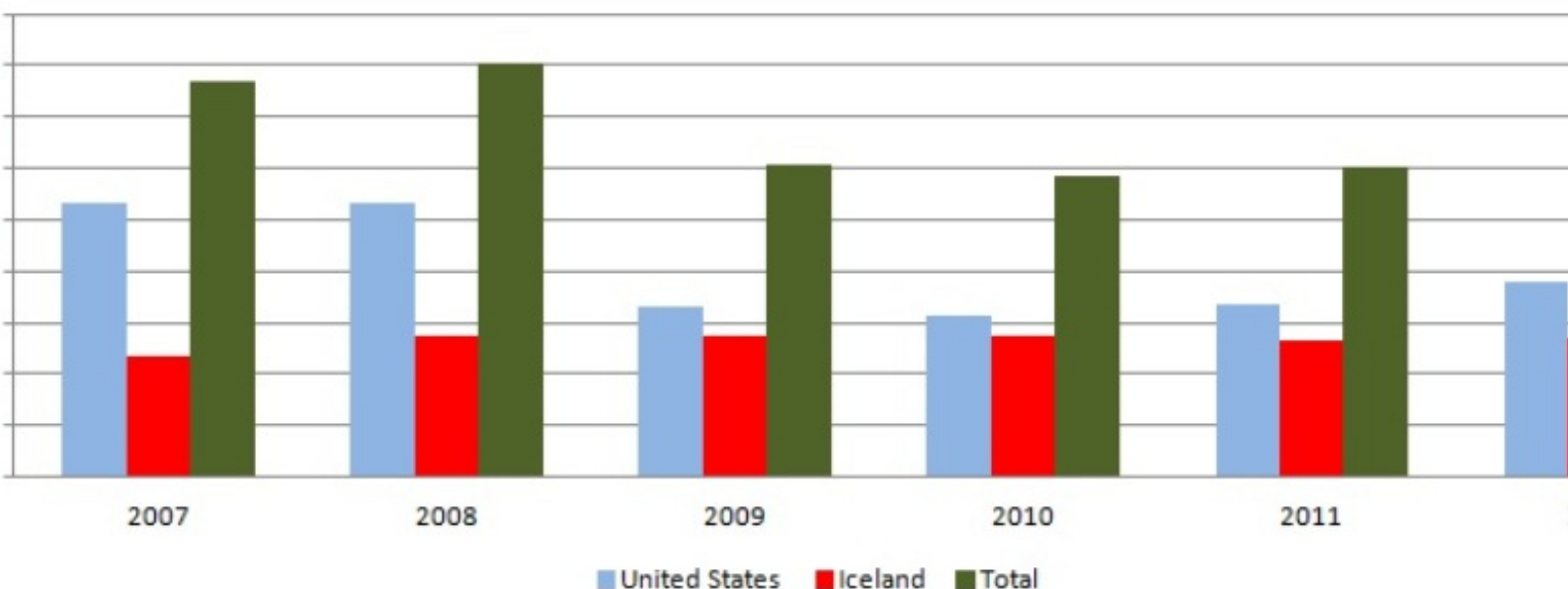
### Carbon Anode Facilities:

Facility	Location	Type	Capacity	Ownership Percentage
Century Vlissingen (1)	Vlissingen, the Netherlands	Carbon anodes	Currently idled	100%
Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd (2)	Guangxi Zhuang, China	Carbon anode, cathode and graphitized products	180,000 mtpy anode; 20,000 mtpy cathode/graphitized products	40%

- (1) Century Vlissingen is currently idled. We expect to restart production in late 2013. Upon restart, the initial production capacity is expected to be 75,000 metric tons of annual anode production with plans to increase to 145,000 metric tons by late 2015 upon completion of further capital projects.
- (2) Guangxi Qiangqiang Carbon Co., Ltd. holds the remaining 60% ownership interest and is the operator of this facility.

The following table shows our primary aluminum shipment volumes since 2007.

## Century's Primary Aluminum Shipments



### Recent Developments

Information on our recent developments is available in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included herein.

### Competition

The market for primary aluminum is global, and demand for aluminum varies widely from region to region. We compete with U.S. and international companies in the aluminum industry primarily in the areas of price, quality and service. In addition, aluminum competes with materials such as steel, copper, carbon fiber, composites, plastic and glass, each of which may be substituted for aluminum in certain applications.

Our Hawesville plant is located adjacent to its largest customer. This location allows Hawesville to deliver a portion of its production in molten form, at a cost savings to both parties, providing a competitive advantage over other potential suppliers. We believe that Hawesville also has a competitive advantage in that it currently is the largest producer of high purity aluminum in North America. For additional information, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors – We may be unable to continue to compete successfully in the highly competitive markets in which we operate."

### Customer Base

In 2012, we derived approximately 85% of our consolidated sales from our three major customers: Glencore International (together with its subsidiaries, "Glencore"), Southwire Company ("Southwire"), and BHP Billiton. Additional information about the revenues and percentage of sales to these major customers is available in [Note 20 Business Segments](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein. We currently have long-term primary aluminum sales or tolling contracts with each of these customers. More information about these contracts is available under "Forward Physical Delivery Agreements" in [Note 16 Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein.

### Financial Information about Segments and Geographic Areas

We operate in one reportable segment, primary aluminum. Additional information about our primary aluminum segment and certain geographic information is available in [Note 20 Business Segments](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein. For a description of certain risks attendant to our operations, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

## Energy, Key Supplies and Raw Materials

We consume the following key supplies and raw materials in the primary aluminum reduction process:

- electricity
- alumina
- aluminum fluoride
- carbon anodes
- cathode blocks
- natural gas
- liquid pitch
- calcined petroleum coke
- silicon carbide

Electrical power, alumina, carbon anodes and labor are the principal components of cost of goods sold. These components together represented over 80% of our 2012 cost of goods sold. We have long-term contracts to attempt to ensure the future availability of many of our cost components. For a description of certain risks attendant to our raw material supplies and labor, see Item 1A, “Risk Factors.”

### Supply Contracts

#### Alumina Supply Agreements

A summary of our alumina supply agreements is provided below. Grundartangi receives a portion of its alumina under alumina supply agreements, but this facility primarily tolls alumina provided by BHP Billiton and Glencore into primary aluminum. See [Note 16 Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein for more information on the tolling agreements.

In 2012, approximately 15,000 metric tons of primary aluminum were produced at Grundartangi outside of such toll agreements.

Facility	Supplier	Term	Pricing
Mt. Holly	Trafigura AG	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, LME-based
Hawesville	Glencore	Through December 31, 2014	Variable, LME-based
Grundartangi	Glencore	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, LME-based

#### Electrical Power Supply Agreements

We use significant amounts of electricity in the aluminum production process. A summary of our long-term power supply agreements is provided below.

Facility	Supplier	Term	Pricing
Ravenswood (1)	Appalachian Power Company	Evergreen	Based on published tariff
Mt. Holly (2)	South Carolina Public Service Authority	Through December 31, 2015	Fixed price, with fuel cost adjustment clause
Hawesville (3) (4)	Kenergy	Through December 31, 2023	Cost-based
Grundartangi (5)	Landsvirkjun	Through 2019 – 2036	Variable rate based on the LME price for primary aluminum
	Orkuveita Reykjavíkur (“OR”)		
	HS Orka hf (“HS”)		
Helguvik (5)(6)	OR	Approximately 25 years from the	Variable rate based on the LME price for primary aluminum
	HS	dates of each phase of power	
		delivery under the respective power	
		agreements	

- (1) All operations at the Ravenswood facility are presently curtailed. Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") supplies all of Ravenswood's power requirements. Effective January 2013, Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. entered into a contract with APCo to provide electrical power at prices based on the applicable tariff rates. The contract has an initial term of 12 months, and will continue thereafter until terminated upon 12 months notice given by either party.
- (2) Effective June 1, 2012, Mt. Holly and South Carolina Public Service Authority ("Santee Cooper") amended the terms of Mt. Holly's power agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its supplemental power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015.
- (3) Century Aluminum of Kentucky, our wholly owned subsidiary ("CAKY") entered into an arrangement (the "Big Rivers Agreement") to provide power for Hawesville's full production capacity requirements (approximately 482 megawatts ("MW")) with pricing based on the provider's cost of production. The Big Rivers Agreement is take-or-pay for Hawesville's energy requirements at full production. Under the terms of the Big Rivers Agreement, any power not consumed by Hawesville will be made available for sale and we will receive credits for actual power sales up to our cost for that power.
- (4) In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Kenergy, a member cooperative of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), for Hawesville. During the 12-month notice period, we will be required to pay a demand charge for power, but we are not obligated to continue operating the plant. We believe that the contract price Hawesville pays for electric power under the Big Rivers Agreement is among the highest rates for smelters in the U.S. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to access the wholesale market for power.
- (5) The first stage of power under the Helguvik power supply agreement with OR (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011. This power is currently being used at Grundartangi. In 2012, Nordural Grundartangi entered into a new supplemental power contract with Landsvirkjun. The supplemental power contract, which will expire in October 2029 (or upon the occurrence of certain earlier events), will provide Nordural Grundartangi with supplemental power, as Nordural Grundartangi may request from time to time, at LME-based variable rates. Nordural Grundartangi has agreed to make certain prepayments to Landsvirkjun in connection with the contract, which will reduce the price paid for power at the time of consumption.
- (6) HS and OR have alleged that certain conditions for the delivery of power under the Helguvik power supply agreements have not yet been satisfied. We are in discussions with HS and OR with respect to the satisfaction of these conditions. See "—Primary Aluminum Facilities — Helguvik project — Power Supply Agreements" and Item 1A, "Risk Factors — If we are unable to procure a reliable source of power, the Helguvik project may not be feasible."

#### Labor Agreements

Our labor costs at Ravenswood and Hawesville are subject to the terms of labor contracts with the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USWA") which generally have provisions for annual fixed increases in hourly wages and benefits adjustments. The five labor unions represented at Grundartangi operate under a labor contract that establishes wages and work rules for covered employees. The employees at Mt. Holly are employed by Alcoa and are not unionized. A summary of key labor agreements is provided below.

Facility	Organization	Term
Hawesville	USWA	Through March 31, 2015
Ravenswood	USWA	Expired August 31, 2010
Grundartangi	Icelandic labor unions	Through December 31, 2014



## Pricing

Our operating results are highly sensitive to changes in the price of primary aluminum and the value of regional premiums, as well as the cost of electrical power, raw materials and supplies used in production. As a result, from time to time, we assess the appropriateness of mitigating the effects of fluctuations in these items through the use of various fixed-price commitments and financial instruments. We purchase alumina for all of our facilities and electrical power at Grundartangi at prices indexed to the price of primary aluminum; this mechanism provides a “natural hedge” in the pricing of some of our largest production costs. In addition, in recent years, we have purchased primary aluminum put option contracts to protect our downside price risk exposure for a significant portion of our domestic production. We hold no such option contracts today.

Generally, we price our products at an indexed or “market” price, in which the customer pays an agreed-upon premium over the LME price or other market indices.

Grundartangi derives most of its revenues from tolling arrangements whereby it converts alumina provided by its customers into primary aluminum for a fee based on the LME price for primary aluminum. Grundartangi's revenues are subject to market price risk associated with the LME price for primary aluminum; however, because Grundartangi tolls alumina for its customers, it is not exposed to fluctuations in the price of alumina for its tolling production. Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the European Union (“EU”) import duty for primary aluminum. Any decreases in the EU import duty could have a negative impact on Grundartangi's revenues.

## Primary Aluminum Facilities

### Grundartangi

The Grundartangi facility, located in Grundartangi, Iceland, is owned and operated by our subsidiary, Nordural Grundartangi ehf. Grundartangi is our most modern and lowest cost facility. Operations began in 1998 and production capacity has expanded to its current annual rated production capacity of 260,000 mtpy. In 2012, Grundartangi produced approximately 284,000 metric tons of primary aluminum, nine percent above its rated production capacity.

Grundartangi operates under various long-term agreements with the Government of Iceland, local municipalities, and Faxaflóahafnir sf (which operates the harbor at Grundartangi and is jointly owned by several municipalities). These agreements include: (a) an investment agreement that establishes Grundartangi's tax status and the Government's obligations to grant certain permits; (b) a reduction plant site agreement by which Grundartangi leases the property; and (c) a harbor agreement by which Grundartangi is granted access to the port at Grundartangi through 2020, subject to renewal at its option.

**Tolling Agreements.** Grundartangi has long-term tolling agreements for most of its production capacity with BHP Billiton and Glencore. The tolling counterparties provide alumina and receive primary aluminum in return for tolling fees that are based on the LME price of primary aluminum. See [Note 16 Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments](#) in the consolidated financial statements included herein for more information about these agreements.

**Direct Sales.** In 2012, Grundartangi produced approximately 15,000 metric tons of primary aluminum outside of the tolling agreements, using alumina purchased under an alumina supply agreement with Glencore.

**Power.** Grundartangi purchases power from Landsvirkjun, HS and OR under various long-term contracts due to expire between 2019 and 2036. The power delivered to Grundartangi is priced at rates based on the LME price for primary aluminum and is produced from hydroelectric and geothermal sources. In 2012, Nordural Grundartangi entered into a new supplemental power contract with Landsvirkjun. Under the supplemental power contract, Nordural Grundartangi may request supplemental power from time to time, at LME-based variable rates. Nordural Grundartangi has agreed to make certain prepayments to Landsvirkjun in connection with the contract, which will reduce the price paid for power at the time of consumption.

**Employees.** Our employees at Grundartangi are represented by five labor unions that operate under a labor contract through December 31, 2014. See “Supply Contracts – Labor Agreements” above.

### Hawesville

Hawesville is owned and operated by CAKY. Hawesville is located adjacent to the Ohio River near Hawesville, Kentucky and began operations in 1970. Hawesville has five reduction potlines with an annual rated production capacity of 244,000 metric tons.

Four of Hawesville's potlines are specially configured and operated to produce high purity primary aluminum and have an annual rated production capacity of approximately 195,000 metric tons, making it the largest producer of high purity primary aluminum in North America. The average purity level of primary aluminum produced by these potlines is 99.9%, compared to standard-purity aluminum which is approximately 99.7%. High purity primary aluminum is sold at a premium to standard-purity aluminum. Hawesville's specially configured facility provides the high-conductivity metal required by Hawesville's largest customer, Southwire, for its electrical wire and cable products as well as for certain aerospace applications.

**Metal Sales Agreement.** Hawesville has an aluminum sales contract with Southwire (the "Southwire Metal Agreement"). The Southwire Metal Agreement extends through December 2013. The price for molten aluminum delivered to Southwire is variable and is determined by reference to the U.S. Midwest Market Price. Under the contract, Hawesville supplies between 220 and 240 million pounds (approximately 100,000 to 109,000 metric tons) of high-conductivity molten aluminum annually to Southwire's adjacent wire and cable manufacturing facility. In addition, we have contracted with Glencore to sell to Glencore all primary aluminum we produce in the U.S., less existing agreements and high purity sales, through December 2013 (the "Glencore Sweep Agreement"). The Glencore Sweep Agreement provides for variable pricing determined by reference to the U.S. Midwest Market Price. More information on the Southwire Metal Agreement and Glencore Sweep Agreement is available under "Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts" in [Note 16 Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein.

**Alumina.** Hawesville receives its alumina supply from Glencore under our long-term alumina purchase agreement.

**Power.** Kenergy, a member cooperative of Big Rivers, provides Hawesville's electrical power under the Big Rivers Agreement. The Big Rivers Agreement provides for long-term cost-based power through December 31, 2023.

In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Kenergy for Hawesville. During the 12-month notice period, we will be required to pay a demand charge for power, but we are not obligated to continue operating the plant. We believe that the contract price Hawesville pays for electric power under the Big Rivers Agreement is among the highest rates for smelters in the U.S. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to access the wholesale market for power. See Item 1A Risk Factors, "If we are unable to negotiate for an alternative source of power, we may close the facility." See "Supply Contracts – Electrical Power Supply Agreements" above for additional information.

CAKY has a contingent obligation to repay E.ON related to the unwind of a previous power agreement, subject to certain conditions. See [Note 6 Debt](#) in the consolidated financial statements included herein for additional information about the contingent obligation.

**Employees.** The bargaining unit employees at Hawesville are represented by the USWA. The collective bargaining agreement, which covers all of the represented hourly employees at Hawesville, expires in March 2015.

#### Mt. Holly

Mt. Holly, located in Mt. Holly, South Carolina, was built in 1980 and is the most recently constructed aluminum reduction facility in the United States. The facility consists of two potlines with a total rated production capacity of 224,000 mtpy and casting equipment used to cast molten aluminum into standard-grade ingot, extrusion billet and other value-added primary aluminum products. Value-added primary aluminum products are sold at a premium to standard-grade primary aluminum. Our 49.7% interest represents approximately 111,000 mtpy of the facility's annual rated production capacity.

Our interest in Mt. Holly is held through our subsidiary, Berkeley Aluminum ("Berkeley"). Under the Mt. Holly ownership structure, we hold an undivided 49.7% interest in the property, plant and equipment comprising the aluminum reduction operations at Mt. Holly and an equivalent share in the general partnership responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility. Alcoa owns the remaining 50.3% interest in Mt. Holly and an equivalent share of the operating partnership. Under the terms of the operating partnership, Alcoa is responsible for operating and maintaining the facility. Each owner supplies its own alumina for conversion to primary aluminum and is responsible for its proportionate share of operational and maintenance costs.

**Metal Sales Agreements.** We have a contract to sell to Glencore 20,400 mtpy of primary aluminum through December 31, 2013, produced at Mt. Holly or Hawesville at a price determined by reference to the U.S. Midwest Market Price, subject to an agreed cap and floor as applied to the U.S. Midwest Premium (the "Glencore Metal Agreement"). Under the Glencore Sweep Agreement, any additional primary aluminum produced in the U.S. (including Mt. Holly), less existing agreements and value added sales, will be sold to Glencore at variable pricing determined by reference to the U.S. Midwest Market Price. More information on the Glencore Metal Agreement and Glencore Sweep Agreement is available under "Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts" in [Note 16 Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein.

**Alumina.** Substantially all of our alumina requirements for Mt. Holly are provided by Trafigura AG under an agreement that extends through 2013. The pricing for alumina under our contract with Trafigura is variable and based on the LME price for primary aluminum.

**Power.** Mt. Holly purchases all of its power requirements from Santee Cooper under a take-or-pay service agreement that runs through 2015.

Effective June 1, 2012, Mt. Holly and Santee Cooper amended the terms of Mt. Holly's power agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its Supplemental Power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015. See "Supply Contracts – Electrical Power Supply Agreements" above for additional information.

**Employees.** The employees at Mt. Holly are employed by Alcoa and are not unionized.

#### Ravenswood

The Ravenswood facility is owned and operated by our subsidiary, Century Aluminum of West Virginia. Built in 1957, Ravenswood has four potlines with a production capacity of 170,000 metric tons. The facility is located adjacent to the Ohio River near Ravenswood, West Virginia.

In February 2009, we conducted an orderly curtailment of the plant operations at Ravenswood. We may restart the curtailed operations upon the realization of several objectives, including a new power agreement that would provide for flexibility in Ravenswood's cost structure under adverse industry conditions as well as a new labor agreement.

Legislation has been passed in West Virginia that gives us the ability to enter into discussions with the public service commission and other applicable entities in regard to an enabling power contract for the curtailed plant. We have engaged in discussions with the utility and other stakeholders. Until those discussions have progressed further it is not possible to predict when or if a restart of the plant might occur.

**Power.** APCo supplies all of Ravenswood's power requirements under an agreement at prices set forth in published tariffs. See "Supply Contracts – Electrical Power Supply Agreements" above for additional information.

**Employees.** The bargaining unit employees at Ravenswood represented by the USWA were under a labor agreement that expired in August 2010.

**Amendments to retiree medical benefits.** As of January 1, 2013, CAWV no longer provides retiree medical benefits to active salaried CAWV personnel or any other personnel who retired prior to October 1, 2012. CAWV has made no commitments as to the future status of retiree medical benefits for hourly personnel who are currently covered by an active medical program.

#### Helguvik project

The Helguvik project site is located approximately 30 miles from the city of Reykjavik, Iceland and is owned and would be operated through our Nordural Helguvik subsidiary.

We commenced construction of the Helguvik project in June 2008. We significantly reduced construction activity and spending on the project in late 2008 in response to the global financial crisis and deterioration of Icelandic economic and political conditions. Construction activity and spending on the project remains significantly curtailed pending confirmation from the contracted power suppliers that they will be able to deliver the required power per an agreed schedule. See “Long-term Supply Contracts – Electrical Power Supply Agreements.” We are working to complete the activities required for a full restart of construction activity at Helguvik as soon as we have resolution of the power supply issues. Capitalized costs for the project through December 31, 2012 were approximately \$146 million, with approximately \$7 million incurred during 2012. See Item 1A, “Risk Factors – Construction at our Helguvik smelter site has been significantly curtailed. Substantial delay in the completion of this project may increase its cost, subject us to losses and impose other risks to completion that are not foreseeable at this time” and “If we are unable to procure a reliable source of power, the Helguvik project may not be feasible.”

**Power Supply Agreements.** Nordural Helguvik has signed electrical power supply agreements with HS and OR to supply power to the Helguvik smelter. Each of HS and OR have alleged that certain conditions to the delivery of power under the power supply agreements have not been satisfied. The first stage of power under the OR power purchase agreement (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011. This power is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. No other power is currently available under either power purchase agreement.

**Helguvik Investment Agreement.** An Enabling Act for an Investment Agreement with the Government of Iceland for Helguvik, which governs certain meaningful aspects of the project such as the fiscal regime, was approved in April 2009 by the Icelandic Parliament. In July 2009, the European Surveillance Authority approved the Investment Agreement and in August 2009 Nordural Helguvik ehf and the Icelandic Minister of Industry executed the agreement. Among other things, the Investment Agreement includes a commitment by the Government of Iceland to assist us in obtaining necessary regulatory approvals for completion of the Helguvik project.

**Environmental Impact Assessment.** In October 2007, Nordural received a positive opinion from the Icelandic Planning Agency on the Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) for the proposed Helguvik smelter.

**Transmission Agreement.** Nordural Helguvik has entered into a transmission agreement with Landsnet hf (“Landsnet”) to provide an electrical power transmission system to the Helguvik project. Landsnet is the company responsible for operating and managing Iceland’s transmission system. As a result of delays in construction of the Helguvik project, the parties are currently in discussions with respect to the timeline for construction of the transmission system.

**Operating License.** In September 2008, the Environmental Agency of Iceland issued an Operating License for the Helguvik smelter project. The license authorizes production of up to 250,000 mtpy.

**Other agreements.** We have also entered into a site and harbor agreement, as well as technology and equipment supply agreements with respect to the Helguvik project.

#### Carbon Products Facilities

##### Century Vlissingen

In June 2012, our wholly owned subsidiary, Century Vlissingen purchased substantially all of the assets of the former Zalco anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands for approximately \$12.5 million. In connection with the purchase, we entered into a ground lease with respect to the facility that is renewable at our option. Century Vlissingen did not assume, and is indemnified against, historical liabilities of the facility.

The anode production facility, which was curtailed by Zalco in December 2011, will require significant capital investment to comply with environmental regulations and optimize anode production for our customers, including our smelter in Grundartangi, Iceland (“Grundartangi”) and the planned Helguvik smelter.

Century Vlissingen is expected to restart approximately 75,000 metric tons of annual anode production capacity in late 2013, and ultimately reach an annual anode production capacity of 145,000 metric tons upon completion of the restart of two anode baking furnaces and various capital projects.

Baise Haohai Carbon Company, Ltd.

We have a joint venture agreement with a 40% stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. (“BHH”), a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. The BHH facility has an anode production capacity of 180,000 mtpy and a cathode baking and graphitization capacity of 20,000 mtpy. Construction of the facility was completed in 2008.

Our investment in the joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting with results of operations reported on a one-quarter lag.

Anode agreement. BHH provides anodes to Grundartangi under a long-term agreement through 2014, renewable through December 31, 2017.

#### Environmental Matters

We are subject to various environmental laws and regulations both in the U.S. and in other countries. We have spent, and expect to spend, significant amounts for compliance with those laws and regulations. In addition, some of our past manufacturing activities have resulted in environmental consequences that require remedial measures. Under certain environmental laws, which may impose liability regardless of fault, we may be liable for the costs of remediation of contaminated property, including our current and formerly owned or operated properties or adjacent areas, or for the amelioration of damage to natural resources. We believe, based on currently available information, that our current environmental liabilities are not likely to have a material adverse effect on Century. However, we cannot predict the requirements of future environmental laws and future requirements at current or formerly owned or operated properties or adjacent areas or the outcome of certain existing litigation to which we are a party. Such future requirements or events may result in unanticipated costs or liabilities that may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. More information concerning our environmental contingencies can be found in Item 3, “Legal Proceedings” and in [Note 15 Commitments and contingencies](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein.

#### Intellectual Property

We own or have rights to use a number of patents or patent applications relating to various aspects of our operations. We do not consider our business to be materially dependent on any of these patents or patent applications.

#### Employees

As of December 31, 2012, we employed approximately 1,300 employees.

#### Disclosure Pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction & Syria Human Rights Act

Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (“ITRA”), effective August 10, 2012, added a new subsection (r) to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, which requires issuers that file periodic reports with the SEC to disclose in their annual and quarterly reports whether, during the reporting period, they or any of their “affiliates” (as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act) have knowingly engaged in specified activities or transactions relating to Iran, including activities not prohibited by U.S. law and conducted outside the U.S. by non-U.S. affiliates in compliance with applicable laws. Issuers must also file a notice with the SEC if any disclosable activities under ITRA have been included in an annual or quarterly report.

Because the SEC defines the term “affiliate” broadly, our largest stockholder may be considered an affiliate of the Company despite the fact that the Company has no control over its actions or the actions of its affiliates. As such, pursuant to Section 13(r)(1)(D)(iii) of the Exchange Act, the Company hereby discloses the following information provided by our largest stockholder regarding transactions or dealings with entities controlled by the Government of Iran (“GOI”):

During 2012, non-U.S. affiliates of the largest stockholder of the Company (“Stockholder Affiliates”) entered into sales contracts for wheat and coal as well as sale and purchase contracts for metal oxides and metals with Iranian entities, which are either fully or majority owned by the GOI. The GOI is in the process of privatizing some of these entities. All transactions were conducted in compliance with applicable sanction laws and, where required, with the necessary prior approvals by the relevant governmental authorities.

The gross revenue of the non-U.S. Stockholder Affiliates related to these transactions did not exceed the value of \$659 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012. This figure includes the gross revenue of goods sold in 2012 but purchased in previous years. The non-U.S. Stockholder Affiliates do not allocate net profit on a country-by-country or activity-by-activity basis, but estimate that the net profit attributable to the transactions with the GOI would not exceed a small fraction of the gross revenue from such transactions. It is not possible to determine accurately the precise net profit attributable to these transactions.

The non-U.S. Stockholder Affiliates believe that these transactions disclosed above do not constitute violations of applicable sanctions laws administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, and are not the subject of any enforcement actions under Iran sanction laws.

In accordance with applicable U.S. and foreign sanctions laws, the non-U.S. Stockholder Affiliates expect to continue to engage in similar activities in the future.

Century and its global subsidiaries had no transactions or activities requiring disclosure under ITRA, nor were we involved in the transactions described in this section. As of the date of this report, the Company is not aware of any other activity, transaction or dealing by it or any of its affiliates during the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 that requires disclosure in this report under Section 13(r) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following describes certain of the risks and uncertainties we face that could cause our future results to differ materially from our current results and from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements. These risk factors should be considered together with the other risks and uncertainties described in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and elsewhere herein. This list of significant risk factors is not all-inclusive or necessarily in order of importance.

The cyclical nature of the aluminum industry causes variability in our earnings and cash flows.

Our operating results depend on the market for primary aluminum, which is a highly cyclical commodity with prices that are affected by global demand and supply, political and economic conditions and other related factors. For example, aluminum warehouse inventory levels are at historically high levels, which may cause primary aluminum prices to fall as such inventory enters the market. Historically, aluminum prices have been volatile, and we expect such volatility to continue. Cash aluminum price, as quoted on the LME, averaged approximately \$2,020 per metric ton in 2012; this level is below the average price of approximately \$2,290 per metric ton for the previous five years.

Declines in primary aluminum prices reduce our earnings and cash flows. If the price we realize for our products falls below our cost of production, we may choose or be forced to curtail operations to fund our operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to take actions necessary to curtail operations, if these steps are required. Future downturns in aluminum prices may significantly reduce the amount of cash available to meet our obligations and fund our long-term business strategies and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial conditions, results of operations and liquidity.

Disruptions to, or changes in the terms of our raw material and electricity supply arrangements could increase our production costs.

Our business depends upon the adequate supply of alumina, electricity, aluminum fluoride, calcined petroleum coke, pitch, finished carbon anodes and cathodes and other materials at competitive prices. Disruptions to the supply of these production inputs could occur for a variety of reasons, including disruptions of production at a particular supplier's facility or power plant. For some of these production inputs, such as power and anode supply, we rely on a single or limited number of suppliers. Many of our supply agreements expire in the next few years. We can provide no assurance that we will be able to renew such agreements at commercially favorable terms, if at all. We have notified the power supplier to our Hawesville facility of our intention to terminate the power contract for the facility, and are currently in disputes or negotiations with certain of the power providers to our Icelandic facilities.

Any disruption may require us to purchase these products on the spot market on less favorable terms than under our current agreements due to the limited number of suppliers of these products or other market conditions. In some instances, we may be unable to secure alternative supply of these resources. In addition, we may not be able to obtain alumina in the future at prices that are based on the LME. Because we sell our products based on the LME price for primary aluminum, we would not be able to pass on any increased costs of raw material that are not linked to the LME price to our customers. A disruption in our materials or electricity supply may adversely affect our operating results if we are unable to secure alternate supplies of materials or electrical power at comparable prices.

Certain of our alumina and electricity supply contracts contain “take-or-pay” obligations.

We have obligations under certain contracts to take-or-pay for specified quantities of alumina and electricity over the term of those contracts regardless of our operating requirements. Our financial position and results of operations may therefore be adversely affected by the market price for alumina and electric power even if we were to curtail unprofitable production capacity (or delay construction of new capacity) as we will continue to incur costs under these contracts to meet or settle our contractual take-or-pay obligations. If we were unable to use such electrical power or raw materials in our operations or sell them at prices consistent with or greater than our contract costs, we could incur significant losses under these contracts. In addition, these commitments may also limit our ability to take advantage of favorable changes in the market prices for electricity or raw materials and may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

Increases in electricity costs adversely affect our business.

Electricity represents our single largest operating cost. As a result, the availability of electricity at economic prices is critical to the profitability of our operations. Portions of the contracted cost of the electricity supplied to Mt. Holly and all of Hawesville’s electricity costs vary with the supplier’s costs. An increase in these costs would increase the price these facilities pay for electricity. Costs under the Hawesville electricity contract have substantially increased in recent years with rising fuel prices and other factors. As these contracts have take-or-pay type provisions, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Hawesville and Mt. Holly may be adversely affected by the price for electric power even if we curtail unprofitable production capacity. Significant increases in electricity costs at any of our operations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. While natural gas based power facilities may provide lower priced alternatives to coal based power facilities, we may be unable to take advantage of such lower costs due to our existing power contracts.

Losses caused by disruptions in our supply of power would adversely affect our operations.

We use large amounts of electricity to produce primary aluminum. Any loss of power which reduces the amperage to our equipment or causes an equipment shutdown would result in a reduction in the volume of molten aluminum produced, and prolonged losses of power may result in the hardening or “freezing” of molten aluminum in the pots where it is produced, which could require an expensive and time consuming restart process. Interruptions in the supply of electrical power to our facilities can be caused by a number of circumstances, including unusually high demand, blackouts, equipment or transformer failure, human error, malicious acts, natural disasters or other catastrophic events. See “Unpredictable events, including natural disasters, dangerous weather conditions, terrorist attacks and political unrest, may adversely affect our ability to conduct business” below. At several of our facilities, an alternative supply of power in the event of a disruption may not be feasible. If such a condition were to occur, we may lose production for a prolonged period of time and incur significant losses.

We operate our plants at close to peak amperage. Accordingly, even partial failures of high voltage equipment could affect our production. We maintain property and business interruption insurance to mitigate losses resulting from catastrophic events, but are required to pay significant amounts under the deductible provisions of those insurance policies. In addition, the coverage under those policies may not be sufficient to cover all losses, or may not cover certain events. Certain of our insurance policies do not cover any losses that may be incurred if our suppliers are unable to provide power during periods of unusually high demand. Certain losses or prolonged interruptions in our operations may trigger a default under certain of our outstanding indebtedness and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

We have notified our power provider at Hawesville of our intention to terminate its power contract; if we are unable to successfully negotiate better power pricing, we might close the facility.

Our subsidiary, Century Aluminum of Kentucky, has issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Kenergy for the Hawesville smelter effective 2013. During the 12-month notice period, Century is required to pay a demand charge for power, but is not obligated to continue operating the plant. We believe that our Hawesville facility would be competitive globally but for the price it pays for electric power, which is among the highest such rates for smelters in the U.S. Under current economic conditions, we have determined that the smelter is not economically viable with this power rate and that we must obtain better power pricing to maintain its viability. Upon termination of our power contract, Century will be required to make alternative power arrangements to pay spot prices for power at the plant, which are subject to variability. In addition, Kenergy or other third parties may seek to challenge our ability to operate the plant under alternative power arrangements. If circumstances change, we may try to enter into a hedging arrangement with respect to power prices at the plant, which could be expensive and may require collateral. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain better pricing, in which case we may proceed with closing the facility. Such a closure would impose various costs on us that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

In addition, uncertainty regarding the future operation of the smelter may damage our relationship with our customers, suppliers, employees and other stakeholders, whether or not the smelter is ultimately curtailed for instance, due to the gradual nature of any curtailment, we may need to take actions to terminate customer and supply contracts, curtail individual potlines, or issue WARN notices to employees well in advance of the termination of the power contract. Customers and suppliers may also become unwilling to renew existing contracts or enter into new contracts with us. It may also become more difficult to attract and retain employees. Such actions and events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

International operations expose us to political, regulatory, currency and other related risks.

We receive a significant portion of our revenues from our international operations, primarily in Iceland. These operations expose us to risks, including unexpected changes in foreign laws and regulations, political and economic instability, challenges in managing foreign operations, increased costs to adapt our systems and practices to those used in foreign countries, taxes, export duties, currency restrictions, tariffs and other trade barriers, and the burdens of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws. Changes in foreign laws and regulations are generally beyond our ability to control, influence or predict and future adverse changes in these laws could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

In addition, we may be exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. As a result, an increase in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar could increase our operating expenses which are denominated and payable in those currencies. As we continue to explore other opportunities outside the U.S., including the expansion program at Grundartangi and the Helguvik project and the restart of the Vlissingen carbon production assets, our currency risk with respect to the Icelandic krona, the euro and other foreign currencies will significantly increase.

If economic, financial and political conditions in Iceland were to deteriorate, our financial position and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

Iceland is important to our business. Disruptions in Iceland's economic, financial and political systems have decreased the stability of Iceland's economy and financial markets and made cash management activities in Iceland more challenging. For example, the Icelandic government and the Central Bank of Iceland are restricting the transfer of funds into and outside of Iceland. While we are currently exempt from these foreign currency rules, we cannot control further actions by the Central Bank of Iceland which might restrict our ability to transfer funds through the Icelandic banking system and outside of Iceland. While we currently maintain essentially all of our Icelandic operating funds in accounts outside of Iceland, and are receiving substantially all of our customer payments in such accounts, a portion of our funds remain in the Icelandic banks to meet local working capital requirements. In addition, as payables become due in Iceland, we must transfer funds through the Icelandic banking system. If economic, financial or political conditions in Iceland deteriorate, or if counterparties and lenders become unwilling to engage in normal banking relations with and within Iceland, our ability to operate our Grundartangi smelter, including paying vendors, processing payroll and receiving payments, as well as our ability to complete the Helguvik project, could be adversely impacted, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.



Curtailment of unprofitable aluminum production at our U.S. facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Curtailing unprofitable production to reduce our operating costs requires us to incur substantial expense, both at the time of the curtailment and on an ongoing basis. Our facilities are subject to contractual and other fixed costs that continue even if we curtail operations at these facilities. These costs reduce the cost saving advantages of curtailing unprofitable aluminum production. Our subsidiary, CAKY, has issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract for the Hawesville smelter and may curtail operations if it is unable to negotiate satisfactory power pricing. See "We have notified our power provider at Hawesville of our intention to terminate its power contract; if we are unable to successfully negotiate better power pricing, we might close the facility" above.

If we are unable to realize the intended effects of any production curtailment, including at our currently curtailed Ravenswood facility, or if any production curtailment does not achieve sufficient reduction in operating expenses, we may have to seek bankruptcy protection for some or all of our U.S. subsidiaries and/or may be forced to divest some or all of our U.S. subsidiaries. If we were to seek bankruptcy protection for these subsidiaries, we would face additional risks. Such action could cause concern among our customers and suppliers generally, distract our management and our other employees and subject us to increased risks of lawsuits. Other negative consequences could include negative publicity, which could have a material negative impact on the trading price of our securities and negatively affect our ability to raise capital in the future.

Any curtailments of our U.S. operations, or actions taken to seek bankruptcy protection or divest some or all of our U.S. subsidiaries, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We require substantial resources to pay our operating expenses and fund our capital expenditures.

We require substantial resources to pay our operating expenses and fund our capital expenditures, including construction at our Helguvik smelter site and the expansion programs at our Grundartangi smelter and Vlissingen anode production facility. In addition, if we were to resume operations at our Ravenswood smelter, we would incur substantial capital expenditures, working capital funding and operating expenses. If we are unable to generate funds from our operations to pay our operating expenses and fund our capital expenditures and other obligations, our ability to continue to meet these cash requirements in the future could require substantial liquidity and access to sources of funds, including from capital and credit markets. Changes in U.S. and global economic conditions, including material cost increases and decreases in economic activity, and the success of plans to manage costs, inventory and other important elements of our business, may significantly impact our ability to generate funds from operations. If, among other factors, primary aluminum prices were to decline, our costs are higher than contemplated, we suffer unexpected production outages, or Icelandic laws change and either increase our tax obligations or limit our access to cash flow from our Icelandic operations, we would need to identify additional sources of liquidity.

If funding is not available when needed, or is available only on unacceptable terms, we may be unable to respond to competitive pressures, take advantage of market opportunities or fund operations, capital expenditure or other obligations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Construction at our Helguvik smelter site has been significantly curtailed. Substantial delay in the completion of this project may increase its cost, subject us to losses and impose other risks to completion that are not foreseeable at this time.

Nordural Helguvik ehf, our indirect, wholly owned subsidiary, has significantly curtailed construction activity and spending at our Helguvik project in response to the recent global economic conditions, Icelandic economic and political conditions and ongoing negotiations with the power companies contracted to provide power to the Helguvik project. See "If we are unable to procure a reliable source of power, the Helguvik project may not be feasible," and "If economic, financial and political conditions in Iceland were to deteriorate, our financial position and results of operations could be adversely impacted." Nordural Helguvik cannot be certain when or if it will restart major construction and engineering activities or ultimately complete the Helguvik project or, if completed, that the Helguvik smelter would operate in a profitable manner. We will not realize any return on our significant investment in the Helguvik project until we are able to commence Helguvik operations in a profitable manner. If we fail to achieve operations at Helguvik, we may have to recognize a loss on our investment, which would have a material adverse impact on our earnings.

Many of the contractual arrangements related to the Helguvik project have time periods for performance. The delay in restarting major construction and completing the Helguvik project has caused Nordural Helguvik to renegotiate and extend, or undertake to renegotiate and extend, existing contractual commitments, including with respect to power, transmission, technology, equipment and construction. There can be no assurance that the contractual arrangements and conditions, including extensions, necessary to proceed with construction of the Helguvik project will be obtained or satisfied on a timely basis or at all. In addition, such approvals or extensions may be subject to conditions that are unfavorable or make the project impracticable or less attractive from a financial standpoint. We may also become liable to some of our suppliers for damages relating to delays in the project. For instance, the first stage of power under one of the Helguvik power purchase agreements (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011 and we are obligated to take or pay for at least 85% of such power. This power is currently being utilized at Grundartangi, but the power providers to Grundartangi have disputed our ability to do so in an arbitration proceeding. If we are unable to utilize such power at Grundartangi, we may be subject to significant damages as a result.

Even if we receive the necessary approvals and extensions on terms that we determine are acceptable, the construction of this project is a complex undertaking. There can be no assurance that we will be able to complete the project within our projected budget and schedule. To successfully execute this project, in addition to procuring a reliable source of power, we will need to arrange additional financing and either enter into tolling arrangements or secure a supply of alumina as well as other materials. Furthermore, unforeseen technical difficulties could increase the cost of the project, delay the project or render the project infeasible.

We intend to finance our future capital expenditures from future capital raising, available cash and cash flow from operations. We may be unable to raise additional capital, or do so on attractive terms, due to a number of factors, including a lack of demand, poor economic conditions, interruptions in the capital markets, unfavorable interest rates or our financial condition or credit rating at the time. If additional capital resources are unavailable, we may further curtail construction and development activities.

Further delay in the completion of the project or increased costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

If we are unable to procure a reliable source of power, the Helguvik project may not be feasible.

The Helguvik project will require generation and transmission of a substantial amount of electricity to power the smelter. Nordural Helguvik has entered into agreements with two providers of geothermal power, HS and OR. Each of HS and OR has alleged that certain conditions to the delivery of power under the power agreements have not yet been satisfied. If we are unable to reach agreement with each of HS and OR, we may have to seek alternative sources of power, incur substantially increased power costs or further curtail construction activities of the Helguvik project. Due to the limited number of Icelandic power providers with resources sufficient to provide power to the Helguvik project (only three are currently in operation in Iceland), we may find it difficult or impossible to procure additional sources of power if HS and OR do not perform under their existing agreements and may be unable to complete construction of the smelter. If we agree to pay increased prices for power or substantially delay or are unable to complete the Helguvik project, we may have to recognize a substantial loss on our investment. Any failure to complete the Helguvik project, or any further delays in completing the project could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

The generation of the contracted power for the Helguvik project will also require successful development of new geothermal energy sources within designated areas in Iceland and completion of the necessary transmission infrastructure to service the Helguvik project. If there are construction delays or technical difficulties in developing these new geothermal energy sources or transmission infrastructure, power may be delayed or may not be available. Development of the generation and transmission infrastructure is expensive and requires significant resources from the power and transmission providers. Factors which could delay or impede the generation and transmission of electric power are substantially beyond our ability to control, influence or predict, including the power and transmission providers' ability to finance and obtain necessary permits, real property and other rights for the development of new geothermal energy sources and associated transmission infrastructure. In addition, if Nordural Helguvik is unable to proceed with the Helguvik project, it may incur significant reimbursement obligations for certain costs incurred by third party providers under transmission and other agreements entered into in connection with the Helguvik project and remain subject to significant power commitments already confirmed under its agreement with OR. If the power or transmission providers are unable to provide or transmit the contracted amounts of power, such failure could substantially delay or make the Helguvik project infeasible and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Union disputes could raise our production costs or impair our production operations.

The bargaining unit employees at our Grundartangi, Hawesville and Ravenswood smelters are represented by labor unions. If we fail to maintain satisfactory relations with any labor union representing our employees, our labor contracts may not prevent a strike or work stoppage at any of these facilities in the future. Any threatened or actual work stoppage in the future or inability to renegotiate our collective bargaining agreements could prevent or significantly impair our ability to conduct production operations at our unionized facilities, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We could be adversely affected by the loss of a major customer or changes in the business or financial condition of our major customers.

In 2012, we derived approximately 85% of our consolidated sales from our three major customers: Southwire, Glencore and BHP Billiton. We currently have long-term primary aluminum sales or tolling contracts with each of these customers. However, a significant downturn or further deterioration in the business or financial condition of one of these major customers could affect our results of operations. In addition, a loss of any of these customers or failure to renew one of these major contracts could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Our ability to access the credit and capital markets on acceptable terms may be limited due to our credit ratings, our financial condition or the deterioration of these markets.

Our credit rating was, and continues to be, adversely affected by unfavorable market and financial conditions, curtailment of our Ravenswood smelter and the substantial levels of our existing indebtedness. Our availability under our revolving credit facility is dependent on our domestic accounts receivable and inventory which secure the facility. Curtailment of production capacity at Ravenswood has reduced the amount of domestic accounts receivable and inventory available to secure this facility and further curtailments of domestic production capacity could further reduce availability under our revolving credit facility. Our existing credit ratings, or any future negative actions the credit agencies may take, could negatively affect our ability to access the credit and capital markets in the future and could lead to worsened trade terms, increasing our liquidity needs. In addition, approximately \$252 million of our existing debt under our 8.0% Notes and 7.5% Notes will become due in 2014. An inability to access capital and credit markets when needed in order to refinance our existing debt, raise new debt or equity or otherwise could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We may be unable to continue to compete successfully in the highly competitive markets in which we operate.

We are engaged in a highly competitive industry. Aluminum also competes with other materials, such as steel, copper, plastics, composite materials and glass, among others, for various applications. Many of our competitors are larger than us and have greater financial and technical resources than we do. These larger competitors may be better able to withstand reductions in price or other adverse industry or economic conditions. Similarly, competitors with superior cost positions to ours may be better able to withstand reductions in price or other adverse industry or economic conditions. If we are not able to compete successfully, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

Because we own less than a majority of some of our operating assets, we cannot exercise complete control over their operations.

We have limited control over the operation of some of our operating assets, including the Mt. Holly smelter and the BHH carbon anode and cathode facility, because we beneficially own less than a majority of the ownership interests in such assets. While we seek to exert as much influence with respect to the management and operation of such assets as possible, we are dependent on our co-owners to operate such assets. Our co-owners may not have the level of experience, technical expertise, human resource management and other attributes to operate these assets optimally. In addition, our co-owners may have interests, objectives and incentives with respect to such assets that differ from our own.

We require significant cash flow to meet our debt service requirements, which increases our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions, reduces cash available for other purposes and limits our operational flexibility.

As of December 31, 2012, we had an aggregate of approximately \$261 million principal amount of outstanding debt, \$252 million of which will become due in 2014. We may incur additional debt in the future.

The level of our debt could have important consequences, including:

- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- reducing cash flow available for other purposes, including capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends, working capital and other general corporate purposes, because a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to servicing our debt; and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, competitive and other changes in our business and the industry in which we operate.

We have various obligations to make payments in cash, including contractual commitments, pension funding, and certain contingent obligations, that will reduce the amount of cash available to make interest payments required on our outstanding debt and for other uses. Our industrial revenue bonds (“IRBs”) and any future borrowings on our credit facility are at variable interest rates, and future borrowings required to fund working capital at our businesses, construction of the Helguvik project, acquisitions, or other strategic opportunities may be at variable rates. An increase in interest rates would increase our debt service obligations under these instruments, further limiting cash flow available for other uses. In addition to our debt, we have liabilities and other obligations which could reduce cash available for other purposes and could limit our operational flexibility.

Our ability to pay interest on and to repay or refinance our debt and to satisfy other commitments will depend upon our access to additional sources of liquidity and future operating performance, which is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors, including market prices for primary aluminum, that are beyond our control. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay debt service obligations, refinance our existing debt or to fund our other liquidity needs. If we are unable to meet our debt service obligations or fund our other liquidity needs, we could attempt to restructure or refinance our debt or seek additional equity or debt capital. There can be no assurance that we would be able to accomplish those actions on satisfactory terms, or at all, and if we are unable to ultimately meet our debt service obligations and fund our other liquidity needs, it may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Despite our substantial level of debt, we may incur more debt, which could exacerbate any or all of the risks described above.

We may incur substantial additional debt in the future. Although the loan and security agreement governing our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing the 8.0% Senior Secured Notes due 2014 (the “8.0% Notes”) limits our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to incur additional debt, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions and, under certain circumstances, debt incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. For example, as of December 31, 2012, approximately \$50 million was available to us for borrowing under our revolving credit facility. In addition, the loan and security agreement governing our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing the 8.0% Notes do not prevent us from incurring certain obligations that do not constitute debt as defined in these agreements. To the extent that we incur additional debt or such other obligations, the risks associated with our substantial debt described above, including our possible inability to service our debt or other obligations, would increase.

We depend upon intercompany transfers from our subsidiaries to meet our debt service obligations.

We are a holding company and conduct all of our operations through our subsidiaries. Our ability to meet our debt service obligations depends upon the receipt of intercompany transfers from our subsidiaries. Subject to the restrictions contained in our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing our 8.0% Notes, future borrowings by our subsidiaries could contain restrictions or prohibitions on intercompany transfers by those subsidiaries. In addition, under applicable law, our subsidiaries could be limited in the amounts that they are permitted to pay as dividends on their capital stock. For example, the Icelandic government and the Central Bank of Iceland are currently restricting the free transfer of funds outside of Iceland. While we are currently exempt from these foreign currency rules, we cannot control further actions by the Central Bank of Iceland which might restrict our ability to transfer funds through the Icelandic banking system and outside of Iceland.

Future declines in the financial markets and/or our curtailment actions could have significant and adverse effects on our pension funding obligations.

We maintain two qualified defined benefit plans, and contribute to a third, on behalf of our employees. As a result of poor investment returns and historically low discount rates which result in higher pension liabilities, the benefit plans we maintain were underfunded as of December 31, 2012. If capital markets experience further significant losses, pension fund balances would likely fall and additional cash contributions to the pension funds will be required. Additionally, in June 2011, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") informed us that it believed that a "cessation of operations" under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") had occurred at our Ravenswood facility as a result of the curtailment of operations at the facility and requested that we engage in discussions with the PBGC relating thereto. While we do not believe a "cessation of operations" under ERISA has occurred, if such a determination is ultimately made by the PBGC, it may be necessary for CAWV to accelerate the timing of additional contributions to certain of its defined pension plans or post other collateral with the PBGC or negotiate an alternative agreement.

We may be required to write down the book value of certain assets.

We are required to perform various analyses related to the carrying value of various assets whenever events or circumstances indicate that their net carrying amount may not be recoverable. Given the recent lack of profitability of certain of our production facilities and recent global economic conditions, which in part drive assumptions for the future in such analyses, we could have significant adjustments in the carrying value for certain assets. For instance, if we do not eventually resume operations at Ravenswood, we may be required to recognize a loss related to all or a portion of the assets of this facility. In the future, we will continue to evaluate our assets for impairments and valuation allowance, which could be significant. Any such adjustments would be in the form of a non-cash charge which would reduce our earnings and reduce our balance of retained earnings. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Climate change, climate change legislation or regulations and greenhouse effects may adversely impact our operations.

Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions are the subject of significant attention in the countries in which we operate and a number of governments or governmental bodies in these countries have introduced or are contemplating legislative and regulatory change in response to the potential impacts of climate change. For example, as a member of the European Economic Area and a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol, Iceland has implemented legislation to abide by the Kyoto Protocol and prepare to abide by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament which establishes a "cap and trade" scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading. Because Iceland was granted emissions allowances under the Kyoto Protocol through 2012, Iceland has implemented Directive 2003/87/EC, and is complying with the Directive by participating in the EU Emission Trade Scheme (the "ETS") from January 1, 2013. Although we will receive approximately 90 % of needed carbon dioxide allowances for the Grundartangi smelter free of charge, the economic impact of implementing this system is not fully known as cost of allowances could rise and we cannot be certain that Helguvik will be granted free allowances if the project is completed.

In addition, we are aware of proposed U.S. legislation that if enacted, among other things, would implement a "cap and trade" system of allowances and credits in the United States or otherwise impose significant costs on us and our suppliers and customers.

Implementation of these potential regulatory changes or others is uncertain and may be either voluntary or legislated and may impact our operations directly or indirectly through customers or our supply chain. As a result of the foregoing, we may incur increased capital expenditures resulting from required compliance with such regulatory changes, increased energy costs, costs associated with a "cap and trade" system, increased insurance premiums and deductibles, a change in competitive position relative to industry peers and changes to profit or loss arising from increased or decreased demand for goods produced by us and indirectly, from changes in costs of goods sold. For example, "cap and trade" legislation may impose significant additional costs to our power suppliers that could lead to significant increases in our energy costs. In addition, the potential physical impacts of climate change on our operations are highly uncertain and will be particular to the geographic circumstances. These may include changes in rainfall patterns, shortages of water or other natural resources, changing sea levels, changing storm patterns and intensities, and changing temperature levels. Any adverse regulatory and physical changes may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We are subject to a variety of environmental laws and regulations that could result in costs or liabilities.

We are obligated to comply with various foreign, federal, state and other environmental laws and regulations, including the environmental laws and regulations of the United States, Iceland, China and the EU. Environmental laws and regulations may expose us to costs or liabilities relating to our manufacturing operations or property ownership. We incur operating costs and capital expenditures on an ongoing basis to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations. In addition, we are currently and may in the future be responsible for the cleanup of contamination at some of our current and former facilities or for the amelioration of damage to natural resources. If more stringent compliance or cleanup standards under environmental laws or regulations are imposed, previously unknown environmental conditions or damages to natural resources are discovered or alleged, or if contributions from other responsible parties with respect to sites for which we have cleanup responsibilities are not available, we may be subject to additional liability, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. Further, additional environmental matters for which we may be liable may arise in the future at our present sites where no problem is currently known, with respect to sites previously owned or operated by us, by related corporate entities or by our predecessors, or at sites that we may acquire or operate in the future. In addition, overall production costs may become prohibitively expensive and prevent us from effectively competing in price sensitive markets if future capital expenditures and costs for environmental compliance or cleanup are significantly greater than expected.

Unpredictable events, including natural disasters, dangerous weather conditions, terrorist attacks and political unrest, may adversely affect our ability to conduct business.

We receive a significant portion of our revenues from operations in areas that have heightened risk of natural disasters, including Iceland. Iceland suffered several natural disasters and extreme weather events in 2010, 2011 and 2012, including significant volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. In addition, our Grundartangi smelter lost power for approximately three hours in January 2012 as the result of damage sustained due to abnormal and extreme weather conditions at an off site electrical substation owned and operated by the national power grid operator.

Future unpredictable events, including natural disasters, dangerous weather conditions, terrorist attacks and political unrest, may adversely affect our ability to conduct business by causing disruptions in Icelandic, Chinese, Dutch, U.S. or global economic conditions, inflicting loss of life, damaging property and requiring substantial capital expenditures and operating expenses to remediate damage and restore operations at our production facilities.

Acquisitions may present difficulties.

We have a history of making acquisitions and we expect to opportunistically seek to make acquisitions in the future. We are subject to numerous risks as a result of our acquisition strategy, including the following:

- we may spend time and money pursuing acquisitions that do not close;
- acquired companies may have contingent or unidentified liabilities;
- it may be challenging for us to manage our existing business as we integrate acquired operations; and
- we may not achieve the anticipated benefits from our acquisitions.

Accordingly, our past or future acquisitions might not ultimately improve our competitive position and business prospects as anticipated and may subject us to additional liabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Any restart of the Ravenswood smelter would involve significant risks and uncertainties

In 2009, we curtailed all operations at our Ravenswood smelter. Any potential restart of operations at the Ravenswood smelter would involve significant risks and uncertainties, including:

- we may spend time and incur significant costs and liabilities pursuing a restart that does not occur or that does not achieve the anticipated benefits; and
- it may be challenging for us to manage our existing business as we restart operations at Ravenswood.

Accordingly, any potential restart of operations at Ravenswood might not ultimately improve our competitive position and business prospects as anticipated and may subject us to additional liabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Our ability to utilize certain net operating loss carryforwards to offset future taxable income may be significantly limited if we experience an “ownership change” under the Internal Revenue Code.

As of December 31, 2012, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$1.2 billion, after adjusting for losses carried back to previous tax years, which could offset future taxable income. Our ability to utilize our deferred tax assets to offset future federal taxable income may be significantly limited if we experience an “ownership change” as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). In general, an ownership change would occur if our “five percent shareholders,” as defined under the Code, collectively increase their ownership in us by more than 50 percentage points over a rolling three year period. Future transactions in our stock that may not be in our control may cause us to experience such an ownership change and thus limit our ability to utilize net operating losses, tax credits and other tax assets to offset future taxable income.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have no unresolved comments from the staff of the SEC.

#### Item 2. Properties

We own the property on which our Hawesville and Ravenswood facilities are located. The site on which the Grundartangi facility is situated is leased from Faxaflóahafnir sf under a long-term lease that runs through 2020, renewable at our option. The site for our Helguvík project is leased from Reykjaneshöfn, an independent public authority owned by the Municipality of Reykjanesbaer, under a long-term lease expected to run through 2060, with an automatic extension provision. The site for the Vlissingen anode production facility is leased under a long-term lease that runs through 2017, automatically renewable for five year terms through 2042. Century may terminate the Vlissingen lease in 2013 if the required permits and licenses to operate the facility are not obtained. Our corporate offices in Monterey and Chicago are subject to operating leases that expire in June 2015 and September 2024, respectively. We hold a 49.7% interest in a partnership which operates the Mt. Holly facility and a 49.7% undivided interest in the property on which the Mt. Holly facility is located. The remaining interest in the undivided property at Mt. Holly is owned by Alumax of South Carolina, Inc., a subsidiary of Alcoa.

Except for our Ravenswood facility, which was fully curtailed in February 2009, and our Vlissingen facility, which is currently idled and expected to resume operations in late 2013, all of our facilities are operating above, at or near their rated production capacity. We believe all of our facilities are suitable and adequate for our current operations. Additional information about the age, location, and productive capacity of our facilities is available in the “Overview” section of Item 1, “Business.”

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

For information regarding legal proceedings pending against us at December 31, 2012, refer to Note 15 Commitments and contingencies to the consolidated financial statements included herein.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

## Our Executive Officers

Executive officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The following table details certain information about our executive officers as of March 18, 2013.

Name	Age	Position and Duration
Michael A. Bless	47	President and Chief Executive Officer since November 2011. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 2006 to October 2011.
Jesse E. Gary	33	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since February 2013. Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary from June 2010 to January 2013. Associate General Counsel from February 2010 to May 2010.
Steve Schneider	57	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller since June 2006, Vice President and Corporate Controller from April 2002 through May 2006.
Michelle M. Harrison	37	Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer since January 2013, Vice President and Treasurer from February 2007 to December 2012, Treasurer since June 2006, Assistant Treasurer from November 2005 to June 2006, Corporate Financial Analyst from May 2000 to October 2005.
John E. Hoerner	55	Vice President – North America Operations since September 1, 2011.
David Kjos	60	Vice President of Major Projects, Technology and Sustainability since October 2011. Vice President Operations – Iceland from June 2007 to September 2011.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Gary practiced law at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz from July 2007 to January 2010 and at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP from October 2005 to June 2007.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Hoerner served as General Director of Finished Production for the Western Division of RUSAL from 2010 to August 2011 and Managing Director of Kubikenborg Aluminium in Sundsvall, Sweden (Kubal) from 2003 through 2010.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Kjos was the Vice President and Director of Cygnus, Inc. from February 2006 through June 2007.

Messrs. Bless, Schneider and Ms. Harrison joined Century in 2006, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Their respective biographical information is set forth in the table above.



## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity.

#### Market Information

Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol: CENX. The following table sets forth, on a quarterly basis, the high and low sales prices of the common stock during the two most recent fiscal years.

	2012		2011	
	High sales price	Low sales price	High sales price	Low sales price
First quarter	\$ 11.30	\$ 8.57	\$ 19.00	\$ 13.90
Second quarter	9.46	6.51	20.76	13.60
Third quarter	8.50	5.52	16.55	8.72
Fourth quarter	8.84	6.63	12.30	7.25

#### Holders

As of March 5, 2013, there were 27 holders of record of our common stock, which does not include the much larger number of beneficial owners whose common stock was held in street name or through fiduciaries.

#### Dividend Information

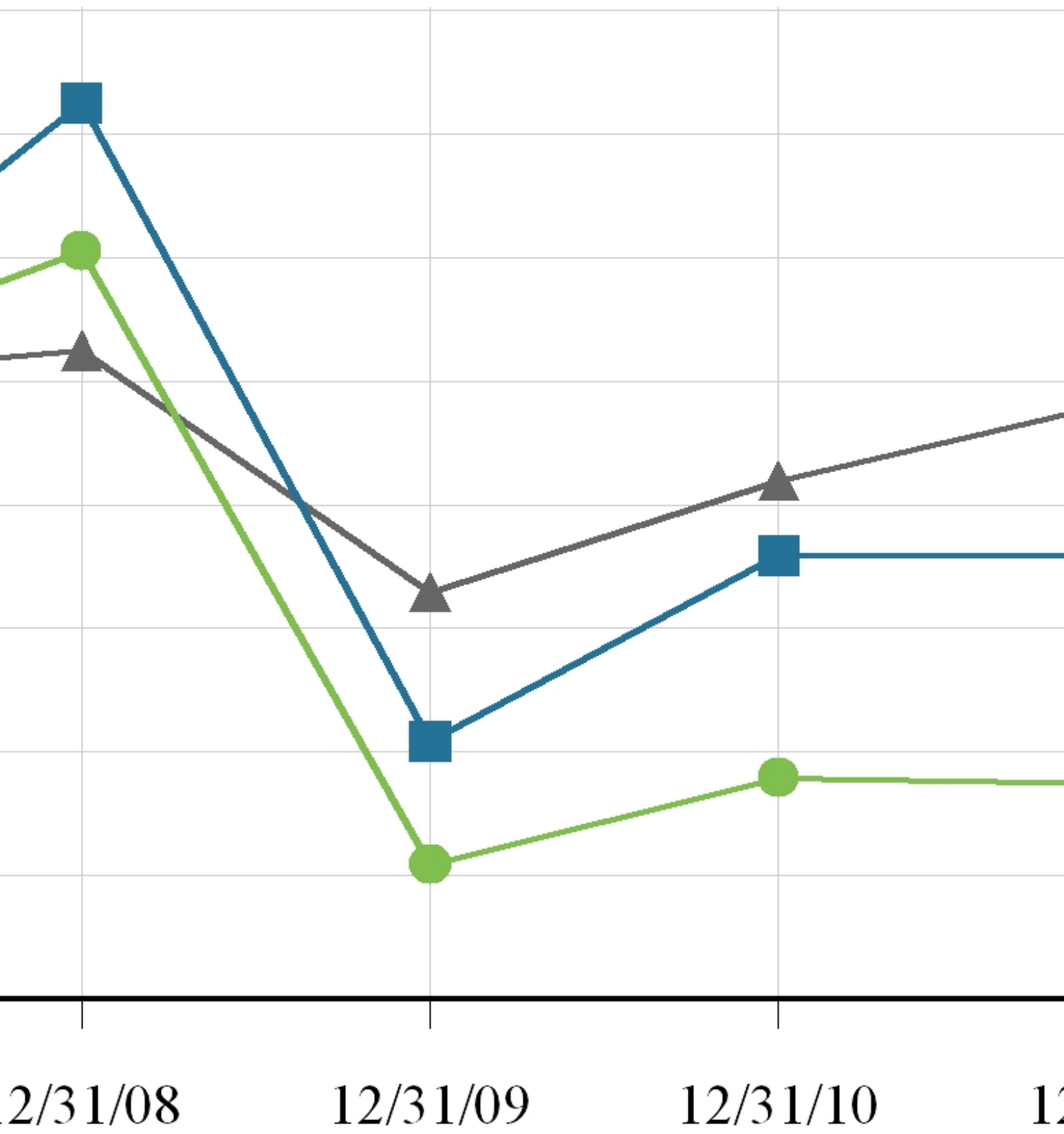
We did not declare dividends in 2012 or 2011 on our common stock. We do not plan to declare cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing our 8.0% Notes contain restrictions which limit our ability to pay dividends. Additional information about the terms of our long-term borrowing agreements is available at [Note 6 Debt](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein.

#### Stock Performance Graph

The following line graph compares Century Aluminum Company's cumulative total return to stockholders with the cumulative total return of the S&P Composite Index and the Morningstar Aluminum Index. These comparisons assume the investment of \$100 on December 31, 2007 and the reinvestment of dividends.





Comparison of Cumulative Total Return to Stockholders December 31, 2007 through December 31, 2012

As of December 31,	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Century Aluminum Company	\$ 100	\$ 121	\$ 22	\$ 36	\$ 35	\$ 19
Morningstar Aluminum Index	100	145	42	72	72	39
S&P 500 Index	100	105	66	84	97	99

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities during the three months ended December 31, 2012

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs (1)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program
October 1 through October 31	—	\$ —	—	\$ 10,076,076
November 1 through November 30	—	—	—	10,076,076
December 1 through December 31	—	—	—	10,076,076
Total for quarter ended December 31, 2012	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ 10,076,076</u>

- (1) On August 11, 2011, our Board of Directors authorized a \$60 million stock repurchase program. Under the program, Century is authorized to repurchase up to \$60 million of our outstanding shares of common stock, from time to time, on the open market at prevailing market prices, in block trades or otherwise. The timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions, the trading price of our common stock and other factors. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table presents selected consolidated financial data for each of the last five fiscal years. The selected consolidated historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the selected consolidated statement of operations data for December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 is derived from our consolidated financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP included herein. The selected consolidated historical balance sheet data as of each of the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the selected consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 is derived from our consolidated financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP which are not included herein.

Our selected historical results of operations include:

- the restart of the curtailed potline at our 244,000 mtpy Hawesville smelter in the second quarter of 2011;
- the curtailment of operations of our 170,000 mtpy Ravenswood smelter which became fully curtailed in the first quarter of 2009;
- the curtailment of one potline at our 244,000 mtpy Hawesville smelter in the first quarter of 2009;
- our equity in the earnings and related losses on disposition of our 50% joint venture investments in Gramercy Alumina LLC and St. Ann Bauxite Ltd. prior to divesting our interest in those companies in August 2009; and,
- our equity in the earnings of our 40% joint venture investments in Baise Haohai Carbon Co. since we acquired an interest in that company in April 2008.

Our results for these periods and prior periods are not fully comparable to our results of operations for fiscal year 2012 and may not be indicative of our future financial position or results of operations. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with [Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"](#) and [Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data"](#) and [notes](#) thereto.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2012 (1)	2011 (2)	2010 (3)	2009 (4)	2008 (5)
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Net sales	\$ 1,272,111	\$ 1,356,424	\$ 1,169,271	\$ 899,253	\$ 1,970,776
Gross profit (loss)	46,342	89,522	112,396	(65,665)	311,624
Operating income (loss)	(7,274)	47,296	102,980	(97,456)	168,557
Net income (loss)	(35,610)	11,325	59,971	(205,982)	(895,187)
Income (loss) per share:					
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59	\$ (2.73)	\$ (20.00)
Dividends per common share	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total assets	1,776,326	1,811,094	1,923,056	1,861,750	2,035,358
Total debt (6)	273,766	271,285	314,919	298,678	435,515
Long-term debt obligations (7)	265,951	263,470	261,621	247,624	275,000

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2012 (1)	2011 (2)	2010 (3)	2009 (4)	2008 (5)
	(in dollars)				
Other information:					
Shipments – Primary aluminum:					
Direct shipments (MT)	377,314	334,889	317,940	329,327	532,320
Toll shipments (MT)	269,215	267,253	267,455	275,799	271,451
Average realized price per metric ton:					
Direct shipments	\$ 2,265	\$ 2,577	\$ 2,297	\$ 1,728	\$ 2,700
Toll shipments	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,634	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,966
Average LME price:					
Per metric ton	\$ 2,020	\$ 2,398	\$ 2,173	\$ 1,665	\$ 2,573
Average Midwest premium:					
Per metric ton	\$ 218	\$ 169	\$ 138	\$ 104	\$ 93

- (1) Net loss includes a benefit of \$19.8 million for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments, an unrealized net loss on forward contracts of \$3.0 million primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options, and a net benefit of \$4.1 million related to certain litigation items.
- (2) Net income includes a charge of \$19.8 million for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments, an after-tax benefit of \$18.3 million for changes to the Century of West Virginia retiree medical benefits program, a charge related to the restart of a curtailed potline at Hawesville of \$8.6 million and a charge of \$7.7 million in the second quarter related to contractual impact of changes in our Board of Directors and executive management team.
- (3) Net income includes an after-tax benefit of \$56.7 million for changes to the Century of West Virginia retiree medical benefits program, a charge of \$10.5 million for mark-to-market losses for primary aluminum price protection options and a charge for contractual termination pension benefits of \$4.6 million due to the continued curtailment of the Ravenswood facility.
- (4) Net loss includes an after-tax charge of \$73.2 million for loss on disposition of our equity investments in Gramercy and St. Ann, an after-tax charge of \$41.7 million of curtailment costs for our U.S. smelters, an after-tax benefit of \$57.8 million for gains related to the termination of a power contract and a replacement power contract at Hawesville and a benefit of \$14.3 million for discrete tax adjustments.
- (5) Net loss includes an after-tax charge of \$742.1 million (net of gain on settlement) for mark-to-market losses on forward contracts that do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting, a \$515.1 million tax adjustment to establish reserves on deferred tax assets, a \$94.9 million charge for goodwill impairment and an inventory write down to market value of \$55.9 million.
- (6) Total debt includes all long-term debt obligations, the contingent obligation to E.ON for payments made by E.ON above an agreed amount on CAKY's behalf to Big Rivers under the Big River Agreement (the "E.ON contingent obligation") and any debt classified as short-term obligations, net of any debt discounts, including current portion of long-term debt, the IRBs and the 1.75% Notes.
- (7) Long-term debt obligations are all payment obligations under long-term borrowing arrangements, including the E.ON contingent obligation and excluding the current portion of long-term debt and net of any debt discounts.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

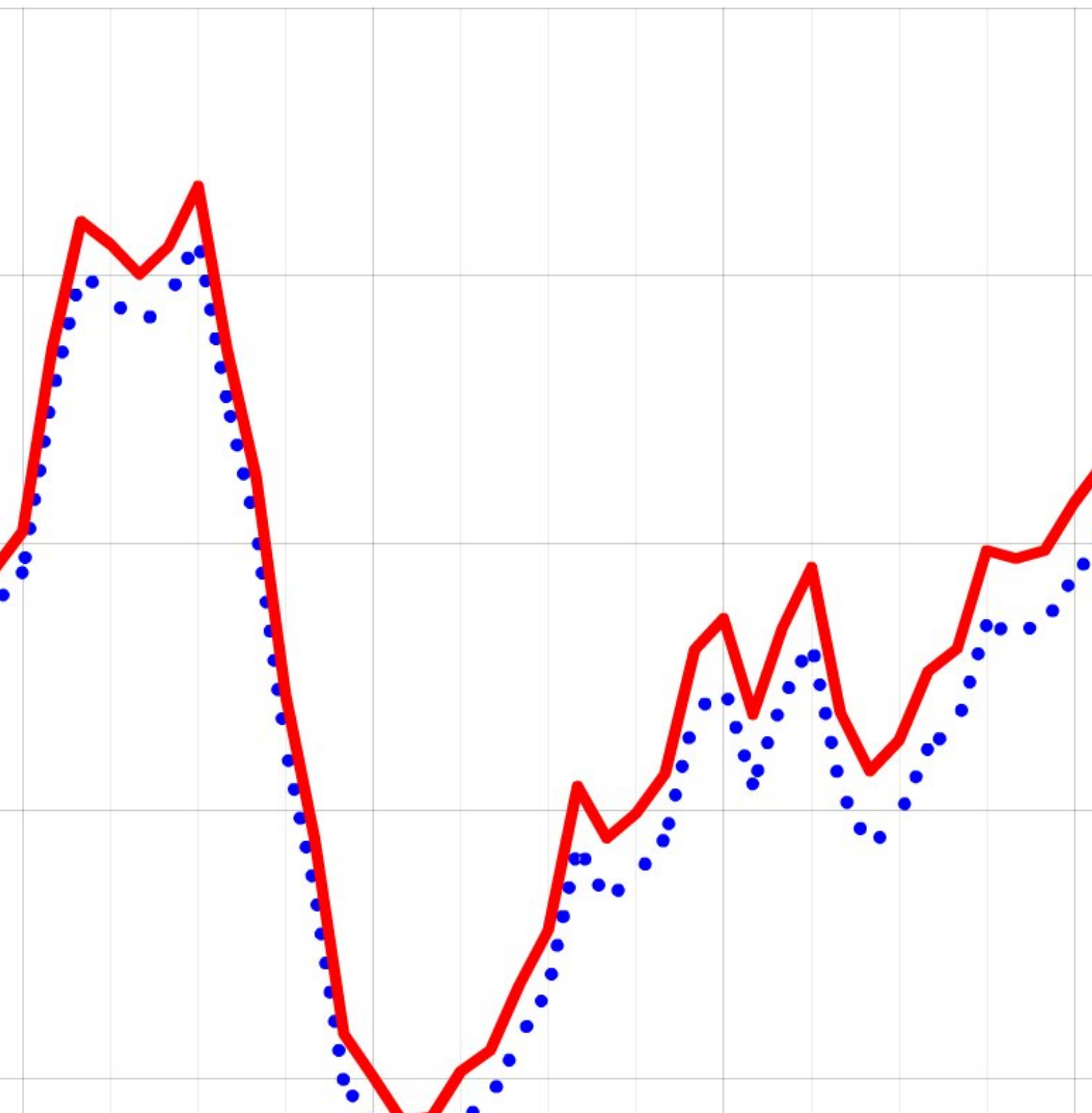
### Overview

We produce primary aluminum. The aluminum industry is cyclical and the price of primary aluminum (which trades as a commodity) is determined by global supply and demand, among other factors. The key determinants of our results of operations and cash flow from operations are as follows:

- Our selling price is based on the LME price of primary aluminum and is influenced by regional premiums and, at certain times, by fixed price sales contracts. In addition, we earn further premiums on value-added products.
- In normal circumstances, our facilities operate at or near capacity, and fluctuations in volume, other than through curtailments, acquisitions or expansion, generally are small.
- The principal components of cost of goods sold are alumina, electrical power, labor and carbon products, which in aggregate exceed 80% of our cost of goods sold. Many of these costs are governed by long-term contracts.

Shipment volumes, average realized price and cost of goods sold per metric ton shipped are our key performance indicators. Revenue can vary significantly from period to period due to the fluctuations in the LME and Midwest price of primary aluminum. Any adverse changes in the conditions that affect shipment volumes or the market price of primary aluminum could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows. Fluctuations in working capital are influenced by shipments, the LME and Midwest price of primary aluminum, cost of electricity and materials, and by the timing of cash receipts from major customers and disbursements to our suppliers.

# Local LME and Midwest Transact







Our operating results vary significantly with changes in the price of primary aluminum and the materials used in its production, including electrical power, alumina, aluminum fluoride, calcined petroleum coke, pitch, finished carbon anodes and cathodes. Because we sell our products based principally on the LME price for primary aluminum, we cannot pass on increased costs to our customers. Although we attempt to mitigate the effects of price fluctuations, from time to time, through the use of various fixed-price commitments, financial instruments and also by pricing some of our raw materials and energy contracts based on LME prices, these efforts also limit our ability to take advantage of favorable changes in the market prices for primary aluminum or raw materials and may affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Electricity represents our single largest operating cost. As a result, the availability of electricity at competitive prices is critical to the profitability of our operations. Portions of the contracted cost of the electricity supplied to Mt. Holly and all of Hawesville's electricity costs vary with the supplier's costs. An increase in these costs would increase the price these facilities pay for electricity. Costs under the Mt. Holly and Hawesville electricity contracts have substantially increased in recent years, due in part to rising fuel prices and environmental compliance costs. As these contracts have take-or-pay type provisions, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of Hawesville and Mt. Holly may be affected by the price for electric power even if we curtailed production capacity at these facilities.

We expect that future electric power costs in the U.S. will present both challenges and opportunities to our domestic smelting operations. Proposed environmental rules affecting coal-fired power plants are expected to have a disproportionate impact on the electrical power providers for our smelting operations in Kentucky, South Carolina and West Virginia. Under the proposed regulations by the EPA, new limits on the emission on mercury, sulfur dioxide and other toxic air pollutants would require existing power plants to make significant capital investments in order to comply with the new standards. We expect that these new rules will result in power providers shutting down a significant portion of their coal-fired power generation capacity. The power generating facilities that remain open will incur substantial compliance costs. The reduced power generation capacity and the additional compliance costs are forecasted to put upward pricing pressure for electrical power, particularly in areas with high concentrations of coal-fired power generation facilities like Kentucky and West Virginia.

The prospects for coal-fired power generation facilities and the growing abundance of natural gas supplies at historically low prices have resulted in significant changes across the power market in the U.S. Our smelters in Kentucky and South Carolina face some of the highest power tariffs for aluminum smelters in the U.S. At the same time, developments in the U.S. power markets, including the discovery and exploitation of "shale" gas, have led to the availability of lower priced power in competitive wholesale markets. Despite this fact, there are many risks and challenges to accessing and securing a long-term adequate supply of market-priced power. Our existing power agreements would require amendments or termination and future market prices for power could be volatile depending on a variety of conditions affecting this market. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors -- We have notified our power provider at Hawesville of our intention to terminate its power contract; if we are unable to successfully negotiate better power pricing, we might close the facility." We have had some success accessing market-priced power at Mt. Holly and we are working to put in place an arrangement in Kentucky. In addition, such a structure could be an option for Ravenswood. Our ability to access market-based power in the U.S. could allow our domestic smelting operations to be more competitive in the global market for primary aluminum and would be a key factor in the long term viability of these facilities. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully implement this strategy.

During 2012, Mt. Holly and Santee Cooper amended the terms of Mt. Holly's power agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its supplemental power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015.

In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Kenergy, a member cooperative of Big Rivers, for Hawesville. During the 12-month notice period, we will be required to pay a demand charge for power, but we are not obligated to continue operating the plant. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to access the wholesale market for power.

The average LME price for primary aluminum for 2012 was \$2,020 per metric ton. The average LME price in 2012 was down from \$2,398 per metric ton in 2011 and \$2,173 per metric ton in 2010. Demand for aluminum products improved in 2012 with strong growth in Asia and some improvement in the U.S.; however, robust supply growth, especially in China, more than offset the increase in consumption. In addition, aluminum inventories remain at historically high levels putting further downward pressure on aluminum prices.

In addition to the LME, our aluminum products receive local market premiums for delivery in the U.S. Midwest and European Union. These local market premiums have surged to historic levels due to a number of factors, including aluminum financing transactions as well as limitations on warehouse load out requirements. The economic attractiveness of aluminum financing transactions is influenced by the slope of the forward curve, interest rates, warehouse rents and other factors. Warehouse load out requirements are set by the London Metal Exchange. It is not possible to predict how long the current conditions will continue.

#### Recent Developments

##### Grundartangi expansion program

The Grundartangi expansion program, a \$65 million capital expenditure project, is expected to increase production capacity at Grundartangi by approximately 40,000 mtpy over the next four years.

##### Mt. Holly amends power contract

Effective June 1, 2012, Mt. Holly and Santee Cooper amended the terms of Mt. Holly's power agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its supplemental power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015.

##### Hawesville issues 12-month notice to terminate power contract

In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Kenergy, a member cooperative of Big Rivers, for Hawesville. During the 12-month notice period, we will be required to pay a demand charge for power, but we are not obligated to continue operating the plant. We believe that the contract price Hawesville pays for electric power under the Big Rivers Agreement is among the highest rates for smelters in the U.S. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to access the wholesale market for power.

##### Century purchases carbon anode assets in the Netherlands

In June 2012, our wholly owned subsidiary, Century Vlissingen, purchased substantially all of the assets of the former Zalco anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands for approximately \$12.5 million. In connection with the purchase, we also entered into a ground lease with respect to the facility that is renewable at our option. As part of the transaction, Century Vlissingen will not assume, and is indemnified against, historical liabilities of the facility.

We intend to invest approximately \$45 million over the next three years, including capital expenditures, restart expenses and working capital to optimize production for our customers and to comply with environmental regulations. We expect to restart approximately 75,000 metric tons of annual anode production capacity at the Vlissingen facility in late 2013. Upon restart, the facility will provide a source of anode production for Grundartangi and the planned Helgøy smelter, and replace certain anode supply contracts that will terminate in 2013.

##### Michael Bless elected to the Board of Directors

In December 2012, Michael A. Bless, President and Chief Executive Officer, was elected to the Board of Directors (the "Board") to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Bless is not expected to serve on any committees of the Board.

Jesse Gary elected Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

In February 2013, Jesse E. Gary was elected Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Mr. Gary joined Century in 2010 and had previously served as Associate General Counsel of the Company. Before joining Century, he practiced law at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Mr. Gary received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from Cornell Law School. He will assume the responsibilities of William J. Leatherberry, who resigned his position as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company effective February 1, 2013. Mr. Leatherberry will continue as a non-executive employee of the Company until June 21, 2013, or such other date as mutually agreed between Mr. Leatherberry and the Company.

Grundartangi receives insurance settlement for damaged transformer

In September 2012, we received a \$7.9 million settlement payment related to insurance claims by Grundartangi for the cost of repairs to a transformer damaged in transit, a related business interruption claim, interest and other fees associated with the claim. We recorded the payment on the consolidated statement of operations in other income (expense) – net.

Century announces decision to relocate corporate headquarters

In October 2012, we informed our headquarters' staff of the decision to relocate the corporate headquarters from Monterey, California to Chicago, Illinois. We expect to complete the process by the end of the first half of 2013.

## Results of Operations

The following discussion reflects our historical results of operations, the comparability of which is affected by the restart of operations of one potline at Hawesville in April 2011.

Accordingly, the results for fiscal years 2011 and 2010 are not fully comparable to the results of operations for fiscal year 2012. We believe that our historical results are not indicative of our current business. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements included herein.

The following table sets forth, for the years indicated, the percentage relationship to net sales of certain items included in our Statements of Operations.

	Percentage of Net Sales		
	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of goods sold	(96.4)	(93.4)	(90.4)
Gross profit	3.6	6.6	9.6
Other operating income (expense) – net	(1.4)	0.3	3.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(2.8)	(3.4)	(4.0)
Operating income (loss)	(0.6)	3.5	8.8
Interest income (expense) – related parties	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	—	—	0.1
Net loss on forward contract	(0.3)	—	(0.9)
Other income (expense) – net	0.4	(0.1)	—
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	(2.3)	1.6	5.8
Income tax benefit (expense)	(0.7)	(1.0)	(1.0)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	(3.0)	0.6	4.8
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	0.2	0.2	0.3
Net income (loss)	(2.8)%	0.8 %	5.1 %

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the shipment volumes and the average sales price per metric ton shipped:

Primary Aluminum shipments

	Direct (1)	
	Metric tons	\$/metric ton
2012	377,314	\$ 2,265
2011	334,889	2,577
2010	317,940	2,297
	Toll	
	Metric tons	\$/metric ton
2012	269,215	\$ 1,544
2011	267,253	1,839
2010	267,455	1,634

(1) Direct shipments do not include toll shipments from Grundartangi.

Year Ended December 31, 2012 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2011

Net sales: Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2012 decreased \$84.3 million to \$1,272.1 million. Lower price realizations for primary aluminum in the year ended December 31, 2012, contributed \$196.9 million to the sales decrease. The monthly average LME cash price for 2012 was down 16% from the monthly average LME cash price in 2011. Higher net sales volume had a year over year positive impact of \$112.6 million. Direct shipments increased 42,425 metric tons from the same period in 2011 due to the restart of curtailed capacity and improvements in operations at Hawesville and the increase in direct sales from Grundartangi. Toll shipments increased 1,962 metric tons from the same period in 2011.

Gross profit: During 2012, lower price realizations, net of LME based alumina and power cost decreases, reduced gross

profit by \$138.1 million. Higher shipment volume contributed \$1.3 million to increase in gross profit. Offsetting the gross profit reduction of \$136.8 million described above were \$54.0 million in net cost decreases comprised of: reduced costs for power and natural gas at our U.S. smelters, \$6.3 million; reduced costs for maintenance, supplies and materials, \$31.3 million; other cost reductions, \$14.1 million; and higher depreciation charges, \$0.6 million. In addition, we recorded a charge of \$2.9 million in 2011 related to an insurance recovery that went into litigation.

Our operating costs in 2011 were negatively impacted by the costs related to the restart of idled capacity at the Hawesville facility and the instability of operations at the plant for a majority of the year. The absence of those costs in 2012 had a favorable impact on gross profit and their impact is included in the amounts reported above.

A decline in LME prices at the end of 2011 resulted in a decline in the market value of our inventory below its cost basis, resulting in charges to cost of goods sold of \$19.8 million in 2011. At the end of 2012, the market value of our inventory was greater than its cost basis, adjustments to the lower of cost or market inventory reserve reversed the \$19.8 million reserve through cost of goods sold in 2012. On a year to year comparative basis, this positively impacted the change in gross profit by \$39.6 million.

Other operating expenses (income) – net: Other operating expenses (income) – net is primarily related to items associated with Ravenswood. In addition to the on-going costs at the curtailed facility, in 2012, we increased our estimate of accrued litigation liabilities. In 2011, we recorded net benefits of \$18.3 million resulting from the elimination of medical benefits for retirees of Ravenswood.

Selling, general and administrative expenses: During 2012, we incurred general and administrative charges related to the integration of the Century Vlissingen anode facility into our business. During 2012, litigation expenditures related to Helguvik were lower than in 2011. In addition, as part of the Helguvik arbitration decision, we were reimbursed for a portion of those expenditures in 2012. During 2011, we recorded charges of \$7.7 million related to the contractual impact of changes in our Board of Directors and executive management team; these charges did not repeat in 2012.

Net gain (loss) on forward contracts: The net gain (loss) on forward contracts in 2012 and 2011 relates primarily to marking-to-market and recording settlements of option contracts that were put in place to provide partial downside price protection for our domestic facilities. At the end of 2012, all of these option contracts had been settled.

Other income (expense) – net: During 2012, Grundartangi received a \$7.9 million settlement payment for the costs to repair a transformer damaged in transit, a related business interruption claim, interest and other fees associated with the claim.

Income tax expense: Our 2012 and 2011 income tax expense was primarily driven by our earnings in Iceland. In addition, during 2011, we had a partial offset to income tax expense due to a discrete tax benefit arising from the elimination of medical benefits for retirees of the Ravenswood facility.

Equity in earnings of joint ventures: The amounts reported in both years primarily reflect Century's equity in the earnings of its joint venture, BHH.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010

Net sales: Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased \$187.1 million to \$1,356.4 million. Higher price realizations for primary aluminum in the year ended December 31, 2011, contributed \$148.9 million to the sales increase. The monthly average LME cash price for 2011 was up 6% from the monthly average LME cash price in 2010. Higher net sales volume positively impacted the year over year sales increase by \$38.2 million. Direct shipments increased 16,949 metric tons from the same period in 2010 due to the restart of curtailed capacity at Hawesville and the increase in direct sales from Grundartangi. Toll shipments declined 202 metric tons from the same period in 2010.

Gross profit (loss): During 2011, higher price realizations, net of LME based alumina and power cost increases, increased gross profit by \$97.3 million. Higher shipment volume contributed \$2.4 million to the increase in gross profit. Offsetting these increases were \$102.4 million in net cost increases comprised of: increased costs for power at our U.S. smelters, \$18.0 million; increased costs for maintenance, supplies and materials, \$82.2 million; other cost increases, \$3.4 million; and lower depreciation charges, \$1.2 million.

Of the \$82.2 million in increased costs for maintenance, supplies and materials, 70% of the increase relates to the cost of carbon and bath products required to produce aluminum. A significant portion of the remaining cost increases relates to the restart of a potline at Hawesville, inefficiencies and instabilities experienced during and, subsequent to, the restart and resultant under-absorption of costs.

A decline in LME prices at the end of 2011 resulted in a decline in the market value of our inventory below its cost basis, resulting in charges to cost of goods sold of \$19.8 million in 2011. We recorded a favorable net inventory adjustment of \$0.4 million in 2010. On a year to year comparative basis, this negatively impacted the change in gross profit by an additional \$20.2 million.

Other operating income – net: Other operating income is primarily related to items associated with Ravenswood. In addition to the on-going costs at the curtailed facility, in 2011 and 2010, we recorded credits of \$18.3 million and \$56.7 million, respectively, due to the elimination of medical benefits for retirees of Ravenswood. In addition, we recorded a charge of \$1.1 million in 2011 for pension benefits that will be payable to a group of employees whose combination of age, years of service and lay-off status make them eligible for accelerated pension benefits in 2012. We recorded a charge of \$4.6 million in 2010 for pension benefits that will be payable to a group of employees whose combination of age, years of service and lay-off status made them eligible for accelerated pension benefits in 2011.

Selling, general and administrative expenses: During 2011, outside professional support, employee-related expenses and administrative spending to support the Helgavik project were lower than those recorded in 2010. Offsetting these cost improvements in 2011 were charges of \$7.7 million in the second quarter related to the accelerated vesting of share-based compensation plans arising from changes in the Company's Board of Directors and severance accruals for changes in the executive management team.

Net gain (loss) on forward contracts: The net gain (loss) on forward contracts in 2011 and 2010 relates primarily to marking-to-market options that were put in place to provide partial downside price protection for our domestic facilities. At the end of 2011, the unexpired put options increased in value due to declining LME prices for primary aluminum. At the end of 2010, the unexpired put options decreased in value due to rising LME prices for primary aluminum. Changes in the value of unexpired put options, along with the write-off of expired contracts in both 2011 and 2010, resulted in a year over year improvement of \$11.3 million in this category.

Tax provision: Our 2011 and 2010 income tax expense is related to our net income in Iceland with a partial offset to expense due to a discrete tax benefit arising from the elimination of medical benefits for retirees at Ravenswood.

Equity in earnings (losses) of joint ventures: The amounts reported in both years primarily reflect the results of Century's joint venture, BHH.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Liquidity

Our principal sources of liquidity are available cash, cash flow from operations and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We have also raised capital in the past through the public equity and debt markets. We regularly explore various financing alternatives. Our principal uses of cash are the funding of operating costs (including postretirement benefits), maintenance of curtailed production facilities, payments of principal and interest on our outstanding debt, the funding of capital expenditures, investments in our growth activities and in related businesses, repurchases of common stock, working capital and other general corporate requirements.

Our consolidated cash and cash equivalents balance at December 31, 2012 was approximately \$184 million compared to \$183 million at December 31, 2011. Century's revolving credit facility matures in July 2014. As of December 31, 2012 our credit facility had no loan amounts outstanding and approximately \$50 million of net availability. We have approximately \$46 million of letters of credit outstanding under our credit facility. Future curtailments of domestic production capacity would reduce domestic accounts receivable and inventory, which comprise the borrowing base of our credit facility, and could result in a corresponding reduction in availability under the credit facility.

We have \$249.6 million in 8.0% senior secured notes payable that will mature on May 15, 2014.

In December 2012, Nordural ehf participated in the 50/50 ISK Auctions (the “Auctions”) sponsored by the Central Bank of Iceland (“CBI”) and may participate in future auctions. The Auctions allow authorized investors to exchange foreign currency for Icelandic kronur (“ISK”) with 50% exchanged at the official rate set by the CBI and 50% exchanged at auction. The ISK received in the program must be invested in Iceland for a minimum of five years.

We may be required to make installment payments for the E.ON contingent obligation. These payments are contingent based on the LME price of primary aluminum and the level of Hawesville’s operations. Based on the LME forward market at December 31, 2012 and management’s estimate, we do not expect to make any payments for the E.ON contingent obligation until 2019. There can be no assurance that circumstances will not change thus accelerating the timing of such payments.

In August 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$60 million stock repurchase program. Through December 31, 2012, we have expended approximately \$50 million under the program. At December 31, 2012, we had approximately \$10 million remaining under the repurchase program authorization. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

In September 2012, we received a \$7.9 million settlement payment related to insurance claims by Grundartangi for the cost of repairs to a transformer damaged in transit, a related business interruption claim, interest and other fees associated with the claim. We recorded the payment on the consolidated statement of operations in other income (expense) – net.

Based on current actuarial and other assumptions, we expect to make contributions to the qualified defined benefit plans we sponsor of approximately \$9.3 million during 2013. Through December 31, 2012, we have made contributions to these plans of \$7.3 million. We may choose to make additional contributions to these plans from time to time at our discretion.

In June 2011, the PBGC informed us that it believed that a “cessation of operations” under ERISA had occurred at our Ravenswood facility as a result of the curtailment of operations at the facility and requested that we engage in discussions with the PBGC relating thereto. We have notified the PBGC that we do not believe that a “cessation of operations” has occurred and have entered into ongoing discussions with the PBGC to resolve the matter. If a “cessation of operations” is ultimately determined to have occurred under ERISA, it may be necessary for CAWV to accelerate the timing of additional contributions to certain of its defined pension plans or post other collateral with the PBGC or negotiate an alternative agreement.

In March 2012, we reached an agreement in principle with the CAWV retirees to make contributions to a voluntary employee beneficiary association (“VEBA”) trust that would provide certain health care benefits to these retirees and their eligible dependents in the event of a restart of our Ravenswood facility. If an agreement were entered into, our obligations under the agreement, including any contributions to the VEBA, would be contingent upon the occurrence of several future events that are necessary in order to restart the Ravenswood facility. None of these events, including the finalization of this agreement, are certain to occur.

Under an agreement with the Government of Iceland, Nordural Grundartangi ehf agreed to prepay taxes during 2012, 2011 and 2010 as an advance levy of income taxes and other governmental taxes for the period of 2013 through 2018. The amount of prepaid taxes paid through December 31, 2012 was approximately \$9.6 million. The prepaid taxes will offset taxes otherwise payable in equal installments over the period 2013 through 2018. In addition, in 2012, we made estimated income tax payments in Iceland of approximately \$12.2 million.

We paid approximately \$20.2 million in net withholding tax for intercompany transfers in Iceland in 2011 and paid an additional \$22.6 million in 2012 and \$8.3 million in the first quarter of 2013 which we expect will be refunded in the fourth quarter of 2013. We received approximately \$28 million in withholding tax refunds in the fourth quarter of 2012 related to withholding taxes paid on intercompany transfers through February 2012. The withholding taxes and associated refunds are payable in ISK and we are subject to foreign currency risk associated with fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared the ISK.



In June 2012, Nordural Grundartangi entered into a new supplemental power contract with Landsvirkjun. The supplemental power contract, which will expire in October 2029 (or upon the occurrence of certain earlier events), will provide Nordural Grundartangi with supplemental power, as Nordural Grundartangi may request from time to time, at LME-based variable rates. Nordural Grundartangi has agreed to make certain prepayments to Landsvirkjun in connection with the contract, which will reduce the price paid for power at the time of consumption.

#### Capital Resources

We intend to finance our future recurring capital expenditures from available cash and our cash flow from operations. For major investment projects, such as the Helguvik project, we would seek financing from various capital and loan markets and may potentially pursue the formation of strategic alliances. We may be unable to issue additional debt or equity securities, or to issue these securities on attractive terms, due to a number of factors including a lack of demand, unfavorable pricing, poor economic conditions, unfavorable interest rates, or our financial condition or credit rating at the time. Future uncertainty in the U.S. and international markets and economies may adversely affect our liquidity, our ability to access the capital markets and our financial condition.

Capital expenditures for 2012 were \$25.0 million, \$7.3 million of which was related to the Helguvik project, with the balance principally related to upgrading production equipment, improving facilities and complying with environmental requirements. We believe capital spending in 2013, excluding the activity on the Century Vlissingen and Helguvik projects, will be approximately \$40 to \$45 million.

In order to restart the first 75,000 metric tons of annual anode capacity at the Century Vlissingen project, we currently intend to make approximately \$35 million in capital expenditures in 2013. We expect the first 75,000 metric tons of capacity will be restarted in late 2013 and will provide an anode supply to replace third-party anode supply contracts that will terminate in 2013. Following the restart of the first 75,000 metric tons, we currently intend to make approximately \$10 million in additional expenditures over the next three years in order to restart an additional 75,000 metric tons of capacity.

We have made and continue to make capital expenditures for the construction and development of our Helguvik project. We have substantial future contractual commitments for the Helguvik project. If we were to cancel the Helguvik project, we estimate that our exposure to contract cancellation costs would be approximately \$15 million. We are continuing to negotiate with the power suppliers to the project to remove all the remaining conditions to their obligations to supply contracted power. The timing of the power availability together with other factors, including financing, will determine the timing of any resumption of major construction activity at Helguvik. We expect that capital expenditures for this project will be approximately \$1 million per quarter until the restart of major construction activities. We cannot, at this time, predict when the restart of major construction activity will occur. See Item 1A, “Risk Factors — Construction at our Helguvik smelter site has been significantly curtailed. Substantial delay in the completion of this project may increase its cost, subject us to losses and impose other risks to completion that are not foreseeable at this time” included herein.

#### Historical Cash Flows

Our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are summarized below:

	2012	2011	2010
	(dollars in thousands)		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 37,139	\$ (2,936)	\$ 131,510
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,531)	(24,895)	(25,471)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,033)	(93,064)	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 575</u>	<u>\$ (120,895)</u>	<u>\$ 106,062</u>

Net cash provided by operating activities in 2012 was \$37.1 million compared to cash used in operating activities of \$2.9 million in 2011. The increase in cash from operations in 2012 was primarily due to reduced withholding tax payments in Iceland, lower pension and benefit contributions, which were partially offset by the impact of lower LME prices. During 2011, we had a large build-up in working capital related to the restart of the curtailed potline at CAKY, this build-up did not recur in 2012.

Net cash used in operating activities in 2011 was \$2.9 million compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$131.5 million in 2010. The decrease in cash from operations in 2011 was primarily due to withholding tax payments in Iceland, pension and benefit contributions, an increase in working capital associated with the restart of Hawesville and the reduction of the benefits received for the E.ON contractual receivable in 2011 (the E.ON contractual receivable expired in 2010).

Our net cash used in investing activities in 2012 was \$32.5 million compared to \$24.9 million in 2011. The increase in cash used was primarily due to the purchase of carbon anode assets for \$13.8 million, offset by lower capital expenditures and larger payments received from joint ventures in 2012 and cash inflows in 2011 related to the return of restricted cash deposits of \$3.7 million that did not recur in 2012.

Our net cash used in investing activities in 2011 was \$24.9 million compared to \$25.5 million in 2010. The decrease in cash used was primarily due to reduced restricted cash requirements and a payment received on advances to joint ventures.

Our net cash used in financing activities during 2012 was \$4.0 million. The cash used was related to the repurchase of our common stock.

Our net cash used in financing activities during 2011 was \$93.1 million. The use was primarily due to the redemption of the 1.75% Notes in May 2011 of \$47.1 million and \$45.9 million for the repurchase of common stock.

#### Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are described in [Note 1](#) of the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements requires that management make judgments, assumptions and estimates in applying these accounting policies. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. Critical accounting estimates require management to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time of the estimate and a change in these estimates may have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations. Significant judgments and estimates made by our management include expenses and liabilities related to pensions and other postretirement benefits, deferred tax assets and property, plant and equipment. Our management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting estimates with the audit committee of our board of directors and the audit committee has reviewed our disclosure.

#### Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Liabilities

We sponsor several pension and other postretirement benefit plans. Our liabilities under these defined benefit plans are determined using methodologies that involve several actuarial assumptions, the most significant of which are the discount rate, health care inflation rate and the long-term rate of return on plan assets.

#### Discount Rate Selection

It is our policy to select a discount rate for purposes of measuring obligations under defined benefit plans by matching cash flows separately for each plan to yields on high-quality zero coupon bonds. In 2012, we switched the approach that we use to determine the yield from the Citigroup Pension Liability Index to the Ryan 45–95 Curve (the "Ryan Curve"). While both are considered acceptable approaches under GAAP, we have elected to use the Ryan Curve for determining these yields. We believe the Ryan Curve provides a method of developing spot curve yield (our discount rate) that is more consistent with observable market conditions and represents a refinement over the Citigroup Pension Liability Index. This change in the approach for determining our discount rate is considered a change in accounting estimate under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 250. Discount rates determined under the Ryan Curve were approximately 0.25% higher than those determined using the Citigroup Pension Liability Index, which lowered our overall plan benefit obligation by approximately 3.4%.

The Ryan Curve was specifically developed to meet the criteria set forth in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASC 715. The published information at the end of each calendar month includes spot rate yields (high quality zero coupon bond yield estimates) in half year increments for use in tailoring a discount rate to a particular plan's projected benefit cash flows. The Ryan Curve rate represents the assumed discount rate developed from these spot rate yields, based on the pattern and duration of the benefit payments of a typical, large, somewhat mature pension plan (that we believe is consistent with our plans).

The individual characteristics of each plan, including projected cash flow patterns and payment durations, have been taken into account, since discount rates are determined on a plan-by-plan basis. We will generally select a discount rate rounded to the nearest 0.25%, unless specific circumstances provide for a more appropriate non-rounded rate to be used. We believe the projected cash flows used to determine the Ryan Curve rate provide a good approximation of the timing and amounts of our defined benefits payments under our plans and no adjustment to the Ryan Curve rate has been made.

	2012	2011
Discount Rate:		
Pension	4.00%	4.25%
OPEB	4.00%	4.25%

A change of a half percentage point in the discount rate for our defined benefit plans would have the following effects on our obligations under these plans in 2012:

Effect of changes in the discount rates on the Projected Benefit Obligations for:	50 basis point increase	50 basis point decrease
	(dollars in millions)	
Pension plans	\$ (11.4)	\$ 12.7
Other postretirement benefit ("OPEB") plans	(9.7)	10.9

Century provides postretirement benefit plans that provide health care and life insurance benefits for a portion of the retired employees of our U.S. based operations. ASC 715 requires the accrual of the estimated cost of providing postretirement benefits during the working careers of those employees who could become eligible for such benefits when they retire. We fund these benefits as the retirees submit claims.

Measurement of our postretirement benefit obligations requires the use of several assumptions about factors that will affect the amount and timing of future benefit payments. The assumed health care cost trend rates are the most critical estimates for measurement of the postretirement benefits obligation. Changes in the health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care benefit obligations.

Century assumes medical inflation is initially 9%, declining to 5% over nine years and thereafter. A one-percentage-point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects in 2012:

	1% Increase	1% Decrease
	(dollars in millions)	
Effect on total of service and interest cost components	\$ 1.3	\$ (1.0)
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	23.2	(19.0)

#### Long-term Rate of Return on Plan assets assumption

We are currently using an 8.0% long-term rate of return on plan assets for the development of the net periodic cost for the defined benefit pension plans. The rate was selected by taking into account our expected asset mix and is based on historical performance as well as expected future rates of return on plan assets.

## Deferred Income Tax Assets

We regularly assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. To the extent we believe that it is more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will or may not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. When a valuation allowance is established or increased, an income tax charge is included in the consolidated financial statements and net deferred tax assets are adjusted accordingly. Changes in the tax laws, statutory tax rates and future taxable income levels could result in actual realization of the deferred tax assets being materially different from the amounts provided for in the consolidated financial statements. If the actual recovery amount of the deferred tax asset is less than anticipated, we would be required to write-off the remaining deferred tax asset and increase the tax provision.

The amount of a valuation allowance is based upon our best estimate of our ability to realize the net deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance can subsequently be reversed when we believe that the assets are realizable on a more likely than not basis. We have a valuation allowance of \$656 million against all of our U.S. and Netherlands deferred tax assets and a portion of our Icelandic deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2012, due to our assessment that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized based on our cumulative net losses and future market conditions.

## Property, Plant and Equipment Impairment

We review our property, plant and equipment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these assets (asset group) may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of the assets (asset group) is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset (asset group). In that case, an impairment loss would be recognized for the amount the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the assets (asset group), with the fair value determined using a discounted cash flow calculation. These estimates of future cash flows include management's assumptions about the expected use of the asset (asset group), the remaining useful life, expenditures to maintain its service potential, market and cost assumptions.

Determination as to whether and how much an asset is impaired involves significant management judgment involving highly uncertain matters, including estimating the future success of product lines, future sales volumes, future selling prices and cost, alternative uses for the assets, and estimated proceeds from the disposal of the assets. However, the impairment reviews and calculations are based on estimates and assumptions that take into account our business plans and long-term investment decisions at the time of such impairment reviews.

We are currently evaluating the Helguvik project's cost, scope and schedule, in light of issues surrounding the Helguvik electrical power agreements. In 2011, Nordural Helguvik received the results of its arbitration with HS, one of the power suppliers to the Helguvik project. The arbitration panel ruled that the parties' power contract remains in force in accordance with its terms and that HS remains obligated to provide the full amount of contracted power to Nordural Helguvik, subject to the satisfaction of certain remaining conditions. We are currently in negotiations with both power suppliers with respect to the satisfaction of all remaining conditions. If we are unable to reach agreement with HS and OR regarding the satisfaction of the remaining conditions to their respective power contracts, we may have to seek alternative sources of power, incur substantially increased power costs or further curtail construction activities of the Helguvik project. Due to the limited number of Icelandic power providers with resources sufficient to provide power to the Helguvik project (only three are currently in operation in Iceland), we may find it difficult or impossible to procure additional sources of power if HS and/or OR do not perform under their existing agreements and may be unable to complete construction of the smelter. If we agree to pay increased prices for power or substantially delay or be unable to complete the Helguvik project, we may have to recognize a substantial loss on our investment.

The aggregate capital expenditures through December 31, 2012 related to the Helguvik project were approximately \$146 million. In evaluating the construction in progress at Helguvik, we considered the costs to complete the construction and the estimated undiscounted future cash flows over the estimated useful life of Helguvik and concluded that the estimated undiscounted future cash flows should exceed the expected cost of constructing the Helguvik project. If we do not restart construction, we may have to recognize a loss on our investment at the time that a decision was made to abandon the project.

In February 2009, we curtailed the operations of the Ravenswood facility. The net carrying value of the asset group at the Ravenswood facility was approximately \$55 million at December 31, 2012. If the estimated future undiscounted cash flows from the asset group were less than the carrying value of the asset group or our assumptions for the use of this facility were to change, we would recognize a loss on all or a portion of the assets at the time. The estimated future undiscounted cash flows assume that the operations at the Ravenswood facility will resume once LME prices for primary aluminum are sustained and upon the successful negotiation and execution of certain critical enabling agreements for power and labor. In August 2012, we issued a 12 month notice to terminate the Big Rivers Agreement at the Hawesville facility. The net carrying value of the asset group at the Hawesville facility was approximately \$193 million at December 31, 2012. If the estimated future undiscounted cash flows from the asset group were less than the carrying value of the asset group or our assumptions for the use of this facility were to change, we would recognize a loss on all or a portion of the assets at the time.

#### Environmental Expenditures

We have incurred and in the future will continue to incur capital expenditures and operating expenses for matters relating to environmental control, remediation, monitoring and compliance.

The aggregate environmental related accrued liabilities were \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. We believe that compliance with current environmental laws and regulations (U.S. and foreign) is not likely to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity; however, environmental laws and regulations may change, and we may become subject to more stringent environmental laws and regulations in the future.

We expect to incur operating expenses relating to environmental matters of \$11 to \$12 million in 2013. These amounts do not include any projected expenditures or expenses for our joint ventures. See [Note 15 Commitments and contingencies](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein.

#### Other Contingencies

We are a defendant in several actions relating to various aspects of our business. While it is impossible to predict the ultimate disposition of any litigation, we do not believe that any of these lawsuits, either individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. See [Item 3, "Legal Proceedings"](#) and [Note 15 Commitments and contingencies](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein for additional information.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Standards Updates

Information regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements is included in [Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies](#) of the consolidated financial statements included herein.

## Contractual Obligations

In the normal course of business, we have entered into various contractual obligations that will be settled in cash. These obligations consist primarily of long-term debt obligations and purchase obligations. The expected future cash flows required to meet these obligations are shown in the table below. More information is available about these contractual obligations in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included herein.

	Total	2013	2014	Payments Due by Period				Thereafter
				2015	2016	2017		
	(dollars in millions)							
Long-term debt (1)	\$ 273	\$ —	\$ 252	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	21
Estimated interest payments (2)	66	20	20	8	—	—	—	18
Purchase obligations (3)	2,322	467	379	174	121	125	—	1,056
OPEB obligations (4)	75	6	6	6	7	8	—	42
Other liabilities (5)	194	55	55	55	4	4	—	21
Total	\$ 2,930	\$ 548	\$ 712	\$ 243	\$ 132	\$ 137	\$ —	1,158

- (1) Long-term debt includes principal repayments on the 7.5% Notes, the 8.0% Notes, the IRBs and the E.ON contingent obligation. Payments are based on the assumption that all outstanding debt instruments will remain outstanding until their respective due dates. We assume that the E.ON contingent obligation will be repaid when the LME contingency is met using the LME forward curve as of December 31, 2012.
- (2) Estimated interest payments on our long-term debt are based on several assumptions, including an assumption that all outstanding debt instruments will remain outstanding until their respective due dates. Our estimated future interest payments for any debt with a variable rate are based on the assumption that the December 31, 2012 rate for that debt continues until the respective due date. We assume that interest payments due on the E.ON contingent obligation will be paid when the LME contingency is met using the LME forward curve as of December 31, 2012.
- (3) Purchase obligations include long-term alumina, power contracts and anode contracts. Our CAKY power contract contains a 12 month cancellation clause and we issued a termination notice that is effective in August 2013. We assumed that CAKY would maintain full production levels and no credits for unused power would be received through the termination of the contract in August 2013. For contracts with LME-based pricing provisions, including our long-term alumina contracts and Nordural's power contracts, we assumed an LME price using the LME forward curve as of December 31, 2012.
- (4) Includes the estimated benefit payments for our OPEB obligations through 2022, which are unfunded.
- (5) Other liabilities include supplemental executive benefits ("SERB") pension benefit payments, workers' compensation benefit payments, asset retirement obligations and contractual commitments for the Helguvik project. Asset retirement obligations are estimated disposal costs for the potliner currently in service. Our contractual commitments for the Helguvik projects consist of various contracts for equipment and services associated with the project.

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

### Commodity Price Sensitivity

We are exposed to price risk for primary aluminum. We manage our exposure to fluctuations in the price of primary aluminum through financial instruments to protect our downside price risk exposure for our domestic production. In addition, we manage our exposure to fluctuations in our costs by purchasing certain of our alumina and power requirements under supply contracts with prices tied to the same indices as our aluminum sales contracts (the LME price of primary aluminum). Our risk management activities do not include any trading or speculative transactions.

### Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

#### Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Glencore Metal Agreement (1)	Glencore	20,400 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore	Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore	Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire	220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and high-purity metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

#### Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

- (1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum. Any decrease in the EU import duty for primary aluminum negatively impacts Grundartangi's revenues.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

#### Forwards and Financial Purchase Agreements

##### Financial Purchase and Sales Agreements

##### Natural gas forward financial contracts

To mitigate the volatility of our natural gas cost due to the natural gas markets, from time to time, we enter into fixed-price forward financial purchase contracts which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended usage of natural gas. These forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedges. We had no outstanding natural gas forward financial purchase contracts at December 31, 2012. See [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) in the consolidated financial statements for additional information about these contracts.

##### Foreign Currency

We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the Icelandic krona and the Chinese yuan. From time to time, we may manage our foreign currency exposure by entering into foreign currency forward contracts. As of December 31, 2012, we had no foreign currency forward contracts outstanding. See [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) in the consolidated financial statements for additional information about these contracts.

##### Natural Economic Hedges

The quantification of our exposure to the commodity price of aluminum is necessarily limited, as it does not take into consideration our inventory or forward delivery contracts, or the offsetting impact on the sales price of primary aluminum products. Our alumina contracts are indexed to the LME price for primary aluminum and provide a natural hedge for approximately 16% of our production. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 34% of our production for 2013 was hedged by our LME-based alumina contracts and by Grundartangi's electrical power and tolling contracts.

##### Risk Management

Our risk management activities are subject to the control and direction of senior management within guidelines established by Century's Board of Directors. These activities are regularly reported to Century's Board of Directors.



Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Century Aluminum Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Century Aluminum Company and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2). These financial statements and the financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Century Aluminum Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 18, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 18, 2013

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Century Aluminum Company:

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Century Aluminum Company and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Item 9A, Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 of the Company and our reports dated March 18, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 18, 2013

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,976	\$ 183,401
Restricted cash	258	—
Accounts receivable — net	50,667	47,647
Due from affiliates	37,870	44,665
Inventories	159,925	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	34,975	40,646
Deferred taxes — current portion	19,726	—
Total current assets	487,397	488,320
Property, plant and equipment — net	1,188,214	1,218,225
Other assets	100,715	104,549
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,776,326</b>	<b>\$ 1,811,094</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 75,370	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	39,737	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	40,099	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	18,683	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	7,815
Total current liabilities	181,704	193,365
Senior notes payable	250,582	249,512
Accrued pension benefits costs — less current portion	67,878	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefits costs — less current portion	143,105	128,078
Other liabilities	40,162	40,005
Deferred taxes	110,252	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	611,979	579,452
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 15)</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Series A Preferred stock (one cent par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 80,283 and 80,718 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	1	1
Common stock (one cent par value, 195,000,000 shares authorized; 93,335,158 issued and 88,548,637 outstanding at December 31, 2012; 93,230,848 issued and 88,844,327 outstanding at December 31, 2011)	933	932
Additional paid-in capital	2,507,454	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	(49,924)	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(151,192)	(134,588)
Accumulated deficit	(1,324,629)	(1,289,019)
Total shareholders' equity	982,643	1,038,277
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,776,326</b>	<b>\$ 1,811,094</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
NET SALES:			
Third-party customers	\$ 719,812	\$ 791,993	\$ 755,863
Related parties	552,299	564,431	413,408
	<u>1,272,111</u>	<u>1,356,424</u>	<u>1,169,271</u>
Cost of goods sold	1,225,769	1,266,902	1,056,875
Gross profit	46,342	89,522	112,396
Other operating expenses (income) – net	18,253	(3,806)	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	35,363	46,032	46,802
Operating income (loss)	(7,274)	47,296	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(24,029)	(25,129)	(25,625)
Interest income – related party	62	303	448
Interest income – third parties	492	338	615
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	(4,150)	804	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	5,576	(1,373)	(377)
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	(29,323)	22,239	67,546
Income tax expense	(8,910)	(14,359)	(11,133)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	(38,233)	7,880	56,413
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	2,623	3,445	3,558
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:			
Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)  
(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Comprehensive income (loss)			
Net income (loss)	\$ (35,610)	\$ 11,325	\$ 59,971
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:			
Net unrealized loss on financial instruments	(218)	(479)	(81)
Net loss reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	40	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	(186)	(186)	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:			
Net loss arising during the period	(16,691)	(62,212)	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	—	—	112,488
Amortization of prior service cost (benefit) during the period	(4,113)	(32,677)	(61,216)
Amortization of net gain (loss) during the period	9,837	16,926	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	(4,236)	(253)	343
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(15,040)	(78,841)	27,314
Income tax effect	(1,564)	(5,771)	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(16,604)	(84,612)	24,294
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (52,214)	\$ (73,287)	\$ 84,265

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands)

	Preferred stock	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Treasury stock, at cost	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Accumulated deficit	Total shareholders' equity
Balance, December 31, 2009 \$	1 \$	925 \$	2,501,389 \$	— \$	(74,270) \$	(1,360,315) \$	1,067,730
Net income – 2010	—	—	—	—	—	59,971	59,971
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	24,294	—	24,294
Issuance of common stock – compensation plans	—	2	1,072	—	—	—	1,074
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	1,447	—	—	—	1,447
Conversion of preferred stock to common stock	—	1	(1)	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2010 \$	1 \$	928 \$	2,503,907 \$	— \$	(49,976) \$	(1,300,344) \$	1,154,516
Net income – 2011	—	—	—	—	—	11,325	11,325
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(84,612)	—	(84,612)
Issuance of common stock – compensation plans	—	2	81	—	—	—	83
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	—	(45,891)	—	—	(45,891)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	2,856	—	—	—	2,856
Conversion of preferred stock to common stock	—	2	(2)	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2011 \$	1 \$	932 \$	2,506,842 \$	(45,891) \$	(134,588) \$	(1,289,019) \$	1,038,277
Net income – 2012	—	—	—	—	—	(35,610)	(35,610)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(16,604)	—	(16,604)
Issuance of common stock – compensation plans	—	1	(1)	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	—	(4,033)	—	—	(4,033)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	613	—	—	—	613
Balance, December 31, 2012 \$	1 \$	933 \$	2,507,454 \$	(49,924) \$	(151,192) \$	(1,324,629) \$	982,643

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ (35,610)	\$ 11,325	\$ 59,971
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Unrealized net loss (gain) on forward contracts	2,987	(750)	10,030
Realized benefit of contractual receivable	—	—	55,703
Accrued and other plant curtailment costs — net	5,251	(13,928)	(56,010)
Lower of cost or market inventory adjustment	(19,818)	19,766	(426)
Depreciation	62,570	62,194	63,550
Debt discount amortization	1,069	1,857	3,150
Deferred income taxes	1,529	2,494	15,552
Pension and other postretirement benefits	3,129	(28,757)	14,578
Stock-based compensation	613	2,856	1,905
Non-cash loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt	—	763	—
Non-cash contingent obligation	—	—	13,091
Undistributed earnings of joint ventures	(2,623)	(3,445)	(3,558)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable — net	(2,537)	(3,744)	(6,197)
Due from affiliates	2,202	10,694	(38,191)
Inventories	31,854	(35,819)	(24,009)
Prepaid and other current assets	4,946	(20,791)	13,412
Accounts payable, trade	(12,114)	(904)	11,674
Due to affiliates	(2,167)	(3,477)	12,685
Accrued and other current liabilities	(5,746)	425	(1,758)
Other — net	1,604	(3,695)	(13,642)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	37,139	(2,936)	131,510
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(17,677)	(20,100)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helgøyvik	(7,317)	(12,882)	(19,227)
Purchase of carbon anode assets and improvements	(13,814)	—	—
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	(275)	(113)	(32)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	6,622	3,056	—
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	188	1,471	823
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	3,673	5,206
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,531)	(24,895)	(25,471)



CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Repayment of debt	—	(47,067)	—
Repayment of contingent obligation	—	(189)	—
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	18,076	15,900	—
Repayments under revolving credit facility	(18,076)	(15,900)	—
Repurchase of common stock	(4,033)	(45,891)	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	83	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,033)	(93,064)	23
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	575	(120,895)	106,062
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	183,401	304,296	198,234
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 183,976</u>	<u>\$ 183,401</u>	<u>\$ 304,296</u>

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YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012, 2011 AND 2010  
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Organization and Basis of Presentation — Century Aluminum Company (“Century Aluminum,” “Century,” the “Company”, “we”, “us”, “our” or “ours”) is a holding company, whose principal subsidiaries are Century Kentucky, Inc., Nordural ehf (“Nordural”), Berkeley Aluminum, Inc. (“Berkeley”), and Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. (“Century of West Virginia”). Century Kentucky, Inc. operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Hawesville, Kentucky (“Hawesville”). Nordural Grundartangi ehf operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Grundartangi, Iceland (“Grundartangi”). Century of West Virginia operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Ravenswood, West Virginia (“Ravenswood”). Berkeley holds a 49.7% interest in a partnership which operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Mt. Holly, South Carolina (“Mt. Holly”) and a 49.7% undivided interest in the property, plant, and equipment comprising Mt. Holly. The remaining interest in the partnership and the remaining undivided interest in Mt. Holly are owned by Alumax of South Carolina, Inc., a subsidiary of Alcoa. Alumax of South Carolina, Inc. manages and operates Mt. Holly pursuant to an Owners Agreement, prohibiting the disposal of the interest held by any of the owners without the consent of the other owners and providing for certain rights of first refusal. Pursuant to the Owners Agreement, each owner furnishes their own alumina, for conversion to aluminum, and is responsible for their pro rata share of the operating and conversion costs.

In 2012, our wholly owned subsidiary, Century Aluminum Vlissingen (“Century Vlissingen”) purchased substantially all of the idled assets of the former Zeeland Aluminum Company (“Zalco”) anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands. Century Vlissingen is expected to restart in late 2013.

We also own a 40% stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. (“BHH”), a joint venture that owns and operates a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. BHH, in addition to its Chinese customers, supplies anodes to Grundartangi.

Prior to our initial public offering, we were an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Glencore International AG (together with its subsidiaries, “Glencore”). At December 31, 2012, based on their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Glencore beneficially owned 41.8% of Century’s outstanding common stock and all of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred stock. Through its ownership of our common and preferred stock, Glencore has an overall 46.6% economic ownership of Century. Century and Glencore enter into various transactions such as the purchase and sale of primary aluminum, purchase and sale of alumina, tolling agreements and primary aluminum put option contracts.

Principles of Consolidation — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Century Aluminum Company and our subsidiaries, after elimination of all significant intercompany transactions and accounts. Berkeley’s interest in the Mt. Holly partnership and our interest in the BHH joint venture are accounted for under the equity method.

Revenue recognition— Revenue is recognized when title and risk of loss pass to customers in accordance with contract terms. In some instances, we invoice our customers prior to physical shipment of goods. In such instances, revenue is recognized only when the customer has specifically requested such treatment and has made a commitment to purchase the product. The goods must be complete, ready for shipment and physically separated from other inventory with risk of ownership passing to the customer. We must retain no performance obligations and a delivery schedule must be obtained.

Cash and Cash Equivalents — Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash, money market funds and short-term investments having original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates fair value.

Accounts Receivable — The accounts receivable are net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$734 and \$734 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Inventories — Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method) or market.

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Property, Plant and Equipment — Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Additions, renewals and improvements are capitalized. Asset and accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved for dispositions with resulting gains or losses included in other income (expense) – net. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. We capitalize interest for the construction of qualifying assets. Depreciation of plant and equipment is provided for by the straight–line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and improvements	14 to 45 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 22 years

We periodically evaluate the carrying value of long–lived assets to be held and used when events and circumstances warrant such a review. The carrying value of a separately identifiable, long–lived asset is considered impaired when the anticipated undiscounted cash flow from such asset is less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long–lived asset. Fair value is determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. We did not recognize any impairment losses on our long–lived fixed assets during 2012, 2011 or 2010.

Other Assets — Other assets consist primarily of Century’s investment in the Mt. Holly partnership, investments in joint ventures, deferred financing costs, assets held in a Rabbi trust to fund the non–qualified supplemental executive benefits (“SERB”) pension benefit obligation and operating maintenance supplies not expected to be consumed within the year. Our equity share of the undistributed earnings (loss) increases (decreases) the investment in the joint ventures. Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight–line basis over the life of the related financial instrument.

We account for our interest in the Mt. Holly partnership using the equity method of accounting. Additionally, our undivided interest in certain property, plant and equipment of Mt. Holly is held outside of the partnership and the undivided interest in these assets of the facility is accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 810–10–45–14 “Investor Balance Sheet and Income Statement Display under the Equity Method for Investments in Certain Partnerships and Other Ventures.” Accordingly, the undivided interest in these assets and the related depreciation are being accounted for on a proportionate gross basis.

Income Taxes — We account for income taxes using the liability method, whereby deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. In evaluating our ability to realize deferred tax assets, we use judgment in considering the relative impact of negative and positive evidence. The weight given to the potential effect of negative and positive evidence is commensurate with the extent to which it can be objectively verified. Based on the weight of evidence, both negative and positive, if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. Accordingly, we have a valuation allowance against a portion of our federal and state deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. We have a valuation allowance against a portion of our Icelandic, Hong Kong and Dutch net operating losses (“NOL”) deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. During 2012, we have removed our election to permanently reinvest foreign earnings. See [Note 14 Income Taxes](#) for additional information.

Postretirement Benefits — We provide certain postretirement benefits to former and inactive employees and their dependents during the period following employment, but before retirement. These benefits include salary continuance, supplemental unemployment and disability healthcare. We recognize the estimated future cost of providing postretirement benefits on an accrual basis over the active service life of the employee.

Derivatives and hedging — We routinely enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods. We also enter into fixed price financial sales contracts and put option contracts to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing primary aluminum prices. We have also entered into financial purchase contracts for natural gas to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing natural gas prices.

Certain physical delivery and financial sales contracts for primary aluminum that are not designated cash flow hedges or do not qualify for cash flow hedge treatment are marked–to–market quarterly. Fluctuations in the London Metal Exchange (“LME”) price of primary aluminum may have a significant impact on gains and losses included in our financial statements from period to period. We recognize the unrealized and realized gains and losses associated with these contracts in net gain (loss) on forward contracts.

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See [Note 4 Fair Value Measurements](#) and [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these contracts.

**Foreign Currency** – We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the Icelandic krona (“ISK”) and the Chinese yuan. Nordural and Century Vlissingen use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, however a portion of the operating expenses of their respective facilities are denominated and payable in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Grundartangi’s labor and certain other local costs are denominated in ISK and a portion of its anode costs are denominated in euros. Labor costs, maintenance costs and other local services at Century Vlissingen are denominated in euros. Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded based on exchange rates at the time such transactions arise and any transaction gains and losses are reflected in other income (expense) – net in the consolidated statements of operations. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi’s and Century Vlissingen’s operating margins. In addition, our joint venture investment in BHH uses the Chinese yuan as its functional currency. For our joint venture investments, we record gains and losses associated with foreign currency exchange rates in equity in earnings of joint ventures.

**Financial Instruments** — Our receivables, payables and debt related to industrial revenue bonds (“IRBs”) are carried at amounts that approximate fair value. The following table provides the carrying amounts and approximate fair value (based the last available trading data) of our 8.0% senior notes due 2014 (the “8.0% Notes”) and our 7.5% senior notes due 2014 (the “7.5% Notes”).

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
8% Notes	\$ 247,979	\$ 255,706	\$ 246,909	\$ 249,292
7.5% Notes	2,603	2,479	2,603	2,564

**Concentration of Credit Risk** — Financial instruments, which potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of trade receivables and primary aluminum put option contracts. Our limited customer base increases our concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables. We routinely assess the financial strength of our customers and collectability of our trade receivables.

**Use of Estimates** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Stock-Based Compensation** — We use the Black–Scholes option–pricing model to estimate the fair value of our stock option grants and service–based share awards on the grant date of the share award. Information about our assumptions used to determine the fair value of the grants in 2012, 2011 and 2010 is available in [Note 12 Share–based Compensation](#).

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards** – We evaluate the impact of FASB accounting standards updates (“ASUs”) issued. When the adoption or planned adoption of recently issued ASUs will potentially have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows, we disclose the quantitative and qualitative effects of the adoption in our consolidated financial statements. During 2012, no ASUs were issued that had a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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2. Hawesville power contract

Notice to Terminate

In August 2012, Century Aluminum of Kentucky, our wholly owned subsidiary ("CAKY"), issued a 12-month notice to terminate a long-term cost based power agreement with Kenergy, a member cooperative of the Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"). During the 12-month notice period, we are required to pay a demand charge for power, but are not obligated to continue operating the plant.

Upon termination of our long-term cost-based power contract with Kenergy (the "Big Rivers Agreement"), Century will be required to find an alternative source of power for the facility. In addition, Big Rivers or Kenergy may seek to challenge our ability to operate the plant under power arrangements with third parties. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to be allowed to access the wholesale market for power.

2009 Unwind Transaction

In July 2009, CAKY, E.ON U.S. ("E.ON") and Big Rivers, agreed to an "unwind" of the former contractual arrangement between Big Rivers and E.ON and entered into the Big Rivers Agreement in order to provide long-term cost-based power to CAKY. The term of the Big Rivers Agreement is through 2023 and provides adequate power for full production capacity requirements for Hawesville (approximately 482 megawatts ("MW")) with pricing based on the power provider's cost of production. The Big Rivers Agreement is take-or-pay for Hawesville's energy requirements at full production. Under the terms of the agreement, any power not consumed by Hawesville would be available for sale and we would receive credits for actual power sales up to our cost for that power.

In connection with the "unwind," E.ON agreed to mitigate a significant portion of the near-term risk of this agreement through December 2010. During this time, to the extent Hawesville did not use all the power under the take-or-pay contract, E.ON, with some limitations, assumed CAKY's obligations under the former power contract. This effectively resulted in CAKY paying prices which approximated the previous contract prices and volume protection resulting in CAKY receiving credits for unused power without sustaining a loss. Hawesville received these economic benefits through December 2010.

Under the terms of the "unwind," to the extent the aggregate payments made by E.ON exceeded an agreed upon base amount, CAKY is obligated to repay this excess to E.ON over time under certain conditions. The aggregate balance due to E.ON is recorded in other liabilities. The repayment obligation is contingent upon certain operating criteria and the LME price of primary aluminum. See [Note 6 Debt](#) for additional information about the E.ON contingent obligation.

During 2012 and 2011, we paid the full production cost of power under the Big Rivers Agreement. During 2010, the full production cost of power was recorded in our cost of goods sold, however, we realized benefits of \$68,794 for 2010 for E.ON payments made on CAKY's behalf, including amounts incurred for the E.ON contingent obligation.

The power contract was designated as a normal purchase contract under ASC 815. The Big Rivers Agreement is a cost-based contract that is not expected to have any significant value and is with a regulated power generator. While the Big Rivers Agreement is a take-or-pay contract, under which we may net settle any unused power with Big Rivers, we would only receive credits up to our cost for such power sales and would not profit on any sales made above our cost for such power under the current election.

3. Asset purchase

In June 2012, Century Vlissingen purchased substantially all of the assets of the Zalco anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands for approximately \$12,500. In connection with the purchase, we entered into a ground lease with respect to the facility that is renewable at our option. Century Vlissingen did not assume, and is indemnified against, historical liabilities of the facility.

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The anode production facility, which was curtailed by Zalco in December 2011, will require a significant capital investment to modernize the facility, comply with environmental regulations and optimize anode production for our smelter in Grundartangi. We expect the first 75,000 metric tons of capacity will be restarted in late 2013 and will provide an anode supply to replace third-party anode supply contracts that will terminate in 2013.

4. Fair value measurements

ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This pronouncement applies to a broad range of other existing accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. ASC 820 defines fair value as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date." Fair value is an exit price and that exit price should reflect all the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

ASC 820 recognizes three valuation techniques; the market approach, income approach, and/or cost approach. Valuation techniques used for fair value measurements are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our internal market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market.
- Level 2 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations for which all significant inputs are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 – Assets or liabilities whose significant inputs are unobservable. Valuations are determined using pricing models and discounted cash flow models and include management judgment and estimation which may be significant.

Our fair value measurements include the consideration of market risks that other market participants might consider in pricing the particular asset or liability, specifically non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk. Considerations of the non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk are used to establish the appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates used in our fair value measurements.

The following section describes the valuation methodology used to measure our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value.

Overview of Century's valuation methodology

	Level	Significant inputs
Cash equivalents/money market funds	1	Quoted market prices
Trust assets (1)	1	Quoted market prices
Surety bonds	1	Quoted market prices
Primary aluminum put option contracts	2	Quoted LME forward market prices, historical volatility measurements and risk-adjusted discount rates
Natural gas forward financial purchase contracts	2	Quoted natural gas forward market prices and risk-adjusted discount rates
Power contracts	3	Quoted LME forward market prices, power tariff prices, management's estimate of future power usage and risk-adjusted discount rates
E.ON contingent obligation	3	Quoted LME forward market, management's estimates of the LME forward market prices for periods beyond the quoted periods and management's estimate of future level of operations at CAKY.
Primary aluminum sales premium contracts	3	Management's estimates of future U.S. Midwest premium and risk-adjusted discount rates

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- (1) Trust assets are currently invested in money market funds. The trust has sole authority to invest the funds in secure interest producing investments consisting of short-term securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or cash and cash equivalents.

Fair Value Measurements

The following table sets forth our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis by the level of input within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy. As required by GAAP for fair value measurements and disclosures, financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements	As of December 31, 2012			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 168,309	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 168,309
Trust assets	14,254	—	—	14,254
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,123	—	—	2,123
TOTAL	<u>\$ 184,686</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 184,686</u>
LIABILITIES:				
E.ON contingent obligation – net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,369	\$ 15,369
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	1,170	1,170
TOTAL	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 16,539</u>	<u>\$ 16,539</u>

Recurring Fair Value Measurements	As of December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 176,284	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 176,284
Trust assets	15,889	—	—	15,889
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,391	—	—	2,391
Primary aluminum put option contracts	—	9,331	—	9,331
Power contract	—	—	106	106
TOTAL	<u>\$ 194,564</u>	<u>\$ 9,331</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 204,001</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Natural gas forward financial purchase contracts	\$ —	\$ 281	\$ —	\$ 281
E.ON contingent obligation – net	—	—	13,958	13,958
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	908	908
TOTAL	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 281</u>	<u>\$ 14,866</u>	<u>\$ 15,147</u>

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Change in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements during the years ended December 31,

	Derivative liabilities/assets	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance January 1,	\$ (14,760)	\$ (13,802)
Total loss (realized/unrealized) included in earnings	(1,684)	(1,382)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(95)	424
Ending balance, December 31,	<u>\$ (16,539)</u>	<u>\$ (14,760)</u>
Amount of total loss included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized losses relating to assets and liabilities held at December 31,	\$ (1,684)	\$ (1,382)

The net loss on our derivative liabilities are recorded in our statement of operations under net gain (loss) on forward contracts. In 2012 and 2011, our Level 3 derivative liabilities are included in accrued and other current liabilities and other liabilities of our consolidated balance sheet.

At December 31, 2012, the E.ON contingent obligation represented our primary Level 3 fair value measurement. The unobservable inputs associated with this fair value measurement consist of management's estimates of the LME forward market prices for periods beyond the quoted periods and management's estimate of future level of operations at CAKY. The unobservable inputs represent payment obligation triggers which determine whether or not we would be obligated to make payment to E.ON. A change in our estimate of LME forward market prices or our estimate of future levels of operations at CAKY would impact the fair value measurement by changing our estimate of the timing and amount of repayments required under the obligation. At December 31, 2012, we estimate that we will fully repay the obligation based on our selected inputs. Changes to the selected inputs would result in a reduction to the estimated required repayments and a corresponding reduction in the contingent obligation recorded.

#### 5. Derivative and hedging instruments

Derivatives. Our derivative contracts have included natural gas forward financial purchase contracts, foreign currency contracts, primary aluminum forward physical delivery sales contracts, the E.ON contingent obligation, the Ravenswood power contract and primary aluminum put option contracts. We measure the fair value of these contracts based on the quoted future market prices (if available) at the reporting date in their respective principal markets for all available periods. In some cases, we use discounted cash flows from these contracts using a risk-adjusted discount rate. See [Note 4 Fair value measurements](#) for the additional information about the fair value measurement of our derivative instruments.

#### Fair Value of Derivative Assets and Liabilities

	Balance sheet location	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>DERIVATIVE ASSETS:</b>			
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Due from affiliates	\$ —	\$ 5,439
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Prepaid and other current assets	—	3,892
Power contract	Prepaid and other current assets	—	106
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9,437</u>
<b>DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES:</b>			
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Other liabilities	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Aluminum sales premium contracts – current portion	Accrued and other current liabilities	1,170	607
Aluminum sales premium contracts – less current portion	Other liabilities	—	301
Natural gas forward financial contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	281
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ 16,539</u>	<u>\$ 15,147</u>



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The natural gas forward financial contracts are derivatives that qualified for cash flow hedge treatment. During 2012 and 2011, the changes in our accumulated other comprehensive loss resulting from realized and unrealized gains and losses on these derivatives were not significant to our financial statements. There were no losses recognized for ineffective portions of these derivatives during the periods.

As of December 31, 2012, an accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$153 is expected to be reclassified to earnings over the next 12-month period.

Natural gas forward financial contracts

To mitigate the volatility of our natural gas cost due to the natural gas markets, from time to time, we have entered into fixed-price forward financial purchase contracts which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended usage of natural gas. These forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting under ASC 815. The critical terms of the contracts essentially match those of the underlying exposure. As of December 31, 2012, we did not have any such contracts outstanding.

The effective portion of the natural gas forward financial contracts is reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and the ineffective portion is reported currently in earnings. Each month, when we settle the natural gas forward financial contracts, the realized gain or loss is recognized in income as part of our cost of goods sold.

Foreign currency forward contracts

As of December 31, 2012, we had no foreign currency forward contracts outstanding. We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the ISK and the Chinese yuan. The labor costs, maintenance costs and other local services at Grundartangi are denominated in ISK and a portion of its anode costs are denominated in euros. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi's operating margins.

From time to time, we manage our foreign currency exposure by entering into foreign currency forward contracts when management deems such transactions appropriate. During 2008 and 2009, we had foreign currency forward contracts to manage the currency risk associated with Grundartangi operating costs, Grundartangi expansion and the Helguvik project capital expenditures. These contracts were designated as cash flow hedges and qualified for hedge accounting under ASC 815 and had maturities through September 2009.

The realized gains or losses for our cash flow hedges for the Grundartangi expansion and Helguvik project capital expenditures were recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss and will be reclassified to earnings as part of the depreciation expense of the capital assets (for the Helguvik project this will occur when Helguvik is put into service).

Primary aluminum put option contracts

In the past, we have entered into primary aluminum put option contracts that settled monthly based on LME prices. The option contract volumes account for a portion of our domestic production, with a strike price around our domestic facilities' average cash basis break-even price. These options were purchased to partially mitigate the risk of a future decline in aluminum prices.

Our counterparties included two non-related third parties and Glencore, a related party. We paid cash premiums to enter into the put option contracts and recorded an asset on the consolidated balance sheets. We determined the fair value of the put contracts using a Black-Scholes model with market data provided by an independent vendor and account for the contracts as derivative financial instruments with gains and losses in the fair value of the contracts recorded on the consolidated statements of operations in net gain (loss) on forward contracts.

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Aluminum sales premium contracts

The Glencore Metal Agreement is a physical delivery contract for primary aluminum through December 31, 2013 with variable, LME-based pricing. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium. We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Gains and losses on the derivative are based on the difference between the contracted U.S. Midwest premium and actual and forecasted U.S. Midwest premiums. Settlements are recorded in related party sales. Unrealized gains (losses) based on forecasted U.S. Midwest premiums are recorded in net gain (loss) on forward contracts on the consolidated statements of operations.

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:

	Location	Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	\$ (2,725)	\$ 1,645
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Interest expense – third party	1,411	1,429
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Related party sales	1,309	888
Power contract	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	147	172
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	(1,571)	(1,013)

We had the following outstanding forward contracts that were entered into that were not designated as hedging instruments:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Power contracts (in megawatt hours (“MWH”)) (1)	—	3,772
Primary aluminum sales contract premium (metric tons) (2)	20,400	40,870
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons)	—	15,000
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons) – related party	—	18,000

- (1) Represents our expected usage during the remaining term of the Ravenswood power contract. The special rate mechanism of the Ravenswood power contract expired December 31, 2012.
- (2) Represents the remaining physical deliveries under the Glencore Metal Agreement.

Counterparty credit risk. Forward financial contracts are subject to counterparty credit risk. However, we only enter into forward financial contracts with counterparties we determine to be creditworthy at the time of entering into the contract. If any counterparty failed to perform according to the terms of the contract, the impact would be limited to the difference between the contract price and the market price applied to the contract volume on the date of settlement.

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6. Debt

	December 31, 2012	2011
Debt classified as current liabilities:		
Hancock County industrial revenue bonds due 2028, interest payable quarterly (variable interest rates (not to exceed 12%))(1)	\$ 7,815	\$ 7,815
Debt classified as non-current liabilities:		
8.0% senior secured notes payable due May 15, 2014, net of debt discount of \$1,625 and \$2,695, respectively, interest payable semiannually	247,979	246,909
7.5% senior unsecured notes payable due August 15, 2014, interest payable semiannually	2,603	2,603
E.ON contingent obligation, principal and accrued interest, contingently payable monthly, annual interest rate of 10.94% (2)	15,369	13,958
Total	<u>\$ 273,766</u>	<u>\$ 271,285</u>

- (1) The IRBs are classified as current liabilities because they are remarketed weekly and could be required to be repaid upon demand if there is a failed remarketing. The IRB interest rate at December 31, 2012 was 0.33%.
- (2) E.ON contingent obligation principal and interest payments are payable based on CAKY's operating level and the LME price for primary aluminum. See E.ON contingent obligation below.

Revolving Credit Facility

General. On July 1, 2010, we and certain of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries (together with Century, the "Borrowers") entered into a four-year \$100,000 senior secured revolving credit facility pursuant to a Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2010, among the Borrowers and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as lender and agent (the "Credit Facility"), a portion of which was later syndicated to Credit Suisse AG. The Credit Facility replaced our previous credit facility that would have expired on September 19, 2010.

The Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to \$100,000 in the aggregate, including up to \$50,000 under a letter of credit sub-facility. Any letters of credit issued and outstanding under the Credit Facility reduce our borrowing availability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. As of December 31, 2012, we had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility, although the Borrowers may in the future use the Credit Facility to repay existing indebtedness, to issue standby or commercial letters of credit, to finance capital expenditures and for ongoing working capital needs and other general corporate purposes. As of December 31, 2012, the borrowing availability, net of \$46,019 for outstanding letters of credit, was approximately \$49,962 under the Credit Facility.

The availability of funds under the revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of accounts receivable and inventory which meet the eligibility criteria. The availability of funds under the revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of a portion of eligible accounts receivable not owed by Glencore plus a portion of the net amount of eligible accounts receivable owed by Glencore and a portion of eligible inventory balance.

Guaranty. The Borrowers' obligations under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by certain of our domestic subsidiaries and secured by a first priority security interest in all of the Borrowers' accounts receivable, inventory and certain bank accounts. Each Borrower is liable for any and all obligations under the Credit Facility on a joint and several basis.

Interest Rates and Fees. Any amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility will bear interest, at our option, at LIBOR or a base rate, plus, in each case, an applicable interest margin. The applicable interest margin is determined based on the average daily availability for the immediately preceding quarter. For amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility, the applicable interest margin ranges from 2.50% to 3.00% over the LIBOR rate and 1.50% under to 2.00% over the base rate. In addition, we pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts, less the amount of our letters of credit exposure.

For standby letters of credit, we are required to pay a fee on the face amount of such letters of credit equal to either 0.75% (if supported by full cash collateral) or 2.50% (for all other standby letters of credit).

Maturity. The Credit Facility will mature on July 1, 2014.

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**Prepayments.** We can make voluntary prepayments of amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility, in whole or in part without premium or penalty, subject to standard LIBOR breakage costs. We are required to apply the proceeds from sales of accounts receivable or inventory, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business, to repay amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility and correspondingly reduce the commitments there under.

**Covenants.** The Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including restrictions on mergers and acquisitions, indebtedness, affiliate transactions, liens, dividends and distributions, dispositions of collateral, investments and prepayments of indebtedness, as well as a covenant that requires the Borrowers to maintain certain minimum liquidity or availability requirements.

**Events of Default.** The Credit Facility also includes customary events of default, including nonpayment, misrepresentation, breach of covenant, bankruptcy, change of ownership, certain judgments and certain cross defaults. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, commitments under the Credit Facility may be terminated and amounts outstanding may be accelerated and declared immediately due and payable.

**7.5% Notes**

**General.** In August 2004, we sold \$250,000 of our 7.5% Notes in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

**Exchange offer and consent solicitation.** In 2010 and 2009, we completed a series of debt for debt exchange offers and consent solicitation relating to our 7.5% Notes (the "7.5% Notes Exchange Offer") in which we issued our 8.0% Notes in exchange for our 7.5% Notes. In addition, certain investors consented to certain amendments and modifications to the indenture governing the 7.5% Notes to remove, among other things, most of the restrictive covenants, in exchange for which we paid these investors consent fees. As of December 31, 2012, we had \$2,603 of aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 7.5% Notes.

**Interest rate.** The 7.5% Notes bear interest at 7.5% per annum on the principal amount, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on February 15 and August 15 of each year.

**Maturity.** The 7.5% Notes mature on August 15, 2014.

**Seniority.** The 7.5% Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank, in right of payment, the same as all of our existing and future senior unsecured debt.

**Guaranty.** Our obligations under the 7.5% Notes are guaranteed by all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries.

**Redemption Rights.** On or after August 15, 2012, we may redeem the 7.5% Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Upon a "change of control" (as defined in the indenture governing the 7.5% Notes), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 7.5% Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the 7.5% Notes on the date of the purchase, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

**8.0% Notes**

**General.** As of December 31, 2012, we have issued \$249,604 of our 8.0% Notes in a series of exchange transactions for our 7.5% Notes in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. See Exchange offer and consent solicitation under the 7.5% Notes above.

**Interest rate.** The 8.0% Notes bear interest at 8.0% per annum on the principal amount, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on May 15 and November 15 of each year.

**Maturity.** The 8.0% Notes mature on May 15, 2014.

**Seniority.** The 8.0% Notes are senior secured obligations of Century, ranking equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior indebtedness of Century, but effectively senior to unsecured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral.

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**Guaranty.** Our obligations under the 8.0% Notes are guaranteed by all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries, except for foreign owned parent companies (the "Guarantors"), which guaranty shall in each case be a senior secured obligation of such Guarantors, ranking equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior indebtedness of such Guarantor but effectively senior to unsecured debt.

**Collateral.** Our obligations under the 8.0% Notes and the guarantors' obligations under the guarantees will be secured by a pledge of and lien on (subject to certain exceptions):

all of our (i) and the guarantors' plant, property and equipment;  
all equity (ii) interests in domestic subsidiaries directly owned by us and the guarantors and 65% of equity interests in foreign subsidiaries directly owned by us and the guarantors;  
intercompany (iii) notes owed by any non-guarantor to us or any guarantor, including an intercompany note from Century Bermuda I Ltd. (which indirectly owns Grundartangi and Helguvik) to us; and  
proceeds (iv) of the foregoing.

The liens securing the 8.0% Notes will not extend to assets other than those described above.

Under certain circumstances, the indenture and the security documents governing the 8.0% Notes will permit us and the guarantors to incur additional debt that also may be secured by liens on the collateral that are equal to or have priority over the liens securing the 8.0% Notes. The collateral agent for the 8.0% Notes will agree with the collateral agent for the other debt holders and us under such circumstances to enter into an intercreditor agreement that will cause the liens securing the 8.0% Notes to be contractually subordinated to the liens securing such additional debt.

**Redemption Rights.** On or after May 15, 2012, we may redeem the 8.0% Notes, in whole or in part, at an redemption price equal to 102% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The redemption price will decline to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, beginning on May 15, 2013 and thereafter.

Upon a change of control (as defined in the indenture governing the 8.0% Notes), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 8.0% Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the 8.0% Notes on the date of the purchase, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

**Covenants.** The indenture governing the 8.0% Notes limits our ability, and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries, to: (i) incur additional debt; (ii) create liens; (iii) pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock; (iv) purchase or redeem capital stock; (v) make investments or certain other restricted payments; (vi) sell assets; (vii) issue or sell stock of certain subsidiaries; (viii) enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and (ix) effect a consolidation or merger.

#### E.ON contingent obligation

**General.** The E.ON contingent obligation consists of the aggregate E.ON payments under the Big Rivers Agreement to Big Rivers on CAKY's behalf in excess of the agreed upon base amount. Our obligation to make repayments is contingent upon certain operating criteria for Hawesville and the LME price of primary aluminum. Based on the LME forward market and our expectation of Hawesville's future operations, we expect that we will be obligated to make payments in the future. When the conditions for repayment are met, and for so long so those conditions continue to be met, we will be obligated to make principal and interest payments, in up to 72 monthly payments.

**Interest rate.** Interest accrues at an annual rate equal to 10.94%.

**Maturity.** The term of the agreement is through December 31, 2028.

#### Industrial Revenue Bonds

**General.** As part of the purchase price for our acquisition of the Hawesville facility, we assumed industrial revenue bonds which were issued in connection with the financing of certain solid waste disposal facilities constructed at the Hawesville facility.

**Interest rate.** The IRBs bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed 12% per annum determined weekly based upon prevailing rates for similar bonds in the industrial revenue bond market. Interest on the industrial revenue bonds is paid quarterly.

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Maturity. The industrial revenue bonds mature on April 1, 2028.

Security. The industrial revenue bonds are secured by a letter of credit issued under our revolving credit facility.

Principal Payments on Long Term Debt

Principal payments on our long term debt maturing in 2014, excluding contingent obligations, are as follows:

	Total	2013	2014
7.5% senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014	\$ 2,603	\$ —	\$ 2,603
8.0% senior secured notes due May 15, 2014	249,604	—	249,604
Total	<u>\$ 252,207</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 252,207</u>

7. Shareholders' Equity

Common Stock

Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized to issue up to 195,000,000 shares of common stock.

The rights, preferences, and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock, which are currently outstanding, including our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or which we may designate and issue in the future.

Stock Repurchase Program

In August 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$60,000 stock repurchase program. Under the program, we may repurchase up to \$60,000 of our outstanding shares of common stock from time to time on the open market at prevailing market prices, in block trades or otherwise. The timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions, the trading price of the stock and other factors. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

Shares of common stock repurchased are recorded at cost as treasury stock and result in a reduction of shareholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheets. From time to time, treasury shares may be reissued as contributions to our employee benefit plans and for the conversion of convertible preferred stock. When shares are reissued, we use an average cost method for determining cost. The difference between the cost of the shares and the reissuance price is added to or deducted from additional paid-in capital.

From August 11, 2011 through December 31, 2012, we repurchased 4,786,521 shares of common stock at an aggregate purchase price of \$49,924. We had approximately \$10,076 remaining under the repurchase program authorization as of December 31, 2012.

Preferred Stock

Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Our Board of Directors may issue preferred stock in one or more series and determine for each series the dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting that series, as well as the designation thereof. Depending upon the terms of preferred stock established by our Board of Directors, any or all of the preferred stock could have preference over the common stock with respect to dividends and other distributions and upon the liquidation of Century. In addition, issuance of any shares of preferred stock with voting powers may dilute the voting power of the outstanding common stock.

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Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

Shares Authorized and Outstanding. In 2008, we issued 160,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Glencore holds all shares of the issued and outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

The issuance of common stock under our stock incentive programs, certain debt exchange transactions, and any stock offering that excludes Glencore participation triggers anti-dilution provisions of the preferred stock agreement and results in the automatic conversion of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock into shares of common stock. Our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has a par value of \$0.01 per share. The following table shows Series A Convertible Preferred Stock conversions during 2012 and 2011:

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock:	2012	2011
Shares outstanding at January 1,	80,718	82,515
Automatic conversions during the year	(435)	(1,797)
Total shares outstanding at December 31,	80,283	80,718

**Dividend Rights.** So long as any shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are outstanding, we may not pay or declare any dividend or make any distribution upon or in respect of our common stock or any other capital stock ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in respect of dividends or liquidation preference, unless we, at the same time, declare and pay a dividend or distribution on the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (a) in an amount equal to the amount such holders would receive if they were the holders of the number of shares of our common stock into which their shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are convertible as of the record date fixed for such dividend or distribution, or (b) in the case of a dividend or distribution on other capital stock ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in such amount and in such form as (based on the determination of holders of a majority of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock) will preserve, without dilution, the economic position of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock relative to such other capital stock.

**Voting Rights.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has no voting rights for the election of directors or on other matters where the shares of common stock have voting rights. However, we may not change the powers, preferences, or rights given to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or authorize, create or issue any additional shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock then outstanding (voting separately as a class).

**Liquidation Rights.** Upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of Century, the holders of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to receive a preferential distribution of \$0.01 per share out of the assets available for distribution. In addition, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Century, if our assets are sufficient to make any distribution to the holders of the common stock, then the holders of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are also entitled to share ratably with the holders of common stock in the distribution of Century's assets (as though the holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock were holders of that number of shares of common stock into which their shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are convertible). However, the amount of any such distribution will be reduced by the amount of the preferential distribution received by the holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

**Transfer Restrictions.** Glencore is prohibited from transferring shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock to any party other than an affiliate who agrees to become bound by certain agreements associated with these shares.

**Automatic Conversion.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock automatically converts, without any further act of Century or any holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, into shares of common stock, at a conversion ratio of 100 shares of common stock for each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, upon the occurrence of any of the following automatic conversion events:

- If we sell or issue shares of common stock or any other stock that votes generally with our common stock, or the occurrence of any other event, including a sale, transfer or other disposition of common stock by Glencore, as a result of which the percentage of voting stock held by Glencore decreases, an amount of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will convert to common stock to restore Glencore to its previous ownership percentage;
- If shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are transferred to an entity that is not an affiliate of Glencore, such shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will convert to shares of our common stock, provided that such transfers may only be made pursuant to an effective registration statement;

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- Upon a sale of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock by Glencore in a Rule 144 transaction in which the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and our common stock issuable upon the conversion thereof are not directed to any purchaser, such shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock sold will convert to shares of our common stock; and
- Immediately prior to and conditioned upon the consummation of a merger, reorganization or consolidation to which we are a party or a sale, abandonment, transfer, lease, license, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of our property or assets, in one or a series of transactions where, in any such case, all of our common stock would be converted into the right to receive, or exchanged for, cash and/or securities, other than any transaction in which the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be redeemed.

**Optional Conversion.** Glencore has the option to convert the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in a tender offer or exchange offer in which a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock have been tendered by the holders thereof and not duly withdrawn at the expiration time of such tender or exchange offer, so long as the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is tendered or exchanged in such offer.

**Stock Combinations; Adjustments.** If, at any time while the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is outstanding, Century combines outstanding common stock into a smaller number of shares, then the number of shares of common stock issuable on conversion of each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be decreased in proportion to such decrease in the aggregate number of shares of common stock outstanding.

**Redemptions or Repurchases of Common Stock.** We may not redeem or repurchase our common stock unless we redeem or repurchase, or otherwise make a payment on, a pro rata number of shares of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. These restrictions do not apply to our open market repurchases or our repurchases pursuant to our employee benefit plans.

**Right of Redemption.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be redeemed by Century if any of the following events occur (at a redemption price based on the trading price of our common stock prior to the announcement of such event) and Glencore votes its shares of our common stock in opposition to such events:

- We propose a merger, reorganization or consolidation, sale, abandonment, transfer, lease, license, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of our property or assets where any of our common stock would be converted into the right to receive, or exchanged for, assets other than cash and/or securities traded on a national stock exchange or that are otherwise readily marketable, or
- We propose to dissolve and wind up any assets other than cash and/or securities traded on a national stock exchange or that are otherwise readily marketable are to be distributed to the holders of our common stock.

#### 8. Inventories

Inventories, at December 31, consist of the following:

	2012	2011
Raw materials	\$ 40,725	\$ 41,142
Work-in-process	15,259	15,548
Finished goods	9,753	10,535
Operating and other supplies	94,188	104,736
Inventories	<u>\$ 159,925</u>	<u>\$ 171,961</u>

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, using FIFO.



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9. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment, at December 31, consist of the following:

	2012	2011
Land and improvements	\$ 13,021	\$ 13,021
Buildings and improvements	324,497	320,552
Machinery and equipment	1,404,928	1,387,010
Construction in progress	175,283	162,161
	<u>1,917,729</u>	<u>1,882,744</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(729,515)	(664,519)
Property, plant and equipment – net	<u>\$ 1,188,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,218,225</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recorded depreciation expense of \$62,570, \$62,194 and \$63,550, respectively.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the cost of property, plant and equipment includes \$178,528 and \$176,029, respectively, and accumulated depreciation includes \$113,174 and \$105,585, respectively, representing our undivided interest in the property, plant and equipment comprising Mt. Holly.

10. Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31

Components of Prepaid and other current assets:

	2012	2011
Prepaid and other assets	\$ 16,956	\$ 14,209
Income/withholding tax receivable – current	14,327	18,559
VAT receivable	3,692	3,880
Derivative assets	—	3,998
	<u>\$ 34,975</u>	<u>\$ 40,646</u>

Components of Other assets:

	2012	2011
Investment in Mt. Holly and joint ventures	\$ 37,880	\$ 40,922
Rabbi trust assets	29,125	30,902
Maintenance and operating supplies – non-current	17,844	17,887
Income tax receivables – non-current	13,688	12,103
Capitalized financing fees	2,178	2,735
	<u>\$ 100,715</u>	<u>\$ 104,549</u>

Components of Accrued and other current liabilities:

	2012	2011
Other accrued and current liabilities	\$ 21,424	\$ 18,838
Income taxes payable	8,146	13,370
Accrued vacation pay	6,001	5,922
Deferred tax liability – current	1,928	—
Accrued bond interest	2,560	2,560
Accrued curtailment expenses	40	86
	<u>\$ 40,099</u>	<u>\$ 40,776</u>

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Components of Other liabilities:	2012	2011
E.ON contingent liability and accrued interest	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Asset retirement obligations – non-current	14,775	13,887
Accrued workers' compensation cost – non-current	7,237	7,210
Other liabilities	2,781	4,950
	<u>\$ 40,162</u>	<u>\$ 40,005</u>
 Components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:	 2012	 2011
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ (153,225)	\$ (142,259)
Equity in investee other comprehensive income (1)	(12,712)	(8,476)
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(878)	(1,040)
Other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	(166,815)	(151,775)
Income tax effect (2)	15,623	17,187
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (151,192)</u>	<u>\$ (134,588)</u>

(1) The amount includes our equity in the other comprehensive income of Mt. Holly Aluminum Company.

(2) The allocation of income tax effect on the components of other comprehensive income is as follows:

	2012	2011
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ 15,784	\$ 17,311
Equity in investee other comprehensive income	488	558
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(649)	(682)

## 11. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

### Pension Benefits

We maintain noncontributory defined benefit pension plans for all of our domestic hourly and salaried employees. For the domestic salaried employees, plan benefits are based primarily on years of service and average compensation during the later years of employment. For hourly employees at Ravenswood, plan benefits are based primarily on a formula that provides a specific benefit for each year of service. Our funding policy is to contribute amounts based upon actuarial and economic assumptions designed to achieve adequate funding of the projected benefit obligations and to meet the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act 1974 ("ERISA"). Plan assets consist principally of U.S. and international equities and fixed income securities. In addition, we provide supplemental executive retirement benefits ("SERB") for certain current and former executive officers. We account for these plans in accordance with ASC 715–30. We use a measurement date of December 31<sup>st</sup> to determine the pension and OPEB liabilities.

### Employer contributions

In June 2011, it was determined a "change of control" occurred under the terms of our non-qualified SERB plan. As a result, we were required to make an approximately \$16,700 contribution to a Rabbi trust to fully fund the non-qualified SERB benefit obligation. In addition, through December 31, 2012, we have made contributions of approximately \$8,555 to the qualified defined benefit plans we sponsor during the year.

### Other Postretirement Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to providing pension benefits, we provide certain healthcare and life insurance benefits for certain domestic retired employees. We account for these plans in accordance with ASC 715–60. ASC 715–60 requires companies to accrue the estimated cost of providing postretirement benefits during the working careers of those employees who could become eligible for such benefits when they retire. We fund these benefits as the retirees submit claims.

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Retiree Medical Benefits changes

In 2012 and 2010, CAWV amended its postretirement medical benefit plan for all current and former salaried employees, their dependents and all bargaining unit employees who retired before October 1, 2012, and their dependents. Effective January 1, 2013, CAWV no longer provided retiree medical benefits to active salaried CAWV personnel or any other personnel who retired prior to October 1, 2012. CAWV has made no commitments as to the future status of retiree medical benefits for hourly personnel who are currently covered by an active medical program. For those retirees impacted by the changes and who have elected COBRA coverage, CAWV waived COBRA premiums through June 30, 2013.

The 2012 and 2010 plan amendments resulted in the immediate recognition of any unamortized prior service cost benefits that were accrued in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of the date of the amendments. In addition, the 2010 plan amendments resulted in a reduction in OPEB liability and a credit to accumulated other comprehensive loss. The resulting prior service benefit and actuarial losses were amortized ratably into income over the period November 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at which time the CAWV OPEB plan terminated.

With the ratification of the Hawesville labor agreement in December 2010, changes were made to the retiree medical benefits program for employees who retire during the term of the labor agreement. Such retirees have been divided into sub-groups based on attributes such as Medicare eligibility, hire date, age and years of service. Levels of benefits are defined for the sub-groups and range from no substantive change from the benefits provided under the previous labor agreement to replacement of the defined retiree medical benefit program with individual health reimbursement accounts for each eligible participant. The health reimbursement accounts will be funded by CAKY based at established rates per hour worked by each eligible participant. Eligible participants will be able to withdraw from their health reimbursement accounts to fund their own retiree medical coverage.

Obligations and Funded Status

The change in benefit obligations and change in plan assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in benefit obligation:				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 164,565	\$ 130,427	\$ 134,289	\$ 109,717
Service cost	2,802	3,133	1,790	1,668
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	5,512	5,728
Medicare Part D	—	—	210	160
Actuarial loss	8,611	30,490	11,725	24,786
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Curtailment/special termination benefits	—	1,147	—	—
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 149,263</u>	<u>\$ 134,289</u>
	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 84,967	\$ 73,878	\$ —	\$ —
Actual return on plan assets	10,607	(307)	—	—
Employer contributions	8,555	19,004	4,263	7,770
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Fair value of assets at end of year	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

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	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Funded status of plans:				
Funded status	\$ (78,720)	\$ (79,598)	\$ (149,263)	\$ (134,289)
Amounts recognized in the Statement of Financial Position:				
Current liabilities	\$ (10,842)	\$ (8,699)	\$ (6,158)	\$ (6,211)
Non-current liabilities	(67,878)	(70,899)	(143,105)	(128,078)
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ (78,720)</u>	<u>\$ (79,598)</u>	<u>\$ (149,263)</u>	<u>\$ (134,289)</u>
Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax):				
Net loss	\$ 81,417	\$ 80,092	\$ 94,947	\$ 89,420
Prior service cost (benefit)	472	608	(23,611)	(27,861)
	<u>\$ 81,889</u>	<u>\$ 80,700</u>	<u>\$ 71,336</u>	<u>\$ 61,559</u>

Our pension plans' projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation, and fair value of plan assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	Projected Benefit Obligation		Accumulated Benefit Obligation		Fair Value of Plan assets	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Hourly pension plan	\$ 78,812	\$ 75,216	\$ 78,171	\$ 74,545	\$ 53,909	\$ 47,984
Salaried pension plan	69,726	64,655	63,344	58,742	42,325	36,982
SERB plan	26,416	24,694	25,096	23,461	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 166,611</u>	<u>\$ 156,748</u>	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,966</u>

The assets held in the Rabbi trust are restricted to funding the SERB plan. However, the Rabbi trust is classified as a general asset of the company (not plan assets) and therefore, the SERB plan is considered unfunded.

Components of net periodic benefit cost and other amounts recognized in other comprehensive loss:

Net Periodic Benefit Cost:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Service cost	\$ 2,802	\$ 3,133	\$ 2,979	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,668	\$ 3,534
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	6,407	5,512	5,728	10,402
Expected return on plan assets	(6,962)	(6,631)	(5,376)	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service costs	137	137	137	(4,250)	(32,814)	(10,879)
Amortization of net loss	3,642	1,863	1,660	6,195	15,063	6,454
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	5,478	5,807	9,247	(10,355)	9,511
Special termination benefits	—	1,147	4,556	—	—	388
Effect of plan amendments	—	—	—	—	—	(50,474)
Total net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 6,490</u>	<u>\$ 6,625</u>	<u>\$ 10,363</u>	<u>\$ 9,247</u>	<u>\$ (10,355)</u>	<u>\$ (40,575)</u>

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Other changes in Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations Recognized in Other Comprehensive Loss (pre-tax):

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net loss	\$ 4,966	\$ 37,427	\$ 11,725	\$ 24,785
Amortization of net loss	(3,642)	(1,863)	(6,195)	(15,063)
Amortization of prior service benefit (cost)	(137)	(137)	4,250	32,814
Total amount recognized in other comprehensive loss	1,187	35,427	9,780	42,536
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	6,625	9,247	(10,355)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	\$ 7,677	\$ 42,052	\$ 19,027	\$ 32,181

Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive loss expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost during 2013:

	Pension	OPEB
Amortization of net loss	\$ 3,557	\$ 5,765
Amortization of prior service cost (benefit)	137	(4,250)

Weighted average assumptions were used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Discount rate	4.00%	4.25%	3.98%	4.25%
Rate of compensation increase (1)	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%
Measurement date	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2011

- (1) Rate of compensation increase for 2012 is for first five years/year six and thereafter. For 2011, the rate of compensation is for year 1/year 2/year 3 and thereafter.

Discount rate change in estimate

In 2012, we switched the approach that we use to determine the yield from the Citigroup Pension Liability Index to the Ryan 45-95 Curve (the "Ryan Curve"). This change in the approach for determining our discount rate is considered a change in accounting estimate under ASC 250. Discount rates determined using the Ryan Curve were approximately 25 basis points higher than those determined using the Citigroup Pension Liability Index, which lowered the plan benefit obligations for our pension and OPEB plans by approximately \$10,000 as a result.

Weighted average assumptions were used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31:

	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Measurement date	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Fiscal year end	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010
Discount rate	4.25%	5.49%	5.75%	3.83%	5.23%	5.89%
Rate of compensation increase	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	—	—	—

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Effect of Medicare Part D

Century's prescription drug programs are assumed to be actuarially equivalent and eligible for Medicare Part D subsidy as written into law in December 2003. The approach used to measure this impact is based on our understanding of ASC 715-60. We recognized the impact of these changes on a prospective basis. As of December 31, 2012, the effect of the Medicare Part D subsidy reduced the accumulated projected benefit obligation of our OPEB plans by \$15,412, which is an approximate 10% decrease for our OPEB plans.

For measurement purposes, medical cost inflation is initially estimated to be 9%, declining to 5% over nine years and thereafter.

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care benefit obligations. A one-percentage-point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have had the following effects in 2012:

	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Effect on total of service and interest cost	\$ 1,285	\$ (1,027)
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	23,165	(18,972)

Century 401(k) Plans

We sponsor a tax-deferred savings plan under which eligible domestic employees may elect to contribute specified percentages of their compensation with Century. In 2011, for our eligible employees, we reinstituted company matching for participants contributions to the savings plan. We suspended our company matching contributions to the 401(k) plan for 2010. Employees are considered fully vested immediately upon participation in the plan.

	2012	2011	2010
Company matching contribution to defined contribution (401(k)) plans	\$ 748	\$ 640	\$ —

Benefit Plan Assets

Pension Plan Investment Policy and Strategy

We have established the defined benefit pension plans (the "Pension Plans") as a retirement vehicle for the plan participant employees and as a funding vehicle to secure promised benefits. The Pension Plans' assets are invested in a prudent manner for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants. Other objectives are to:

- Provide a total return that, over long term, provides sufficient assets to fund the pension plan liabilities.
- Maximize the return on assets, over the long term, by investing a majority of the Pension Plans' assets in equities. The inclusion of additional asset classes with differing rates of return, volatility and correlation are utilized to reduce risk by providing diversification relative to equities.
- Diversify investments within asset classes to reduce the impact of losses in single investments.

The assets of the Pension Plans are invested in compliance with ERISA, as amended, and any subsequent applicable regulations and laws.

Performance

Our performance objective is to outperform the return on a weighted hypothetical portfolio return (the "Policy Portfolio") after fees at a comparable level of risk. This investment objective is expected to be achieved over the long term and is measured over rolling multi-year periods. Peer-relative performance comparisons will also be considered especially when performance deviates meaningfully from market indexes. Investment objectives for each asset class are included below.

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Policy Portfolio

Asset allocation policy is the principal method for achieving the Pension Plans and investment objectives stated above. The Plans' long-term strategic asset allocation policy targets are as follows:

	Policy Target	Pension Plan Asset Allocation	
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Equities:			
U.S. equities	50%	50%	51%
International equities	15%	16%	14%
Fixed income	35%	34%	35%
		100%	100%

U.S. and international equities are held for their long-term expected return premium over fixed income investments and inflation. Fixed income is held for diversification relative to equities.

The strategic role of U.S. and international equities is to:

- Provide higher expected returns of the major asset classes.
- Maintain a diversified exposure within the U.S. and international stock markets through the use of multi-manager portfolio strategies.
- Achieve returns in excess of passive indexes through the use of active investment managers and strategies.

The strategic role of fixed income is to:

- Diversify the Pension Plans' equity exposure by investing in fixed income securities that exhibit a low correlation to equities, thereby lowering the overall return volatility of the entire investment portfolio.
- Maintain a diversified exposure within the U.S. fixed income market through the use of multi-manager portfolio strategies.
- Achieve returns in excess of passive indexes through the use of active investment managers and strategies.

The long-term strategic asset allocation policy is reviewed regularly or whenever significant changes occur to Century's or the Pension Plans' financial position and liabilities.

Expected rate-of-return assumption

We are currently using an 8.0% long-term rate of return on plan assets for the development of the net periodic cost for the defined benefit pension plans. The rate was selected by taking into account our expected asset mix and is based on historical performance as well as expected future rates of return on plan assets.

Fair Value Measurements of Pension Plan Assets

We measured the fair value of our Pension Plans' assets in accordance with ASC 820. For additional information about fair value measurement, see [Note 4 Fair Value measurements](#).

The following table sets forth by level within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy our Pension Plan assets. As required by generally accepted accounting principles for fair value measurements and disclosures, these assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. For additional information, see [Note 4 Fair Value measurements](#).

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Fair Value of Pension Plans' assets by category under the fair value hierarchy:  
As of December 31, 2012 (1)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ 47,728	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 47,728
International equities	15,318	—	—	15,318
Fixed income	32,734	—	—	32,734
Cash deposit in transit	454			454
Total	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 96,234</u>
As of December 31, 2011				
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ —	\$ 43,058	\$ —	\$ 43,058
International equities	—	12,243	—	12,243
Fixed income	—	29,666	—	29,666
Total	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>

(1) In 2012, we transferred the assets of the Pension Plans to a new trustee and invested in the trustee's mutual funds which are publicly traded on the NASDAQ.

Our Pension Plans' assets are held in certain mutual funds. The fair value of the mutual funds is based on the Net Asset Value ("NAV") which calculated every business day. The underlying securities within the mutual funds are determined as follows:

- U.S. listed equities; equity and fixed income options: Last sale price; last bid price if no last sale price;
- U.S. over-the-counter equities: Official closing price; last bid price if no closing price;
- Foreign equities: Official closing price, where available, or last sale price; last bid price if no official closing price; and
- Municipal bonds, US bonds, Eurobonds/foreign bonds: Evaluated bid price; broker quote if no evaluated bid price.

Our other postretirement benefit plans are unfunded. We fund these benefits as the retirees submit claims.

#### Pension and OPEB Cash Flows

##### Contributions

We expect to make the following contributions for 2013:

	2013
Expected pension plan contributions	\$ 10,842
Expected OPEB benefits payments	6,157

#### Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following table provides the estimated future benefit payments for the pension and other postretirement benefit plans.

	Pension Benefits	OPEB Benefits
2013	\$ 8,295	\$ 6,157
2014	8,793	5,863
2015	8,888	6,468
2016	8,979	6,961
2017	9,130	7,525
2018 – 2022	48,585	42,349



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Participation in Multi-Employer Pension Plans

We contribute to one multiemployer defined benefit pension plan under the terms of a collective-bargaining agreement that covers our union-represented employees at Hawesville. Currently, we do not have any plans to withdraw from or curtail participation in this plan. The risks of participating in a multiemployer plan are different from single-employer plans in the following aspects:

- Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.
- If a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers.
- If a participating employer chooses to stop participating in a multiemployer plan, the employer may be required to pay the plan an amount based on the underfunded status of the plan, referred to as a withdrawal liability.

The union-represented employees at Hawesville are part of a United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USWA") sponsored multi-employer plan. Our contributions to the plan are determined at a fixed rate per hour worked.

Century's participation in the plan for the year ended December 31, 2012, is outlined in the table below.

Fund	Steelworkers Pension Trust
EIN / PN	23-6648508/499
Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2012 (1)	Green
Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2011 (1)	Green
Subject to Financial Improvement/Rehabilitation Plan	No
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2012 (2)(3)	\$2,282
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2011 (2)(3)	\$2,117
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2010 (3)	\$1,306
Withdrawal from Plan Probable	No
Surcharge Imposed	No
Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement	April 1, 2015

- (1) The most recent Pension Protection Act zone status available in 2012 and 2011 is for the plans' year-end December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The zone status is based on information that Century received from the plan as well as publicly available information per the Department of Labor and is certified by the plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded, plans in the yellow zone are less than 80 percent funded, and plans in the green zone are at least 80 percent funded.
- (2) The number of union-represented employees at Hawesville increased approximately 10% due to the restart of curtailed operations in 2011.
- (3) Our contributions to the Steelworkers Pension Trust are not 5% or more of the total contributions to the plan.

12. Share Based Compensation

**1996 Stock Incentive Plan** — We award performance-based and service-based (time vested) share awards and grant qualified incentive and nonqualified stock options to our salaried officers, non-employee directors, and other key employees from our 1996 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Stock Incentive Plan"). The Stock Incentive Plan has 10,000,000 shares authorized for issuance with approximately 7,326,000 shares remaining at December 31, 2012. Granted stock options have a term of 10 years and typically vest one-third on the grant date and additional one-third on the first and second anniversary dates of the grant. Our independent non-employee directors receive annual grants of service-based share awards that vest following 12 months of service. In addition to the stock options, we grant service-based stock awards that typically vest over a period of three years from the date of grant provided that the recipient is still our employee at the time of vesting.

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At the time three directors designated for nomination to our Board of Directors were elected in June 2011, it was determined a “change of control” occurred under the terms of our share-based incentive compensation plans. As a result, certain outstanding share-based incentive awards immediately vested and we recognized compensation expense for the accelerated vesting of these awards in 2011.

As of December 31, 2012, options to purchase 611,334 shares of common stock were outstanding and 396,133 service-based stock awards have been authorized, all awards granted prior to June 7, 2011 are vested and the remainder will vest if the employee recipients are employed for the requisite service periods.

The Stock Incentive Plan provides for grants of performance share units upon the attainment of certain established performance goals. The performance share units represent the right to receive common stock, on a one-for-one basis on their vesting dates. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 174,172 performance share units have been authorized, all awards granted prior to June 7, 2011 are vested and the remainder will vest upon the attainment of the performance goals. Under the performance share plan, a portion of the performance share award will be granted in service-based share awards at the grant date. These shares will be awarded to the plan participant if the participant is still an employee on the award date and are included in our service-based share awards.

Under our equity compensation program for our directors, continuing independent directors receive annual grants of service-based share awards. Newly elected directors receive a one-time initial award of 1,000 service-based share awards that vest 50% following 12 months of service and 50% following 24 months of service. These awards are included in our service-based share awards.

Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan — Our non-employee directors’ stock option plan is no longer an active plan. As of December 31, 2012, this plan had 15,000 outstanding options. No new options will be issued out of this plan.

A summary of activity under our Stock Incentive Plan and the Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan during the year ended December 31, 2012 is presented below:

Options	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	632,334	\$ 24.51		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited/expired	(6,000)	15.17		
Outstanding, fully vested and exercisable at December 31, 2012 (1)	626,334	\$ 24.60	4.82	\$ 611

- (1) As explained above, all unvested stock options immediately vested and became immediately exercisable in 2011. All such options will remain exercisable for their respective remaining term, regardless of whether the awardees remain employees of Century.

All stock options are vested; there are no non-vested stock options.

<u>Service-based share awards</u>				
Outstanding at January 1, 2012				347,191
Granted				134,468
Vested				(85,526)
Forfeited				—
Outstanding at December 31, 2012				<u>396,133</u>

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	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average per share fair value of service-based share grants	\$8.14	\$15.49	\$12.31
Total intrinsic value of option exercises	—	72	1
Share-based liabilities paid (1)	—	—	1,050
Total fair value of stock options vested during the period	—	1,403	112

- (1) Share based liabilities paid represent the fair value of shares issued on the vesting date to certain key employees under our performance share program.

Fair Value Measurement of Share-Based Compensation Awards –We estimate the fair value of each share-based award using the Black-Scholes model on the date of grant. We used the following assumptions to estimate the fair value of our share awards for 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	2012	2011	2010
Risk-free interest rate	0.18% – 0.48	0.10% – 1.11	0.31% – 1.52
Expected dividend yield	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Expected volatility	61% – 77%	50% – 134%	107% – 108%
Expected forfeiture rate	0% – 3%	0% – 3%	0% – 3%
Expected term (years)	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0

The following table summarizes the compensation cost recognized for the year ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 for all options, service-based share and performance-based share expense. No share-based compensation cost was capitalized during these periods and there were no significant modifications (other than the accelerated vesting described above) of any share-based awards in 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Share-based compensation expense reported:			
Performance-based stock expense	\$ 27	\$ 1,836	\$ 2,904
Service-based stock expense (1)	586	692	(1,668)
Stock option expense	—	328	669
Total share and performance-based compensation expense before income tax	613	2,856	1,905
Income tax	—	—	—
Total share and performance-based compensation expense, net of income tax	\$ 613	\$ 2,856	\$ 1,905

- (1) We recorded a net credit for service-based stock awards in 2010 due to adjustments for payroll taxes paid in cash during the year.

As of December 31, 2012, we had unrecognized compensation expense of \$560 before taxes. This expense will be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.50 years.

During 2012, there were no stock option exercises, and thus no cash was received and we did not recognize any tax benefits related to stock option exercises.

We issue shares to satisfy the requirements of our share-based compensation plans. At this time, we do not plan to issue treasury shares to support our share-based compensation plans, but we may in the future.

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13. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") amounts are calculated by dividing earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS amounts assume the issuance of common stock for all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding. The following table shows the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for 2012, 2011, and 2010:

	For the year ended December 31, 2012		
	Net loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net loss	\$ (35,610)		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	<u>100.00%</u>		
Basic EPS:			
Loss allocable to common shareholders	\$ (35,610)	88,534	\$ (0.40)
Diluted EPS:			
Loss applicable to common shareholders	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>88,534</u>	<u>\$ (0.40)</u>
	For the year ended December 31, 2011		
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 11,325		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	<u>91.87%</u>		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 10,404	91,854	\$ 0.11
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		403	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	<u>\$ 10,404</u>	<u>92,257</u>	<u>\$ 0.11</u>
	For the year ended December 31, 2010		
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 59,971		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	<u>91.79%</u>		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 55,046	92,676	\$ 0.59
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		<u>626</u>	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	<u>\$ 55,046</u>	<u>93,302</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>

Impact of issuance of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock on EPS

Our Series A Convertible preferred stock has similar characteristics of a "participating security" as described by ASC 260-10-45. In accordance with the guidance in the ASC 260-10-45, we calculated basic EPS using the Two-Class Method, allocating undistributed income to our preferred shareholder consistent with their participation rights, and diluted EPS using the If-Converted Method when applicable.

ASC 260-10-50 does not require the presentation of basic and diluted EPS for securities other than common stock and the EPS amounts, as presented, only pertain to our common stock.

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The Two-Class Method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings (loss) per share for common shares and participating securities according to dividends declared (or accumulated) and the participation rights in undistributed earnings. Our preferred stock is a non-cumulative perpetual participating convertible preferred stock with no set dividend preferences. See [Note 7 Shareholders' Equity](#) for additional information about the rights and features of the preferred stock.

The holders of our convertible preferred stock do not have a contractual obligation to share in our losses. Thus, in periods where we report net losses, we do not allocate these losses to the convertible preferred stock for the computation of basic or diluted EPS.

Calculation of EPS

	2012	2011	2010
Options to purchase common stock	626,334	632,334	675,575
Service-based share awards outstanding	396,133	347,191	551,382

Excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS:

	2012	2011	2010
Stock options (1)	626,334	353,000	377,000
Service-based share awards	396,133	—	—

- (1) These stock option awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock, except in years when we had a net loss where all options were excluded because of their antidilutive effect on earnings per share.

14. Income Taxes

The components of pre-tax book income (loss) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
U.S.	\$ (38,762)	\$ (22,865)	\$ 37,487
Foreign	9,439	45,104	30,059
Total	<u>\$ (29,323)</u>	<u>\$ 22,239</u>	<u>\$ 67,546</u>

Significant components of the income tax expense (benefit) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Current:			
U.S. federal current expense (benefit)	\$ (161)	\$ (22)	\$ 191
State current expense (benefit)	(669)	1,395	(1,047)
Foreign current expense	9,808	13,467	11,485
Total current expense	<u>8,978</u>	<u>14,840</u>	<u>10,629</u>
Deferred:			
U.S. federal deferred benefit	(1,564)	(5,772)	(2,945)
State deferred benefit	—	—	(75)
Foreign deferred tax expense	1,496	5,291	3,524
Total deferred expense (benefit)	<u>(68)</u>	<u>(481)</u>	<u>504</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 8,910</u>	<u>\$ 14,359</u>	<u>\$ 11,133</u>

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A reconciliation of the statutory U.S. Federal income tax rate to the effective income tax rate on income (loss) is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Federal Statutory Rate	35.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
Permanent differences	12.6	63.2	(19.8)
State taxes, net of Federal benefit	0.1	6.3	(1.7)
Foreign earnings taxed at different rates than U.S.	(369.5)	(60.3)	(20.5)
Valuation allowance	297.6	40.8	32.7
Changes in uncertain tax reserves	(6.7)	5.6	(5.1)
Other	0.5	(26.0)	(4.1)
Effective tax rate	<u>(30.4)%</u>	<u>64.6 %</u>	<u>16.5 %</u>

The effect of earnings of foreign subsidiaries includes the difference between the U.S. statutory rate and local jurisdiction tax rates, as well as the provision (benefit) for incremental U.S. taxes on unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries due to the removal of the election to permanently reinvest the related earnings during 2012. The cumulative amount of foreign undistributed net earnings for which no deferred taxes were provided was \$159,087 at December 31, 2011.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31 are as follows:

	2012	2011
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued postretirement benefit cost	\$ 9,184	\$ 8,281
Accrued liabilities	8,289	3,308
Share-based compensation	2,941	3,758
Derivative and hedging contracts	180,121	103,048
Goodwill	14,654	17,551
Equity contra – other comprehensive loss	81,039	77,142
Capital losses	9,056	7,506
Net operating losses	509,618	619,357
Other	138	55
Total deferred tax assets	<u>815,040</u>	<u>840,006</u>
Valuation allowance	<u>(656,352)</u>	<u>(773,714)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 158,688</u>	<u>\$ 66,292</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Tax over financial statement depreciation	\$ (145,213)	\$ (147,021)
Pension	(8,905)	(7,021)
Income from domestic partnership	4	4
Unremitted foreign earnings	(93,824)	—
Foreign basis differences	(3,204)	(3,212)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(251,142)</u>	<u>(157,250)</u>
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (92,454)</u>	<u>\$ (90,958)</u>

Under ASC 740, “Accounting for Income Taxes”, a valuation allowance must be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. The amount of valuation allowance is based upon our best estimate of our ability to realize the net deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance can subsequently be reversed when we believe that the assets are realizable on a more likely than not basis.

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The changes in the valuation allowance are as follows:

	2012	2011
Beginning balance, valuation allowance	\$ 773,714	\$ 714,423
Change in valuation allowance	(117,362)	59,291
Ending balance, valuation allowance	<u>\$ 656,352</u>	<u>\$ 773,714</u>

As a result of certain realization requirements of ASC Topic 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation, the table of deferred tax assets and liabilities shown above does not include net operating loss deferred tax assets at December 31, 2012 and 2011 that arose directly from tax deductions related to equity compensation in excess of compensation recognized for financial reporting. Equity will be increased by \$1,881 if and when such deferred tax assets are ultimately realized.

The significant components of our NOL carryforwards are as follows:

	2012	2011
Federal (1)	\$ 1,176,802	\$ 1,447,616
State (2)	1,106,961	1,450,934
Foreign (3)	341,290	298,113

- (1) The federal NOL begins to expire in 2028.
- (2) The state NOL begins to expire in 2027.
- (3) The Icelandic NOL begins to expire in 2017; Dutch NOL begins to expire in 2021

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits (excluding interest) is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,600	\$ 21,200
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	2,700	2,500	4,400
Reductions based on tax positions related to the current year	—	—	—
Additions based on tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Decreases due to lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(800)	(3,200)	(9,000)
Settlements	(200)	—	—
Balance as of December 31,	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>

Included in the above balances are tax positions whose tax characterization is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of tax return inclusion. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, other than interest and penalties, the timing would not impact the annual effective tax rate but could accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period. The remaining amounts of unrecognized tax benefits would affect our effective tax rate if recognized. It is our policy to recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

The components of our unrecognized tax positions are as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Highly certain tax positions	\$ 16,900	\$ 15,100	\$ 14,600
Other unrecognized tax benefits	700	800	2,000
Gross unrecognized tax benefits	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>
Accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300

Century and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, various state and local jurisdictions, and several foreign jurisdictions.

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Our federal income tax returns beginning in 2008 are subject to examination. Our 2008 tax year is currently under audit by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Additionally, a 2005 amended return is also under audit with respect to carry back items. Material state and local income tax matters have been concluded for years through 2002. The majority of our other state returns beginning in 2005 are subject to examination. Our Icelandic tax returns are subject to examination beginning with the 2007 tax year.

We do not expect a significant change in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months.

15. Commitments and contingencies

Environmental Contingencies

Based upon all available information, we believe our current environmental liabilities do not have, and are not likely to have, a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Because of the issues and uncertainties described below and the inability to predict the requirements of future environmental laws, there can be no assurance that future capital expenditures and costs for environmental compliance at currently or formerly owned or operated properties will not result in liabilities which may have a material adverse effect.

It is our policy to accrue for costs associated with environmental assessments and remedial efforts when it becomes probable that a liability has been incurred and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The aggregate environmental-related accrued liabilities were \$906 and \$852 at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. All accrued amounts have been recorded without giving effect to any possible future recoveries. With respect to costs for ongoing environmental compliance, including maintenance and monitoring, such costs are expensed as incurred.

CAWV continues to perform remedial measures at Ravenswood pursuant to an order issued by the EPA in 1994 (the "3008(h) Order"). CAWV also conducted a RCRA facility investigation ("RFI") under the 3008(h) Order evaluating other areas at Ravenswood that may have contamination requiring remediation. The RFI has been approved by appropriate agencies. CAWV has completed interim remediation measures at two sites identified in the RFI, and we believe no further remediation will be required. A Corrective Measures Study, which formally documents the conclusion of these activities, has been submitted by the EPA for a final order.

Prior to our purchase of Hawesville, the EPA issued a final Record of Decision ("ROD") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"). By agreement, Southwire Company ("Southwire"), the former owner and operator is to perform all obligations under the ROD. CAKY has agreed to operate and maintain the ground water treatment system required under the ROD on behalf of Southwire, and Southwire will reimburse CAKY for any expense that exceeds \$400 annually.

In July 2006, we were named as a defendant, together with certain affiliates of Alcan Inc., in a lawsuit brought by Alcoa Inc. seeking to determine responsibility for certain environmental indemnity obligations related to the sale of a cast aluminum plate manufacturing facility located in Vernon, California, which we purchased from Alcoa Inc. in December 1998, and sold to Alcan Rolled Products-Ravenswood LLC in July 1999. The complaint also seeks costs and attorney fees. The matter is in a preliminary stage, and we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this action or estimate a range of possible losses related to this matter at this time. We do not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve this action will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity, regardless of the final outcome.



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Matters relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refining Facility

We are a party to an EPA Administrative Order on Consent (the “Order”) pursuant to which other past and present owners of an alumina refining facility at St. Croix, Virgin Islands (the “St. Croix Alumina Refinery”) have agreed to carry out a Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan to remove and manage hydrocarbons floating on groundwater underlying the facility. Pursuant to the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan, recovered hydrocarbons and groundwater are delivered to the adjacent petroleum refinery where they are received and managed. In connection with the sale of the facility by Lockheed Martin Corporation (“Lockheed”) to one of our affiliates, Virgin Islands Alumina Corporation (“Vialco”), in 1989, Lockheed, Vialco and Century entered into the Lockheed–Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. The indemnity provisions contained in the Lockheed–Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement allocate responsibility for certain environmental matters. Lockheed has tendered indemnity and defense of the above matter to Vialco. We have likewise tendered indemnity to Lockheed. Through December 31, 2012, we have expended approximately \$940 on the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan. We expect the future potential payments under this indemnification to comply with the Order will be approximately \$500, which may be offset in part by sales of recoverable hydrocarbons.

In May 2005, we and Vialco were among several defendants listed in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (“DPNR”), in his capacity as Trustee for Natural Resources of the United States Virgin Islands. The complaint alleges damages to natural resources caused by alleged releases from the St. Croix Alumina Refinery and the adjacent petroleum refinery. The primary cause of action is pursuant to the natural resource damage provisions of CERCLA, but various ancillary Territorial law causes of action were included as well. We and Lockheed have each tendered indemnity and defense of the case to the other pursuant to the terms of the Lockheed–Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees. In November 2011, the court granted a motion by Century, dismissing Century from the case. Vialco, however, remains a defendant in this case and has asserted factual and affirmative defenses. The parties are currently engaged in the discovery process. As of December 31, 2012, no trial date has been set for the remaining claims.

In December 2006, Vialco and the two succeeding owners of the St. Croix Alumina Refinery were named as defendants in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the DPNR. The complaint alleges the defendants failed to take certain actions specified in a Coastal Zone management permit issued to Vialco in October 1994, and alleges violations of territorial water pollution control laws during the various defendants’ periods of ownership. The complaint seeks statutory and other unspecified monetary penalties for the alleged violations. The parties are currently engaged in the discovery process.

In May 2009, St. Croix Renaissance Group, L.L.L.P. (“SCRG”) filed a third–party complaint for contribution and other relief against several third–party defendants, including Vialco, relating to a lawsuit filed against SCRG seeking recovery of response costs relating to the aforementioned DPNR CERCLA matter. In February 2011, the court granted a motion by Century, dismissing Century from the case. Vialco, however, remains a defendant in this case. In March 2011, the court granted the remaining defendants’, including Vialco’s, motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case. The plaintiff filed a notice of appeal with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in May 2011. The hearing on the appeal is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2013.

In December 2010, Century was among several defendants listed in a lawsuit filed by approximately 2,300 plaintiffs who either worked, resided or owned property in the area downwind from the St. Croix Alumina Refinery. In March 2011, Century was also named a defendant in a nearly identical suit brought by approximately 200 plaintiffs previously named in the aforementioned suit. The plaintiffs in both suits allege damages caused by the presence of red mud and other particulates coming from the alumina facility. The plaintiffs in both suits seek unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees as well as certain injunctive relief. We have tendered indemnity and defense to St. Croix Alumina LLC and Alcoa Alumina & Chemical LLC under the terms of an acquisition agreement relating to the facility and have filed a motion to dismiss plaintiffs’ claims, but the court has not yet ruled on the motion.

Pursuant to the terms of the asset purchase agreement between Vialco and the purchaser of the St. Croix Alumina Refinery in 1995, the purchaser assumed responsibility for all costs and other liabilities associated with the bauxite waste disposal facilities, including pre–closure and post–closure liabilities. At this time, it is not practicable to predict the ultimate outcome of or to estimate a range of possible losses relating to any of the foregoing actions.

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Legal Contingencies

In addition to the foregoing matters, we have pending against us or may be subject to various lawsuits, claims and proceedings related primarily to employment, commercial, environmental, shareholder, safety and health matters.

In evaluating whether to accrue for losses associated with legal contingencies, it is our policy to take into consideration factors such as the facts and circumstances asserted, our historical experience with contingencies of a similar nature, the likelihood of our prevailing and the severity of any potential loss. For some matters, no accrual is established because we have assessed our risk of loss to be remote. Where the risk of loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an accrual, either on an individual basis or with respect to a group of matters involving similar claims, based on the factors set forth above.

We also determine estimates of reasonably possible losses or ranges of reasonably possible losses in excess of related accrued liabilities, if any, when we have assessed that a loss is reasonably possible. Based on current knowledge, management has ascertained estimates for losses that are reasonably possible and management does not believe that any reasonably possible outcomes in excess of our accruals, if any, either individually or in aggregate, would be material to our financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity. We reevaluate and update our assessments and accruals as matters progress over time.

We have been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by our former Chief Executive Officer, Logan Kruger, alleging breach of contract and wrongful termination in violation of public policy. The lawsuit alleges that Century anticipatorily breached the employment and severance protection agreements between Century and Mr. Kruger and that Century is obligated to make various severance payments in excess of \$20,000 to Mr. Kruger under such agreements. In addition, the complaint seeks unspecified damages, including exemplary and punitive damages, for wrongful termination, as well as costs and attorneys' fees. The trial court has transferred the matter to an arbitration panel for resolution. We believe these claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourself against them.

In March 2011, the purported stockholder class actions pending against us consolidated as In re: Century Aluminum Company Securities Litigation were dismissed with prejudice by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The plaintiffs in the class actions allege that we improperly accounted for cash flows associated with the termination of certain forward financial sales contracts which accounting allegedly resulted in artificial inflation of our stock price and investor losses. Plaintiffs are seeking rescission of our February 2009 common stock offering, unspecified compensatory damages, including interest thereon, costs and expenses and attorneys' fees. In March 2011, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal to the order and judgment entered by the trial court. In January 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "Ninth Circuit") affirmed the trial court's decision. Plaintiffs have filed a pending motion for rehearing by the Ninth Circuit en banc.

In February 2010, our subsidiary, CAWV, was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by Ingram Barge Company ("Ingram") in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. The lawsuit alleges that CAWV breached two bargaining contracts with Ingram by failing to consume a specified amount of barging services as a result of the curtailment of operations at Ravenswood. Ingram is seeking damages of approximately \$4,600 plus interest. In July 2012, the trial court granted Ingram's motion for summary judgment and has ordered the parties to enter into mediation with respect to Ingram's damages, if any. While we do not believe that Ingram has suffered any damages and intend to continue to vigorously defend ourselves against this claim, we believe that it is reasonably possible that a damages judgment may be entered against CAWV. We estimate that the range for this potential loss is between \$0 and \$5,000.

Ravenswood Retiree Medical Benefits changes

CAWV amended its postretirement medical benefit plan, effective January 1, 2010, for all current and former CAWV salaried employees, their dependents and all bargaining unit employees who retired before June 1, 2006, and their dependents. Effective January 1, 2011, CAWV no longer provided retiree medical benefits to active salaried CAWV personnel or any other personnel who retired prior to November 1, 2010.

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In November 2009, CAWV filed a class action complaint for declaratory judgment against the USWA, the USWA's local union, and four CAWV retirees, individually and as class representatives, seeking a declaration of CAWV's rights to modify/terminate retiree medical benefits as described above. Later in November 2009, the USWA and representatives of a retiree class filed a separate suit against CAWV, Century Aluminum Company, Century Aluminum Master Welfare Benefit Plan, and various John Does with respect to the foregoing. These actions, entitled *Dewhurst, et al. v. Century Aluminum Co., et al.*, and *Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. v. United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial & Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO/CLC, et al.*, have been consolidated and venue has been set in the District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

In January 2010, the USWA filed a motion for preliminary injunction to prevent us from implementing the foregoing changes while these lawsuits are pending, which was dismissed by the trial court. In August 2011, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the District Court's dismissal of the USWA's motion for preliminary injunction, finding that the USWA had failed to establish the likelihood of success on the merits of the underlying matter. In October 2011, CAWV filed a motion to dismiss plaintiff's first amended complaint with the trial court, which was dismissed. The case is currently in the discovery stage. The parties have agreed in principle to settle the lawsuit upon a successful restart of Ravenswood, see "CAWV Retiree VEBA contributions" below.

**Ravenswood Pension Plan**

In June 2011, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") informed us that it believed that a "cessation of operations" under ERISA had occurred at our Ravenswood facility as a result of the curtailment of operations at the facility and requested that we engage in discussions with the PBGC relating thereto. We have notified the PBGC that we do not believe that a "cessation of operations" has occurred and have entered into ongoing discussions with the PBGC to resolve the matter. If a "cessation of operations" is ultimately determined to have occurred under ERISA, it may be necessary for CAWV to accelerate the timing of approximately \$17,400 in contributions over a period of years to certain of its defined pension plans or post other collateral with the PBGC or negotiate an alternative agreement. We remain in discussions with the PBGC with respect to this matter.

**Power Commitments**

**Hawesville**

The Big Rivers Agreement has a term through December 2023, unless extended. The Big Rivers Agreement provides sufficient power at cost-based rates for Hawesville's full production capacity requirements. The Big River Agreement is take-or-pay for Hawesville's energy requirements at full production.

In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate the Big River Agreement. During the 12-month notice period, Century is required to pay a demand charge for power, but is not obligated to continue operating the plant.

**Mt. Holly**

Mt. Holly has a power purchase agreement (the "Santee Cooper Agreement") with the South Carolina Public Service Authority ("Santee Cooper") with a term through December 2015, unless extended. The Santee Cooper Agreement provides adequate power for Mt. Holly's full production capacity requirements at prices fixed based on published rate schedules (which are subject to change), with adjustments for fuel prices and other items. The Santee Cooper Agreement restricts Mt. Holly's ability to reduce its power consumption (or the associated payment obligations) below contracted levels and to terminate the agreement, unless, in each case, the LME falls below certain negotiated levels.

In 2012, Mt. Holly and Santee Cooper amended the terms of Santee Cooper agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its supplemental power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015.

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Ravenswood

CAWV has a power purchase agreement (the “ApCo Agreement”) with the Appalachian Power Company (“ApCo”). CAWV currently purchases a limited amount of power under the ApCo Agreement as necessary to maintain its Ravenswood smelter, which is presently curtailed. Power is supplied under the ApCo Agreement at prices set forth in published tariffs (which are subject to change), with certain adjustments.

Grundartangi

Nordural Grundartangi ehf has power purchase agreements with HS Orka hf (“HS”), Landsvirkjun and Orkuveita Reykjavíkur (“OR”) to provide power to its Grundartangi smelter. These power purchase agreements, which will expire on various dates from 2019 through 2036, provide power at LME-based variable rates. Each power purchase agreement contains take-or-pay obligations with respect to a significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreement.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, an additional 47.5 MW of power became available under a power purchase agreement with OR. This power can be used at either Grundartangi or Helguvík and is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. In order to use this additional power, Nordural Grundartangi has temporarily reduced its power purchases under each of its outstanding power purchase agreements, but continues to consume power in excess of its take-or-pay obligation. HS and OR have disputed Nordural Grundartangi's right to make such reductions and have commenced arbitration proceedings against Nordural Grundartangi that are scheduled to occur in the first quarter of 2013.

In June 2012, Nordural Grundartangi entered into a new supplemental power contract with Landsvirkjun. The supplemental power contract, which will expire in October 2029 (or upon the occurrence of certain earlier events), will provide Nordural Grundartangi with supplemental power, as Nordural Grundartangi may request from time to time, at LME-based variable rates. Nordural Grundartangi has agreed to make certain prepayments to Landsvirkjun in connection with the contract, which will reduce the price paid for power at the time of consumption.

Helguvík

Nordural Helguvík has power purchase agreements with HS and OR to provide power to the Helguvík project. These power purchase agreements provide power at LME-based variable rates and contain take-or-pay obligations with respect to a significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreements. The first stage of power under the OR power purchase agreement (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. No other power is currently available under either power purchase agreement. HS (with respect to all phases) and OR (with respect to all phases other than the first phase) have alleged that certain conditions to the delivery of power under the power purchase agreements have not been satisfied. Nordural Helguvík is in discussion with both HS and OR with respect to such conditions.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

Labor Commitments

Approximately 75% of our U.S. based work force is represented by the USWA. CAKY's Hawesville plant employees represented by the USWA are under a collective bargaining agreement which expires on March 31, 2015.

In April 2010, Nordural Grundartangi ehf entered into a new labor agreement with the five labor unions representing approximately 84% of Grundartangi's work force. The labor agreement expires on December 31, 2014.

The labor agreement for CAWV's Ravenswood plant employees represented by the USWA expired on August 31, 2010.

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CAWV Retiree VEBA contributions

We have reached an agreement in principle with the CAWV retirees to make contributions to a voluntary employee beneficiary association ("VEBA") trust that would provide certain health care benefits to these retirees and their eligible dependents in the event of a restart of our Ravenswood facility. If this agreement were entered into, our obligations under the agreement, including any contributions to the VEBA, would be contingent upon the occurrence of several future events that are necessary in order to restart the Ravenswood facility. None of these events, including the finalization of this agreement, are certain to occur.

Other Commitments

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the related Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act were enacted in March 2010. The Health Care Acts extend health care coverage to many uninsured individuals and expands coverage to those already insured. The Health Care Acts contain provisions which could impact our retiree medical benefits in future periods. However, the extent of that impact, if any, cannot be determined until regulations are promulgated under the Health Care Acts and additional interpretations of the Health Care Acts become available. We are continuing to assess the potential impacts that this legislation may have on our future results of operations, cash flows and financial position related to our health care benefits and other postretirement benefit obligations. Among other things, the Health Care Acts will eliminate the tax deductibility of the Medicare Part D subsidy for companies that provide qualifying prescription drug coverage to retirees effective for years beginning after December 31, 2012.

16. Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments

As a producer of primary aluminum, we are exposed to fluctuating raw material and primary aluminum prices. We enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods.

Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Glencore Metal Agreement (1)	Glencore	20,400 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore	Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore	Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire	220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

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Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

(1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

Other forward delivery contracts

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

Forward Financial Instruments

We are party to various forward financial and physical delivery contracts that are accounted for as derivative instruments. See [Note 5 Derivative and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these instruments.

17. Asset Retirement Obligations ("ARO")

Our asset retirement obligations consist primarily of costs associated with the disposal of spent pot liner used in the reduction cells of our domestic facilities.

The reconciliation of the changes in the asset retirement obligations is presented below:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance, ARO liability	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,274
Additional ARO liability incurred	1,166	1,110
ARO liabilities settled	(1,380)	(1,315)
Accretion expense	1,167	1,102
Ending balance, ARO liability	<u>\$ 16,124</u>	<u>\$ 15,171</u>

Certain conditional AROs related to the disposal costs of fixed assets at our primary aluminum facilities have not been recorded because they have an indeterminate settlement date. These conditional AROs will be initially recognized in the period in which sufficient information exists to estimate their fair value.

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18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Cash paid for:			
Interest	\$ 20,212	\$ 21,257	\$ 19,809
Income/withholding taxes	41,455	64,622	6,481
Non-cash investing activities:			
Accrued capital costs	\$ (683)	\$ 1,041	\$ 172

Non-Cash Activities

We incurred a \$13,091 contingent obligation to E.ON for payments made above an agreed amount on CAKY's behalf in excess of the amount agreed to in the Big Rivers Agreement in 2010. See [Note 6 Debt](#) for additional information about the E.ON contingent obligation.

In 2010, we issued shares of common stock to certain key employees to satisfy performance share liabilities of \$1,050 as part of our performance share program.

19. Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

Financial results by quarter for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

	Net sales	Gross profit (loss)	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss) allocated to common shareholders	Net income (loss) per share
2012					
4th Quarter	\$ 317,667	\$ 16,543	\$ (6,909)	\$ (6,909)	(0.08)
3rd Quarter (1)	304,635	3,250	(12,023)	(12,023)	(0.14)
2nd Quarter (2)	323,619	5,957	(12,277)	(12,277)	(0.14)
1st Quarter (3)	326,190	20,592	(4,401)	(4,401)	(0.05)
2011					
4th Quarter (4)	\$ 318,164	\$ (13,632)	\$ (31,107)	\$ (31,107)	(0.35)
3rd Quarter (5)	345,646	11,324	(6,600)	(6,600)	(0.07)
2nd Quarter (6)	366,277	49,514	23,986	22,061	0.24
1st Quarter (7)	326,337	42,316	25,046	23,005	0.25

- (1) The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (2) The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (3) The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (4) The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (5) The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

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- (6) The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.
- (7) The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.



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20. Business Segments

Century Aluminum is a producer of primary aluminum, which trades as a global commodity. We are organized as a holding company with each of our primary aluminum smelters managed and operated as a separate facility reporting to our corporate headquarters. We evaluate our operating segments and, based on factors delineated in ASC 280, we aggregate all of our operating segments into a single reportable segment, primary aluminum, due to their similar economic characteristics, including nearly identical products, production processes, customers and distribution. In addition, all of our primary aluminum smelters share several key economic factors inherent in their common products and production processes. For example, all of our facilities' revenue is based on the LME price for primary aluminum. In addition, our raw materials costs and carbon product costs are based on global market prices.

A reconciliation of our consolidated assets to the total of primary aluminum segment assets is provided below.

Segment assets (1)	2012	2011	2010
Primary	\$ 1,730,321	\$ 1,767,305	\$ 1,895,430
Corporate, unallocated	46,005	43,789	27,626
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,776,326</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,056</u>

- (1) Segment assets include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from affiliates, prepaid and other current assets, inventory, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment—net; the remaining assets are unallocated corporate assets.

Geographic information

Included in the consolidated financial statements are the following amounts related to geographic locations:

	2012	2011	2010
Net sales:			
United States	\$ 821,976	\$ 835,796	\$ 714,409
Iceland	450,135	520,628	453,021
Other	—	—	1,841
Long-lived assets: (1)			
United States	\$ 368,897	\$ 401,173	\$ 412,266
Iceland	869,809	884,682	894,297
Other	50,223	36,919	39,415

- (1) Includes long-lived assets other than financial instruments.

Major customer information

We had three major customers whose sales revenue exceeded 10% of our net sales. A loss of any of these customers could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. The net sales revenue for these customers are as follows:

Net sales revenue from major customers:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Southwire	346,311	373,505	323,873
BHP Billiton	202,500	239,157	214,571

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21. Related Party Transactions

The significant related party transactions occurring during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are described below.

Sales to Glencore

We sold primary aluminum and alumina to Glencore both at spot and long-term contract basis. See [Note 20 Business Segments](#) for additional information about the sales of primary aluminum to Glencore.

We sold primary aluminum under our long-term sales contracts with Glencore at prices based on the LME price for primary aluminum, as adjusted to reflect the Midwest Premium (a premium typically added for deliveries of aluminum within the U.S.). In addition, we received tolling fees from Glencore under tolling agreements that provide for delivery of primary aluminum produced at Grundartangi. The fee paid by Glencore under these tolling agreements is based on the LME price for primary aluminum, as adjusted to reflect the exemption from the European Union import duty for Icelandic primary aluminum. We believe that all of the transactions with Glencore under these contracts were at prices that approximate market.

We have a long-term contract to sell Glencore primary aluminum, at a variable price based on the LME, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest market premium with a cap and floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest Premium. In addition, we entered into a contract to sell Glencore all U.S. produced primary aluminum, less existing sales agreements and high-purity metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended upon mutual agreement. See [Note 16 Forward contracts and financial instruments](#) for additional information about our forward physical delivery contracts and tolling agreements with Glencore.

Purchases from Glencore

We purchase alumina from Glencore on both a spot and long-term contract basis. We believe that all of the alumina purchased under these long-term contracts was purchased at prices which approximated market. For alumina purchased from Glencore on a spot basis, we determined the market price for the spot alumina we purchased based on a survey of suppliers at the time that had the ability to deliver spot alumina on the specified terms. Based on this survey, we believe that all of the alumina purchased on a spot basis from Glencore was purchased at prices that approximate market.

Since 2010, we have had agreements to buy alumina from Glencore for Grundartangi. Glencore agreed to supply us with 18,000 metric tons of alumina in 2010 at a fixed price. Based on a survey of suppliers at the time that had the ability to deliver spot alumina on the specified terms, we believe that the alumina purchased from Glencore under this contract was purchased at prices that approximate market. In 2012 and 2011, the pricing on these alumina purchase agreements for Grundartangi has been indexed to the LME price for primary aluminum.

Alumina contract and amendments. We are party to a long-term alumina supply agreement with Glencore. Glencore agreed to supply us with alumina through 2014 at prices indexed to the LME price of primary aluminum.

Primary aluminum put options

In 2011 and 2010, we entered into primary aluminum put option contracts with Glencore. We paid cash premiums to enter into these contracts and recorded a short-term asset in due from affiliates on the consolidated balance sheets. We believe that the cash premiums paid to Glencore under these contracts were purchased at prices that approximate market. We determined the fair value of the put options using a Black Scholes pricing model with inputs obtained from an independent source and account for the put options as derivative financial instruments with gains and losses in the fair value of the contracts recorded on the consolidated statements of operations in net losses on forward contracts. See [Note 5 Derivative and hedging activities](#) for additional information about the put option contracts.

Other Transactions with Glencore

As of December 31, 2012, based on their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Glencore beneficially owned approximately 41.8% of our outstanding common stock and all of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Through its ownership of common and preferred stock, Glencore has an overall 46.6% economic ownership of Century.

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Transactions with BHH

We own a 40% stake in BHH, a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. We have a long-term agreement with BHH to provide carbon anodes to Grundartangi through December 31, 2014. This agreement is renewable through December 31, 2017.

Summary

A summary of the aforementioned related party transactions for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net sales to Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Purchases from Glencore	145,589	187,691	106,381
Purchases from BHH	39,337	19,543	19,690
Cash premium to Glencore for put option contracts	—	2,106	6,341

See [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) for a discussion of our fixed-price commitments and forward financial contracts.

22. Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures

In April 2008, we entered into a joint venture agreement whereby we acquired a 40% stake in BHH, a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. We also have a 50% interest in Mincenco, a joint venture with Minerals and Metals Group Limited to explore the potential of developing a bauxite mine and associated 1.5 million metric ton alumina refining facility in Jamaica. We account for our investments in BHH and Mincenco using the equity method and the investments are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. For BHH, we report our investment in its results of operations on a one-quarter lag. For each year presented in our consolidated statement of operations, our equity in earnings of joint venture includes BHH results of operations for a twelve month period ended on September 30 of that year.

The summarized financial information presented below represents financial data for our unconsolidated joint ventures after elimination of intercompany balances and profits. Amounts presented below include financial information for these joint ventures as of and through September 30, 2012. The aggregate summarized financial data for these investments is as follows:

	September 30,	
	2012	2011
Current assets	\$ 52,098	\$ 54,327
Non-current assets	46,928	49,040
Current liabilities	28,437	36,318
Non-current liabilities	977	4,696

	Twelve months ended September 30,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 88,312	\$ 105,845	\$ 89,430
Gross profit	13,439	16,577	14,688
Income from continuing operations	7,101	8,859	8,969

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23. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Our 8.0% senior secured notes due 2014, and 7.5% senior unsecured notes due 2014 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC. Each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; and all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the “Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries”). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 present separate results for Century, the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the guarantor subsidiaries or the non-guarantor subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ —	\$ 183,976
Restricted cash	258	—	—	—	258
Accounts receivable — net	38,328	12,339	—	—	50,667
Due from affiliates	604,008	38,328	2,391,249	(2,995,715)	37,870
Inventories	97,847	62,078	—	—	159,925
Prepaid and other current assets	4,421	30,650	8,063	(8,159)	34,975
Deferred taxes — current portion	—	17,799	—	1,927	19,726
Total current assets	744,862	271,210	2,473,272	(3,001,947)	487,397
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335	—	(1,039,141)	998,806	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	313,090	874,559	916	(351)	1,188,214
Due from affiliates — less current portion	—	3,588	—	(3,588)	—
Other assets	17,616	45,474	37,027	598	100,715
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 37,301	\$ 37,627	\$ 442	\$ —	\$ 75,370
Due to affiliates	2,098,320	105,945	193,788	(2,358,316)	39,737
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031	31,332	1,967	(6,231)	40,099
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	15,926	—	2,757	—	18,683
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,172,393	174,904	198,954	(2,364,547)	181,704
Senior notes payable	—	—	250,582	—	250,582
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	36,087	—	31,791	—	67,878
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	137,184	—	5,921	—	143,105
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377	614,585	2,183	(641,983)	40,162
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	109,011	—	1,241	110,252
Total noncurrent liabilities	238,648	723,596	290,477	(640,742)	611,979
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	933	(72)	933
Additional paid-in capital	303,659	150,743	2,507,454	(454,402)	2,507,454
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(49,924)	—	(49,924)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)	(1,525)	(151,192)	148,387	(151,192)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,451,995)	147,101	(1,324,629)	1,304,894	(1,324,629)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,295,138)	296,331	982,643	998,807	982,643
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326

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	As of December 31, 2011				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ —	\$ 183,401
Accounts receivable — net	40,062	7,585	—	—	47,647
Due from affiliates	616,830	13,517	2,474,727	(3,060,409)	44,665
Inventories	96,197	75,764	—	—	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	8,668	38,809	3,169	(10,000)	40,646
Total current assets	761,757	294,832	2,502,140	(3,070,409)	488,320
Investment in subsidiaries	36,965	—	(995,131)	958,166	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	338,946	878,333	1,211	(265)	1,218,225
Other assets	21,870	43,269	39,410	—	104,549
Total	\$ 1,159,538	\$ 1,216,434	\$ 1,547,630	\$ (2,112,508)	\$ 1,811,094
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 43,215	\$ 42,278	\$ 679	\$ —	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	2,103,687	78,411	205,651	(2,345,845)	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	10,596	29,822	10,358	(10,000)	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	14,267	—	2,431	—	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,179,580	150,511	219,119	(2,355,845)	193,365
Senior notes payable	—	—	249,512	—	249,512
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	40,277	—	30,622	—	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	122,609	—	5,469	—	128,078
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	63,369	686,834	4,631	(714,829)	40,005
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	90,958	—	—	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	226,255	777,792	290,234	(714,829)	579,452
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	932	(72)	932
Additional paid-in capital	297,300	144,383	2,506,842	(441,683)	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(45,891)	—	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(132,235)	(1,373)	(134,588)	133,608	(134,588)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,411,422)	145,109	(1,289,019)	1,266,313	(1,289,019)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,246,297)	288,131	1,038,277	958,166	1,038,277
Total	\$ 1,159,538	\$ 1,216,434	\$ 1,547,630	\$ (2,112,508)	\$ 1,811,094

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	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Third-party customers	\$ 517,245	\$ 202,567	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 719,812
Related parties	304,730	247,569	—	—	552,299
	821,975	450,136	—	—	1,272,111
Cost of goods sold	849,388	376,381	—	—	1,225,769
Gross profit (loss)	(27,413)	73,755	—	—	46,342
Other operating expenses – net	18,253	—	—	—	18,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,831	6,532	—	—	35,363
Operating income (loss)	(74,497)	67,223	—	—	(7,274)
Interest expense – third party	(24,029)	—	—	—	(24,029)
Interest expense – affiliates	63,935	(63,935)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	27	465	—	—	492
Interest income – affiliates	—	62	—	—	62
Net loss on forward contracts	(4,150)	—	—	—	(4,150)
Other income (expense) – net	30,038	5,538	—	(30,000)	5,576
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(8,676)	9,353	—	(30,000)	(29,323)
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,072	(9,982)	—	—	(8,910)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(7,604)	(629)	—	(30,000)	(38,233)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(2,970)	2,623	(35,610)	38,580	2,623
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (10,574)</u>	<u>\$ 1,994</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>\$ 8,580</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>

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	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 552,758	\$ 239,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 791,993
Related parties	283,038	281,393	—	—	564,431
	835,796	520,628	—	—	1,356,424
Cost of goods sold	866,366	400,536	—	—	1,266,902
Gross profit (loss)	(30,570)	120,092	—	—	89,522
Other operating income – net	(3,806)	—	—	—	(3,806)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	39,100	6,932	—	—	46,032
Operating income (loss)	(65,864)	113,160	—	—	47,296
Interest expense – third party	(25,129)	—	—	—	(25,129)
Interest expense – affiliates	68,174	(68,174)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	54	284	—	—	338
Interest income – affiliates	—	303	—	—	303
Net gain on forward contracts	804	—	—	—	804
Other expense – net	(806)	(567)	—	—	(1,373)
Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(22,767)	45,006	—	—	22,239
Income tax benefit (expense)	4,484	(18,843)	—	—	(14,359)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(18,283)	26,163	—	—	7,880
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	3,798	3,445	11,325	(15,123)	3,445
Net income (loss)	\$ (14,485)	\$ 29,608	\$ 11,325	\$ (15,123)	\$ 11,325



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	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 468,973	\$ 286,890	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 755,863
Related parties	247,278	166,130	—	—	413,408
	716,251	453,020	—	—	1,169,271
Cost of goods sold	708,835	348,040	—	—	1,056,875
Gross profit	7,416	104,980	—	—	112,396
Other operating income – net	(37,386)	—	—	—	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	38,719	8,083	—	—	46,802
Operating income	6,083	96,897	—	—	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(25,625)	—	—	—	(25,625)
Interest expense – affiliates	66,549	(66,549)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	148	467	—	—	615
Interest income – affiliates	—	448	—	—	448
Net loss on forward contracts	(10,495)	—	—	—	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	932	(1,309)	—	—	(377)
Income before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	37,592	29,954	—	—	67,546
Income tax benefit (expense)	12,670	(23,803)	—	—	(11,133)
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	50,262	6,151	—	—	56,413
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	1,246	3,558	59,971	(61,217)	3,558
Net income	\$ 51,508	\$ 9,709	\$ 59,971	\$ (61,217)	\$ 59,971

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	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(218)	—	(218)	218	(218)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	—	567	(567)	567
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(13,811)	—	(16,691)	13,811	(16,691)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(4,145)	—	(4,113)	4,145	(4,113)
Amortization of net loss during the period	8,814	—	9,837	(8,814)	9,837
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	(4,236)	—	(4,236)	4,236	(4,236)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(13,029)	(186)	(15,040)	13,215	(15,040)
Income tax effect	(1,598)	34	(1,564)	1,564	(1,564)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(14,627)	(152)	(16,604)	14,779	(16,604)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (25,201)	\$ 1,842	\$ (52,214)	\$ 23,359	\$ (52,214)

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	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (14,485)	\$ 29,608	\$ 11,325	\$ (15,123)	\$ 11,325
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(479)	—	(479)	479	(479)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	40	—	40	(40)	40
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(49,194)	—	(62,212)	49,194	(62,212)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(32,708)	—	(32,677)	32,708	(32,677)
Amortization of net loss during the period	16,383	—	16,926	(16,383)	16,926
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	(253)	—	(253)	253	(253)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(66,211)	(186)	(78,841)	66,397	(78,841)
Income tax effect	(5,804)	33	(5,771)	5,771	(5,771)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(72,015)	(153)	(84,612)	72,168	(84,612)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (86,500)	\$ 29,455	\$ (73,287)	\$ 57,045	\$ (73,287)

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For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ 51,508	\$ 9,709	\$ 59,971	\$ (61,217)	\$ 59,971
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(81)	—	(81)	81	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	171	—	171	(171)	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(26,971)	—	(32,319)	26,971	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	112,488	—	112,488	(112,488)	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(61,248)	—	(61,216)	61,248	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period	7,617	—	8,114	(7,617)	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	343	—	343	(343)	343
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	32,319	(186)	27,314	(32,133)	27,314
Income tax effect	(3,054)	34	(3,020)	3,020	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	29,265	(152)	24,294	(29,113)	24,294
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 80,773	\$ 9,557	\$ 84,265	\$ (90,330)	\$ 84,265

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
	\$ 17,405	\$ 19,734	\$ —	\$ 37,139
Net cash provided by operating activities				
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,777)	(12,711)	(189)	(17,677)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(7,317)	—	(7,317)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	—	—	(13,814)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	—	188	—	188
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(275)	(275)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	3,456	—	3,166	6,622
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	—	—	(258)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,393)	(19,840)	2,702	(32,531)
Financing activities:				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	18,076	18,076
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(18,076)	(18,076)
Intercompany transactions	(2,012)	(49,035)	51,047	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(4,033)	(4,033)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,012)	(49,035)	47,014	(4,033)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(49,141)	49,716	575
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	159,157	24,244	183,401
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ 183,976

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
	\$ (10,187)	\$ 7,251	\$ —	\$ (2,936)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,451)	(11,199)	(450)	(20,100)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(12,882)	—	(12,882)
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(113)	(113)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	—	—	3,056	3,056
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1,415	56	—	1,471
Net change in restricted cash	3,673	—	—	3,673
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,363)	(24,025)	2,493	(24,895)
Financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	—	—	(47,067)	(47,067)
Repayment of contingent obligation	(189)	—	—	(189)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	15,900	15,900
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(15,900)	(15,900)
Intercompany transactions	13,739	(38,992)	25,253	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(45,891)	(45,891)
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	83	83
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,550	(38,992)	(67,622)	(93,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(55,766)	(65,129)	(120,895)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	214,923	89,373	304,296
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ 183,401

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
	\$ 100,137	\$ 31,373	\$ —	\$ 131,510
Net cash provided by operating activities				
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,286)	(8,767)	(188)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(19,227)	—	(19,227)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	808	15	—	823
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(32)	(32)
Restricted and other cash deposits	5,206	—	—	5,206
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,728	(27,979)	(220)	(25,471)
Financing activities:				
Intercompany transactions	(102,865)	101,731	1,134	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	23	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(102,865)	101,731	1,157	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	105,125	937	106,062
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	109,798	88,436	198,234
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 214,923	\$ 89,373	\$ 304,296

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

24. Subsequent Events

We have evaluated all subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2012, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and the principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the principal financial officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal controls over financial reporting for the company. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of its inherent limitations, a system of internal controls over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Further, because of changes in conditions, effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting may vary over time. Our system of internal controls contains self-monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies as they are identified.

As required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the system of internal controls over financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2012. Management's evaluation was based on the framework in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our system of internal controls over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2012. The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended December 31, 2012, there have not been any changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.



## PART III

### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

This Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which will be filed by April 30, 2013, or if our proxy statement is not filed by that date, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K, which will be filed by April 30, 2013. Information regarding the Executive Officers of the Registrant is included in Part I of this Form 10-K.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation

This Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which will be filed by April 30, 2013, or if our proxy statement is not filed by that date, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K, which will be filed by April 30, 2013.

### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholders Matters

This Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which will be filed by April 30, 2013, or if our proxy statement is not filed by that date, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K, which will be filed by April 30, 2013.

### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

This Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which will be filed by April 30, 2013, or if our proxy statement is not filed by that date, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K, which will be filed by April 30, 2013.

### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

This Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which will be filed by April 30, 2013, or if our proxy statement is not filed by that date, will be included in an amendment to this Report on Form 10-K, which will be filed by April 30, 2013.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibit and Financial Statement Schedules

#### (a) (1) List of Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements of Century Aluminum Company and the Independent Auditors' Report are included in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011

Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### (a) (2) List of financial Statement Schedules

Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

#### (a) (3) List of Exhibits

##### Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Century Aluminum Company	10-Q	001-34474	November 9, 2012	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Century Aluminum Company	8-K	001-34474	September 18, 2012	
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate	S-1	33-95486	August 8, 1995	
4.2	Indenture for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of August 26, 2004, among Century Aluminum Company, as issuer, the guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee	8-K	000-27918	September 1, 2004	
4.3	Supplemental Indenture No. 1 for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of July 27, 2005, among Century Aluminum Company, as issuer, Century Kentucky, LLC, as a guarantor, and Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee	10-Q	000-27918	August 9, 2005	
4.4	Supplemental Indenture No. 2 for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of December 29, 2006 among Century Aluminum Company, as Issuer, NSA General Partnership, as a Guarantor	10-K	000-27918	March 16, 2006	
4.5	Supplemental Indenture No. 3 for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of December 21, 2006 among Century Aluminum Company, as Issuer, Century California LLC, as a Guarantor	10-K	000-27918	March 1, 2007	
4.6	Supplemental Indenture No. 4 for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of April 20, 2007, among Century Aluminum Company as Issuer, Century Aluminum Development LLC as Guarantor and Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee	10-Q	000-27918	August 9, 2007	

4.7	Supplemental Indenture No. 5 for Century Aluminum Company's 7.5% Senior Notes, dated as of December 9, 2009, among Century Aluminum Company as Issuer, and Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee	8-K	001-34474	December 10, 2009
4.8	Indenture for Century Aluminum Company's 8.0% Senior Secured Notes, dated as of December 10, 2009, between Century Aluminum Company, as issuer, and Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee and Noteholder Collateral Agent	8-K	001-34474	December 10, 2009
4.9	Form of Note for the Indenture for Century Aluminum Company's 8.0% Senior Secured Notes, dated as of December 10, 2009, between Century Aluminum Company, as issuer, and Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee and Noteholder Collateral Agent	8-K	001-34474	December 10, 2009
4.10	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of Century Aluminum Company, dated July 7, 2008	8-K	000-27918	July 8, 2008
10.1	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of June 3, 2011 by and between Century Aluminum Company and Michael A. Bless*	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amended and Restated Severance Protection Agreement dated as of June 3, 2011 by and between Century Aluminum Company and Michael A. Bless*	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.3	Employment Agreement, dated as of December 30, 2009, by and between Century Aluminum Company and William J. Leatherberry*	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010
10.4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amended and Restated Severance Protection Agreement dated as of June 2, 2011 by and between Century Aluminum Company and William J. Leatherberry*	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amended and Restated Severance Protection Agreement dated as of June 6, 2011 by and between Century Aluminum Company and Steve Schneider*	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.6	Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan*	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.7	Century Aluminum Company Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective June 9, 2006)*	8-K	000-27918	June 14, 2006
10.8	Amended and Restated 1996 Stock Incentive Plan*	10-Q	000-27918	August 10, 2009
10.9	Form of Stock Option Agreement – Employee*	10-K	000-27918	March 16, 2006
10.10	Form of Amendment No. 1 to the Stock Option Agreement – Employee*	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.11	Form of Stock Option Agreement – Non-Employee Director*	10-K	000-27918	March 16, 2006
10.12	Century Aluminum Company Amended and Restated 1996 Stock Incentive Plan Implementation Guidelines For Performance Share Awards (as amended June 8, 2006)*	8-K	000-27918	June 14, 2006
10.13	Century Aluminum Company Amended and Restated Supplemental Retirement Income Benefit Plan*	10-Q	000-27918	August 10, 2009
10.14	First Amendment of the Century Aluminum Company Amended and Restated Supplemental Retirement Income Benefit Plan*	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010
10.15	Century Aluminum Company Long-Term Incentive Plan*	8-K	000-27918	April 11, 2008
10.16	Amendment No. 1 to the Century Aluminum Company Long-Term Incentive Plan (Adopted Effective January 1, 2008)	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011
10.17	Form of Long-Term Incentive Plan (Time-Vesting Performance Share Unit Award Agreement)*	8-K	000-27918	April 11, 2008
10.18	Form of Long-Term Incentive Plan (Performance Unit Award Agreement)*	8-K	000-27918	April 11, 2008

10.19	Form of Independent Non-Employee Director Annual Retainer Fee Payment Time-Vesting Performance Share Unit Award Agreement*	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010
10.20	Form of Independent Non-Employee Director Annual Equity-Grant Time-Vesting Performance Share Unit Award Agreement	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010
10.21	Form of Indemnification Agreement	8-K	001-34474	April 21, 2010
10.22	Amended and Restated Century Aluminum Company Executive Severance Protection Plan, adopted November 1, 2009	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010
10.23	Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 13, 1988, by and between Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation and Ravenswood Acquisition Corporation	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.24	Acquisition Agreement, dated as of July 19, 1995, by and between Virgin Islands Alumina Corporation and St. Croix Alumina, L.L.C.	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.25	Ravenswood Environmental Services Agreement, dated as of February 7, 1989, by and between Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation and Ravenswood Aluminum Corporation	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.26	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 31, 2000, by and between Xstrata Aluminum Corporation and Berkeley Aluminum, Inc.	8-K	000-27918	April 20, 2000
10.27	Agreement on the Transfer and Division of Right of Ground Lease and Right of Superficies and the Transfer of Movable Goods with Respect to the Property of Zeeland Aluminum Company N.V. (in Bankruptcy), dated as of June 11, 2012, by and among N.V. Zeeland Seaports, UTB Holdings B.V., Century Anodes B.V., The Trustees in the Bankruptcy of Zeeland Aluminium Company N.V. and N.V. Nationale Borg-Maatschappij	8-K	001-34474	June 14, 2012
10.28	Form of Tax Sharing Agreement	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.29	Form of Disaffiliation Agreement	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.30	Amended and Restated Owners Agreement, dated as of January 26, 1996, by and between Alumax of South Carolina, Inc., Berkeley Aluminum, Inc. and Glencore Primary Aluminum Company LLC	S-1	33-95486	March 28, 1996
10.31	Alumina Supply Contract, dated as of April 26, 2006, by and between Century Aluminum of West Virginia and Glencore AG.	8-K	000-27918	May 11, 2006
10.32	Alumina Supply Contract, dated as of April 14, 2008, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore AG***	10-Q	000-27918	August 11, 2008
10.33	Amendment to Alumina Purchase Agreement, dated April 21, 2009, by and among Century Aluminum Company and Glencore AG****	8-K	000-27918	April 27, 2009
10.34	Amendment to Alumina Purchase Agreement, dated April 21, 2009, by and among Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. and Glencore AG.****	8-K	000-27918	April 27, 2009
10.35	Amended and Restated Toll Conversion Agreement, dated as of February 10, 2005, by and between Nordural ehf and Glencore AG	10-Q	000-27918	August 9, 2005
10.36	Toll Conversion Agreement 2, dated as of April 30, 2007 by and between Nordural ehf and Glencore AG***	10-Q	000-27918	August 9, 2007
10.37	Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 17, 2004, among Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, Kaiser Bauxite Company, Gramercy Alumina LLC and St. Ann Bauxite Limited**	10-Q	000-27918	November 9, 2004

10.38	General Bond, dated as of February 10, 2005, by and between Nordural ehf. and Kaupthing Bank hf., as security trustee	S-4/A	333-121729	February 11, 2005	
10.39	Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2005, by and among Bank of America, N.A., Century Aluminum Company, Berkeley Aluminum, Inc., Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc., Century Kentucky, Inc., and NSA LTD	10-Q	000-27918	November 9, 2005	
10.40	Amendment No. 1 to Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2007, by and among Bank of America, N.A., Century Aluminum Company, Berkeley Aluminum, Inc., Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc., Century Kentucky, Inc., and NSA LTD	10-K	000-27918	March 2, 2009	
10.41	Second Lien Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of December 10, 2009, between Century Aluminum Company and Wilmington Trust Company, as Collateral Agent for the Trustee and Holders of the 8% Senior Secured Notes	8-K	001-34474	December 10, 2009	
10.42	Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2010, among Century Aluminum Company, Berkeley Aluminum, Inc., Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc., Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership and NSA General Partnership, as borrowers, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as agent and lender	8-K	001-34474	July 2, 2010	
10.43	Amendment No 1 to Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2010, among Century Aluminum Company, Berkeley Aluminum, Inc., Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc., Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership and NSA General Partnership, as borrowers, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as agent and lender	10-Q	001-34474	November 9, 2010	
10.44	Amendment No. 2 to the Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of April 26, 2011, among Century Aluminum Company, Berkeley Aluminum, Inc., Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc., Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership and NSA General Partnership, as borrowers, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as agent and lender	10-Q	001-34474	August 9, 2011	
10.45	Termination Agreement, dated as of July 7, 2008, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore, Ltd.	8-K	000-27918	July 8, 2008	
10.46	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 7, 2008, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore Investment Pty Ltd	8-K	000-27918	July 8, 2008	
10.47	Standstill and Governance Agreement, dated as of July 7, 2008, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore AG	8-K	000-27918	July 8, 2008	
10.48	Amendment to Standstill and Governance Agreement, dated January 27, 2009, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore AG	10-K	001-34474	March 16, 2010	
10.49	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 7, 2008, by and between Century Aluminum Company and Glencore Investment Pty Ltd	8-K	000-27918	July 8, 2008	
10.50	Support Agreement, dated April 6, 2010, by and among Century Aluminum Company, Glencore AG, Glencore International AG and Glencore Holding AG (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of Form 8-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2010).	8-K	001-34474	April 7, 2010	
10.51	Support Agreement, dated April 5, 2011, by and among Century Aluminum Company, Glencore AG, Glencore International AG and Glencore Holding AG.	8-K	001-34474	April 6, 2011	
21.1	List of Subsidiaries				X
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP				X
24.1	Powers of Attorney				X

31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification	X
32.1	Section 1350 Certifications (a)	X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document (b)	X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema (b)	X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase (b)	X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase (b)	X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase (b)	X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase (b)	X
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*	Management contract or compensatory plan.	
**	Schedules and exhibits are omitted and will be furnished to the SEC upon request.	
***	Confidential information was omitted from this exhibit pursuant to a request for confidential treatment and filed separately with the SEC.	
****	Written descriptions of these amendments are incorporated by reference to the disclosure under Item 1.01 of the Century Aluminum Company Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 2009.	
(a)	In accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986, Final Rule: Management's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports, the certifications furnished in Exhibit 32.1 hereto are deemed to accompany this Form 10-K and will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. Such certifications will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.	
(b)	In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the information furnished in these exhibits will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. Such exhibits will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or Exchange Act.	

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### Century Aluminum Company

By: /s/ MICHAEL A. BLESS

Michael A. Bless  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)  
Dated: March 18, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ MICHAEL A. BLESS Michael A. Bless	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)	March 18, 2013
/s/ STEVE SCHNEIDER Steve Schneider	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 18, 2013
* Terence Wilkinson	Chairman	March 18, 2013
* Jarl Berntzen	Director	March 18, 2013
* Andrew Caplan	Director	March 18, 2013
* Daniel Goldberg	Director	March 18, 2013
* Peter C. Jones	Director	March 18, 2013
* Steven Kalmin	Director	March 18, 2013
* Andrew Michelmores	Director	March 18, 2013
* John P. O'Brien	Director	March 18, 2013

\*By: /s/ JESSE E. GARY

Jesse E. Gary, as Attorney-in-fact

## CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY

## SCHEDULE II — VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged To Cost and Expense	Charged to other accounts	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Year ended December 31, 2010					
Allowance for doubtful trade accounts receivable	\$ 734	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	734
Deferred tax asset – valuation allowance	\$ 681,094	\$ —	\$ 33,329	\$ —	714,423
Inventory – lower of cost or market reserve	\$ 8,715	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (338)	8,377
Year ended December 31, 2011					
Allowance for doubtful trade accounts receivable	\$ 734	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	734
Deferred tax asset – valuation allowance	\$ 714,423	\$ —	\$ 59,291	\$ —	773,714
Inventory – lower of cost or market reserve	\$ 8,377	\$ 19,766	\$ —	\$ —	28,143
Year ended December 31, 2012					
Allowance for doubtful trade accounts receivable	\$ 734	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	734
Deferred tax asset – valuation allowance	\$ 773,714	\$ —	\$ (117,362)	\$ —	656,352
Inventory – lower of cost or market reserve	\$ 28,143	\$ (20,806)	\$ —	\$ —	7,337



## EXHIBIT 21.1

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
Subsidiaries of the Registrant

Company Name	State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	Name Under Business is Conducted
Berkeley Aluminum, Inc.	Delaware	Berkeley Aluminum, Inc.
Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc.	Delaware	Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc.
Century California, LLC	Delaware	Century California, LLC
Century Kentucky, Inc.	Delaware	Century Kentucky, Inc.
Century Bermuda I Limited	Bermuda	Century Bermuda I Limited
Century Aluminum Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	Century Aluminum Holdings, Inc.
Metalsco LLC	Georgia	Metalsco LLC
Skyliner LLC	Delaware	Skyliner LLC
NSA General Partnership	Kentucky	NSA GP
Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership	Kentucky	Century Aluminum of Kentucky, GP
Hancock Aluminum LLC	Delaware	Hancock Aluminum, LLC
Century Aluminum of Kentucky LLC	Delaware	Century Aluminum of Kentucky LLC
Century Bermuda II Limited	Bermuda	Century Bermuda II Limited
Nordural U.S. LLC	Delaware	Nordural U.S. LLC
Nordural Helguvik ehf	Iceland	Nordural Helguvik ehf
Nordural ehf	Iceland	Nordural ehf.
Century Louisiana, Inc.	Delaware	Century Louisiana, Inc.
Century Aluminum Development LLC	Delaware	Century Aluminum Development LLC
Century Aluminum Congo, S.A.	Republic of Congo	Century Aluminum Congo, S.A.
Nordural Grundartangi ehf .	Iceland	Nordural Grundartangi ehf.
Century Aluminum Asia Holdings Limited	Hong Kong	Century Aluminum Asia Holdings Limited
Century Mincenco Holdings Limited	St. Lucia	Century Mincenco Holdings Limited
Century Aluminum Cooperatief U.A.	Netherlands	Century Aluminum Cooperatief U.A.
Century Aluminum Vlissingen B.V.	Netherlands	Century Aluminum Vlissingen B.V.
Century Anodes US, Inc.	California	Century Anodes US, Inc.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement No. 333-15689, No. 333-42534, No. 333-65924, No. 333-162624 and No. 333-129698 for the Century Aluminum Company 1996 Stock Incentive Plan, Registration Statement No. 333-15671 for the Century Aluminum Company Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan (all on Forms S-8) and Registration Statement No. 333-143315 (on Form S-3), as amended, of our reports dated March 18, 2013, relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of Century Aluminum Company and subsidiaries, and the effectiveness of Century Aluminum Company and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting, all appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Century Aluminum Company for the year ended December 31, 2012.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 18, 2013

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby constitute and appoint William J. Leatherberry and Jesse E. Gary as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for me and in my name, in any and all capacities, to sign on my behalf the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Century Aluminum Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and any amendment or supplement thereto; and to file such Annual Report on Form 10-K, and any such amendment or supplement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any other appropriate agency pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Terence Wilkinson

Terence Wilkinson  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Jarl Berntzen

Jarl Berntzen  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Andrew Caplan

Andrew Caplan  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

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/s/ Daniel Goldberg

Daniel Goldberg  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Peter C. Jones

Peter C. Jones  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Steven Kalmin

Steven Kalmin  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ Andrew Micheltmore  
Andrew Micheltmore  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

/s/ John P. O'Brien  
John P. O'Brien  
Director  
Century Aluminum Company

CERTIFICATION OF DISCLOSURE IN CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY'S  
ANNUAL REPORT FILED ON FORM 10-K

I, Michael A. Bless, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Century Aluminum Company;
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report the Company's conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on the Company's most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 18, 2013

/s/ MICHAEL A. BLESS

Name: Michael A. Bless

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)

## Exhibit 32.1

Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350)

In connection with the annual report on Form 10–K of Century Aluminum Company (the “Company”) for the year ended December 31, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), Michael A. Bless, as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge:

1. This Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in this Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ MICHAEL A. BLESS

By: Michael A. Bless  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)  
Date: March 18, 2013

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Document And Entity Information (USD \$)**

<b>Document And Entity Information</b>		<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
<b>(USD \$)</b>		<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Feb. 28, 2013</b>	<b>Jun. 30, 2012</b>
<b>Document Information [Line Items]</b>				
Entity Registrant Name	CENTURY ALUMINUM CO			
Entity Central Index Key	0000949157			
Current Fiscal Year End Date	--12-31			
Entity Well-known Seasoned Issuer	No			
Entity Voluntary Filers	No			
Entity Current Reporting Status	Yes			
Entity Filer Category	Accelerated Filer			
Entity Public Float	\$ 377,000,000			
Entity Common Stock, Shares Outstanding	88,554,921			
Document Fiscal Year Focus	2012			
Document Fiscal Period Focus	FY			
Document Type	10-K			
Amendment Flag	false			
Document Period End Date	Dec. 31, 2012			



**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (USD \$)**

<b>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (USD \$) In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,976	\$ 183,401	\$ 304,296	\$ 198,234
Restricted cash	258	0		
Accounts receivable â€” net	50,667	47,647		
Due from affiliates	37,870	44,665		
Inventories	159,925	171,961		
Prepaid and other current assets	34,975	40,646		
Deferred tax – current portion	19,726	0		
Total current assets	<u>487,397</u>	<u>488,320</u>		
Property, plant and equipment â€” net	1,188,214	1,218,225		
Other assets	100,715	104,549		
TOTAL	<u>1,776,326</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>1,811,094</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>1,923,056</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable, trade	75,370	86,172		
Due to affiliates	39,737	41,904		
Accrued and other current liabilities	40,099	40,776		
Accrued employee benefits costs â€” current portion	18,683	16,698		
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	7,815		
Total current liabilities	<u>181,704</u>	<u>193,365</u>		
Senior notes payable	250,582	249,512		
Accrued pension benefits costs â€” less current portion	67,878	70,899		
Accrued postretirement benefits costs â€” less current portion	143,105	128,078		
Other liabilities	40,162	40,005		
Deferred taxes	110,252	90,958		
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>611,979</u>	<u>579,452</u>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>				
Series A Preferred stock (one cent par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 80,283 and 80,718 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	1	1		
Common stock (one cent par value, 195,000,000 shares authorized; 93,335,158 issued and 88,548,637 shares outstanding at December 31, 2012; 93,230,848 issued and 88,844,327 outstanding at December	933	932		

31, 2011)

Additional paid-in capital	2,507,454	2,506,842		
Treasury stock, at cost	(49,924)	(45,891)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(151,192)	(134,588)		
Accumulated deficit	(1,324,629)	(1,289,019)		
Total shareholders' equity	<u>982,643</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>	<u>1,154,516</u>	<u>1,067,730</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,776,326</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

[1] (1)Segment assets include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from affiliates, prepaid and other current assets, inventory, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment-net; the remaining assets are unallocated corporate assets.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Parenthetical) (USD \$)**

<b><i>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Parenthetical) (USD \$)</i></b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>
Series A Preferred stock, par value (in dollars per share)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
Series A Preferred stock, shares authorized (in shares)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Series A Preferred stock, shares issued (in shares)	80,283	80,718
Series A Preferred stock, shares outstanding (in shares)	80,283	80,718
Common stock, par value (in dollars per share)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
Common stock, shares authorized (in shares)	195,000,000	195,000,000
Common stock, shares issued (in shares)	93,335,158	93,230,848
Common stock, shares outstanding (in shares)	88,548,637	88,844,327

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (USD \$)**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS  
OF OPERATIONS (USD \$)**  
*In Thousands, except Per Share  
data, unless otherwise specified*

**3 Months Ended**

**12 Months Ended**

	Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
<i>Net sales:</i>											
Third-party customers									\$ 719,812	\$ 791,993	\$ 755,863
Related parties									552,299	564,431	413,408
Sales Revenue â€“ net	<u>317,667</u>	<u>304,635</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>323,619</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>326,190</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>318,164</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>345,646</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>366,277</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>326,337</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>1,272,111</u>	<u>1,356,424</u>	<u>1,169,271</u>
Cost of goods sold									1,225,769	1,266,902	1,056,875
Gross profit	<u>16,543</u>	<u>3,250</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>5,957</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>20,592</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>(13,632)</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>11,324</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>49,514</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>42,316</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>46,342</u>	<u>89,522</u>	<u>112,396</u>
Other operating expenses (income) â€“ net									(18,253)	3,806	37,386
Selling, general and administrative expenses									35,363	46,032	46,802
Operating income (loss)	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(7,274)</u>	<u>47,296</u>	<u>102,980</u>
Interest expense â€“ third party									24,029	25,129	25,625
Interest income â€“ related party									62	303	448
Interest income â€“ third parties									492	338	615
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									(4,150)	804	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net									(5,576)	1,373	377
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(29,323)</u>	<u>22,239</u>	<u>67,546</u>
Income tax expense									8,910	14,359	11,133
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(38,233)</u>	<u>7,880</u>	<u>56,413</u>
Equity in earnings of joint ventures									2,623	3,445	3,558
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (6,909)</u>	<u>\$ (12,023)</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>\$ (12,277)</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>\$ (4,401)</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>\$ (31,107)</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>\$ (6,600)</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>\$ 23,986</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>\$ 25,046</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>

## **EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:**

Basic and Diluted (in dollars per share)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.14) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (0.14) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (0.05) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (0.35) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (0.07) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 0.24 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 0.25 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59
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[1] The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[2] The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[3] The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[4] The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[5] The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[6] The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.

[7] The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (USD \$)**

<p><b>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (USD \$)</b> <i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i></p>	3 Months Ended								12 Months Ended		
	Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
<b>Comprehensive income (loss)</b>											
Net income (loss)	\$ (6,909)	\$ (12,023) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (12,277) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (4,401) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (31,107) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (6,600) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 23,986 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 25,046 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (35,610)	\$ 11,325	\$ 59,971
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</b>											
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									(218)	(479)	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									567	40	171
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									(186)	(186)	(186)
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									(16,691)	(62,212)	(32,319)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax									0	0	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period									(4,113)	(32,677)	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period									9,837	16,926	8,114
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									(4,236)	(253)	343
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									(15,040)	(78,841)	27,314
Income tax effect									(1,564)	(5,771)	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(16,604)	(84,612)	24,294
Comprehensive income (loss)									\$ (52,214)	\$ (73,287)	\$ 84,265

[1] The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (USD \$)**

<b><i>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (USD \$) In Thousands</i></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Preferred Stock [Member]</b>	<b>Common Stock [Member]</b>	<b>Additional Paid-in Capital [Member]</b>	<b>Treasury Stock [Member]</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) [Member]</b>	<b>Retained Earnings [Member]</b>
Stockholders' Equity Attributable to Parent at Dec. 31, 2009	\$ 1,067,730	\$ 1	\$ 925	\$ 2,501,389	\$ 0	\$ (74,270)	\$ (1,360,315)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Parent	59,971	0	0	0	0	0	59,971
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, Portion Attributable to Parent	24,294	0	0	0	0	24,294	0
Stock Issued During Period, Value, Stock Options Exercised	1,074	0	2	1,072	0	0	0
Shares based compensation	1,447	0	0	1,447	0	0	0
Payments for Repurchase of Common Stock	0						
Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Share-based Compensation, Requisite Service Period Recognition	1,905						
Conversion of Stock, Amount Converted	0	0	1	(1)	0	0	0
Stockholders' Equity Attributable to Parent at Dec. 31, 2010	1,154,516	1	928	2,503,907	0	(49,976)	(1,300,344)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Parent	11,325	0	0	0	0	0	11,325
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, Portion Attributable to Parent	(84,612)	0	0	0	0	(84,612)	0
Stock Issued During Period, Value, Stock Options Exercised	83	0	2	81	0	0	0
Treasury Stock, Value, Acquired, Cost Method	(45,891)	0	0	0		0	0
Payments for Repurchase of Common Stock	45,891						
Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Share-based Compensation, Requisite Service Period Recognition	2,856	0	0		0	0	0
Conversion of Stock, Amount Converted	0	0	2	(2)	0	0	0
Stockholders' Equity Attributable to Parent at Dec. 31, 2011	1,038,277	1	932	2,506,842	45,891	(134,588)	(1,289,019)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Parent	(35,610)						
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, Portion Attributable to Parent	(16,604)	0	0	0	0		0
Stock Issued During Period, Value, Stock Options Exercised	0	0	1	(1)	0	0	0
Treasury Stock, Value, Acquired, Cost Method	(4,033)	0	0	0	4,033	0	0

Payments for Repurchase of Common Stock	4,033						
Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Share-based Compensation, Requisite Service Period Recognition	613	0	0		0	0	0
Stockholders' Equity Attributable to Parent at Dec. 31, 2012	\$ 982,643	\$ 1	\$ 933	\$ 2,507,454	\$ 49,924	\$ (151,192)	\$ (1,324,629)

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (USD \$)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS  
OF CASH FLOWS (USD \$)***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010****CASH FLOWS FROM  
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Net income (loss)	\$ (35,610)	\$ 11,325	\$ 59,971
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**Adjustments to reconcile net income  
(loss) to net cash provided by  
operating activities:**

Unrealized net loss on forward contracts	2,987	(750)	10,030
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Realized Gain Loss On Contract Receivable	0	0	55,703
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Accrued and other plant curtailment costs â€” net	5,251	(13,928)	(56,010)
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Lower of cost or market inventory adjustment	(19,818)	19,766	(426)
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Depreciation and amortization	62,570	62,194	63,550
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Debt discount amortization	1,069	1,857	3,150
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Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Income Taxes	1,529	2,494	15,552
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Pension and other postretirement benefits	3,129	(28,757)	14,578
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Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Share-based Compensation, Requisite Service Period Recognition	613	2,856	1,905
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Non-cash contingent obligation	0	0	13,091
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Non-cash loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt	0	763	0
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Undistributed earnings of joint ventures	(2,623)	(3,445)	(3,558)
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**Change in operating assets and liabilities:**

Accounts receivable â€” net	(2,537)	(3,744)	(6,197)
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Due from affiliates	2,202	10,694	(38,191)
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Inventories	31,854	(35,819)	(24,009)
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Prepaid and other current assets	4,946	(20,791)	13,412
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Accounts payable, trade	(12,114)	(904)	11,674
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Due to affiliates	(2,167)	(3,477)	12,685
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Accrued and other current liabilities	(5,746)	425	(1,758)
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Other â€” net	1,604	(3,695)	(13,642)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	37,139	(2,936)	131,510
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**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING  
ACTIVITIES:**

Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(17,677)	(20,100)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion – Helguvik	(7,317)	(12,882)	(19,227)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	0	0
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	(275)	(113)	(32)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	6,622	3,056	0
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	188	1,471	823
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	3,673	5,206
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(32,531)</u>	<u>(24,895)</u>	<u>(25,471)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM  
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Repayments of debt	0	(47,067)	0
Repayments Of Contingent Obligation	0	(189)	0
Proceeds from Lines of Credit	18,076	15,900	0
Repayments under revolving credit facility	(18,076)	(15,900)	0
Intercompany transactions	0	0	0
Repurchase of common stock	(4,033)	(45,891)	0
Issuance of common stock – net	0	83	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(4,033)</u>	<u>(93,064)</u>	<u>23</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>575</u>	<u>(120,895)</u>	<u>106,062</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	183,401	304,296	198,234
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ 183,976	\$ 183,401	\$ 304,296

## Summary of significant accounting policies

### *Summary of significant accounting policies*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Accounting Policies [Abstract]*

Significant Accounting Policies [Text Block]      Summary of significant accounting policies

Organization and Basis of Presentation — Century Aluminum Company (“Century Aluminum,” “Century,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “ours”) is a holding company, whose principal subsidiaries are Century Kentucky, Inc., Nordural ehf (“Nordural”), Berkeley Aluminum, Inc. (“Berkeley”), and Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. (“Century of West Virginia”). Century Kentucky, Inc. operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Hawesville, Kentucky (“Hawesville”). Nordural Grundartangi ehf operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Grundartangi, Iceland (“Grundartangi”). Century of West Virginia operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Ravenswood, West Virginia (“Ravenswood”). Berkeley holds a 49.7% interest in a partnership which operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Mt. Holly, South Carolina (“Mt. Holly”) and a 49.7% undivided interest in the property, plant, and equipment comprising Mt. Holly. The remaining interest in the partnership and the remaining undivided interest in Mt. Holly are owned by Alumax of South Carolina, Inc., a subsidiary of Alcoa. Alumax of South Carolina, Inc. manages and operates Mt. Holly pursuant to an Owners Agreement, prohibiting the disposal of the interest held by any of the owners without the consent of the other owners and providing for certain rights of first refusal. Pursuant to the Owners Agreement, each owner furnishes their own alumina, for conversion to aluminum, and is responsible for their pro rata share of the operating and conversion costs.

In 2012, our wholly owned subsidiary, Century Aluminum Vlissingen (“Century Vlissingen”) purchased substantially all of the idled assets of the former Zeeland Aluminum Company (“Zalco”) anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands. Century Vlissingen is expected to restart in late 2013.

We also own a 40% stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. (“BHH”), a joint venture that owns and operates a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. BHH, in addition to its Chinese customers, supplies anodes to Grundartangi.

Prior to our initial public offering, we were an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Glencore International AG (together with its subsidiaries, “Glencore”). At December 31, 2012, based on their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Glencore beneficially owned 41.8% of Century’s outstanding common stock and all of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred stock. Through its ownership of our common and preferred stock, Glencore has an overall 46.6% economic ownership of Century. Century and Glencore enter into various transactions such as the purchase and sale of primary aluminum, purchase and sale of alumina, tolling agreements and primary aluminum put option contracts.

Principles of Consolidation — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Century Aluminum Company and our subsidiaries, after elimination of all significant intercompany transactions and accounts. Berkeley’s interest in the Mt. Holly partnership and our interest in the BHH joint venture are accounted for under the equity method.

Revenue recognition— Revenue is recognized when title and risk of loss pass to customers in accordance with contract terms. In some instances, we invoice our customers prior to physical shipment of goods. In such instances, revenue is recognized only when the customer has specifically requested such treatment and has made a commitment to purchase the product. The goods must be complete, ready for shipment and physically separated from other inventory with risk of ownership passing to the customer. We must retain no performance obligations and a delivery schedule must be obtained.

Cash and Cash Equivalents — Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash, money market funds and short-term investments having original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates fair value.

Accounts Receivable — The accounts receivable are net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$734 and \$734 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Inventories — Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method) or market.

Property, Plant and Equipment — Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Additions, renewals and improvements are capitalized. Asset and accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved for dispositions with resulting gains or losses included in other income (expense) – net. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. We capitalize interest for the construction of qualifying

assets. Depreciation of plant and equipment is provided for by the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and improvements	14 to 45 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 22 years

We periodically evaluate the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used when events and circumstances warrant such a review. The carrying value of a separately identifiable, long-lived asset is considered impaired when the anticipated undiscounted cash flow from such asset is less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived asset. Fair value is determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. We did not recognize any impairment losses on our long-lived fixed assets during 2012, 2011 or 2010.

**Other Assets** — Other assets consist primarily of Century's investment in the Mt. Holly partnership, investments in joint ventures, deferred financing costs, assets held in a Rabbi trust to fund the non-qualified supplemental executive benefits ("SERB") pension benefit obligation and operating maintenance supplies not expected to be consumed within the year. Our equity share of the undistributed earnings (loss) increases (decreases) the investment in the joint ventures. Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related financial instrument.

We account for our interest in the Mt. Holly partnership using the equity method of accounting. Additionally, our undivided interest in certain property, plant and equipment of Mt. Holly is held outside of the partnership and the undivided interest in these assets of the facility is accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 810-10-45-14 "Investor Balance Sheet and Income Statement Display under the Equity Method for Investments in Certain Partnerships and Other Ventures." Accordingly, the undivided interest in these assets and the related depreciation are being accounted for on a proportionate gross basis.

**Income Taxes** — We account for income taxes using the liability method, whereby deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. In evaluating our ability to realize deferred tax assets, we use judgment in considering the relative impact of negative and positive evidence. The weight given to the potential effect of negative and positive evidence is commensurate with the extent to which it can be objectively verified. Based on the weight of evidence, both negative and positive, if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. Accordingly, we have a valuation allowance against a portion of our federal and state deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. We have a valuation allowance against a portion of our Icelandic, Hong Kong and Dutch net operating losses ("NOL") deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. During 2012, we have removed our election to permanently reinvest foreign earnings. See [Note 14 Income Taxes](#) for additional information.

**Postretirement Benefits** — We provide certain postretirement benefits to former and inactive employees and their dependents during the period following employment, but before retirement. These benefits include salary continuance, supplemental unemployment and disability healthcare. We recognize the estimated future cost of providing postretirement benefits on an accrual basis over the active service life of the employee.

**Derivatives and hedging** — We routinely enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods. We also enter into fixed price financial sales contracts and put option contracts to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing primary aluminum prices. We have also entered into financial purchase contracts for natural gas to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing natural gas prices.

Certain physical delivery and financial sales contracts for primary aluminum that are not designated cash flow hedges or do not qualify for cash flow hedge treatment are marked-to-market quarterly. Fluctuations in the London Metal Exchange ("LME") price of primary aluminum may have a significant impact on gains and losses included in our financial statements from period to period. We recognize the unrealized and realized gains and losses associated with these contracts in net gain (loss) on forward contracts.

See [Note 4 Fair Value Measurements](#) and [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these contracts.

**Foreign Currency** — We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the Icelandic krona ("ISK") and the Chinese yuan. Nordural and Century Vlissingen use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, however a portion of the operating expenses of their respective facilities are denominated and payable in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Grundartangi's labor and certain other local costs are denominated in ISK and a portion of its anode costs are denominated in euros. Labor costs, maintenance costs and other local services at Century

Vlissingen are denominated in euros. Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded based on exchange rates at the time such transactions arise and any transaction gains and losses are reflected in other income (expense) – net in the consolidated statements of operations. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi's and Century Vlissingen's operating margins. In addition, our joint venture investment in BHH uses the Chinese yuan as its functional currency. For our joint venture investments, we record gains and losses associated with foreign currency exchange rates in equity in earnings of joint ventures.

Financial Instruments — Our receivables, payables and debt related to industrial revenue bonds (“IRBs”) are carried at amounts that approximate fair value. The following table provides the carrying amounts and approximate fair value (based the last available trading data) of our 8.0% senior notes due 2014 (the “8.0% Notes”) and our 7.5% senior notes due 2014 (the “7.5% Notes”).

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
8% Notes	\$ 247,979	\$ 255,706	\$ 246,909	\$ 249,292
7.5% Notes	2,603	2,479	2,603	2,564

Concentration of Credit Risk — Financial instruments, which potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of trade receivables and primary aluminum put option contracts. Our limited customer base increases our concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables. We routinely assess the financial strength of our customers and collectability of our trade receivables.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Stock-Based Compensation — We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of our stock option grants and service-based share awards on the grant date of the share award. Information about our assumptions used to determine the fair value of the grants in 2012, 2011 and 2010 is available in [Note 12 Share-based Compensation](#).

Recently Issued Accounting Standards – We evaluate the impact of FASB accounting standards updates (“ASUs”) issued. When the adoption or planned adoption of recently issued ASUs will potentially have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows, we disclose the quantitative and qualitative effects of the adoption in our consolidated financial statements. During 2012, no ASUs were issued that had a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## Hawesville power contract termination (Notes)

### *Hawesville power contract termination (Notes)*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### **Power Contract Termination** **[Abstract]**

Long-term power contract for  
Hawesville [Text Block]

Hawesville power contract

Notice to Terminate

In August 2012, Century Aluminum of Kentucky, our wholly owned subsidiary ("CAKY"), issued a 12-month notice to terminate a long-term cost based power agreement with Kenergy, a member cooperative of the Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"). During the 12-month notice period, we are required to pay a demand charge for power, but are not obligated to continue operating the plant.

Upon termination of our long-term cost-based power contract with Kenergy (the "Big Rivers Agreement"), Century will be required to find an alternative source of power for the facility. In addition, Big Rivers or Kenergy may seek to challenge our ability to operate the plant under power arrangements with third parties. CAKY is engaged in discussions with Big Rivers, Kenergy and other stakeholders to be allowed to access the wholesale market for power.

#### 2009 Unwind Transaction

In July 2009, CAKY, E.ON U.S. ("E.ON") and Big Rivers, agreed to an "unwind" of the former contractual arrangement between Big Rivers and E.ON and entered into the Big Rivers Agreement in order to provide long-term cost-based power to CAKY. The term of the Big Rivers Agreement is through 2023 and provides adequate power for full production capacity requirements for Hawesville (approximately 482 megawatts ("MW")) with pricing based on the power provider's cost of production. The Big Rivers Agreement is take-or-pay for Hawesville's energy requirements at full production. Under the terms of the agreement, any power not consumed by Hawesville would be available for sale and we would receive credits for actual power sales up to our cost for that power.

In connection with the "unwind," E.ON agreed to mitigate a significant portion of the near-term risk of this agreement through December 2010. During this time, to the extent Hawesville did not use all the power under the take-or-pay contract, E.ON, with some limitations, assumed CAKY's obligations under the former power contract. This effectively resulted in CAKY paying prices which approximated the previous contract prices and volume protection resulting in CAKY receiving credits for unused power without sustaining a loss. Hawesville received these economic benefits through December 2010.

Under the terms of the "unwind," to the extent the aggregate payments made by E.ON exceeded an agreed upon base amount, CAKY is obligated to repay this excess to E.ON over time under certain conditions. The aggregate balance due to E.ON is recorded in other liabilities. The repayment obligation is contingent upon certain operating criteria and the LME price of primary aluminum. See [Note 6 Debt](#) for additional information about the E.ON contingent obligation.

During 2012 and 2011, we paid the full production cost of power under the Big Rivers Agreement. During 2010, the full production cost of power was recorded in our cost of goods sold, however, we realized benefits of \$68,794 for 2010 for E.ON payments made on CAKY's behalf, including amounts incurred for the E.ON contingent obligation.

The power contract was designated as a normal purchase contract under ASC 815. The Big Rivers Agreement is a cost-based contract that is not expected to have any significant value and is with a regulated power generator. While the Big Rivers Agreement is a take-or-pay contract, under which we may net settle any unused power with Big Rivers, we would only receive credits up to our cost for such power sales and would not profit on any sales made above our cost for such power under the current election.

## Acquisition

### *Acquisition*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Asset Acquisition [Abstract]*

Recognized Identified Assets  
Acquired and Liabilities Assumed  
[Text Block]

Asset purchase

In June 2012, Century Vlissingen purchased substantially all of the assets of the Zalco anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands for approximately \$12,500. In connection with the purchase, we entered into a ground lease with respect to the facility that is renewable at our option. Century Vlissingen did not assume, and is indemnified against, historical liabilities of the facility.

The anode production facility, which was curtailed by Zalco in December 2011, will require a significant capital investment to modernize the facility, comply with environmental regulations and optimize anode production for our smelter in Grundartangi. We expect the first 75,000 metric tons of capacity will be restarted in late 2013 and will provide an anode supply to replace third-party anode supply contracts that will terminate in 2013.

## Fair value measurements

### Fair value measurements

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Fair Value Disclosures [Abstract]

#### Fair value measurements

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ASC 820 “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This pronouncement applies to a broad range of other existing accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. ASC 820 defines fair value as “the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.” Fair value is an exit price and that exit price should reflect all the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

ASC 820 recognizes three valuation techniques; the market approach, income approach, and/or cost approach. Valuation techniques used for fair value measurements are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our internal market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market.
- Level 2 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations for which all significant inputs are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 – Assets or liabilities whose significant inputs are unobservable. Valuations are determined using pricing models and discounted cash flow models and include management judgment and estimation which may be significant.

Our fair value measurements include the consideration of market risks that other market participants might consider in pricing the particular asset or liability, specifically non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk. Considerations of the non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk are used to establish the appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates used in our fair value measurements.

The following section describes the valuation methodology used to measure our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value.

#### Overview of Century’s valuation methodology

	Level	Significant inputs
Cash equivalents/money market funds	1	Quoted market prices
Trust assets (1)	1	Quoted market prices
Surety bonds	1	Quoted market prices
Primary aluminum put option contracts	2	Quoted LME forward market prices, historical volatility measurements and risk-adjusted discount rates
Natural gas forward financial purchase contracts	2	Quoted natural gas forward market prices and risk-adjusted discount rates
Power contracts	3	Quoted LME forward market prices, power tariff prices, management’s estimate of future power usage and risk-adjusted discount rates
E.ON contingent obligation	3	Quoted LME forward market, management’s estimates of the LME forward market prices for periods beyond the quoted periods and management’s estimate of future level of operations at CAKY.
Primary aluminum sales premium contracts	3	Management’s estimates of future U.S. Midwest premium and risk-adjusted discount rates

- (1) Trust assets are currently invested in money market funds. The trust has sole authority to invest the funds in secure interest producing investments consisting of short-term securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or cash and cash equivalents.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The following table sets forth our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis by the level of input within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy. As required by GAAP for fair value measurements and disclosures, financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

#### Recurring Fair Value Measurements

As of December 31, 2012

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash equivalents	\$ 168,309	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 168,309
Trust assets	14,254	—	—	14,254
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,123	—	—	2,123
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 184,686</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 184,686</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
E.ON contingent obligation – net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,369	\$ 15,369
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	1,170	1,170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 16,539</b>	<b>\$ 16,539</b>

Recurring Fair Value Measurements	As of December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash equivalents	\$ 176,284	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 176,284
Trust assets	15,889	—	—	15,889
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,391	—	—	2,391
Primary aluminum put option contracts	—	9,331	—	9,331
Power contract	—	—	106	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 194,564</b>	<b>\$ 9,331</b>	<b>\$ 106</b>	<b>\$ 204,001</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Natural gas forward financial purchase contracts	\$ —	\$ 281	\$ —	\$ 281
E.ON contingent obligation – net	—	—	13,958	13,958
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	908	908
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 281</b>	<b>\$ 14,866</b>	<b>\$ 15,147</b>

Change in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements during the years ended December 31,

	Derivative liabilities/assets	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance January 1,	\$ (14,760)	\$ (13,802)
Total loss (realized/unrealized) included in earnings	(1,684)	(1,382)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(95)	424
Ending balance, December 31,	<b>\$ (16,539)</b>	<b>\$ (14,760)</b>
Amount of total loss included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized losses relating to assets and liabilities held at December 31,	\$ (1,684)	\$ (1,382)

The net loss on our derivative liabilities are recorded in our statement of operations under net gain (loss) on forward contracts. In 2012 and 2011, our Level 3 derivative liabilities are included in accrued and other current liabilities and other liabilities of our consolidated balance sheet.

At December 31, 2012, the E.ON contingent obligation represented our primary Level 3 fair value measurement. The unobservable inputs associated with this fair value measurement consist of management's estimates of the LME forward market prices for periods beyond the quoted periods and management's estimate of future level of operations at CAKY. The unobservable inputs represent payment obligation triggers which determine whether or not we would be obligated to make payment to E.ON. A change in our estimate of LME forward market prices or our estimate of future levels of operations at CAKY would impact the fair value measurement by changing our estimate of the timing and amount of repayments required under the obligation. At December 31, 2012, we estimate that we will fully repay the obligation based on our selected inputs. Changes to the selected inputs would result in a reduction to the estimated required repayments and a corresponding reduction in the contingent obligation recorded.



## Derivative and hedging instruments

### Derivative and hedging instruments

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities Disclosure [Abstract]

Derivative and hedging instruments      Derivative and hedging instruments

Derivatives. Our derivative contracts have included natural gas forward financial purchase contracts, foreign currency contracts, primary aluminum forward physical delivery sales contracts, the E.ON contingent obligation, the Ravenswood power contract and primary aluminum put option contracts. We measure the fair value of these contracts based on the quoted future market prices (if available) at the reporting date in their respective principal markets for all available periods. In some cases, we use discounted cash flows from these contracts using a risk-adjusted discount rate. See [Note 4 Fair value measurements](#) for the additional information about the fair value measurement of our derivative instruments.

#### Fair Value of Derivative Assets and Liabilities

	Balance sheet location	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>DERIVATIVE ASSETS:</b>			
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Due from affiliates	\$ —	\$ 5,439
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Prepaid and other current assets	—	3,892
Power contract	Prepaid and other current assets	—	106
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 9,437</b>
<b>DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES:</b>			
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Other liabilities	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Aluminum sales premium contracts – current portion	Accrued and other current liabilities	1,170	607
Aluminum sales premium contracts – less current portion	Other liabilities	—	301
Natural gas forward financial contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	281
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 16,539</b>	<b>\$ 15,147</b>

The natural gas forward financial contracts are derivatives that qualified for cash flow hedge treatment. During 2012 and 2011, the changes in our accumulated other comprehensive loss resulting from realized and unrealized gains and losses on these derivatives were not significant to our financial statements. There were no losses recognized for ineffective portions of these derivatives during the periods.

As of December 31, 2012, an accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$153 is expected to be reclassified to earnings over the next 12-month period.

#### Natural gas forward financial contracts

To mitigate the volatility of our natural gas cost due to the natural gas markets, from time to time, we have entered into fixed-price forward financial purchase contracts which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended usage of natural gas. These forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting under ASC 815. The critical terms of the contracts essentially match those of the underlying exposure. As of December 31, 2012, we did not have any such contracts outstanding.

The effective portion of the natural gas forward financial contracts is reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and the ineffective portion is reported currently in earnings. Each month, when we settle the natural gas forward financial contracts, the realized gain or loss is recognized in income as part of our cost of goods sold.

#### Foreign currency forward contracts

As of December 31, 2012, we had no foreign currency forward contracts outstanding. We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the ISK and the Chinese yuan. The labor costs, maintenance costs and other local services at Grundartangi are denominated in ISK and a portion of its anode costs are denominated in euros. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi's operating margins.

From time to time, we manage our foreign currency exposure by entering into foreign currency forward contracts when management deems such transactions appropriate. During 2008 and 2009, we had foreign currency forward contracts to manage the currency risk associated with Grundartangi operating costs, Grundartangi expansion and the Helguvik project capital expenditures. These contracts were designated as cash flow hedges and qualified for hedge accounting under ASC 815 and had maturities through September 2009.

The realized gains or losses for our cash flow hedges for the Grundartangi expansion and Helguvik project capital expenditures were recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss and will be reclassified to earnings as part of the depreciation expense of the capital assets (for the Helguvik project this will occur when Helguvik is put into service).

#### Primary aluminum put option contracts

In the past, we have entered into primary aluminum put option contracts that settled monthly based on LME prices. The option contract volumes account for a portion of our domestic production, with a strike price around our domestic facilities' average cash basis break-even price. These options were purchased to partially mitigate the risk of a future decline in aluminum prices.

Our counterparties included two non-related third parties and Glencore, a related party. We paid cash premiums to enter into the put option contracts and recorded an asset on the consolidated balance sheets. We determined the fair value of the put contracts using a Black-Scholes model with market data provided by an independent vendor and account for the contracts as derivative financial instruments with gains and losses in the fair value of the contracts recorded on the consolidated statements of operations in net gain (loss) on forward contracts.

#### Aluminum sales premium contracts

The Glencore Metal Agreement is a physical delivery contract for primary aluminum through December 31, 2013 with variable, LME-based pricing. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium. We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Gains and losses on the derivative are based on the difference between the contracted U.S. Midwest premium and actual and forecasted U.S. Midwest premiums. Settlements are recorded in related party sales. Unrealized gains (losses) based on forecasted U.S. Midwest premiums are recorded in net gain (loss) on forward contracts on the consolidated statements of operations.

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:

	Location	Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	\$ (2,725)	\$ 1,645
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Interest expense – third party	1,411	1,429
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Related party sales	1,309	888
Power contract	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	147	172
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	(1,571)	(1,013)

We had the following outstanding forward contracts that were entered into that were not designated as hedging instruments:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Power contracts (in megawatt hours ("MWH")) (1)	—	3,772
Primary aluminum sales contract premium (metric tons) (2)	20,400	40,870
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons)	—	15,000
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons) – related party	—	18,000

- (1) Represents our expected usage during the remaining term of the Ravenswood power contract. The special rate mechanism of the Ravenswood power contract expired December 31, 2012.
- (2) Represents the remaining physical deliveries under the Glencore Metal Agreement.

Counterparty credit risk. Forward financial contracts are subject to counterparty credit risk. However, we only enter into forward financial contracts with counterparties we determine to be creditworthy at the time of entering into the contract. If any counterparty failed to perform according to the terms of the contract, the impact would be limited to the difference between the contract price and the market price applied to the contract volume on the date of settlement.

## Debt

### Debt

## 12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Debt Disclosure [Abstract]

Debt	Debt	December 31,	
		2012	2011
Debt classified as current liabilities:			
Hancock County industrial revenue bonds due 2028, interest payable quarterly (variable interest rates (not to exceed 12%))(1)	\$	7,815	\$ 7,815
Debt classified as non-current liabilities:			
8.0% senior secured notes payable due May 15, 2014, net of debt discount of \$1,625 and \$2,695, respectively, interest payable semiannually		247,979	246,909
7.5% senior unsecured notes payable due August 15, 2014, interest payable semiannually		2,603	2,603
E.ON contingent obligation, principal and accrued interest, contingently payable monthly, annual interest rate of 10.94% (2)		15,369	13,958
Total	\$	273,766	\$ 271,285

- (1) The IRBs are classified as current liabilities because they are remarketed weekly and could be required to be repaid upon demand if there is a failed remarketing. The IRB interest rate at December 31, 2012 was 0.33%.
- (2) E.ON contingent obligation principal and interest payments are payable based on CAKY's operating level and the LME price for primary aluminum. See E.ON contingent obligation below.

#### Revolving Credit Facility

General. On July 1, 2010, we and certain of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries (together with Century, the "Borrowers") entered into a four-year \$100,000 senior secured revolving credit facility pursuant to a Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2010, among the Borrowers and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as lender and agent (the "Credit Facility"), a portion of which was later syndicated to Credit Suisse AG. The Credit Facility replaced our previous credit facility that would have expired on September 19, 2010.

The Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to \$100,000 in the aggregate, including up to \$50,000 under a letter of credit sub-facility. Any letters of credit issued and outstanding under the Credit Facility reduce our borrowing availability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. As of December 31, 2012, we had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility, although the Borrowers may in the future use the Credit Facility to repay existing indebtedness, to issue standby or commercial letters of credit, to finance capital expenditures and for ongoing working capital needs and other general corporate purposes. As of December 31, 2012, the borrowing availability, net of \$46,019 for outstanding letters of credit, was approximately \$49,962 under the Credit Facility.

The availability of funds under the revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of accounts receivable and inventory which meet the eligibility criteria. The availability of funds under the revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of a portion of eligible accounts receivable not owed by Glencore plus a portion of the net amount of eligible accounts receivable owed by Glencore and a portion of eligible inventory balance.

Guaranty. The Borrowers' obligations under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by certain of our domestic subsidiaries and secured by a first priority security interest in all of the Borrowers' accounts receivable, inventory and certain bank accounts. Each Borrower is liable for any and all obligations under the Credit Facility on a joint and several basis.

Interest Rates and Fees. Any amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility will bear interest, at our option, at LIBOR or a base rate, plus, in each case, an applicable interest margin. The applicable interest margin is determined based on the average daily availability for the immediately preceding quarter. For amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility, the applicable interest margin ranges from 2.50% to 3.00% over the LIBOR rate and 1.50% under to 2.00% over the base rate. In addition, we pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts, less the amount of our letters of credit exposure.

For standby letters of credit, we are required to pay a fee on the face amount of such letters of credit equal to either 0.75% (if supported by full cash collateral) or 2.50% (for all other standby letters of credit).

Maturity. The Credit Facility will mature on July 1, 2014.

**Prepayments.** We can make voluntary prepayments of amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility, in whole or in part without premium or penalty, subject to standard LIBOR breakage costs. We are required to apply the proceeds from sales of accounts receivable or inventory, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business, to repay amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility and correspondingly reduce the commitments there under.

**Covenants.** The Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including restrictions on mergers and acquisitions, indebtedness, affiliate transactions, liens, dividends and distributions, dispositions of collateral, investments and prepayments of indebtedness, as well as a covenant that requires the Borrowers to maintain certain minimum liquidity or availability requirements.

**Events of Default.** The Credit Facility also includes customary events of default, including nonpayment, misrepresentation, breach of covenant, bankruptcy, change of ownership, certain judgments and certain cross defaults. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, commitments under the Credit Facility may be terminated and amounts outstanding may be accelerated and declared immediately due and payable.

#### 7.5% Notes

**General.** In August 2004, we sold \$250,000 of our 7.5% Notes in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

**Exchange offer and consent solicitation.** In 2010 and 2009, we completed a series of debt for debt exchange offers and consent solicitation relating to our 7.5% Notes (the “7.5% Notes Exchange Offer”) in which we issued our 8.0% Notes in exchange for our 7.5% Notes. In addition, certain investors consented to certain amendments and modifications to the indenture governing the 7.5% Notes to remove, among other things, most of the restrictive covenants, in exchange for which we paid these investors consent fees. As of December 31, 2012, we had \$2,603 of aggregate principal amount outstanding of the 7.5% Notes.

**Interest rate.** The 7.5% Notes bear interest at 7.5% per annum on the principal amount, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on February 15 and August 15 of each year.

**Maturity.** The 7.5% Notes mature on August 15, 2014.

**Seniority.** The 7.5% Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank, in right of payment, the same as all of our existing and future senior unsecured debt.

**Guaranty.** Our obligations under the 7.5% Notes are guaranteed by all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries.

**Redemption Rights.** On or after August 15, 2012, we may redeem the 7.5% Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Upon a “change of control” (as defined in the indenture governing the 7.5% Notes), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 7.5% Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the 7.5% Notes on the date of the purchase, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

#### 8.0% Notes

**General.** As of December 31, 2012, we have issued \$249,604 of our 8.0% Notes in a series of exchange transactions for our 7.5% Notes in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. See Exchange offer and consent solicitation under the 7.5% Notes above.

**Interest rate.** The 8.0% Notes bear interest at 8.0% per annum on the principal amount, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on May 15 and November 15 of each year.

**Maturity.** The 8.0% Notes mature on May 15, 2014.

**Seniority.** The 8.0% Notes are senior secured obligations of Century, ranking equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior indebtedness of Century, but effectively senior to unsecured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral.

**Guaranty.** Our obligations under the 8.0% Notes are guaranteed by all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries, except for foreign owned parent companies (the “Guarantors”), which guaranty shall in each case be a senior secured obligation of such Guarantors, ranking equally in right of payment with all existing and future senior indebtedness of such Guarantor but effectively senior to unsecured debt.

**Collateral.** Our obligations under the 8.0% Notes and the guarantors’ obligations under the guarantees will be secured by a pledge of and lien on (subject to certain exceptions):

all of our (i) and the guarantors' plant, property and equipment;  
all equity (ii) interests in domestic subsidiaries directly owned by us and the guarantors and 65% of equity  
interests in foreign subsidiaries directly owned by us and the guarantors;  
intercompany (iii) notes owed by any non-guarantor to us or any guarantor, including an intercompany note  
from Century Bermuda I Ltd. (which indirectly owns Grundartangi and Helguvik) to us; and  
proceeds (iv) of the foregoing.

The liens securing the 8.0% Notes will not extend to assets other than those described above.

Under certain circumstances, the indenture and the security documents governing the 8.0% Notes will permit us and the guarantors to incur additional debt that also may be secured by liens on the collateral that are equal to or have priority over the liens securing the 8.0% Notes. The collateral agent for the 8.0% Notes will agree with the collateral agent for the other debt holders and us under such circumstances to enter into an intercreditor agreement that will cause the liens securing the 8.0% Notes to be contractually subordinated to the liens securing such additional debt.

**Redemption Rights.** On or after May 15, 2012, we may redeem the 8.0% Notes, in whole or in part, at an redemption price equal to 102% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The redemption price will decline to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, beginning on May 15, 2013 and thereafter.

Upon a change of control (as defined in the indenture governing the 8.0% Notes), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 8.0% Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the 8.0% Notes on the date of the purchase, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase.

**Covenants.** The indenture governing the 8.0% Notes limits our ability, and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries, to: (i) incur additional debt; (ii) create liens; (iii) pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock; (iv) purchase or redeem capital stock; (v) make investments or certain other restricted payments; (vi) sell assets; (vii) issue or sell stock of certain subsidiaries; (viii) enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and (ix) effect a consolidation or merger.

#### E.ON contingent obligation

**General.** The E.ON contingent obligation consists of the aggregate E.ON payments under the Big Rivers Agreement to Big Rivers on CAKY's behalf in excess of the agreed upon base amount. Our obligation to make repayments is contingent upon certain operating criteria for Hawesville and the LME price of primary aluminum. Based on the LME forward market and our expectation of Hawesville's future operations, we expect that we will be obligated to make payments in the future. When the conditions for repayment are met, and for so long so those conditions continue to be met, we will be obligated to make principal and interest payments, in up to 72 monthly payments.

**Interest rate.** Interest accrues at an annual rate equal to 10.94%.

**Maturity.** The term of the agreement is through December 31, 2028.

#### Industrial Revenue Bonds

**General.** As part of the purchase price for our acquisition of the Hawesville facility, we assumed industrial revenue bonds which were issued in connection with the financing of certain solid waste disposal facilities constructed at the Hawesville facility.

**Interest rate.** The IRBs bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed 12% per annum determined weekly based upon prevailing rates for similar bonds in the industrial revenue bond market. Interest on the industrial revenue bonds is paid quarterly.

**Maturity.** The industrial revenue bonds mature on April 1, 2028.

**Security.** The industrial revenue bonds are secured by a letter of credit issued under our revolving credit facility.

#### Principal Payments on Long Term Debt

Principal payments on our long term debt maturing in 2014, excluding contingent obligations, are as follows:

	Total	2013	2014
7.5% senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014	\$ 2,603	\$ —	\$ 2,603
8.0% senior secured notes due May 15, 2014	249,604	—	249,604
Total	<u>\$ 252,207</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 252,207</u>

## Shareholders' equity

### Shareholders' equity

12 Months Ended

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### Stockholders' Equity Note [Abstract]

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##### Common Stock

Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized to issue up to 195,000,000 shares of common stock.

The rights, preferences, and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock, which are currently outstanding, including our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or which we may designate and issue in the future.

##### Stock Repurchase Program

In August 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$60,000 stock repurchase program. Under the program, we may repurchase up to \$60,000 of our outstanding shares of common stock from time to time on the open market at prevailing market prices, in block trades or otherwise. The timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions, the trading price of the stock and other factors. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

Shares of common stock repurchased are recorded at cost as treasury stock and result in a reduction of shareholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheets. From time to time, treasury shares may be reissued as contributions to our employee benefit plans and for the conversion of convertible preferred stock. When shares are reissued, we use an average cost method for determining cost. The difference between the cost of the shares and the reissuance price is added to or deducted from additional paid-in capital.

From August 11, 2011 through December 31, 2012, we repurchased 4,786,521 shares of common stock at an aggregate purchase price of \$49,924. We had approximately \$10,076 remaining under the repurchase program authorization as of December 31, 2012.

##### Preferred Stock

Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Our Board of Directors may issue preferred stock in one or more series and determine for each series the dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting that series, as well as the designation thereof. Depending upon the terms of preferred stock established by our Board of Directors, any or all of the preferred stock could have preference over the common stock with respect to dividends and other distributions and upon the liquidation of Century. In addition, issuance of any shares of preferred stock with voting powers may dilute the voting power of the outstanding common stock.

##### Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

Shares Authorized and Outstanding. In 2008, we issued 160,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Glencore holds all shares of the issued and outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

The issuance of common stock under our stock incentive programs, certain debt exchange transactions, and any stock offering that excludes Glencore participation triggers anti-dilution provisions of the preferred stock agreement and results in the automatic conversion of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock into shares of common stock. Our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has a par value of \$0.01 per share. The following table shows Series A Convertible Preferred Stock conversions during 2012 and 2011:

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock:	2012	2011
Shares outstanding at January 1,	80,718	82,515
Automatic conversions during the year	(435)	(1,797)
Total shares outstanding at December 31,	<u>80,283</u>	<u>80,718</u>

**Dividend Rights.** So long as any shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are outstanding, we may not pay or declare any dividend or make any distribution upon or in respect of our common stock or any other capital stock ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in respect of dividends or liquidation preference, unless we, at the same time, declare and pay a dividend or distribution on the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (a) in an amount equal to the amount such holders would receive if they were the holders of the number of shares of our common stock into which their shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are convertible as of the record date fixed for such dividend or distribution, or (b) in the case of a dividend or distribution on other capital stock ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in such amount and in such form as (based on the determination of holders of a majority of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock) will preserve, without dilution, the economic position of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock relative to such other capital stock.

**Voting Rights.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has no voting rights for the election of directors or on other matters where the shares of common stock have voting rights. However, we may not change the powers, preferences, or rights given to the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or authorize, create or issue any additional shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock then outstanding (voting separately as a class).

**Liquidation Rights.** Upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of Century, the holders of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to receive a preferential distribution of \$0.01 per share out of the assets available for distribution. In addition, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Century, if our assets are sufficient to make any distribution to the holders of the common stock, then the holders of shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are also entitled to share ratably with the holders of common stock in the distribution of Century's assets (as though the holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock were holders of that number of shares of common stock into which their shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are convertible). However, the amount of any such distribution will be reduced by the amount of the preferential distribution received by the holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

**Transfer Restrictions.** Glencore is prohibited from transferring shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock to any party other than an affiliate who agrees to become bound by certain agreements associated with these shares.

**Automatic Conversion.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock automatically converts, without any further act of Century or any holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, into shares of common stock, at a conversion ratio of 100 shares of common stock for each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, upon the occurrence of any of the following automatic conversion events:

- If we sell or issue shares of common stock or any other stock that votes generally with our common stock, or the occurrence of any other event, including a sale, transfer or other disposition of common stock by Glencore, as a result of which the percentage of voting stock held by Glencore decreases, an amount of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will convert to common stock to restore Glencore to its previous ownership percentage;
- If shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock are transferred to an entity that is not an affiliate of Glencore, such shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will convert to shares of our common stock, provided that such transfers may only be made pursuant to an effective registration statement;
- Upon a sale of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock by Glencore in a Rule 144 transaction in which the shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and our common stock issuable upon the conversion thereof are not directed to any purchaser, such shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock sold will convert to shares of our common stock; and
- Immediately prior to and conditioned upon the consummation of a merger, reorganization or consolidation to which we are a party or a sale, abandonment, transfer, lease, license, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of our property or assets, in one or a series of transactions where, in any such case, all of our common stock would be converted into the right to receive, or exchanged for, cash and/or securities, other than any transaction in which the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be redeemed.

**Optional Conversion.** Glencore has the option to convert the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in a tender offer or exchange offer in which a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock have been tendered by the holders thereof and not duly withdrawn at the expiration time of such tender or exchange offer, so long as the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is tendered or exchanged in such offer.

**Stock Combinations; Adjustments.** If, at any time while the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is outstanding, Century combines outstanding common stock into a smaller number of shares, then the number of shares of common stock issuable on conversion of each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be decreased in proportion to such decrease in the aggregate number of shares of common stock outstanding.

**Redemptions or Repurchases of Common Stock.** We may not redeem or repurchase our common stock unless we redeem or repurchase, or otherwise make a payment on, a pro rata number of shares of the

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. These restrictions do not apply to our open market repurchases or our repurchases pursuant to our employee benefit plans.

**Right of Redemption.** The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock will be redeemed by Century if any of the following events occur (at a redemption price based on the trading price of our common stock prior to the announcement of such event) and Glencore votes its shares of our common stock in opposition to such events:

- We propose a merger, reorganization or consolidation, sale, abandonment, transfer, lease, license, mortgage, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of our property or assets where any of our common stock would be converted into the right to receive, or exchanged for, assets other than cash and/or securities traded on a national stock exchange or that are otherwise readily marketable, or
- We propose to dissolve and wind up any assets other than cash and/or securities traded on a national stock exchange or that are otherwise readily marketable are to be distributed to the holders of our common stock.



## Inventories

### *Inventories*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Inventory, Net [Abstract]*

Inventories

Inventories

Inventories, at December 31, consist of the following:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Raw materials	\$ 40,725	\$ 41,142
Work-in-process	15,259	15,548
Finished goods	9,753	10,535
Operating and other supplies	<u>94,188</u>	<u>104,736</u>
Inventories	<u>\$159,925</u>	<u>\$171,961</u>

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, using  
FIFO.

**Property, Plant, and Equipment**  
*Property, Plant, and Equipment*

**12 Months Ended**  
**Dec. 31, 2012**

*Property, Plant and Equipment*  
*[Abstract]*

Property, Plant and Equipment  
 Disclosure [Text Block]

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment, at December 31, consist of the following:

	2012	2011
Land and improvements	\$ 13,021	\$ 13,021
Buildings and improvements	324,497	320,552
Machinery and equipment	1,404,928	1,387,010
Construction in progress	175,283	162,161
	1,917,729	1,882,744
Less accumulated depreciation	(729,515)	(664,519)
Property, plant and equipment – net	<u>\$1,188,214</u>	<u>\$1,218,225</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recorded depreciation expense of \$62,570, \$62,194 and \$63,550, respectively.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the cost of property, plant and equipment includes \$178,528 and \$176,029, respectively, and accumulated depreciation includes \$113,174 and \$105,585, respectively, representing our undivided interest in the property, plant and equipment comprising Mt. Holly.

# Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31

Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts at December 31

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

## Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax [Abstract]

Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts [Text Block]

Components of Prepaid and other current assets:	2012	2011
Prepaid and other assets	\$ 16,956	\$ 14,209
Income/withholding tax receivable – current	14,327	18,559
VAT receivable	3,692	3,880
Derivative assets	—	3,998
	<u>\$ 34,975</u>	<u>\$ 40,646</u>
Components of Other assets:	2012	2011
Investment in Mt. Holly and joint ventures	\$ 37,880	\$ 40,922
Rabbi trust assets	29,125	30,902
Maintenance and operating supplies – non–current	17,844	17,887
Income tax receivables – non–current	13,688	12,103
Capitalized financing fees	2,178	2,735
	<u>\$ 100,715</u>	<u>\$ 104,549</u>
Components of Accrued and other current liabilities:	2012	2011
Other accrued and current liabilities	\$ 21,424	\$ 18,838
Income taxes payable	8,146	13,370
Accrued vacation pay	6,001	5,922
Deferred tax liability – current	1,928	—
Accrued bond interest	2,560	2,560
Accrued curtailment expenses	40	86
	<u>\$ 40,099</u>	<u>\$ 40,776</u>
Components of Other liabilities:	2012	2011
E.ON contingent liability and accrued interest	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Asset retirement obligations – non–current	14,775	13,887
Accrued workers' compensation cost – non–current	7,237	7,210
Other liabilities	2,781	4,950
	<u>\$ 40,162</u>	<u>\$ 40,005</u>
Components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:	2012	2011
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ (153,225)	\$ (142,259)
Equity in investee other comprehensive income (1)	(12,712)	(8,476)
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(878)	(1,040)
Other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	(166,815)	(151,775)
Income tax effect (2)	15,623	17,187
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (151,192)</u>	<u>\$ (134,588)</u>

- (1) The amount includes our equity in the other comprehensive income of Mt. Holly Aluminum Company.
- (2) The allocation of income tax effect on the components of other comprehensive income is as follows:

	2012	2011
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ 15,784	\$ 17,311
Equity in investee other comprehensive income	488	558
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(649)	(682)

## Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

### *Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Compensation and Retirement Disclosure [Abstract]*

#### Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Disclosure [Text Block]

#### Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

##### Pension Benefits

We maintain noncontributory defined benefit pension plans for all of our domestic hourly and salaried employees. For the domestic salaried employees, plan benefits are based primarily on years of service and average compensation during the later years of employment. For hourly employees at Ravenswood, plan benefits are based primarily on a formula that provides a specific benefit for each year of service. Our funding policy is to contribute amounts based upon actuarial and economic assumptions designed to achieve adequate funding of the projected benefit obligations and to meet the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act 1974 ("ERISA"). Plan assets consist principally of U.S. and international equities and fixed income securities. In addition, we provide supplemental executive retirement benefits ("SERB") for certain current and former executive officers. We account for these plans in accordance with ASC 715-30. We use a measurement date of December 31<sup>st</sup> to determine the pension and OPEB liabilities.

##### Employer contributions

In June 2011, it was determined a "change of control" occurred under the terms of our non-qualified SERB plan. As a result, we were required to make an approximately \$16,700 contribution to a Rabbi trust to fully fund the non-qualified SERB benefit obligation. In addition, through December 31, 2012, we have made contributions of approximately \$8,555 to the qualified defined benefit plans we sponsor during the year.

##### Other Postretirement Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to providing pension benefits, we provide certain healthcare and life insurance benefits for certain domestic retired employees. We account for these plans in accordance with ASC 715-60. ASC 715-60 requires companies to accrue the estimated cost of providing postretirement benefits during the working careers of those employees who could become eligible for such benefits when they retire. We fund these benefits as the retirees submit claims.

##### Retiree Medical Benefits changes

In 2012 and 2010, CAWV amended its postretirement medical benefit plan for all current and former salaried employees, their dependents and all bargaining unit employees who retired before October 1, 2012, and their dependents. Effective January 1, 2013, CAWV no longer provided retiree medical benefits to active salaried CAWV personnel or any other personnel who retired prior to October 1, 2012. CAWV has made no commitments as to the future status of retiree medical benefits for hourly personnel who are currently covered by an active medical program. For those retirees impacted by the changes and who have elected COBRA coverage, CAWV waived COBRA premiums through June 30, 2013.

The 2012 and 2010 plan amendments resulted in the immediate recognition of any unamortized prior service cost benefits that were accrued in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of the date of the amendments. In addition, the 2010 plan amendments resulted in a reduction in OPEB liability and a credit to accumulated other comprehensive loss. The resulting prior service benefit and actuarial losses were amortized ratably into income over the period November 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at which time the CAWV OPEB plan terminated.

With the ratification of the Hawesville labor agreement in December 2010, changes were made to the retiree medical benefits program for employees who retire during the term of the labor agreement. Such retirees have been divided into sub-groups based on attributes such as Medicare eligibility, hire date, age and years of service. Levels of benefits are defined for the sub-groups and range from no substantive change from the benefits provided under the previous labor agreement to replacement of the defined retiree medical benefit program with individual health reimbursement accounts for each eligible participant. The health reimbursement accounts will be funded by CAKY based at established rates per hour worked by each eligible participant. Eligible participants will be able to withdraw from their health reimbursement accounts to fund their own retiree medical coverage.

##### Obligations and Funded Status

The change in benefit obligations and change in plan assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in benefit obligation:				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 164,565	\$ 130,427	\$ 134,289	\$ 109,717
Service cost	2,802	3,133	1,790	1,668
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	5,512	5,728
Medicare Part D	—	—	210	160
Actuarial loss	8,611	30,490	11,725	24,786
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Curtailment/special termination benefits	—	1,147	—	—
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 149,263</u>	<u>\$ 134,289</u>

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 84,967	\$ 73,878	\$ —	\$ —
Actual return on plan assets	10,607	(307)	—	—
Employer contributions	8,555	19,004	4,263	7,770
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Fair value of assets at end of year	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Funded status of plans:				
Funded status	\$ (78,720)	\$ (79,598)	\$ (149,263)	\$ (134,289)
Amounts recognized in the Statement of Financial Position:				
Current liabilities	\$ (10,842)	\$ (8,699)	\$ (6,158)	\$ (6,211)
Non-current liabilities	(67,878)	(70,899)	(143,105)	(128,078)
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ (78,720)</u>	<u>\$ (79,598)</u>	<u>\$ (149,263)</u>	<u>\$ (134,289)</u>
Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax):				
Net loss	\$ 81,417	\$ 80,092	\$ 94,947	\$ 89,420
Prior service cost (benefit)	472	608	(23,611)	(27,861)
	<u>\$ 81,889</u>	<u>\$ 80,700</u>	<u>\$ 71,336</u>	<u>\$ 61,559</u>

Our pension plans' projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation, and fair value of plan assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	Projected Benefit Obligation		Accumulated Benefit Obligation		Fair Value of Plan assets	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Hourly pension plan	\$ 78,812	\$ 75,216	\$ 78,171	\$ 74,545	\$ 53,909	\$ 47,984
Salaried pension plan	69,726	64,655	63,344	58,742	42,325	36,982
SERB plan	26,416	24,694	25,096	23,461	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 166,611</u>	<u>\$ 156,748</u>	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,966</u>

The assets held in the Rabbi trust are restricted to funding the SERB plan. However, the Rabbi trust is classified as a general asset of the company (not plan assets) and therefore, the SERB plan is considered unfunded.

Components of net periodic benefit cost and other amounts recognized in other comprehensive loss:

Net Periodic Benefit Cost:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Service cost	\$ 2,802	\$ 3,133	\$ 2,979	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,668	\$ 3,534
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	6,407	5,512	5,728	10,402
Expected return on plan assets	(6,962)	(6,631)	(5,376)	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service costs	137	137	137	(4,250)	(32,814)	(10,879)
Amortization of net loss	3,642	1,863	1,660	6,195	15,063	6,454
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	5,478	5,807	9,247	(10,355)	9,511
Special termination benefits	—	1,147	4,556	—	—	388
Effect of plan amendments	—	—	—	—	—	(50,474)
Total net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 6,490</u>	<u>\$ 6,625</u>	<u>\$ 10,363</u>	<u>\$ 9,247</u>	<u>\$ (10,355)</u>	<u>\$ (40,575)</u>

Other changes in Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations Recognized in Other Comprehensive Loss (pre-tax):

	Year Ended December 31,			
	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011

Net loss	\$ 4,966	\$ 37,427	\$ 11,725	\$ 24,785
Amortization of net loss	(3,642)	(1,863)	(6,195)	(15,063)
Amortization of prior service benefit (cost)	(137)	(137)	4,250	32,814
Total amount recognized in other comprehensive loss	1,187	35,427	9,780	42,536
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	6,625	9,247	(10,355)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ 7,677</u>	<u>\$ 42,052</u>	<u>\$ 19,027</u>	<u>\$ 32,181</u>

Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive loss expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost during 2013:

	Pension	OPEB
Amortization of net loss	\$ 3,557	\$ 5,765
Amortization of prior service cost (benefit)	137	(4,250)

Weighted average assumptions were used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Discount rate	4.00%	4.25%	3.98%	4.25%
Rate of compensation increase (1)	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%
Measurement date	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2011

- (1) Rate of compensation increase for 2012 is for first five years/year six and thereafter. For 2011, the rate of compensation is for year 1/year 2/year 3 and thereafter.

Discount rate change in estimate

In 2012, we switched the approach that we use to determine the yield from the Citigroup Pension Liability Index to the Ryan 45–95 Curve (the "Ryan Curve"). This change in the approach for determining our discount rate is considered a change in accounting estimate under ASC 250. Discount rates determined using the Ryan Curve were approximately 25 basis points higher than those determined using the Citigroup Pension Liability Index, which lowered the plan benefit obligations for our pension and OPEB plans by approximately \$10,000 as a result.

Weighted average assumptions were used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the years ended December 31:

	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Measurement date	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Fiscal year end	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010
Discount rate	4.25%	5.49%	5.75%	3.83%	5.23%	5.89%
Rate of compensation increase	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	—	—	—

Effect of Medicare Part D

Century's prescription drug programs are assumed to be actuarially equivalent and eligible for Medicare Part D subsidy as written into law in December 2003. The approach used to measure this impact is based on our understanding of ASC 715–60. We recognized the impact of these changes on a prospective basis. As of December 31, 2012, the effect of the Medicare Part D subsidy reduced the accumulated projected benefit obligation of our OPEB plans by \$15,412, which is an approximate 10% decrease for our OPEB plans.

For measurement purposes, medical cost inflation is initially estimated to be 9%, declining to 5% over nine years and thereafter.

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care benefit obligations. A one–percentage–point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have had the following effects in 2012:

	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Effect on total of service and interest cost	\$ 1,285	\$ (1,027)
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	23,165	(18,972)

Century 401(k) Plans

We sponsor a tax–deferred savings plan under which eligible domestic employees may elect to contribute specified percentages of their compensation with Century. In 2011, for our eligible employees, we reinstituted company matching for participants contributions to the savings plan. We suspended our company matching contributions to the 401(k) plan for 2010. Employees are considered fully vested immediately upon participation in the plan.

	2012	2011	2010
Company matching contribution to defined contribution (401(k)) plans	\$ 748	\$ 640	\$ —

#### Benefit Plan Assets

#### Pension Plan Investment Policy and Strategy

We have established the defined benefit pension plans (the “Pension Plans”) as a retirement vehicle for the plan participant employees and as a funding vehicle to secure promised benefits. The Pension Plans’ assets are invested in a prudent manner for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants. Other objectives are to:

- Provide a total return that, over long term, provides sufficient assets to fund the pension plan liabilities.
- Maximize the return on assets, over the long term, by investing a majority of the Pension Plans’ assets in equities. The inclusion of additional asset classes with differing rates of return, volatility and correlation are utilized to reduce risk by providing diversification relative to equities.
- Diversify investments within asset classes to reduce the impact of losses in single investments.

The assets of the Pension Plans are invested in compliance with ERISA, as amended, and any subsequent applicable regulations and laws.

#### Performance

Our performance objective is to outperform the return on a weighted hypothetical portfolio return (the “Policy Portfolio”) after fees at a comparable level of risk. This investment objective is expected to be achieved over the long term and is measured over rolling multi-year periods. Peer-relative performance comparisons will also be considered especially when performance deviates meaningfully from market indexes. Investment objectives for each asset class are included below.

#### Policy Portfolio

Asset allocation policy is the principal method for achieving the Pension Plans and investment objectives stated above. The Plans’ long-term strategic asset allocation policy targets are as follows:

	Pension Plan Asset Allocation		
	Policy Target	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Equities:			
U.S. equities	50%	50%	51%
International equities	15%	16%	14%
Fixed income	35%	34%	35%
		100%	100%

U.S. and international equities are held for their long-term expected return premium over fixed income investments and inflation. Fixed income is held for diversification relative to equities.

The strategic role of U.S. and international equities is to:

- Provide higher expected returns of the major asset classes.
- Maintain a diversified exposure within the U.S. and international stock markets through the use of multi-manager portfolio strategies.
- Achieve returns in excess of passive indexes through the use of active investment managers and strategies.

The strategic role of fixed income is to:

- Diversify the Pension Plans’ equity exposure by investing in fixed income securities that exhibit a low correlation to equities, thereby lowering the overall return volatility of the entire investment portfolio.
- Maintain a diversified exposure within the U.S. fixed income market through the use of multi-manager portfolio strategies.
- Achieve returns in excess of passive indexes through the use of active investment managers and strategies.

The long-term strategic asset allocation policy is reviewed regularly or whenever significant changes occur to Century’s or the Pension Plans’ financial position and liabilities.

#### Expected rate-of-return assumption

We are currently using an 8.0% long-term rate of return on plan assets for the development of the net periodic cost for the defined benefit pension plans. The rate was selected by taking into account our expected asset mix and is based on historical performance as well as expected future rates of return on plan assets.

## Fair Value Measurements of Pension Plan Assets

We measured the fair value of our Pension Plans' assets in accordance with ASC 820. For additional information about fair value measurement, see [Note 4 Fair Value measurements](#).

The following table sets forth by level within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy our Pension Plan assets. As required by generally accepted accounting principles for fair value measurements and disclosures, these assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. For additional information, see [Note 4 Fair Value measurements](#).

Fair Value of Pension Plans' assets by category under the fair value hierarchy:				
As of December 31, 2012 (1)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ 47,728	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 47,728
International equities	15,318	—	—	15,318
Fixed income	32,734	—	—	32,734
Cash deposit in transit	454			454
Total	\$ 96,234	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 96,234
As of December 31, 2011				
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ —	\$ 43,058	\$ —	\$ 43,058
International equities	—	12,243	—	12,243
Fixed income	—	29,666	—	29,666
Total	\$ —	\$ 84,967	\$ —	\$ 84,967

(1) In 2012, we transferred the assets of the Pension Plans to a new trustee and invested in the trustee's mutual funds which are publicly traded on the NASDAQ.

Our Pension Plans' assets are held in certain mutual funds. The fair value of the mutual funds is based on the Net Asset Value ("NAV") which calculated every business day. The underlying securities within the mutual funds are determined as follows:

- U.S. listed equities; equity and fixed income options: Last sale price; last bid price if no last sale price;
- U.S. over-the-counter equities: Official closing price; last bid price if no closing price;
- Foreign equities: Official closing price, where available, or last sale price; last bid price if no official closing price; and
- Municipal bonds, US bonds, Eurobonds/foreign bonds: Evaluated bid price; broker quote if no evaluated bid price.

Our other postretirement benefit plans are unfunded. We fund these benefits as the retirees submit claims.

## Pension and OPEB Cash Flows

### Contributions

We expect to make the following contributions for 2013:

	2013
Expected pension plan contributions	\$ 10,842
Expected OPEB benefits payments	6,157

### Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following table provides the estimated future benefit payments for the pension and other postretirement benefit plans.

	Pension Benefits	OPEB Benefits
2013	\$ 8,295	\$ 6,157
2014	8,793	5,863
2015	8,888	6,468
2016	8,979	6,961
2017	9,130	7,525
2018 – 2022	48,585	42,349

## Participation in Multi-Employer Pension Plans

We contribute to one multiemployer defined benefit pension plan under the terms of a collective-bargaining agreement that covers our union-represented employees at Hawesville. Currently, we do not have any plans to withdraw from or curtail participation in this plan. The risks of participating in



a multiemployer plan are different from single-employer plans in the following aspects:

- Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.
- If a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers.
- If a participating employer chooses to stop participating in a multiemployer plan, the employer may be required to pay the plan an amount based on the underfunded status of the plan, referred to as a withdrawal liability.

The union-represented employees at Hawesville are part of a United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USWA") sponsored multi-employer plan. Our contributions to the plan are determined at a fixed rate per hour worked.

Century's participation in the plan for the year ended December 31, 2012, is outlined in the table below.

Fund	Steelworkers Pension Trust
EIN / PN	23-6648508/499
Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2012 (1)	Green
Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2011 (1)	Green
Subject to Financial Improvement/Rehabilitation Plan	No
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2012 (2)(3)	\$2,282
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2011 (2)(3)	\$2,117
Contributions of Century Aluminum 2010 (3)	\$1,306
Withdrawal from Plan Probable	No
Surcharge Imposed	No
Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement	April 1, 2015

- (1) The most recent Pension Protection Act zone status available in 2012 and 2011 is for the plans' year-end December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The zone status is based on information that Century received from the plan as well as publicly available information per the Department of Labor and is certified by the plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded, plans in the yellow zone are less than 80 percent funded, and plans in the green zone are at least 80 percent funded.
- (2) The number of union-represented employees at Hawesville increased approximately 10% due to the restart of curtailed operations in 2011.
- (3) Our contributions to the Steelworkers Pension Trust are not 5% or more of the total contributions to the plan.

## Share Based Compensation

### Share Based Compensation

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Share-based Compensation [Abstract]

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#### Share Based Compensation

1996 Stock Incentive Plan — We award performance-based and service-based (time vested) share awards and grant qualified incentive and nonqualified stock options to our salaried officers, non-employee directors, and other key employees from our 1996 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Stock Incentive Plan”). The Stock Incentive Plan has 10,000,000 shares authorized for issuance with approximately 7,326,000 shares remaining at December 31, 2012. Granted stock options have a term of 10 years and typically vest one-third on the grant date and additional one-third on the first and second anniversary dates of the grant. Our independent non-employee directors receive annual grants of service-based share awards that vest following 12 months of service. In addition to the stock options, we grant service-based stock awards that typically vest over a period of three years from the date of grant provided that the recipient is still our employee at the time of vesting.

At the time three directors designated for nomination to our Board of Directors were elected in June 2011, it was determined a “change of control” occurred under the terms of our share-based incentive compensation plans. As a result, certain outstanding share-based incentive awards immediately vested and we recognized compensation expense for the accelerated vesting of these awards in 2011.

As of December 31, 2012, options to purchase 611,334 shares of common stock were outstanding and 396,133 service-based stock awards have been authorized, all awards granted prior to June 7, 2011 are vested and the remainder will vest if the employee recipients are employed for the requisite service periods.

The Stock Incentive Plan provides for grants of performance share units upon the attainment of certain established performance goals. The performance share units represent the right to receive common stock, on a one-for-one basis on their vesting dates. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 174,172 performance share units have been authorized, all awards granted prior to June 7, 2011 are vested and the remainder will vest upon the attainment of the performance goals. Under the performance share plan, a portion of the performance share award will be granted in service-based share awards at the grant date. These shares will be awarded to the plan participant if the participant is still an employee on the award date and are included in our service-based share awards.

Under our equity compensation program for our directors, continuing independent directors receive annual grants of service-based share awards. Newly elected directors receive a one-time initial award of 1,000 service-based share awards that vest 50% following 12 months of service and 50% following 24 months of service. These awards are included in our service-based share awards.

Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan — Our non-employee directors’ stock option plan is no longer an active plan. As of December 31, 2012, this plan had 15,000 outstanding options. No new options will be issued out of this plan.

A summary of activity under our Stock Incentive Plan and the Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan during the year ended December 31, 2012 is presented below:

Options	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	632,334	\$ 24.51		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited/expired	(6,000)	15.17		
Outstanding, fully vested and exercisable at December 31, 2012 (1)	626,334	\$ 24.60	4.82	\$ 611

- (1) As explained above, all unvested stock options immediately vested and became immediately exercisable in 2011. All such options will remain exercisable for their respective remaining term, regardless of whether the awardees remain employees of Century.

All stock options are vested; there are no non-vested stock options.

#### Service-based share awards

Outstanding at January 1, 2012	347,191
Granted	134,468

Vested	(85,526)
Forfeited	—
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	<u>396,133</u>

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average per share fair value of service-based share grants	\$8.14	\$15.49	\$12.31
Total intrinsic value of option exercises	—	72	1
Share-based liabilities paid (1)	—	—	1,050
Total fair value of stock options vested during the period	—	1,403	112

- (1) Share based liabilities paid represent the fair value of shares issued on the vesting date to certain key employees under our performance share program.

Fair Value Measurement of Share-Based Compensation Awards –We estimate the fair value of each share-based award using the Black-Scholes model on the date of grant. We used the following assumptions to estimate the fair value of our share awards for 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	2012	2011	2010
Risk-free interest rate	0.18% – 0.48	0.10% – 1.11	0.31% – 1.52
Expected dividend yield	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Expected volatility	61% – 77%	50% – 134%	107% – 108%
Expected forfeiture rate	0% – 3%	0% – 3%	0% – 3%
Expected term (years)	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0

The following table summarizes the compensation cost recognized for the year ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 for all options, service-based share and performance-based share expense. No share-based compensation cost was capitalized during these periods and there were no significant modifications (other than the accelerated vesting described above) of any share-based awards in 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Share-based compensation expense reported:			
Performance-based stock expense	\$ 27	\$ 1,836	\$ 2,904
Service-based stock expense (1)	586	692	(1,668)
Stock option expense	—	328	669
Total share and performance-based compensation expense before income tax	613	2,856	1,905
Income tax	—	—	—
Total share and performance-based compensation expense, net of income tax	<u>\$ 613</u>	<u>\$ 2,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,905</u>

- (1) We recorded a net credit for service-based stock awards in 2010 due to adjustments for payroll taxes paid in cash during the year.

As of December 31, 2012, we had unrecognized compensation expense of \$560 before taxes. This expense will be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.50 years.

During 2012, there were no stock option exercises, and thus no cash was received and we did not recognize any tax benefits related to stock option exercises.

We issue shares to satisfy the requirements of our share-based compensation plans. At this time, we do not plan to issue treasury shares to support our share-based compensation plans, but we may in the future.

## Earnings per share

### Earnings per share

## 12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Earnings Per Share [Abstract]

#### Earnings per share

#### Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") amounts are calculated by dividing earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS amounts assume the issuance of common stock for all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding. The following table shows the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for 2012, 2011, and 2010:

For the year ended December 31, 2012			
	Net loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net loss	\$ (35,610)		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	100.00%		
Basic EPS:			
Loss allocable to common shareholders	\$ (35,610)	88,534	\$ (0.40)
Diluted EPS:			
Loss applicable to common shareholders	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>88,534</u>	<u>\$ (0.40)</u>
For the year ended December 31, 2011			
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 11,325		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	91.87%		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 10,404	91,854	\$ 0.11
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		403	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	<u>\$ 10,404</u>	<u>92,257</u>	<u>\$ 0.11</u>
For the year ended December 31, 2010			
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 59,971		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	91.79%		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 55,046	92,676	\$ 0.59
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		626	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	<u>\$ 55,046</u>	<u>93,302</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>

#### Impact of issuance of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock on EPS

Our Series A Convertible preferred stock has similar characteristics of a "participating security" as described by ASC 260-10-45. In accordance with the guidance in the ASC 260-10-45, we calculated basic EPS using the Two-Class Method, allocating undistributed income to our preferred shareholder consistent with their participation rights, and diluted EPS using the If-Converted Method when applicable.

ASC 260-10-50 does not require the presentation of basic and diluted EPS for securities other than common stock and the EPS amounts, as presented, only pertain to our common stock.

The Two-Class Method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings (loss) per share for common shares and participating securities according to dividends declared (or accumulated) and the participation rights in undistributed earnings. Our preferred stock is a non-cumulative perpetual participating convertible preferred stock with no set dividend preferences. See [Note 7 Shareholders' Equity](#) for additional information about the rights and features of the preferred stock.

The holders of our convertible preferred stock do not have a contractual obligation to share in our losses. Thus, in periods where we report net losses, we do not allocate these losses to the convertible preferred stock for the computation of basic or diluted EPS.

#### Calculation of EPS

	2012	2011	2010
Options to purchase common stock	626,334	632,334	675,575
Service-based share awards outstanding	396,133	347,191	551,382

Excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS:

	2012	2011	2010
Stock options (1)	626,334	353,000	377,000
Service-based share awards	396,133	—	—

- (1) These stock option awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock, except in years when we had a net loss where all options were excluded because of their antidilutive effect on earnings per share.

## Income taxes

### Income taxes

## 12 Months Ended

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### Income Tax Disclosure [Abstract]

#### Income taxes

#### Income Taxes

The components of pre-tax book income (loss) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
U.S.	\$ (38,762)	\$ (22,865)	\$ 37,487
Foreign	9,439	45,104	30,059
Total	<u>\$ (29,323)</u>	<u>\$ 22,239</u>	<u>\$ 67,546</u>

Significant components of the income tax expense (benefit) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Current:			
U.S. federal current expense (benefit)	\$ (161)	\$ (22)	\$ 191
State current expense (benefit)	(669)	1,395	(1,047)
Foreign current expense	9,808	13,467	11,485
Total current expense	<u>8,978</u>	<u>14,840</u>	<u>10,629</u>
Deferred:			
U.S. federal deferred benefit	(1,564)	(5,772)	(2,945)
State deferred benefit	—	—	(75)
Foreign deferred tax expense	1,496	5,291	3,524
Total deferred expense (benefit)	<u>(68)</u>	<u>(481)</u>	<u>504</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 8,910</u>	<u>\$ 14,359</u>	<u>\$ 11,133</u>

A reconciliation of the statutory U.S. Federal income tax rate to the effective income tax rate on income (loss) is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Federal Statutory Rate	35.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
Permanent differences	12.6	63.2	(19.8)
State taxes, net of Federal benefit	0.1	6.3	(1.7)
Foreign earnings taxed at different rates than U.S.	(369.5)	(60.3)	(20.5)
Valuation allowance	297.6	40.8	32.7
Changes in uncertain tax reserves	(6.7)	5.6	(5.1)
Other	0.5	(26.0)	(4.1)
Effective tax rate	<u>(30.4)%</u>	<u>64.6 %</u>	<u>16.5 %</u>

The effect of earnings of foreign subsidiaries includes the difference between the U.S. statutory rate and local jurisdiction tax rates, as well as the provision (benefit) for incremental U.S. taxes on unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries due to the removal of the election to permanently reinvest the related earnings during 2012. The cumulative amount of foreign undistributed net earnings for which no deferred taxes were provided was \$159,087 at December 31, 2011.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31 are as follows:

	2012	2011
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued postretirement benefit cost	\$ 9,184	\$ 8,281
Accrued liabilities	8,289	3,308
Share-based compensation	2,941	3,758
Derivative and hedging contracts	180,121	103,048
Goodwill	14,654	17,551
Equity contra – other comprehensive loss	81,039	77,142
Capital losses	9,056	7,506
Net operating losses	509,618	619,357
Other	138	55
Total deferred tax assets	<u>815,040</u>	<u>840,006</u>
Valuation allowance	<u>(656,352)</u>	<u>(773,714)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 158,688</u>	<u>\$ 66,292</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Tax over financial statement depreciation	\$ (145,213)	\$ (147,021)
Pension	(8,905)	(7,021)
Income from domestic partnership	4	4
Unremitted foreign earnings	(93,824)	—
Foreign basis differences	(3,204)	(3,212)

Total deferred tax liabilities	(251,142)	(157,250)
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (92,454)</u>	<u>\$ (90,958)</u>

Under ASC 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes", a valuation allowance must be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. The amount of valuation allowance is based upon our best estimate of our ability to realize the net deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance can subsequently be reversed when we believe that the assets are realizable on a more likely than not basis.

The changes in the valuation allowance are as follows:

	2012	2011
Beginning balance, valuation allowance	\$ 773,714	\$ 714,423
Change in valuation allowance	(117,362)	59,291
Ending balance, valuation allowance	<u>\$ 656,352</u>	<u>\$ 773,714</u>

As a result of certain realization requirements of ASC Topic 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation, the table of deferred tax assets and liabilities shown above does not include net operating loss deferred tax assets at December 31, 2012 and 2011 that arose directly from tax deductions related to equity compensation in excess of compensation recognized for financial reporting. Equity will be increased by \$1,881 if and when such deferred tax assets are ultimately realized.

The significant components of our NOL carryforwards are as follows:

	2012	2011
Federal (1)	\$1,176,802	\$1,447,616
State (2)	1,106,961	1,450,934
Foreign (3)	341,290	298,113

- (1) The federal NOL begins to expire in 2028.
- (2) The state NOL begins to expire in 2027.
- (3) The Icelandic NOL begins to expire in 2017; Dutch NOL begins to expire in 2021

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits (excluding interest) is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,600	\$ 21,200
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	2,700	2,500	4,400
Reductions based on tax positions related to the current year	—	—	—
Additions based on tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Decreases due to lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(800)	(3,200)	(9,000)
Settlements	(200)	—	—
Balance as of December 31,	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>

Included in the above balances are tax positions whose tax characterization is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of tax return inclusion. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, other than interest and penalties, the timing would not impact the annual effective tax rate but could accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period. The remaining amounts of unrecognized tax benefits would affect our effective tax rate if recognized. It is our policy to recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

The components of our unrecognized tax positions are as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Highly certain tax positions	\$ 16,900	\$ 15,100	\$ 14,600
Other unrecognized tax benefits	700	800	2,000
Gross unrecognized tax benefits	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>
Accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300

Century and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, various state and local jurisdictions, and several foreign jurisdictions.

Our federal income tax returns beginning in 2008 are subject to examination. Our 2008 tax year is currently under audit by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Additionally, a 2005 amended return is also under audit with respect to carry back items. Material state and local income tax matters have been concluded for years through 2002. The majority of our other state returns beginning in 2005 are subject to examination. Our Icelandic tax returns are subject to examination beginning with the 2007 tax year.

We do not expect a significant change in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months.

## Commitments and contingencies

### *Commitments and contingencies*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Commitments and Contingencies Disclosure [Abstract]*

#### Commitments and contingencies

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##### Environmental Contingencies

Based upon all available information, we believe our current environmental liabilities do not have, and are not likely to have, a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Because of the issues and uncertainties described below and the inability to predict the requirements of future environmental laws, there can be no assurance that future capital expenditures and costs for environmental compliance at currently or formerly owned or operated properties will not result in liabilities which may have a material adverse effect.

It is our policy to accrue for costs associated with environmental assessments and remedial efforts when it becomes probable that a liability has been incurred and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The aggregate environmental-related accrued liabilities were \$906 and \$852 at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. All accrued amounts have been recorded without giving effect to any possible future recoveries. With respect to costs for ongoing environmental compliance, including maintenance and monitoring, such costs are expensed as incurred.

CAWV continues to perform remedial measures at Ravenswood pursuant to an order issued by the EPA in 1994 (the "3008(h) Order"). CAWV also conducted a RCRA facility investigation ("RFI") under the 3008(h) Order evaluating other areas at Ravenswood that may have contamination requiring remediation. The RFI has been approved by appropriate agencies. CAWV has completed interim remediation measures at two sites identified in the RFI, and we believe no further remediation will be required. A Corrective Measures Study, which formally documents the conclusion of these activities, has been submitted by the EPA for a final order.

Prior to our purchase of Hawesville, the EPA issued a final Record of Decision ("ROD") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"). By agreement, Southwire Company ("Southwire"), the former owner and operator is to perform all obligations under the ROD. CAKY has agreed to operate and maintain the ground water treatment system required under the ROD on behalf of Southwire, and Southwire will reimburse CAKY for any expense that exceeds \$400 annually.

In July 2006, we were named as a defendant, together with certain affiliates of Alcan Inc., in a lawsuit brought by Alcoa Inc. seeking to determine responsibility for certain environmental indemnity obligations related to the sale of a cast aluminum plate manufacturing facility located in Vernon, California, which we purchased from Alcoa Inc. in December 1998, and sold to Alcan Rolled Products-Ravenswood LLC in July 1999. The complaint also seeks costs and attorney fees. The matter is in a preliminary stage, and we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this action or estimate a range of possible losses related to this matter at this time. We do not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve this action will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity, regardless of the final outcome.

##### Matters relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refining Facility

We are a party to an EPA Administrative Order on Consent (the "Order") pursuant to which other past and present owners of an alumina refining facility at St. Croix, Virgin Islands (the "St. Croix Alumina Refinery") have agreed to carry out a Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan to remove and manage hydrocarbons floating on groundwater underlying the facility. Pursuant to the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan, recovered hydrocarbons and groundwater are delivered to the adjacent petroleum refinery where they are received and managed. In connection with the sale of the facility by Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed") to one of our affiliates, Virgin Islands Alumina Corporation ("Vialco"), in 1989, Lockheed, Vialco and Century entered into the Lockheed-Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. The indemnity provisions contained in the Lockheed-Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement allocate responsibility for certain environmental matters. Lockheed has tendered indemnity and defense of the above matter to Vialco. We have likewise tendered indemnity to Lockheed. Through December 31, 2012, we have expended approximately \$940 on the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan. We expect the future potential payments under this indemnification to comply with the Order will be approximately \$500, which may be offset in part by sales of recoverable hydrocarbons.

In May 2005, we and Vialco were among several defendants listed in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources ("DPNR"), in his capacity as Trustee for Natural Resources of the United States Virgin Islands. The complaint alleges damages to natural resources caused by alleged releases from the St. Croix Alumina Refinery and the adjacent petroleum refinery. The primary cause of action is pursuant to the natural resource damage provisions of CERCLA, but various ancillary Territorial law causes of action were included as well. We and Lockheed have each tendered indemnity and defense of the case to the other pursuant to the terms of the Lockheed-Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees. In November 2011, the court granted a motion by Century, dismissing Century from the case. Vialco, however, remains a defendant in this case and has asserted factual and affirmative defenses. The parties are currently engaged in the discovery process. As of December 31, 2012, no trial date has been set for the



remaining claims.

In December 2006, Vialco and the two succeeding owners of the St. Croix Alumina Refinery were named as defendants in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the DPNR. The complaint alleges the defendants failed to take certain actions specified in a Coastal Zone management permit issued to Vialco in October 1994, and alleges violations of territorial water pollution control laws during the various defendants' periods of ownership. The complaint seeks statutory and other unspecified monetary penalties for the alleged violations. The parties are currently engaged in the discovery process.

In May 2009, St. Croix Renaissance Group, L.L.P. ("SCRG") filed a third-party complaint for contribution and other relief against several third-party defendants, including Vialco, relating to a lawsuit filed against SCRG seeking recovery of response costs relating to the aforementioned DPNR CERCLA matter. In February 2011, the court granted a motion by Century, dismissing Century from the case. Vialco, however, remains a defendant in this case. In March 2011, the court granted the remaining defendants', including Vialco's, motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case. The plaintiff filed a notice of appeal with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in May 2011. The hearing on the appeal is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2013.

In December 2010, Century was among several defendants listed in a lawsuit filed by approximately 2,300 plaintiffs who either worked, resided or owned property in the area downwind from the St. Croix Alumina Refinery. In March 2011, Century was also named a defendant in a nearly identical suit brought by approximately 200 plaintiffs previously named in the aforementioned suit. The plaintiffs in both suits allege damages caused by the presence of red mud and other particulates coming from the alumina facility. The plaintiffs in both suits seek unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees as well as certain injunctive relief. We have tendered indemnity and defense to St. Croix Alumina LLC and Alcoa Alumina & Chemical LLC under the terms of an acquisition agreement relating to the facility and have filed a motion to dismiss plaintiffs' claims, but the court has not yet ruled on the motion.

Pursuant to the terms of the asset purchase agreement between Vialco and the purchaser of the St. Croix Alumina Refinery in 1995, the purchaser assumed responsibility for all costs and other liabilities associated with the bauxite waste disposal facilities, including pre-closure and post-closure liabilities. At this time, it is not practicable to predict the ultimate outcome of or to estimate a range of possible losses relating to any of the foregoing actions.

#### Legal Contingencies

In addition to the foregoing matters, we have pending against us or may be subject to various lawsuits, claims and proceedings related primarily to employment, commercial, environmental, shareholder, safety and health matters.

In evaluating whether to accrue for losses associated with legal contingencies, it is our policy to take into consideration factors such as the facts and circumstances asserted, our historical experience with contingencies of a similar nature, the likelihood of our prevailing and the severity of any potential loss. For some matters, no accrual is established because we have assessed our risk of loss to be remote. Where the risk of loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an accrual, either on an individual basis or with respect to a group of matters involving similar claims, based on the factors set forth above.

We also determine estimates of reasonably possible losses or ranges of reasonably possible losses in excess of related accrued liabilities, if any, when we have assessed that a loss is reasonably possible. Based on current knowledge, management has ascertained estimates for losses that are reasonably possible and management does not believe that any reasonably possible outcomes in excess of our accruals, if any, either individually or in aggregate, would be material to our financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity. We reevaluate and update our assessments and accruals as matters progress over time.

We have been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by our former Chief Executive Officer, Logan Kruger, alleging breach of contract and wrongful termination in violation of public policy. The lawsuit alleges that Century anticipatorily breached the employment and severance protection agreements between Century and Mr. Kruger and that Century is obligated to make various severance payments in excess of \$20,000 to Mr. Kruger under such agreements. In addition, the complaint seeks unspecified damages, including exemplary and punitive damages, for wrongful termination, as well as costs and attorneys' fees. The trial court has transferred the matter to an arbitration panel for resolution. We believe these claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourselves against them.

In March 2011, the purported stockholder class actions pending against us consolidated as In re: Century Aluminum Company Securities Litigation were dismissed with prejudice by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The plaintiffs in the class actions allege that we improperly accounted for cash flows associated with the termination of certain forward financial sales contracts which accounting allegedly resulted in artificial inflation of our stock price and investor losses. Plaintiffs are seeking rescission of our February 2009 common stock offering, unspecified compensatory damages, including interest thereon, costs and expenses and attorneys' fees. In March 2011, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal to the order and judgment entered by the trial court. In January 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "Ninth Circuit") affirmed the trial court's decision. Plaintiffs have filed a pending motion for rehearing by the Ninth Circuit en banc.

In February 2010, our subsidiary, CAWV, was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by Ingram Barge Company ("Ingram") in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. The lawsuit alleges that CAWV breached two barging contracts with Ingram by failing to consume a specified amount of barging services as a result of the curtailment of operations at Ravenswood. Ingram is seeking damages of approximately \$4,600 plus interest. In July 2012, the trial court granted Ingram's motion for summary judgment and has ordered the parties to enter into mediation with respect to Ingram's damages, if any. While we do not believe that Ingram has suffered any damages and intend to continue to vigorously

defend ourselves against this claim, we believe that it is reasonably possible that a damages judgment may be entered against CAWV. We estimate that the range for this potential loss is between \$0 and \$5,000.

#### Ravenswood Retiree Medical Benefits changes

CAWV amended its postretirement medical benefit plan, effective January 1, 2010, for all current and former CAWV salaried employees, their dependents and all bargaining unit employees who retired before June 1, 2006, and their dependents. Effective January 1, 2011, CAWV no longer provided retiree medical benefits to active salaried CAWV personnel or any other personnel who retired prior to November 1, 2010.

In November 2009, CAWV filed a class action complaint for declaratory judgment against the USWA, the USWA's local union, and four CAWV retirees, individually and as class representatives, seeking a declaration of CAWV's rights to modify/terminate retiree medical benefits as described above. Later in November 2009, the USWA and representatives of a retiree class filed a separate suit against CAWV, Century Aluminum Company, Century Aluminum Master Welfare Benefit Plan, and various John Does with respect to the foregoing. These actions, entitled *Dewhurst, et al. v. Century Aluminum Co., et al.*, and *Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. v. United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial & Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO/CLC, et al.*, have been consolidated and venue has been set in the District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

In January 2010, the USWA filed a motion for preliminary injunction to prevent us from implementing the foregoing changes while these lawsuits are pending, which was dismissed by the trial court. In August 2011, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the District Court's dismissal of the USWA's motion for preliminary injunction, finding that the USWA had failed to establish the likelihood of success on the merits of the underlying matter. In October 2011, CAWV filed a motion to dismiss plaintiff's first amended complaint with the trial court, which was dismissed. The case is currently in the discovery stage. The parties have agreed in principle to settle the lawsuit upon a successful restart of Ravenswood, see "CAWV Retiree VEBA contributions" below.

#### Ravenswood Pension Plan

In June 2011, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") informed us that it believed that a "cessation of operations" under ERISA had occurred at our Ravenswood facility as a result of the curtailment of operations at the facility and requested that we engage in discussions with the PBGC relating thereto. We have notified the PBGC that we do not believe that a "cessation of operations" has occurred and have entered into ongoing discussions with the PBGC to resolve the matter. If a "cessation of operations" is ultimately determined to have occurred under ERISA, it may be necessary for CAWV to accelerate the timing of approximately \$17,400 in contributions over a period of years to certain of its defined pension plans or post other collateral with the PBGC or negotiate an alternative agreement. We remain in discussions with the PBGC with respect to this matter.

#### Power Commitments

##### Hawesville

The Big Rivers Agreement has a term through December 2023, unless extended. The Big Rivers Agreement provides sufficient power at cost-based rates for Hawesville's full production capacity requirements. The Big River Agreement is take-or-pay for Hawesville's energy requirements at full production.

In August 2012, CAKY issued a 12-month notice to terminate the Big River Agreement. During the 12-month notice period, Century is required to pay a demand charge for power, but is not obligated to continue operating the plant.

##### Mt. Holly

Mt. Holly has a power purchase agreement (the "Santee Cooper Agreement") with the South Carolina Public Service Authority ("Santee Cooper") with a term through December 2015, unless extended. The Santee Cooper Agreement provides adequate power for Mt. Holly's full production capacity requirements at prices fixed based on published rate schedules (which are subject to change), with adjustments for fuel prices and other items. The Santee Cooper Agreement restricts Mt. Holly's ability to reduce its power consumption (or the associated payment obligations) below contracted levels and to terminate the agreement, unless, in each case, the LME falls below certain negotiated levels.

In 2012, Mt. Holly and Santee Cooper amended the terms of Santee Cooper agreement in order to allow Mt. Holly to receive all or a portion of Mt. Holly's supplemental power requirements from an off-system natural gas-fired power generation facility (the "off-system facility"). The energy charge for supplemental power from the off-system facility is based on the cost of natural gas rather than Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs, which are primarily coal-based. The amendments to the power agreement may provide a benefit to Mt. Holly provided that natural gas costs remain below Santee Cooper's system average fuel costs. The amended power agreement provides that Mt. Holly may continue to receive its supplemental power requirements from the off-system facility through December 31, 2015.

##### Ravenswood

CAWV has a power purchase agreement (the "ApCo Agreement") with the Appalachian Power Company ("ApCo"). CAWV currently purchases a limited amount of power under the ApCo Agreement as necessary to maintain its Ravenswood smelter, which is presently curtailed. Power is supplied under the ApCo Agreement at prices set forth in published tariffs (which are subject to change), with certain adjustments.

##### Grundartangi

Nordural Grundartangi ehf has power purchase agreements with HS Orka hf ("HS"), Landsvirkjun and Orkuveita Reykjavíkur ("OR") to provide power to its Grundartangi smelter. These power purchase agreements, which will expire on various dates from 2019 through 2036, provide power at LME-based variable rates. Each power purchase agreement contains take-or-pay obligations with respect to a

significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreement.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, an additional 47.5 MW of power became available under a power purchase agreement with OR. This power can be used at either Grundartangi or Helguvik and is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. In order to use this additional power, Nordural Grundartangi has temporarily reduced its power purchases under each of its outstanding power purchase agreements, but continues to consume power in excess of its take-or-pay obligation. HS and OR have disputed Nordural Grundartangi's right to make such reductions and have commenced arbitration proceedings against Nordural Grundartangi that are scheduled to occur in the first quarter of 2013.

In June 2012, Nordural Grundartangi entered into a new supplemental power contract with Landsvirkjun. The supplemental power contract, which will expire in October 2029 (or upon the occurrence of certain earlier events), will provide Nordural Grundartangi with supplemental power, as Nordural Grundartangi may request from time to time, at LME-based variable rates. Nordural Grundartangi has agreed to make certain prepayments to Landsvirkjun in connection with the contract, which will reduce the price paid for power at the time of consumption.

#### Helguvik

Nordural Helguvik has power purchase agreements with HS and OR to provide power to the Helguvik project. These power purchase agreements provide power at LME-based variable rates and contain take-or-pay obligations with respect to a significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreements. The first stage of power under the OR power purchase agreement (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. No other power is currently available under either power purchase agreement. HS (with respect to all phases) and OR (with respect to all phases other than the first phase) have alleged that certain conditions to the delivery of power under the power purchase agreements have not been satisfied. Nordural Helguvik is in discussion with both HS and OR with respect to such conditions.

#### Other Commitments and Contingencies

##### Labor Commitments

Approximately 75% of our U.S. based work force is represented by the USWA. CAKY's Hawesville plant employees represented by the USWA are under a collective bargaining agreement which expires on March 31, 2015.

In April 2010, Nordural Grundartangi ehf entered into a new labor agreement with the five labor unions representing approximately 84% of Grundartangi's work force. The labor agreement expires on December 31, 2014.

The labor agreement for CAWV's Ravenswood plant employees represented by the USWA expired on August 31, 2010.

##### CAWV Retiree VEBA contributions

We have reached an agreement in principle with the CAWV retirees to make contributions to a voluntary employee beneficiary association ("VEBA") trust that would provide certain health care benefits to these retirees and their eligible dependents in the event of a restart of our Ravenswood facility. If this agreement were entered into, our obligations under the agreement, including any contributions to the VEBA, would be contingent upon the occurrence of several future events that are necessary in order to restart the Ravenswood facility. None of these events, including the finalization of this agreement, are certain to occur.

##### Other Commitments

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the related Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act were enacted in March 2010. The Health Care Acts extend health care coverage to many uninsured individuals and expands coverage to those already insured. The Health Care Acts contain provisions which could impact our retiree medical benefits in future periods. However, the extent of that impact, if any, cannot be determined until regulations are promulgated under the Health Care Acts and additional interpretations of the Health Care Acts become available. We are continuing to assess the potential impacts that this legislation may have on our future results of operations, cash flows and financial position related to our health care benefits and other postretirement benefit obligations. Among other things, the Health Care Acts will eliminate the tax deductibility of the Medicare Part D subsidy for companies that provide qualifying prescription drug coverage to retirees effective for years beginning after December 31, 2012.

## Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments

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12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Forward Delivery Contracts and Financial Instruments [Abstract]

Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments

Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments

As a producer of primary aluminum, we are exposed to fluctuating raw material and primary aluminum prices. We enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods.

Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

#### Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Glencore Metal Agreement (1)	Glencore	20,400 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore	Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore	Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire	220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

#### Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

- (1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

Other forward delivery contracts

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

Forward Financial Instruments

We are party to various forward financial and physical delivery contracts that are accounted for as derivative instruments. See [Note 5 Derivative and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these instruments.

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
	Glencore	20,400 mtpy		

Glencore Metal Agreement (1)		Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire 220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

#### Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

- (1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

#### Other forward delivery contracts

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

**Asset retirement obligations (â€œAROâ€ )**

*Asset retirement obligations*  
(â€œAROâ€ )

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***Asset Retirement Obligation  
Disclosure [Abstract]***

Asset retirement obligations  
(â€œAROâ€ )

Asset Retirement Obligations ("ARO")

Our asset retirement obligations consist primarily of costs associated with the disposal of spent pot liner used in the reduction cells of our domestic facilities.

The reconciliation of the changes in the asset retirement obligations is presented below:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance, ARO liability	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,274
Additional ARO liability incurred	1,166	1,110
ARO liabilities settled	(1,380)	(1,315)
Accretion expense	1,167	1,102
Ending balance, ARO liability	<u>\$ 16,124</u>	<u>\$ 15,171</u>

Certain conditional AROs related to the disposal costs of fixed assets at our primary aluminum facilities have not been recorded because they have an indeterminate settlement date. These conditional AROs will be initially recognized in the period in which sufficient information exists to estimate their fair value.

**Supplemental cash flow information***Supplemental cash flow information***12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012*****Supplemental Cash Flow  
Information [Abstract]***

Supplemental cash flow information	Supplemental Cash Flow Information	Year Ended December 31,		
		2012	2011	2010
	Cash paid for:			
	Interest	\$ 20,212	\$ 21,257	\$ 19,809
	Income/withholding taxes	41,455	64,622	6,481
	Non-cash investing activities:			
	Accrued capital costs	\$ (683)	\$ 1,041	\$ 172

**Non-Cash Activities**

We incurred a \$13,091 contingent obligation to E.ON for payments made above an agreed amount on CAKY's behalf in excess of the amount agreed to in the Big Rivers Agreement in 2010. See [Note 6 Debt](#) for additional information about the E.ON contingent obligation.

In 2010, we issued shares of common stock to certain key employees to satisfy performance share liabilities of \$1,050 as part of our performance share program.

## Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

### Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

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Dec. 31, 2012

### Quarterly Financial Data [Abstract]

Quarterly Financial Information [Text Block] Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

Financial results by quarter for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

	Net sales	Gross profit (loss)	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss) allocated to common shareholders	Net income (loss) per share
2012					
4th Quarter	\$ 317,667	\$ 16,543	\$ (6,909)	\$ (6,909)	(0.08)
3rd Quarter (1)	304,635	3,250	(12,023)	(12,023)	(0.14)
2nd Quarter (2)	323,619	5,957	(12,277)	(12,277)	(0.14)
1st Quarter (3)	326,190	20,592	(4,401)	(4,401)	(0.05)
2011					
4th Quarter (4)	\$ 318,164	\$ (13,632)	\$ (31,107)	\$ (31,107)	(0.35)
3rd Quarter (5)	345,646	11,324	(6,600)	(6,600)	(0.07)
2nd Quarter (6)	366,277	49,514	23,986	22,061	0.24
1st Quarter (7)	326,337	42,316	25,046	23,005	0.25

- (1) The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (2) The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (3) The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (4) The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (5) The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (6) The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.
- (7) The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.



## Business Segments

### *Business Segments*

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### *Segment Reporting [Abstract]*

Segment Reporting Disclosure [Text Block]

#### Business Segments

Century Aluminum is a producer of primary aluminum, which trades as a global commodity. We are organized as a holding company with each of our primary aluminum smelters managed and operated as a separate facility reporting to our corporate headquarters. We evaluate our operating segments and, based on factors delineated in ASC 280, we aggregate all of our operating segments into a single reportable segment, primary aluminum, due to their similar economic characteristics, including nearly identical products, production processes, customers and distribution. In addition, all of our primary aluminum smelters share several key economic factors inherent in their common products and production processes. For example, all of our facilities' revenue is based on the LME price for primary aluminum. In addition, our raw materials costs and carbon product costs are based on global market prices.

A reconciliation of our consolidated assets to the total of primary aluminum segment assets is provided below.

Segment assets (1)	2012	2011	2010
Primary	\$ 1,730,321	\$ 1,767,305	\$ 1,895,430
Corporate, unallocated	46,005	43,789	27,626
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,776,326</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,056</u>

- (1) Segment assets include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from affiliates, prepaid and other current assets, inventory, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment—net; the remaining assets are unallocated corporate assets.

#### Geographic information

Included in the consolidated financial statements are the following amounts related to geographic locations:

	2012	2011	2010
Net sales:			
United States	\$ 821,976	\$ 835,796	\$ 714,409
Iceland	450,135	520,628	453,021
Other	—	—	1,841
Long-lived assets: (1)			
United States	\$ 368,897	\$ 401,173	\$ 412,266
Iceland	869,809	884,682	894,297
Other	50,223	36,919	39,415

- (1) Includes long-lived assets other than financial instruments.

#### Major customer information

We had three major customers whose sales revenue exceeded 10% of our net sales. A loss of any of these customers could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. The net sales revenue for these customers are as follows:

Net sales revenue from major customers:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Southwire	346,311	373,505	323,873
BHP Billiton	202,500	239,157	214,571

## Related Party Transactions

### *Related Party Transactions*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

### *Related Party Transactions* *[Abstract]*

Related Party Transactions Disclosure [Text Block]

The significant related party transactions occurring during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are described below.

#### Sales to Glencore

We sold primary aluminum and alumina to Glencore both at spot and long-term contract basis. See [Note 20 Business Segments](#) for additional information about the sales of primary aluminum to Glencore.

We sold primary aluminum under our long-term sales contracts with Glencore at prices based on the LME price for primary aluminum, as adjusted to reflect the Midwest Premium (a premium typically added for deliveries of aluminum within the U.S.). In addition, we received tolling fees from Glencore under tolling agreements that provide for delivery of primary aluminum produced at Grundartangi. The fee paid by Glencore under these tolling agreements is based on the LME price for primary aluminum, as adjusted to reflect the exemption from the European Union import duty for Icelandic primary aluminum. We believe that all of the transactions with Glencore under these contracts were at prices that approximate market.

We have a long-term contract to sell Glencore primary aluminum, at a variable price based on the LME, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest market premium with a cap and floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest Premium. In addition, we entered into a contract to sell Glencore all U.S. produced primary aluminum, less existing sales agreements and high-purity metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended upon mutual agreement. See [Note 16 Forward contracts and financial instruments](#) for additional information about our forward physical delivery contracts and tolling agreements with Glencore.

#### Purchases from Glencore

We purchase alumina from Glencore on both a spot and long-term contract basis. We believe that all of the alumina purchased under these long-term contracts was purchased at prices which approximated market. For alumina purchased from Glencore on a spot basis, we determined the market price for the spot alumina we purchased based on a survey of suppliers at the time that had the ability to deliver spot alumina on the specified terms. Based on this survey, we believe that all of the alumina purchased on a spot basis from Glencore was purchased at prices that approximate market.

Since 2010, we have had agreements to buy alumina from Glencore for Grundartangi. Glencore agreed to supply us with 18,000 metric tons of alumina in 2010 at a fixed price. Based on a survey of suppliers at the time that had the ability to deliver spot alumina on the specified terms, we believe that the alumina purchased from Glencore under this contract was purchased at prices that approximate market. In 2012 and 2011, the pricing on these alumina purchase agreements for Grundartangi has been indexed to the LME price for primary aluminum.

Alumina contract and amendments. We are party to a long-term alumina supply agreement with Glencore. Glencore agreed to supply us with alumina through 2014 at prices indexed to the LME price of primary aluminum.

#### Primary aluminum put options

In 2011 and 2010, we entered into primary aluminum put option contracts with Glencore. We paid cash premiums to enter into these contracts and recorded a short-term asset in due from affiliates on the consolidated balance sheets. We believe that the cash premiums paid to Glencore under these contracts were purchased at prices that approximate market. We determined the fair value of the put options using a Black Scholes pricing model with inputs obtained from an independent source and account for the put options as derivative financial instruments with gains and losses in the fair value of the contracts recorded on the consolidated statements of operations in net losses on forward contracts. See [Note 5 Derivative and hedging activities](#) for additional information about the put option contracts.

#### Other Transactions with Glencore

As of December 31, 2012, based on their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Glencore beneficially owned approximately 41.8% of our outstanding common stock and all of our

outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Through its ownership of common and preferred stock, Glencore has an overall 46.6% economic ownership of Century.

#### Transactions with BHH

We own a 40% stake in BHH, a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. We have a long-term agreement with BHH to provide carbon anodes to Grundartangi through December 31, 2014. This agreement is renewable through December 31, 2017.

#### Summary

A summary of the aforementioned related party transactions for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net sales to Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Purchases from Glencore	145,589	187,691	106,381
Purchases from BHH	39,337	19,543	19,690
Cash premium to Glencore for put option contracts	—	2,106	6,341

See [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) for a discussion of our fixed-price commitments and forward financial contracts.

**Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures (Notes)****Investment in Unconsolidated 50%  
or Less Owned Joint Ventures  
(Notes)****12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012****Equity Method Investments and  
Joint Ventures [Abstract]**Equity Method Investments and Joint  
Ventures Disclosure [Text Block]

Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures

In April 2008, we entered into a joint venture agreement whereby we acquired a 40% stake in BHH, a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. We also have a 50% interest in Mincenco, a joint venture with Minerals and Metals Group Limited to explore the potential of developing a bauxite mine and associated 1.5 million metric ton alumina refining facility in Jamaica. We account for our investments in BHH and Mincenco using the equity method and the investments are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. For BHH, we report our investment in its results of operations on a one-quarter lag. For each year presented in our consolidated statement of operations, our equity in earnings of joint venture includes BHH results of operations for a twelve month period ended on September 30 of that year.

The summarized financial information presented below represents financial data for our unconsolidated joint ventures after elimination of intercompany balances and profits. Amounts presented below include financial information for these joint ventures as of and through September 30, 2012. The aggregate summarized financial data for these investments is as follows:

	September 30,			
	2012		2011	
Current assets	\$	52,098	\$ 54,327	
Non-current assets		46,928	49,040	
Current liabilities		28,437	36,318	
Non-current liabilities		977	4,696	
	Twelve months ended September 30,			
	2012	2011	2010	
Net sales	\$	88,312	\$ 105,845	\$ 89,430
Gross profit		13,439	16,577	14,688
Income from continuing operations		7,101	8,859	8,969

## Condensed consolidating financial information

### Condensed consolidating financial information

12 Months Ended

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### Condensed Financial Information of Parent Company Only Disclosure [Abstract]

Condensed consolidating financial information

Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Our 8.0% senior secured notes due 2014, and 7.5% senior unsecured notes due 2014 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC. Each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; and all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries"). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 present separate results for Century, the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the guarantor subsidiaries or the non-guarantor subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ —	\$ 183,976
Restricted cash	258	—	—	—	258
Accounts receivable — net	38,328	12,339	—	—	50,667
Due from affiliates	604,008	38,328	2,391,249	(2,995,715)	37,870
Inventories	97,847	62,078	—	—	159,925
Prepaid and other current assets	4,421	30,650	8,063	(8,159)	34,975
Deferred taxes — current portion	—	17,799	—	1,927	19,726
Total current assets	744,862	271,210	2,473,272	(3,001,947)	487,397
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335	—	(1,039,141)	998,806	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	313,090	874,559	916	(351)	1,188,214
Due from affiliates — less current portion	—	3,588	—	(3,588)	—
Other assets	17,616	45,474	37,027	598	100,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,115,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,831</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,074</b>	<b>\$ (2,006,482)</b>	<b>\$ 1,776,326</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 37,301	\$ 37,627	\$ 442	\$ —	\$ 75,370
Due to affiliates	2,098,320	105,945	193,788	(2,358,316)	39,737
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031	31,332	1,967	(6,231)	40,099
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	15,926	—	2,757	—	18,683
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,172,393	174,904	198,954	(2,364,547)	181,704
Senior notes payable	—	—	250,582	—	250,582
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	36,087	—	31,791	—	67,878
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	137,184	—	5,921	—	143,105
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377	614,585	2,183	(641,983)	40,162
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	109,011	—	1,241	110,252
Total noncurrent liabilities	238,648	723,596	290,477	(640,742)	611,979
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	933	(72)	933
Additional paid-in capital	303,659	150,743	2,507,454	(454,402)	2,507,454
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(49,924)	—	(49,924)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)	(1,525)	(151,192)	148,387	(151,192)

Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,451,995)	147,101	(1,324,629)	1,304,894	(1,324,629)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,295,138)	296,331	982,643	998,807	982,643
Total	<u>\$ 1,115,903</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,472,074</u>	<u>\$ (2,006,482)</u>	<u>\$ 1,776,326</u>

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ —	\$ 183,401
Accounts receivable — net	40,062	7,585	—	—	47,647
Due from affiliates	616,830	13,517	2,474,727	(3,060,409)	44,665
Inventories	96,197	75,764	—	—	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	8,668	38,809	3,169	(10,000)	40,646
Total current assets	761,757	294,832	2,502,140	(3,070,409)	488,320
Investment in subsidiaries	36,965	—	(995,131)	958,166	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	338,946	878,333	1,211	(265)	1,218,225
Other assets	21,870	43,269	39,410	—	104,549
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 43,215	\$ 42,278	\$ 679	\$ —	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	2,103,687	78,411	205,651	(2,345,845)	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	10,596	29,822	10,358	(10,000)	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	14,267	—	2,431	—	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,179,580	150,511	219,119	(2,355,845)	193,365
Senior notes payable	—	—	249,512	—	249,512
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	40,277	—	30,622	—	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	122,609	—	5,469	—	128,078
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	63,369	686,834	4,631	(714,829)	40,005
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	90,958	—	—	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	226,255	777,792	290,234	(714,829)	579,452
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	932	(72)	932
Additional paid-in capital	297,300	144,383	2,506,842	(441,683)	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(45,891)	—	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(132,235)	(1,373)	(134,588)	133,608	(134,588)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,411,422)	145,109	(1,289,019)	1,266,313	(1,289,019)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,246,297)	288,131	1,038,277	958,166	1,038,277
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Third-party customers	\$ 517,245	\$ 202,567	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 719,812
Related parties	304,730	247,569	—	—	552,299
	821,975	450,136	—	—	1,272,111
Cost of goods sold	849,388	376,381	—	—	1,225,769
Gross profit (loss)	(27,413)	73,755	—	—	46,342
Other operating expenses — net	18,253	—	—	—	18,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,831	6,532	—	—	35,363
Operating income (loss)	(74,497)	67,223	—	—	(7,274)
Interest expense — third party	(24,029)	—	—	—	(24,029)
Interest expense — affiliates	63,935	(63,935)	—	—	—
Interest income — third party	27	465	—	—	492
Interest income — affiliates	—	62	—	—	62
Net loss on forward contracts	(4,150)	—	—	—	(4,150)
Other income (expense) — net	30,038	5,538	—	(30,000)	5,576
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(8,676)	9,353	—	(30,000)	(29,323)
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,072	(9,982)	—	—	(8,910)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(7,604)	(629)	—	(30,000)	(38,233)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(2,970)	2,623	(35,610)	38,580	2,623

Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
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#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 552,758	\$ 239,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 791,993
Related parties	283,038	281,393	—	—	564,431
	835,796	520,628	—	—	1,356,424
Cost of goods sold	866,366	400,536	—	—	1,266,902
Gross profit (loss)	(30,570)	120,092	—	—	89,522
Other operating income – net	(3,806)	—	—	—	(3,806)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	39,100	6,932	—	—	46,032
Operating income (loss)	(65,864)	113,160	—	—	47,296
Interest expense – third party	(25,129)	—	—	—	(25,129)
Interest expense – affiliates	68,174	(68,174)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	54	284	—	—	338
Interest income – affiliates	—	303	—	—	303
Net gain on forward contracts	804	—	—	—	804
Other expense – net	(806)	(567)	—	—	(1,373)
Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(22,767)	45,006	—	—	22,239
Income tax benefit (expense)	4,484	(18,843)	—	—	(14,359)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(18,283)	26,163	—	—	7,880
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	3,798	3,445	11,325	(15,123)	3,445
Net income (loss)	\$ (14,485)	\$ 29,608	\$ 11,325	\$ (15,123)	\$ 11,325

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 468,973	\$ 286,890	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 755,863
Related parties	247,278	166,130	—	—	413,408
	716,251	453,020	—	—	1,169,271
Cost of goods sold	708,835	348,040	—	—	1,056,875
Gross profit	7,416	104,980	—	—	112,396
Other operating income – net	(37,386)	—	—	—	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	38,719	8,083	—	—	46,802
Operating income	6,083	96,897	—	—	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(25,625)	—	—	—	(25,625)
Interest expense – affiliates	66,549	(66,549)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	148	467	—	—	615
Interest income – affiliates	—	448	—	—	448
Net loss on forward contracts	(10,495)	—	—	—	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	932	(1,309)	—	—	(377)
Income before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	37,592	29,954	—	—	67,546
Income tax benefit (expense)	12,670	(23,803)	—	—	(11,133)
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	50,262	6,151	—	—	56,413
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	1,246	3,558	59,971	(61,217)	3,558
Net income	\$ 51,508	\$ 9,709	\$ 59,971	\$ (61,217)	\$ 59,971

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(218)	—	(218)	218	(218)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	—	567	(567)	567
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)

Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(13,811)	—	(16,691)	13,811	(16,691)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(4,145)	—	(4,113)	4,145	(4,113)
Amortization of net loss during the period	8,814	—	9,837	(8,814)	9,837
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	(4,236)	—	(4,236)	4,236	(4,236)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(13,029)	(186)	(15,040)	13,215	(15,040)
Income tax effect	(1,598)	34	(1,564)	1,564	(1,564)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(14,627)	(152)	(16,604)	14,779	(16,604)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (25,201)</u>	<u>\$ 1,842</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>	<u>\$ 23,359</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2011				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (14,485)</u>	<u>\$ 29,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ (15,123)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(479)	—	(479)	479	(479)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	40	—	40	(40)	40
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(49,194)	—	(62,212)	49,194	(62,212)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(32,708)	—	(32,677)	32,708	(32,677)
Amortization of net loss during the period	16,383	—	16,926	(16,383)	16,926
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	(253)	—	(253)	253	(253)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(66,211)	(186)	(78,841)	66,397	(78,841)
Income tax effect	(5,804)	33	(5,771)	5,771	(5,771)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(72,015)	(153)	(84,612)	72,168	(84,612)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (86,500)</u>	<u>\$ 29,455</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>	<u>\$ 57,045</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>

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	For the year ended December 31, 2010				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 51,508</u>	<u>\$ 9,709</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(81)	—	(81)	81	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	171	—	171	(171)	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(26,971)	—	(32,319)	26,971	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	112,488	—	112,488	(112,488)	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(61,248)	—	(61,216)	61,248	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period	7,617	—	8,114	(7,617)	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	343	—	343	(343)	343
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	32,319	(186)	27,314	(32,133)	27,314
Income tax effect	(3,054)	34	(3,020)	3,020	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	29,265	(152)	24,294	(29,113)	24,294
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 80,773</u>	<u>\$ 9,557</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>	<u>\$ (90,330)</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2012



	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 17,405	\$ 19,734	\$ —	\$ 37,139
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,777)	(12,711)	(189)	(17,677)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(7,317)	—	(7,317)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	—	—	(13,814)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	—	188	—	188
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(275)	(275)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	3,456	—	3,166	6,622
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	—	—	(258)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,393)	(19,840)	2,702	(32,531)
Financing activities:				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	18,076	18,076
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(18,076)	(18,076)
Intercompany transactions	(2,012)	(49,035)	51,047	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(4,033)	(4,033)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,012)	(49,035)	47,014	(4,033)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(49,141)	49,716	575
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	159,157	24,244	183,401
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ 183,976

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (10,187)	\$ 7,251	\$ —	\$ (2,936)
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,451)	(11,199)	(450)	(20,100)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(12,882)	—	(12,882)
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(113)	(113)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	—	—	3,056	3,056
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1,415	56	—	1,471
Net change in restricted cash	3,673	—	—	3,673
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,363)	(24,025)	2,493	(24,895)
Financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	—	—	(47,067)	(47,067)
Repayment of contingent obligation	(189)	—	—	(189)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	15,900	15,900
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(15,900)	(15,900)
Intercompany transactions	13,739	(38,992)	25,253	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(45,891)	(45,891)
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	83	83
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,550	(38,992)	(67,622)	(93,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(55,766)	(65,129)	(120,895)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	214,923	89,373	304,296
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ 183,401

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 100,137	\$ 31,373	\$ —	\$ 131,510
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,286)	(8,767)	(188)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(19,227)	—	(19,227)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	808	15	—	823
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(32)	(32)
Restricted and other cash deposits	5,206	—	—	5,206
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,728	(27,979)	(220)	(25,471)
Financing activities:				
Intercompany transactions	(102,865)	101,731	1,134	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	23	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(102,865)	101,731	1,157	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	105,125	937	106,062
	—	109,798	88,436	198,234

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period					
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$	—	\$	214,923	\$ 89,373 \$ 304,296
Condensed Consolidating Financial Information					

Our 8.0% senior secured notes due 2014, and 7.5% senior unsecured notes due 2014 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC. Each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; and all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the “Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries”). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 present separate results for Century, the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the guarantor subsidiaries or the non-guarantor subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ —	\$ 183,976
Restricted cash	258	—	—	—	258
Accounts receivable — net	38,328	12,339	—	—	50,667
Due from affiliates	604,008	38,328	2,391,249	(2,995,715)	37,870
Inventories	97,847	62,078	—	—	159,925
Prepaid and other current assets	4,421	30,650	8,063	(8,159)	34,975
Deferred taxes — current portion	—	17,799	—	1,927	19,726
Total current assets	744,862	271,210	2,473,272	(3,001,947)	487,397
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335	—	(1,039,141)	998,806	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	313,090	874,559	916	(351)	1,188,214
Due from affiliates — less current portion	—	3,588	—	(3,588)	—
Other assets	17,616	45,474	37,027	598	100,715
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 37,301	\$ 37,627	\$ 442	\$ —	\$ 75,370
Due to affiliates	2,098,320	105,945	193,788	(2,358,316)	39,737
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031	31,332	1,967	(6,231)	40,099
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	15,926	—	2,757	—	18,683
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,172,393	174,904	198,954	(2,364,547)	181,704
Senior notes payable	—	—	250,582	—	250,582
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	36,087	—	31,791	—	67,878
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	137,184	—	5,921	—	143,105
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377	614,585	2,183	(641,983)	40,162
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	109,011	—	1,241	110,252
Total noncurrent liabilities	238,648	723,596	290,477	(640,742)	611,979
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	933	(72)	933
Additional paid-in capital	303,659	150,743	2,507,454	(454,402)	2,507,454
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(49,924)	—	(49,924)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)	(1,525)	(151,192)	148,387	(151,192)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,451,995)	147,101	(1,324,629)	1,304,894	(1,324,629)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,295,138)	296,331	982,643	998,807	982,643
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2011			
	Combined Guarantor	Combined Non-Guarantor	The Company	Reclassifications and Consolidated

	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries		Eliminations	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ —	\$ 183,401
Accounts receivable — net	40,062	7,585	—	—	47,647
Due from affiliates	616,830	13,517	2,474,727	(3,060,409)	44,665
Inventories	96,197	75,764	—	—	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	8,668	38,809	3,169	(10,000)	40,646
Total current assets	761,757	294,832	2,502,140	(3,070,409)	488,320
Investment in subsidiaries	36,965	—	(995,131)	958,166	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	338,946	878,333	1,211	(265)	1,218,225
Other assets	21,870	43,269	39,410	—	104,549
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 43,215	\$ 42,278	\$ 679	\$ —	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	2,103,687	78,411	205,651	(2,345,845)	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	10,596	29,822	10,358	(10,000)	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	14,267	—	2,431	—	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	<u>2,179,580</u>	<u>150,511</u>	<u>219,119</u>	<u>(2,355,845)</u>	<u>193,365</u>
Senior notes payable	—	—	249,512	—	249,512
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	40,277	—	30,622	—	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	122,609	—	5,469	—	128,078
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	63,369	686,834	4,631	(714,829)	40,005
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	90,958	—	—	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>226,255</u>	<u>777,792</u>	<u>290,234</u>	<u>(714,829)</u>	<u>579,452</u>
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	932	(72)	932
Additional paid-in capital	297,300	144,383	2,506,842	(441,683)	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(45,891)	—	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(132,235)	(1,373)	(134,588)	133,608	(134,588)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	<u>(1,411,422)</u>	<u>145,109</u>	<u>(1,289,019)</u>	<u>1,266,313</u>	<u>(1,289,019)</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>(1,246,297)</u>	<u>288,131</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>	<u>958,166</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Third-party customers	\$ 517,245	\$ 202,567	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 719,812
Related parties	304,730	247,569	—	—	552,299
	821,975	450,136	—	—	1,272,111
Cost of goods sold	849,388	376,381	—	—	1,225,769
Gross profit (loss)	(27,413)	73,755	—	—	46,342
Other operating expenses — net	18,253	—	—	—	18,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,831	6,532	—	—	35,363
Operating income (loss)	(74,497)	67,223	—	—	(7,274)
Interest expense — third party	(24,029)	—	—	—	(24,029)
Interest expense — affiliates	63,935	(63,935)	—	—	—
Interest income — third party	27	465	—	—	492
Interest income — affiliates	—	62	—	—	62
Net loss on forward contracts	(4,150)	—	—	—	(4,150)
Other income (expense) — net	30,038	5,538	—	(30,000)	5,576
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(8,676)	9,353	—	(30,000)	(29,323)
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,072	(9,982)	—	—	(8,910)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(7,604)	(629)	—	(30,000)	(38,233)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(2,970)	2,623	(35,610)	38,580	2,623
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (10,574)</u>	<u>\$ 1,994</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>\$ 8,580</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					

Third-party customers	\$ 552,758	\$ 239,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 791,993
Related parties	283,038	281,393	—	—	564,431
	835,796	520,628	—	—	1,356,424
Cost of goods sold	866,366	400,536	—	—	1,266,902
Gross profit (loss)	(30,570)	120,092	—	—	89,522
Other operating income – net	(3,806)	—	—	—	(3,806)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	39,100	6,932	—	—	46,032
Operating income (loss)	(65,864)	113,160	—	—	47,296
Interest expense – third party	(25,129)	—	—	—	(25,129)
Interest expense – affiliates	68,174	(68,174)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	54	284	—	—	338
Interest income – affiliates	—	303	—	—	303
Net gain on forward contracts	804	—	—	—	804
Other expense – net	(806)	(567)	—	—	(1,373)
Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(22,767)	45,006	—	—	22,239
Income tax benefit (expense)	4,484	(18,843)	—	—	(14,359)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(18,283)	26,163	—	—	7,880
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	3,798	3,445	11,325	(15,123)	3,445
Net income (loss)	\$ (14,485)	\$ 29,608	\$ 11,325	\$ (15,123)	\$ 11,325

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 468,973	\$ 286,890	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 755,863
Related parties	247,278	166,130	—	—	413,408
	716,251	453,020	—	—	1,169,271
Cost of goods sold	708,835	348,040	—	—	1,056,875
Gross profit	7,416	104,980	—	—	112,396
Other operating income – net	(37,386)	—	—	—	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	38,719	8,083	—	—	46,802
Operating income	6,083	96,897	—	—	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(25,625)	—	—	—	(25,625)
Interest expense – affiliates	66,549	(66,549)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	148	467	—	—	615
Interest income – affiliates	—	448	—	—	448
Net loss on forward contracts	(10,495)	—	—	—	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	932	(1,309)	—	—	(377)
Income before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	37,592	29,954	—	—	67,546
Income tax benefit (expense)	12,670	(23,803)	—	—	(11,133)
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	50,262	6,151	—	—	56,413
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Net income	\$ 51,508	\$ 9,709	\$ 59,971	\$ (61,217)	\$ 59,971

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the year ended December 31, 2012

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Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(218)	—	(218)	218	(218)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	—	567	(567)	567
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(13,811)	—	(16,691)	13,811	(16,691)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(4,145)	—	(4,113)	4,145	(4,113)
Amortization of net loss during the period	8,814	—	9,837	(8,814)	9,837
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	(4,236)	—	(4,236)	4,236	(4,236)

Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	(13,029)	(186)	(15,040)	13,215	(15,040)
Income tax effect	(1,598)	34	(1,564)	1,564	(1,564)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(14,627)	(152)	(16,604)	14,779	(16,604)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (25,201)</u>	<u>\$ 1,842</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>	<u>\$ 23,359</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2011				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (14,485)</u>	<u>\$ 29,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ (15,123)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(479)	—	(479)	479	(479)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	40	—	40	(40)	40
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(49,194)	—	(62,212)	49,194	(62,212)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(32,708)	—	(32,677)	32,708	(32,677)
Amortization of net loss during the period	16,383	—	16,926	(16,383)	16,926
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	<u>(253)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(253)</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>(253)</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	(66,211)	(186)	(78,841)	66,397	(78,841)
Income tax effect	(5,804)	33	(5,771)	5,771	(5,771)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>(72,015)</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>(84,612)</u>	<u>72,168</u>	<u>(84,612)</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (86,500)</u>	<u>\$ 29,455</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>	<u>\$ 57,045</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2010				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 51,508</u>	<u>\$ 9,709</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(81)	—	(81)	81	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	171	—	171	(171)	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(26,971)	—	(32,319)	26,971	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	112,488	—	112,488	(112,488)	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(61,248)	—	(61,216)	61,248	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period	7,617	—	8,114	(7,617)	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	<u>343</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>(343)</u>	<u>343</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	32,319	(186)	27,314	(32,133)	27,314
Income tax effect	(3,054)	34	(3,020)	3,020	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>29,265</u>	<u>(152)</u>	<u>24,294</u>	<u>(29,113)</u>	<u>24,294</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 80,773</u>	<u>\$ 9,557</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>	<u>\$ (90,330)</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the year ended December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company		Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 17,405</u>	<u>\$ 19,734</u>	<u>\$ —</u>		<u>\$ 37,139</u>
Investing activities:					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,777)	(12,711)	(189)		(17,677)
Nordural expansion — Helgøyvik	—	(7,317)	—		(7,317)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	—	—		(13,814)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	—	188	—		188

Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(275)	(275)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	3,456	—	3,166	6,622
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	—	—	(258)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,393)	(19,840)	2,702	(32,531)
Financing activities:				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	18,076	18,076
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(18,076)	(18,076)
Intercompany transactions	(2,012)	(49,035)	51,047	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(4,033)	(4,033)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,012)	(49,035)	47,014	(4,033)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(49,141)	49,716	575
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	159,157	24,244	183,401
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ 183,976

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (10,187)	\$ 7,251	\$ —	\$ (2,936)
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,451)	(11,199)	(450)	(20,100)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(12,882)	—	(12,882)
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(113)	(113)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	—	—	3,056	3,056
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1,415	56	—	1,471
Net change in restricted cash	3,673	—	—	3,673
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,363)	(24,025)	2,493	(24,895)
Financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	—	—	(47,067)	(47,067)
Repayment of contingent obligation	(189)	—	—	(189)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	15,900	15,900
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(15,900)	(15,900)
Intercompany transactions	13,739	(38,992)	25,253	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(45,891)	(45,891)
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	83	83
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,550	(38,992)	(67,622)	(93,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(55,766)	(65,129)	(120,895)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	214,923	89,373	304,296
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ 183,401

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 100,137	\$ 31,373	\$ —	\$ 131,510
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,286)	(8,767)	(188)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(19,227)	—	(19,227)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	808	15	—	823
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(32)	(32)
Restricted and other cash deposits	5,206	—	—	5,206
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,728	(27,979)	(220)	(25,471)
Financing activities:				
Intercompany transactions	(102,865)	101,731	1,134	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	23	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(102,865)	101,731	1,157	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	105,125	937	106,062
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	109,798	88,436	198,234
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 214,923	\$ 89,373	\$ 304,296

Subsequent events  
*Subsequent events*

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*Subsequent Events [Abstract]*

Subsequent events

Subsequent Events

We have evaluated all subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

## Summary of significant accounting policies Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Policies)

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#### Accounting Policies [Abstract]

Organization, Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements Disclosure [Text Block]

Organization and Basis of Presentation — Century Aluminum Company (“Century Aluminum,” “Century,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “ours”) is a holding company, whose principal subsidiaries are Century Kentucky, Inc., Nordural ehf (“Nordural”), Berkeley Aluminum, Inc. (“Berkeley”), and Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. (“Century of West Virginia”). Century Kentucky, Inc. operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Hawesville, Kentucky (“Hawesville”). Nordural Grundartangi ehf operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Grundartangi, Iceland (“Grundartangi”). Century of West Virginia operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Ravenswood, West Virginia (“Ravenswood”). Berkeley holds a 49.7% interest in a partnership which operates a primary aluminum reduction facility in Mt. Holly, South Carolina (“Mt. Holly”) and a 49.7% undivided interest in the property, plant, and equipment comprising Mt. Holly. The remaining interest in the partnership and the remaining undivided interest in Mt. Holly are owned by Alumax of South Carolina, Inc., a subsidiary of Alcoa. Alumax of South Carolina, Inc. manages and operates Mt. Holly pursuant to an Owners Agreement, prohibiting the disposal of the interest held by any of the owners without the consent of the other owners and providing for certain rights of first refusal. Pursuant to the Owners Agreement, each owner furnishes their own alumina, for conversion to aluminum, and is responsible for their pro rata share of the operating and conversion costs.

In 2012, our wholly owned subsidiary, Century Aluminum Vlissingen (“Century Vlissingen”) purchased substantially all of the idled assets of the former Zeeland Aluminum Company (“Zalco”) anode production facility located in Vlissingen, the Netherlands. Century Vlissingen is expected to restart in late 2013.

We also own a 40% stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. (“BHH”), a joint venture that owns and operates a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. BHH, in addition to its Chinese customers, supplies anodes to Grundartangi.

Prior to our initial public offering, we were an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Glencore International AG (together with its subsidiaries, “Glencore”). At December 31, 2012, based on their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Glencore beneficially owned 41.8% of Century’s outstanding common stock and all of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred stock. Through its ownership of our common and preferred stock, Glencore has an overall 46.6% economic ownership of Century. Century and Glencore enter into various transactions such as the purchase and sale of primary aluminum, purchase and sale of alumina, tolling agreements and primary aluminum put option contracts.

Consolidation, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Principles of Consolidation — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Century Aluminum Company and our subsidiaries, after elimination of all significant intercompany transactions and accounts. Berkeley’s interest in the Mt. Holly partnership and our interest in the BHH joint venture are accounted for under the equity method.

Revenue Recognition, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Revenue recognition— Revenue is recognized when title and risk of loss pass to customers in accordance with contract terms. In some instances, we invoice our customers prior to physical shipment of goods. In such instances, revenue is recognized only when the customer has specifically requested such treatment and has made a commitment to purchase the product. The goods must be complete, ready for shipment and physically separated from other inventory with risk of ownership passing to the customer. We must retain no performance obligations and a delivery schedule must be obtained

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Cash and Cash Equivalents — Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash, money market funds and short-term investments having original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates fair value.

Receivables, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Accounts Receivable — The accounts receivable are net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$734 and \$734 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Inventory, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Inventories — Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method) or market.

Property, Plant and Equipment, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Property, Plant and Equipment — Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Additions, renewals and improvements are capitalized. Asset and accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved for dispositions with resulting gains or losses included in other income (expense) – net. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. We capitalize interest for the construction of qualifying assets. Depreciation of plant and equipment is provided for by the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:



Building and improvements	14 to 45 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 22 years

We periodically evaluate the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used when events and circumstances warrant such a review. The carrying value of a separately identifiable, long-lived asset is considered impaired when the anticipated undiscounted cash flow from such asset is less than its carrying value. In that event, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived asset. Fair value is determined primarily using the anticipated cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. We did not recognize any impairment losses on our long-lived fixed assets during 2012, 2011 or 2010.

## Intangible Assets, Finite-Lived, Policy [Policy Text Block]

**Other Assets** — Other assets consist primarily of Century's investment in the Mt. Holly partnership, investments in joint ventures, deferred financing costs, assets held in a Rabbi trust to fund the non-qualified supplemental executive benefits ("SERB") pension benefit obligation and operating maintenance supplies not expected to be consumed within the year. Our equity share of the undistributed earnings (loss) increases (decreases) the investment in the joint ventures. Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related financial instrument.

We account for our interest in the Mt. Holly partnership using the equity method of accounting. Additionally, our undivided interest in certain property, plant and equipment of Mt. Holly is held outside of the partnership and the undivided interest in these assets of the facility is accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 810-10-45-14 "Investor Balance Sheet and Income Statement Display under the Equity Method for Investments in Certain Partnerships and Other Ventures." Accordingly, the undivided interest in these assets and the related depreciation are being accounted for on a proportionate gross basis.

## Income Tax, Policy [Policy Text Block]

**Income Taxes** — We account for income taxes using the liability method, whereby deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. In evaluating our ability to realize deferred tax assets, we use judgment in considering the relative impact of negative and positive evidence. The weight given to the potential effect of negative and positive evidence is commensurate with the extent to which it can be objectively verified. Based on the weight of evidence, both negative and positive, if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is established. Accordingly, we have a valuation allowance against a portion of our federal and state deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. We have a valuation allowance against a portion of our Icelandic, Hong Kong and Dutch net operating losses ("NOL") deferred tax assets due to our belief that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. During 2012, we have removed our election to permanently reinvest foreign earnings. See [Note 14 Income Taxes](#) for additional information.

## Postemployment Benefit Plans, Policy [Policy Text Block]

**Postretirement Benefits** — We provide certain postretirement benefits to former and inactive employees and their dependents during the period following employment, but before retirement. These benefits include salary continuance, supplemental unemployment and disability healthcare. We recognize the estimated future cost of providing postretirement benefits on an accrual basis over the active service life of the employee.

## Derivatives, Policy [Policy Text Block]

**Derivatives and hedging** — We routinely enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods. We also enter into fixed price financial sales contracts and put option contracts to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing primary aluminum prices. We have also entered into financial purchase contracts for natural gas to be settled in cash to manage our exposure to changing natural gas prices.

Certain physical delivery and financial sales contracts for primary aluminum that are not designated cash flow hedges or do not qualify for cash flow hedge treatment are marked-to-market quarterly. Fluctuations in the London Metal Exchange ("LME") price of primary aluminum may have a significant impact on gains and losses included in our financial statements from period to period. We recognize the unrealized and realized gains and losses associated with these contracts in net gain (loss) on forward contracts.

See [Note 4 Fair Value Measurements](#) and [Note 5 Derivatives and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these contracts.

## Foreign Currency Transactions and Translations Policy [Policy Text Block]

**Foreign Currency** — We are exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro, the Icelandic krona ("ISK") and the Chinese yuan. Nordural and Century Vliissingen use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, however a portion of the operating expenses of their respective facilities are denominated and payable in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Grundartangi's labor and certain other local costs are denominated in ISK and a portion of its anode

costs are denominated in euros. Labor costs, maintenance costs and other local services at Century Vlissingen are denominated in euros. Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded based on exchange rates at the time such transactions arise and any transaction gains and losses are reflected in other income (expense) – net in the consolidated statements of operations. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi's and Century Vlissingen's operating margins. In addition, our joint venture investment in BHH uses the Chinese yuan as its functional currency. For our joint venture investments, we record gains and losses associated with foreign currency exchange rates in equity in earnings of joint ventures.

## Debt, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Financial Instruments — Our receivables, payables and debt related to industrial revenue bonds (“IRBs”) are carried at amounts that approximate fair value. The following table provides the carrying amounts and approximate fair value (based the last available trading data) of our 8.0% senior notes due 2014 (the “8.0% Notes”) and our 7.5% senior notes due 2014 (the “7.5% Notes”).

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
8% Notes	\$ 247,979	\$ 255,706	\$ 246,909	\$ 249,292
7.5% Notes	2,603	2,479	2,603	2,564

## Concentration of Credit Risk [Policy Text Block]

Concentration of Credit Risk — Financial instruments, which potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of trade receivables and primary aluminum put option contracts. Our limited customer base increases our concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables. We routinely assess the financial strength of our customers and collectability of our trade receivables.

## Use of Estimates, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Share-based Compensation, Option and Incentive Plans Policy [Policy Text Block]

Stock-Based Compensation — We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of our stock option grants and service-based share awards on the grant date of the share award. Information about our assumptions used to determine the fair value of the grants in 2012, 2011 and 2010 is available in [Note 12. Share-based Compensation](#).

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards [Policy Text Block]

Recently Issued Accounting Standards – We evaluate the impact of FASB accounting standards updates (“ASUs”) issued. When the adoption or planned adoption of recently issued ASUs will potentially have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows, we disclose the quantitative and qualitative effects of the adoption in our consolidated financial statements. During 2012, no ASUs were issued that had a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Summary of significant accounting policies Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Tables)

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Accounting Policies [Abstract]

Schedule of Long-term Debt  
Instruments [Table Text Block]

8% Notes  
7.5% Notes

December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
\$ 247,979	\$ 255,706	\$ 246,909	\$ 249,292
2,603	2,479	2,603	2,564

## Fair value measurements (Tables)

### Fair value measurements (Tables)

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### Fair Value Disclosures [Abstract]

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis

Recurring Fair Value Measurements	As of December 31, 2012			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 168,309	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 168,309
Trust assets	14,254	—	—	14,254
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,123	—	—	2,123
TOTAL	<u>\$ 184,686</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 184,686</u>
LIABILITIES:				
E.ON contingent obligation – net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,369	\$ 15,369
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	1,170	1,170
TOTAL	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 16,539</u>	<u>\$ 16,539</u>

Recurring Fair Value Measurements	As of December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 176,284	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 176,284
Trust assets	15,889	—	—	15,889
Surety bonds – workers comp insurance	2,391	—	—	2,391
Primary aluminum put option contracts	—	9,331	—	9,331
Power contract	—	—	106	106
TOTAL	<u>\$ 194,564</u>	<u>\$ 9,331</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 204,001</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Natural gas forward financial purchase contracts	\$ —	\$ 281	\$ —	\$ 281
E.ON contingent obligation – net	—	—	13,958	13,958
Primary aluminum sales contract – premium collar	—	—	908	908
TOTAL	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 281</u>	<u>\$ 14,866</u>	<u>\$ 15,147</u>

Change in level 3 fair value measurements

Change in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements during the years ended December 31,	Derivative liabilities/assets	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance January 1,	\$ (14,760)	\$ (13,802)
Total loss (realized/unrealized) included in earnings	(1,684)	(1,382)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(95)	424
Ending balance, December 31,	<u>\$ (16,539)</u>	<u>\$ (14,760)</u>
Amount of total loss included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized losses relating to assets and liabilities held at December 31,	\$ (1,684)	\$ (1,382)

# Derivative and hedging instruments (Tables)

## Derivative and hedging instruments (Tables)

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## Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities Disclosure [Abstract]

Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location	Fair Value of Derivative Assets and Liabilities	December 31, December 31,	
	Balance sheet location	2012	2011
DERIVATIVE ASSETS:			
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Due from affiliates	\$ —	\$ 5,439
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Prepaid and other current assets	—	3,892
Power contract	Prepaid and other current assets	—	106
TOTAL		\$ —	\$ 9,437
DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES:			
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Other liabilities	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Aluminum sales premium contracts – current portion	Accrued and other current liabilities	1,170	607
Aluminum sales premium contracts – less current portion	Other liabilities	—	301
Natural gas forward financial contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	281
TOTAL		\$ 16,539	\$ 15,147
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments			
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives			
	Location	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Primary aluminum put option contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	\$ (2,725)	\$ 1,645
E.ON contingent obligation – net	Interest expense – third party	1,411	1,429
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Related party sales	1,309	888
Power contract	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	147	172
Aluminum sales premium contracts	Net gain (loss) on forward contracts	(1,571)	(1,013)
Outstanding forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments [Table Text Block]			
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Power contracts (in megawatt hours (“MWH”)) (1)		—	3,772
Primary aluminum sales contract premium (metric tons) (2)		20,400	40,870
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons)		—	15,000
Primary aluminum put option contracts (metric tons) – related party		—	18,000

Debt (Tables)

Debt (Tables)

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Debt Disclosure [Abstract]

Schedule of Debt

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Debt classified as current liabilities:		
Hancock County industrial revenue bonds due 2028, interest payable quarterly (variable interest rates (not to exceed 12%))(1)	\$ 7,815	\$ 7,815
Debt classified as non-current liabilities:		
8.0% senior secured notes payable due May 15, 2014, net of debt discount of \$1,625 and \$2,695, respectively, interest payable semiannually	247,979	246,909
7.5% senior unsecured notes payable due August 15, 2014, interest payable semiannually	2,603	2,603
E.ON contingent obligation, principal and accrued interest, contingently payable monthly, annual interest rate of 10.94% (2)	15,369	13,958
Total	<u>\$ 273,766</u>	<u>\$ 271,285</u>

Schedule of Maturities of Long-term  
Debt [Table Text Block]

	Total	2013	2014
7.5% senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014	\$ 2,603	\$ —	\$ 2,603
8.0% senior secured notes due May 15, 2014	249,604	—	249,604
Total	<u>\$ 252,207</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 252,207</u>

Shareholders' equity (Tables)

Shareholders' equity (Tables)

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Stockholders' Equity Note [Abstract]

Schedule of Conversions of Stock  
[Table Text Block]

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock:	2012	2011
Shares outstanding at January 1,	80,718	82,515
Automatic conversions during the year	(435)	(1,797)
Total shares outstanding at December 31,	<u>80,283</u>	<u>80,718</u>

**Inventories (Tables)***Inventories (Tables)***12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012***Inventory, Net [Abstract]*

## Schedule of Inventories

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Raw materials	\$ 40,725	\$ 41,142
Work-in-process	15,259	15,548
Finished goods	9,753	10,535
Operating and other supplies	<u>94,188</u>	<u>104,736</u>
Inventories	<u>\$159,925</u>	<u>\$171,961</u>



**Property, Plant, and Equipment Property, Plant, and Equipment (Tables)**

*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*(Tables)*

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*Property, Plant and Equipment*  
*[Abstract]*

Property, Plant and Equipment [Table  
Text Block]

Land and improvements  
Buildings and improvements  
Machinery and equipment  
Construction in progress  
  
Less accumulated depreciation  
Property, plant and equipment – net

	2012	2011
\$	13,021	\$ 13,021
	324,497	320,552
	1,404,928	1,387,010
	175,283	162,161
	1,917,729	1,882,744
	(729,515)	(664,519)
	<u>\$1,188,214</u>	<u>\$1,218,225</u>

**Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 (Tables)**

*Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 (Tables)*

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***Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax [Abstract]***

Schedule of Other Current Assets [Table Text Block]	Components of Prepaid and other current assets:	2012	2011
	Prepaid and other assets	\$ 16,956	\$ 14,209
	Income/withholding tax receivable – current	14,327	18,559
	VAT receivable	3,692	3,880
	Derivative assets	—	3,998
		<u>\$ 34,975</u>	<u>\$ 40,646</u>
Schedule of Other Assets, Noncurrent [Table Text Block]	Components of Other assets:	2012	2011
	Investment in Mt. Holly and joint ventures	\$ 37,880	\$ 40,922
	Rabbi trust assets	29,125	30,902
	Maintenance and operating supplies – non-current	17,844	17,887
	Income tax receivables – non-current	13,688	12,103
	Capitalized financing fees	2,178	2,735
		<u>\$ 100,715</u>	<u>\$ 104,549</u>
Schedule of Accrued Liabilities [Table Text Block]	Components of Accrued and other current liabilities:	2012	2011
	Other accrued and current liabilities	\$ 21,424	\$ 18,838
	Income taxes payable	8,146	13,370
	Accrued vacation pay	6,001	5,922
	Deferred tax liability – current	1,928	—
	Accrued bond interest	2,560	2,560
	Accrued curtailment expenses	40	86
		<u>\$ 40,099</u>	<u>\$ 40,776</u>
	Components of Other liabilities:	2012	2011
	E.ON contingent liability and accrued interest	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
	Asset retirement obligations – non-current	14,775	13,887
	Accrued workers' compensation cost – non-current	7,237	7,210
	Other liabilities	2,781	4,950
		<u>\$ 40,162</u>	<u>\$ 40,005</u>
Schedule of Comprehensive Income (Loss) [Table Text Block]	Components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:	2012	2011
	Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ (153,225)	\$ (142,259)
	Equity in investee other comprehensive income (1)	(12,712)	(8,476)
	Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(878)	(1,040)
	Other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	(166,815)	(151,775)
	Income tax effect (2)	15,623	17,187
	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (151,192)</u>	<u>\$ (134,588)</u>
	(1) The amount includes our equity in the other comprehensive income of Mt. Holly Aluminum Company.		
	(2) The allocation of income tax effect on the components of other comprehensive income is as follows:		
		2012	2011
	Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ 15,784	\$ 17,311
	Equity in investee other comprehensive income	488	558
	Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(649)	(682)

## Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits (Tables)

### *Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits (Tables)*

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### *Compensation and Retirement Disclosure [Abstract]*

#### Schedule of Changes in Projected Benefit Obligations [Table Text Block]

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in benefit obligation:				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 164,565	\$ 130,427	\$ 134,289	\$ 109,717
Service cost	2,802	3,133	1,790	1,668
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	5,512	5,728
Medicare Part D	—	—	210	160
Actuarial loss	8,611	30,490	11,725	24,786
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Curtailment/special termination benefits	—	1,147	—	—
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 149,263</u>	<u>\$ 134,289</u>

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 84,967	\$ 73,878	\$ —	\$ —
Actual return on plan assets	10,607	(307)	—	—
Employer contributions	8,555	19,004	4,263	7,770
Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	(4,263)	(7,770)
Fair value of assets at end of year	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

#### Schedule of Amounts Recognized in Balance Sheet [Table Text Block]

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Funded status of plans:				
Funded status	\$ (78,720)	\$ (79,598)	\$ (149,263)	\$ (134,289)
Amounts recognized in the Statement of Financial Position:				
Current liabilities	\$ (10,842)	\$ (8,699)	\$ (6,158)	\$ (6,211)
Non-current liabilities	(67,878)	(70,899)	(143,105)	(128,078)
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ (78,720)</u>	<u>\$ (79,598)</u>	<u>\$ (149,263)</u>	<u>\$ (134,289)</u>
Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax):				
Net loss	\$ 81,417	\$ 80,092	\$ 94,947	\$ 89,420
Prior service cost (benefit)	472	608	(23,611)	(27,861)
	<u>\$ 81,889</u>	<u>\$ 80,700</u>	<u>\$ 71,336</u>	<u>\$ 61,559</u>

#### Schedule of Accumulated and Projected Benefit Obligations [Table Text Block]

	Projected Benefit Obligation		Accumulated Benefit Obligation		Fair Value of Plan assets	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Hourly pension plan	\$ 78,812	\$ 75,216	\$ 78,171	\$ 74,545	\$ 53,909	\$ 47,984
Salaried pension plan	69,726	64,655	63,344	58,742	42,325	36,982
SERB plan	26,416	24,694	25,096	23,461	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 174,954</u>	<u>\$ 164,565</u>	<u>\$ 166,611</u>	<u>\$ 156,748</u>	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ 84,966</u>

#### Schedule of Amounts Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) [Table Text Block]

	Year Ended December 31,					
	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Service cost	\$ 2,802	\$ 3,133	\$ 2,979	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,668	\$ 3,534
Interest cost	6,871	6,976	6,407	5,512	5,728	10,402
Expected return on plan assets	(6,962)	(6,631)	(5,376)	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service costs	137	137	137	(4,250)	(32,814)	(10,879)
Amortization of net loss	3,642	1,863	1,660	6,195	15,063	6,454
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	5,478	5,807	9,247	(10,355)	9,511
Special termination benefits	—	1,147	4,556	—	—	388
Effect of plan amendments	—	—	—	—	—	(50,474)
Total net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 6,490</u>	<u>\$ 6,625</u>	<u>\$ 10,363</u>	<u>\$ 9,247</u>	<u>\$ (10,355)</u>	<u>\$ (40,575)</u>

Other changes in Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations Recognized in Other Comprehensive Loss (pre-tax):

	Year Ended December 31,			
	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net loss	\$ 4,966	\$ 37,427	\$ 11,725	\$ 24,785
Amortization of net loss	(3,642)	(1,863)	(6,195)	(15,063)
Amortization of prior service benefit (cost)	(137)	(137)	4,250	32,814

Total amount recognized in other comprehensive loss	1,187	35,427	9,780	42,536
Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	6,625	9,247	(10,355)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ 7,677</u>	<u>\$ 42,052</u>	<u>\$ 19,027</u>	<u>\$ 32,181</u>

Schedule of Amounts in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) to be Recognized over Next Fiscal Year [Table Text Block]

Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive loss expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost during 2013:

	Pension		OPEB	
Amortization of net loss	\$ 3,557		\$ 5,765	
Amortization of prior service cost (benefit)	137		(4,250)	
	Year Ended December 31,			
	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net loss	\$ 4,966	\$ 37,427	\$ 11,725	\$ 24,785
Amortization of net loss	(3,642)	(1,863)	(6,195)	(15,063)
Amortization of prior service benefit (cost)	(137)	(137)	4,250	32,814
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Net periodic benefit cost	6,490	6,625	9,247	(10,355)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	\$ 7,677	\$ 42,052	\$ 19,027	\$ 32,181

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations [Table Text Block]

	Pension		OPEB	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Discount rate	4.00%	4.25%	3.98%	4.25%
Rate of compensation increase (1)	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%	3%/4%	3%/4%/4%
Measurement date	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2011

Weighted average assumptions used in calculating net periodic benefit cost [Table Text Block]

	Pension			OPEB		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Measurement date	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Fiscal year end	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	12/31/2010
Discount rate	4.25%	5.49%	5.75%	3.83%	5.23%	5.89%
Rate of compensation increase	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%	3%/4%	3%/3%/4%	2%/3%/4%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	—	—	—

Schedule of Effect of One-Percentage-Point Change in Assumed Health Care Cost Trend Rates [Table Text Block]

	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Effect on total of service and interest cost	\$ 1,285	\$ (1,027)
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	23,165	(18,972)

Schedule Of Matching Contribution To Defined Contribution Plans [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011	2010
Company matching contribution to defined contribution (401(k)) plans	\$ 748	\$ 640	\$ —

Schedule of Allocation of Plan Assets [Table Text Block]

	Pension Plan Asset Allocation		
	Policy Target	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Equities:			
U.S. equities	50%	50%	51%
International equities	15%	16%	14%
Fixed income	35%	34%	35%
		<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Schedule Of Fair Value Of Pension Plan Assets By Asset Category Under Fair Value Hierarchy [Table Text Block]

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As of December 31, 2012 (1)				
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ 47,728	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 47,728
International equities	15,318	—	—	15,318
Fixed income	32,734	—	—	32,734
Cash deposit in transit	454	—	—	454
Total	<u>\$ 96,234</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 96,234</u>
As of December 31, 2011				
Equities:				
U.S. equities	\$ —	\$ 43,058	\$ —	\$ 43,058
International equities	—	12,243	—	12,243
Fixed income	—	29,666	—	29,666
Total	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 84,967</u>

Schedule of Expected Benefit Payments [Table Text Block]

	2013
Expected pension plan contributions	\$ 10,842
Expected OPEB benefits payments	6,157

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following table provides the estimated future benefit payments for the pension and other postretirement benefit plans.

	Pension Benefits	OPEB Benefits
2013	\$ 8,295	\$ 6,157

2014	8,793	5,863
2015	8,888	6,468
2016	8,979	6,961
2017	9,130	7,525
2018 – 2022	48,585	42,349

Schedule Of Multi-Employer Pension Plan [Table Text Block]	Fund	Steelworkers Pension Trust
	EIN / PN	23-6648508/499
	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2012 (1)	Green
	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2011 (1)	Green
	Subject to Financial Improvement/Rehabilitation Plan	No
	Contributions of Century Aluminum 2012 (2)(3)	\$2,282
	Contributions of Century Aluminum 2011 (2)(3)	\$2,117
	Contributions of Century Aluminum 2010 (3)	\$1,306
	Withdrawal from Plan Probable	No
	Surcharge Imposed	No
	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement	April 1, 2015
	Fund	Steelworkers Pension Trust
	EIN / PN	23-6648508/499
	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2012 (1)	Green
	Pension Protection Act Zone Status 2011 (1)	Green
	Subject to Financial Improvement/Rehabilitation Plan	No
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	Surcharge Imposed	No
	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement	April 1, 2015

## Share Based Compensation (Tables)

### Share Based Compensation (Tables)

12 Months Ended

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### Share-based Compensation [Abstract]

Disclosure of Share-based  
Compensation Arrangements by  
Share-based Payment Award [Table  
Text Block]

Options	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	632,334	\$ 24.51		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited/expired	(6,000)	15.17		
Outstanding, fully vested and exercisable at December 31, 2012 (1)	626,334	\$ 24.60	4.82	\$ 611

- (1) As explained above, all unvested stock options immediately vested and became immediately exercisable in 2011. All such options will remain exercisable for their respective remaining term, regardless of whether the awardees remain employees of Century.

All stock options are vested; there are no non-vested stock options.

#### Service-based share awards

Outstanding at January 1, 2012	347,191
Granted	134,468
Vested	(85,526)
Forfeited	—
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	396,133

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average per share fair value of service-based share grants	\$8.14	\$15.49	\$12.31
Total intrinsic value of option exercises	—	72	1
Share-based liabilities paid (1)	—	—	1,050
Total fair value of stock options vested during the period	—	1,403	112

- (1) Share based liabilities paid represent the fair value of shares issued on the vesting date to certain key employees under our performance share program.

### Schedule of Share-based Payment Award, Stock Options, Valuation Assumptions [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011	2010
Risk-free interest rate	0.18% – 0.48	0.10% – 1.11	0.31% – 1.52
Expected dividend yield	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Expected volatility	61% – 77%	50% – 134%	107% – 108%
Expected forfeiture rate	0% – 3%	0% – 3%	0% – 3%
Expected term (years)	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0	1.0 – 3.0

### Schedule of Compensation Cost for Share-based Payment Arrangements, Allocation of Share-based Compensation Costs by Plan [Table Text Block]

	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Share-based compensation expense reported:			
Performance-based stock expense	\$ 27	\$ 1,836	\$ 2,904
Service-based stock expense (1)	586	692	(1,668)
Stock option expense	—	328	669
Total share and performance-based compensation expense before income tax	613	2,856	1,905
Income tax	—	—	—
Total share and performance-based compensation expense, net of income tax	\$ 613	\$ 2,856	\$ 1,905

# Earnings per share (Tables)

## Earnings per share (Tables)

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

## Earnings Per Share [Abstract]

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share

	For the year ended December 31, 2012		
	Net loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net loss	\$ (35,610)		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	100.00%		
Basic EPS:			
Loss allocable to common shareholders	\$ (35,610)	88,534	\$ (0.40)
Diluted EPS:			
Loss applicable to common shareholders	\$ (35,610)	88,534	\$ (0.40)
	For the year ended December 31, 2011		
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 11,325		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	91.87%		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 10,404	91,854	\$ 0.11
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		403	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	\$ 10,404	92,257	\$ 0.11
	For the year ended December 31, 2010		
	Net income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net income	\$ 59,971		
Amount allocated to common shareholders	91.79%		
Basic EPS:			
Income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 55,046	92,676	\$ 0.59
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Share-based stock awards		626	
Diluted EPS:			
Income applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion	\$ 55,046	93,302	\$ 0.59

## Schedule of Antidilutive Securities

Excluded from Computation of Earnings per Share

	2012	2011	2010
Options to purchase common stock	626,334	632,334	675,575
Service-based share awards outstanding	396,133	347,191	551,382
Excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS:			
	2012	2011	2010
Stock options (1)	626,334	353,000	377,000
Service-based share awards	396,133	—	—

**Income taxes (Tables)****Income taxes (Tables)****12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012****Income Tax Disclosure [Abstract]**

Schedule of Components of Income Tax Expense (Benefit) [Table Text Block]

The components of pre-tax book income (loss) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
U.S.	\$ (38,762)	\$ (22,865)	\$ 37,487
Foreign	9,439	45,104	30,059
Total	<u>\$ (29,323)</u>	<u>\$ 22,239</u>	<u>\$ 67,546</u>

Schedule of Income before Income Tax, Domestic and Foreign [Table Text Block]

Significant components of the income tax expense (benefit) consist of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Current:			
U.S. federal current expense (benefit)	\$ (161)	\$ (22)	\$ 191
State current expense (benefit)	(669)	1,395	(1,047)
Foreign current expense	9,808	13,467	11,485
Total current expense	<u>8,978</u>	<u>14,840</u>	<u>10,629</u>
Deferred:			
U.S. federal deferred benefit	(1,564)	(5,772)	(2,945)
State deferred benefit	—	—	(75)
Foreign deferred tax expense	1,496	5,291	3,524
Total deferred expense (benefit)	<u>(68)</u>	<u>(481)</u>	<u>504</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 8,910</u>	<u>\$ 14,359</u>	<u>\$ 11,133</u>

Schedule of Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation [Table Text Block]

A reconciliation of the statutory U.S. Federal income tax rate to the effective income tax rate on income (loss) is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Federal Statutory Rate	35.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
Permanent differences	12.6	63.2	(19.8)
State taxes, net of Federal benefit	0.1	6.3	(1.7)
Foreign earnings taxed at different rates than U.S.	(369.5)	(60.3)	(20.5)
Valuation allowance	297.6	40.8	32.7
Changes in uncertain tax reserves	(6.7)	5.6	(5.1)
Other	0.5	(26.0)	(4.1)
Effective tax rate	<u>(30.4)%</u>	<u>64.6 %</u>	<u>16.5 %</u>

Schedule of Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued postretirement benefit cost	\$ 9,184	\$ 8,281
Accrued liabilities	8,289	3,308
Share-based compensation	2,941	3,758
Derivative and hedging contracts	180,121	103,048
Goodwill	14,654	17,551
Equity contra – other comprehensive loss	81,039	77,142
Capital losses	9,056	7,506
Net operating losses	509,618	619,357
Other	138	55
Total deferred tax assets	<u>815,040</u>	<u>840,006</u>
Valuation allowance	<u>(656,352)</u>	<u>(773,714)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 158,688</u>	<u>\$ 66,292</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Tax over financial statement depreciation	\$ (145,213)	\$ (147,021)
Pension	(8,905)	(7,021)
Income from domestic partnership	4	4
Unremitted foreign earnings	(93,824)	—
Foreign basis differences	(3,204)	(3,212)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(251,142)</u>	<u>(157,250)</u>
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (92,454)</u>	<u>\$ (90,958)</u>

Summary of Valuation Allowance [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011
Beginning balance, valuation allowance	\$ 773,714	\$ 714,423
Change in valuation allowance	(117,362)	59,291
Ending balance, valuation allowance	<u>\$ 656,352</u>	<u>\$ 773,714</u>

Summary of Operating Loss Carryforwards [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011
Federal (1)	\$1,176,802	\$1,447,616
State (2)	1,106,961	1,450,934
Foreign (3)	341,290	298,113



Summary of Income Tax  
Contingencies [Table Text Block]

	2012	2011	2010
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,600	\$ 21,200
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	2,700	2,500	4,400
Reductions based on tax positions related to the current year	—	—	—
Additions based on tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	—	—	—
Decreases due to lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(800)	(3,200)	(9,000)
Settlements	(200)	—	—
Balance as of December 31,	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>

Significant components of  
unrecognized tax positions

	2012	2011	2010
Highly certain tax positions	\$ 16,900	\$ 15,100	\$ 14,600
Other unrecognized tax benefits	700	800	2,000
Gross unrecognized tax benefits	<u>\$ 17,600</u>	<u>\$ 15,900</u>	<u>\$ 16,600</u>
Accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300

## Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments (Tables)

### Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments (Tables)

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Forward Delivery Contracts and Financial Instruments [Abstract]

#### Schedule of Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

#### Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments

As a producer of primary aluminum, we are exposed to fluctuating raw material and primary aluminum prices. We enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods.

#### Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

##### Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Glencore Metal Agreement (1)	Glencore	20,400 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore	Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore	Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire	220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

##### Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

- (1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

#### Other forward delivery contracts

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

#### Forward Financial Instruments

We are party to various forward financial and physical delivery contracts that are accounted for as derivative instruments. See [Note 5 Derivative and hedging instruments](#) for additional information about these instruments.

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
	Glencore	20,400 mtpy		

Glencore Metal Agreement (1)		Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Sweep Agreement (2)	Glencore Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market
Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement	Glencore Approximately 19,000 metric tons	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on LME
Southwire Metal Agreement (3)	Southwire 220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	Through December 31, 2013	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement as a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement, pricing is based on then-current Midwest market prices, adjusted by a negotiated U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.
- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

#### Long-term Tolling Contracts

Contract	Customer	Volume	Term	Pricing
Billiton Tolling Agreement (1)	BHP Billiton	130,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2013	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	90,000 mtpy	Through July 31, 2016	LME-based
Glencore Toll Agreement (1)	Glencore	40,000 mtpy	Through December 31, 2014	LME-based

- (1) Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

Apart from the Glencore Metal Agreement, the Glencore Sweep Agreement, the Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement and the Southwire Metal Agreement, we had the following forward delivery contractual commitments:

#### Other forward delivery contracts

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(in metric tons)	
Other forward delivery contracts – total	88,827	41,504
Other forward delivery contracts – Glencore	1,811	3,423
Other forward delivery contracts – fixed price	—	41

**Asset retirement obligations (â€œAROâ€ ) (Tables)**

*Asset retirement obligations*  
*(â€œAROâ€ ) (Tables)*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

***Asset Retirement Obligation***  
***Disclosure [Abstract]***

Schedule of Change in Asset  
Retirement Obligations

	Year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance, ARO liability	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,274
Additional ARO liability incurred	1,166	1,110
ARO liabilities settled	(1,380)	(1,315)
Accretion expense	<u>1,167</u>	<u>1,102</u>
Ending balance, ARO liability	<u>\$ 16,124</u>	<u>\$ 15,171</u>

**Supplemental cash flow information (Tables)***Supplemental cash flow information  
(Tables)***12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012***Supplemental Cash Flow  
Information [Abstract]*

## Supplemental Cash Flow Information

	Year Ended December		
	2012	2011	2010
Cash paid for:			
Interest	\$20,212	\$21,257	\$19,809
Income/withholding taxes	41,455	64,622	6,481
Non-cash investing activities:			
Accrued capital costs	\$ (683)	\$ 1,041	\$ 172

**Quarterly Information (Unaudited) Quarterly Information (Unaudited) (Tables)**

*Quarterly Information (Unaudited)*

**12 Months Ended**

*Quarterly Information (Unaudited)*  
(Tables)

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Quarterly Financial Data [Abstract]**

Schedule of Quarterly Financial  
Information [Table Text Block]

	Net sales	Gross profit (loss)	Net income (loss)	Net income (loss) allocated to common shareholders	Net income (loss) per share
2012					
4th Quarter	\$ 317,667	\$ 16,543	\$ (6,909)	\$ (6,909)	(0.08)
3rd Quarter (1)	304,635	3,250	(12,023)	(12,023)	(0.14)
2nd Quarter (2)	323,619	5,957	(12,277)	(12,277)	(0.14)
1st Quarter (3)	326,190	20,592	(4,401)	(4,401)	(0.05)
2011					
4th Quarter (4)	\$ 318,164	\$ (13,632)	\$ (31,107)	\$ (31,107)	(0.35)
3rd Quarter (5)	345,646	11,324	(6,600)	(6,600)	(0.07)
2nd Quarter (6)	366,277	49,514	23,986	22,061	0.24
1st Quarter (7)	326,337	42,316	25,046	23,005	0.25

- (1) The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (2) The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (3) The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (4) The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (5) The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- (6) The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.
- (7) The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.

**Business Segments (Tables)*****Business Segments (Tables)*****12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012*****Segment Reporting [Abstract]***

Reconciliation of Assets from Segment to Consolidated [Table Text Block]	Segment assets (1) Primary Corporate, unallocated Total assets	2012	2011	2010
		<u>\$ 1,730,321</u>	<u>\$ 1,767,305</u>	<u>\$ 1,895,430</u>
		46,005	43,789	27,626
		<u><b>\$ 1,776,326</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,811,094</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,923,056</b></u>
Schedule of Revenue from External Customers and Long-Lived Assets, by Geographical Areas [Table Text Block]		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	Net sales:			
	United States	\$ 821,976	\$ 835,796	\$ 714,409
	Iceland	450,135	520,628	453,021
	Other	—	—	1,841
	Long-lived assets: (1)			
	United States	\$ 368,897	\$ 401,173	\$ 412,266
	Iceland	869,809	884,682	894,297
	Other	50,223	36,919	39,415
Schedule of Revenue by Major Customers by Reporting Segments [Table Text Block]		Year Ended December 31,		
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
	Southwire	346,311	373,505	323,873
	BHP Billiton	202,500	239,157	214,571

**Related Party Transactions (Tables)*****Related Party Transactions (Tables)*****12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012*****Related Party Transactions***  
***[Abstract]***Schedule of Related Party  
Transactions [Table Text Block]

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net sales to Glencore	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Purchases from Glencore	145,589	187,691	106,381
Purchases from BHH	39,337	19,543	19,690
Cash premium to Glencore for put option contracts	—	2,106	6,341



**Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures (Tables)**

*Investment in Unconsolidated 50%  
or Less Owned Joint Ventures  
(Tables)*

**12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012**

*Equity Method Investments and  
Joint Ventures [Abstract]*

Schedule of Equity Method  
Investments [Table Text Block]

	September 30,	
	2012	2011
Current assets	\$ 52,098	\$ 54,327
Non-current assets	46,928	49,040
Current liabilities	28,437	36,318
Non-current liabilities	977	4,696
Twelve months ended September		
	2012	2011
Net sales	\$ 88,312	\$ 105,845
Gross profit	13,439	16,577
Income from continuing operations	7,101	8,859

	2010
	\$ 89,430
	14,688
	8,969

## Condensed consolidating financial information (Tables)

### Condensed consolidating financial information (Tables)

12 Months Ended

Dec. 31, 2012

### Condensed Financial Information of Parent Company Only Disclosure [Abstract]

Condensed Financial Information of Parent Company Only Disclosure [Text Block]

Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Our 8.0% senior secured notes due 2014, and 7.5% senior unsecured notes due 2014 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC. Each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; and all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries"). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 present separate results for Century, the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the guarantor subsidiaries or the non-guarantor subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ —	\$ 183,976
Restricted cash	258	—	—	—	258
Accounts receivable — net	38,328	12,339	—	—	50,667
Due from affiliates	604,008	38,328	2,391,249	(2,995,715)	37,870
Inventories	97,847	62,078	—	—	159,925
Prepaid and other current assets	4,421	30,650	8,063	(8,159)	34,975
Deferred taxes — current portion	—	17,799	—	1,927	19,726
Total current assets	744,862	271,210	2,473,272	(3,001,947)	487,397
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335	—	(1,039,141)	998,806	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	313,090	874,559	916	(351)	1,188,214
Due from affiliates — less current portion	—	3,588	—	(3,588)	—
Other assets	17,616	45,474	37,027	598	100,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,115,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,831</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,074</b>	<b>\$ (2,006,482)</b>	<b>\$ 1,776,326</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 37,301	\$ 37,627	\$ 442	\$ —	\$ 75,370
Due to affiliates	2,098,320	105,945	193,788	(2,358,316)	39,737
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031	31,332	1,967	(6,231)	40,099
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	15,926	—	2,757	—	18,683
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,172,393	174,904	198,954	(2,364,547)	181,704
Senior notes payable	—	—	250,582	—	250,582
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	36,087	—	31,791	—	67,878
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	137,184	—	5,921	—	143,105
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377	614,585	2,183	(641,983)	40,162
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	109,011	—	1,241	110,252
Total noncurrent liabilities	238,648	723,596	290,477	(640,742)	611,979
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	933	(72)	933
Additional paid-in capital	303,659	150,743	2,507,454	(454,402)	2,507,454
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(49,924)	—	(49,924)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)	(1,525)	(151,192)	148,387	(151,192)

Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,451,995)	147,101	(1,324,629)	1,304,894	(1,324,629)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,295,138)	296,331	982,643	998,807	982,643
Total	<u>\$ 1,115,903</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,472,074</u>	<u>\$ (2,006,482)</u>	<u>\$ 1,776,326</u>

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ —	\$ 183,401
Accounts receivable — net	40,062	7,585	—	—	47,647
Due from affiliates	616,830	13,517	2,474,727	(3,060,409)	44,665
Inventories	96,197	75,764	—	—	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	8,668	38,809	3,169	(10,000)	40,646
Total current assets	761,757	294,832	2,502,140	(3,070,409)	488,320
Investment in subsidiaries	36,965	—	(995,131)	958,166	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	338,946	878,333	1,211	(265)	1,218,225
Other assets	21,870	43,269	39,410	—	104,549
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 43,215	\$ 42,278	\$ 679	\$ —	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	2,103,687	78,411	205,651	(2,345,845)	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	10,596	29,822	10,358	(10,000)	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	14,267	—	2,431	—	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,179,580	150,511	219,119	(2,355,845)	193,365
Senior notes payable	—	—	249,512	—	249,512
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	40,277	—	30,622	—	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	122,609	—	5,469	—	128,078
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	63,369	686,834	4,631	(714,829)	40,005
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	90,958	—	—	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	226,255	777,792	290,234	(714,829)	579,452
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	932	(72)	932
Additional paid-in capital	297,300	144,383	2,506,842	(441,683)	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(45,891)	—	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(132,235)	(1,373)	(134,588)	133,608	(134,588)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,411,422)	145,109	(1,289,019)	1,266,313	(1,289,019)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,246,297)	288,131	1,038,277	958,166	1,038,277
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Third-party customers	\$ 517,245	\$ 202,567	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 719,812
Related parties	304,730	247,569	—	—	552,299
	821,975	450,136	—	—	1,272,111
Cost of goods sold	849,388	376,381	—	—	1,225,769
Gross profit (loss)	(27,413)	73,755	—	—	46,342
Other operating expenses — net	18,253	—	—	—	18,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,831	6,532	—	—	35,363
Operating income (loss)	(74,497)	67,223	—	—	(7,274)
Interest expense — third party	(24,029)	—	—	—	(24,029)
Interest expense — affiliates	63,935	(63,935)	—	—	—
Interest income — third party	27	465	—	—	492
Interest income — affiliates	—	62	—	—	62
Net loss on forward contracts	(4,150)	—	—	—	(4,150)
Other income (expense) — net	30,038	5,538	—	(30,000)	5,576
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(8,676)	9,353	—	(30,000)	(29,323)
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,072	(9,982)	—	—	(8,910)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(7,604)	(629)	—	(30,000)	(38,233)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(2,970)	2,623	(35,610)	38,580	2,623

Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
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#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 552,758	\$ 239,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 791,993
Related parties	283,038	281,393	—	—	564,431
	835,796	520,628	—	—	1,356,424
Cost of goods sold	866,366	400,536	—	—	1,266,902
Gross profit (loss)	(30,570)	120,092	—	—	89,522
Other operating income – net	(3,806)	—	—	—	(3,806)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	39,100	6,932	—	—	46,032
Operating income (loss)	(65,864)	113,160	—	—	47,296
Interest expense – third party	(25,129)	—	—	—	(25,129)
Interest expense – affiliates	68,174	(68,174)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	54	284	—	—	338
Interest income – affiliates	—	303	—	—	303
Net gain on forward contracts	804	—	—	—	804
Other expense – net	(806)	(567)	—	—	(1,373)
Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(22,767)	45,006	—	—	22,239
Income tax benefit (expense)	4,484	(18,843)	—	—	(14,359)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(18,283)	26,163	—	—	7,880
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	3,798	3,445	11,325	(15,123)	3,445
Net income (loss)	\$ (14,485)	\$ 29,608	\$ 11,325	\$ (15,123)	\$ 11,325

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 468,973	\$ 286,890	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 755,863
Related parties	247,278	166,130	—	—	413,408
	716,251	453,020	—	—	1,169,271
Cost of goods sold	708,835	348,040	—	—	1,056,875
Gross profit	7,416	104,980	—	—	112,396
Other operating income – net	(37,386)	—	—	—	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	38,719	8,083	—	—	46,802
Operating income	6,083	96,897	—	—	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(25,625)	—	—	—	(25,625)
Interest expense – affiliates	66,549	(66,549)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	148	467	—	—	615
Interest income – affiliates	—	448	—	—	448
Net loss on forward contracts	(10,495)	—	—	—	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	932	(1,309)	—	—	(377)
Income before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	37,592	29,954	—	—	67,546
Income tax benefit (expense)	12,670	(23,803)	—	—	(11,133)
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	50,262	6,151	—	—	56,413
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	1,246	3,558	59,971	(61,217)	3,558
Net income	\$ 51,508	\$ 9,709	\$ 59,971	\$ (61,217)	\$ 59,971

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(218)	—	(218)	218	(218)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	—	567	(567)	567
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)

Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(13,811)	—	(16,691)	13,811	(16,691)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(4,145)	—	(4,113)	4,145	(4,113)
Amortization of net loss during the period	8,814	—	9,837	(8,814)	9,837
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	(4,236)	—	(4,236)	4,236	(4,236)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(13,029)	(186)	(15,040)	13,215	(15,040)
Income tax effect	(1,598)	34	(1,564)	1,564	(1,564)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(14,627)	(152)	(16,604)	14,779	(16,604)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (25,201)</u>	<u>\$ 1,842</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>	<u>\$ 23,359</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2011				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (14,485)</u>	<u>\$ 29,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ (15,123)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(479)	—	(479)	479	(479)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	40	—	40	(40)	40
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(49,194)	—	(62,212)	49,194	(62,212)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(32,708)	—	(32,677)	32,708	(32,677)
Amortization of net loss during the period	16,383	—	16,926	(16,383)	16,926
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	(253)	—	(253)	253	(253)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(66,211)	(186)	(78,841)	66,397	(78,841)
Income tax effect	(5,804)	33	(5,771)	5,771	(5,771)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(72,015)	(153)	(84,612)	72,168	(84,612)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (86,500)</u>	<u>\$ 29,455</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>	<u>\$ 57,045</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2010				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 51,508</u>	<u>\$ 9,709</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(81)	—	(81)	81	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	171	—	171	(171)	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(26,971)	—	(32,319)	26,971	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	112,488	—	112,488	(112,488)	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(61,248)	—	(61,216)	61,248	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period	7,617	—	8,114	(7,617)	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	343	—	343	(343)	343
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	32,319	(186)	27,314	(32,133)	27,314
Income tax effect	(3,054)	34	(3,020)	3,020	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	29,265	(152)	24,294	(29,113)	24,294
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 80,773</u>	<u>\$ 9,557</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>	<u>\$ (90,330)</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 17,405	\$ 19,734	\$ —	\$ 37,139
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,777)	(12,711)	(189)	(17,677)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(7,317)	—	(7,317)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	—	—	(13,814)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	—	188	—	188
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(275)	(275)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	3,456	—	3,166	6,622
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	—	—	(258)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,393)	(19,840)	2,702	(32,531)
Financing activities:				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	18,076	18,076
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(18,076)	(18,076)
Intercompany transactions	(2,012)	(49,035)	51,047	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(4,033)	(4,033)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,012)	(49,035)	47,014	(4,033)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(49,141)	49,716	575
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	159,157	24,244	183,401
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ 183,976

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (10,187)	\$ 7,251	\$ —	\$ (2,936)
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,451)	(11,199)	(450)	(20,100)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(12,882)	—	(12,882)
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(113)	(113)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	—	—	3,056	3,056
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1,415	56	—	1,471
Net change in restricted cash	3,673	—	—	3,673
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,363)	(24,025)	2,493	(24,895)
Financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	—	—	(47,067)	(47,067)
Repayment of contingent obligation	(189)	—	—	(189)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	15,900	15,900
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(15,900)	(15,900)
Intercompany transactions	13,739	(38,992)	25,253	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(45,891)	(45,891)
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	83	83
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,550	(38,992)	(67,622)	(93,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(55,766)	(65,129)	(120,895)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	214,923	89,373	304,296
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ 183,401

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 100,137	\$ 31,373	\$ —	\$ 131,510
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,286)	(8,767)	(188)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(19,227)	—	(19,227)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	808	15	—	823
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(32)	(32)
Restricted and other cash deposits	5,206	—	—	5,206
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,728	(27,979)	(220)	(25,471)
Financing activities:				
Intercompany transactions	(102,865)	101,731	1,134	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	23	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(102,865)	101,731	1,157	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	105,125	937	106,062
	—	109,798	88,436	198,234

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period					
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$	—	\$	214,923	\$ 89,373 \$ 304,296
Condensed Consolidating Financial Information					

Our 8.0% senior secured notes due 2014, and 7.5% senior unsecured notes due 2014 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC. Each subsidiary guarantor is 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; and all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the “Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries”). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 present separate results for Century, the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the guarantor subsidiaries or the non-guarantor subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ —	\$ 183,976
Restricted cash	258	—	—	—	258
Accounts receivable — net	38,328	12,339	—	—	50,667
Due from affiliates	604,008	38,328	2,391,249	(2,995,715)	37,870
Inventories	97,847	62,078	—	—	159,925
Prepaid and other current assets	4,421	30,650	8,063	(8,159)	34,975
Deferred taxes — current portion	—	17,799	—	1,927	19,726
Total current assets	744,862	271,210	2,473,272	(3,001,947)	487,397
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335	—	(1,039,141)	998,806	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	313,090	874,559	916	(351)	1,188,214
Due from affiliates — less current portion	—	3,588	—	(3,588)	—
Other assets	17,616	45,474	37,027	598	100,715
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 37,301	\$ 37,627	\$ 442	\$ —	\$ 75,370
Due to affiliates	2,098,320	105,945	193,788	(2,358,316)	39,737
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031	31,332	1,967	(6,231)	40,099
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	15,926	—	2,757	—	18,683
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	2,172,393	174,904	198,954	(2,364,547)	181,704
Senior notes payable	—	—	250,582	—	250,582
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	36,087	—	31,791	—	67,878
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	137,184	—	5,921	—	143,105
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377	614,585	2,183	(641,983)	40,162
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	109,011	—	1,241	110,252
Total noncurrent liabilities	238,648	723,596	290,477	(640,742)	611,979
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	933	(72)	933
Additional paid-in capital	303,659	150,743	2,507,454	(454,402)	2,507,454
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(49,924)	—	(49,924)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)	(1,525)	(151,192)	148,387	(151,192)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(1,451,995)	147,101	(1,324,629)	1,304,894	(1,324,629)
Total shareholders' equity	(1,295,138)	296,331	982,643	998,807	982,643
Total	\$ 1,115,903	\$ 1,194,831	\$ 1,472,074	\$ (2,006,482)	\$ 1,776,326

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	As of December 31, 2011			
	Combined Guarantor	Combined Non-Guarantor	The Company	Reclassifications and Consolidated

	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries		Eliminations	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ —	\$ 183,401
Accounts receivable — net	40,062	7,585	—	—	47,647
Due from affiliates	616,830	13,517	2,474,727	(3,060,409)	44,665
Inventories	96,197	75,764	—	—	171,961
Prepaid and other current assets	8,668	38,809	3,169	(10,000)	40,646
Total current assets	761,757	294,832	2,502,140	(3,070,409)	488,320
Investment in subsidiaries	36,965	—	(995,131)	958,166	—
Property, plant and equipment — net	338,946	878,333	1,211	(265)	1,218,225
Other assets	21,870	43,269	39,410	—	104,549
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:					
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 43,215	\$ 42,278	\$ 679	\$ —	\$ 86,172
Due to affiliates	2,103,687	78,411	205,651	(2,345,845)	41,904
Accrued and other current liabilities	10,596	29,822	10,358	(10,000)	40,776
Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion	14,267	—	2,431	—	16,698
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	—	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	<u>2,179,580</u>	<u>150,511</u>	<u>219,119</u>	<u>(2,355,845)</u>	<u>193,365</u>
Senior notes payable	—	—	249,512	—	249,512
Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion	40,277	—	30,622	—	70,899
Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion	122,609	—	5,469	—	128,078
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	63,369	686,834	4,631	(714,829)	40,005
Deferred taxes — less current portion	—	90,958	—	—	90,958
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>226,255</u>	<u>777,792</u>	<u>290,234</u>	<u>(714,829)</u>	<u>579,452</u>
Shareholders' equity:					
Preferred stock	—	—	1	—	1
Common stock	60	12	932	(72)	932
Additional paid-in capital	297,300	144,383	2,506,842	(441,683)	2,506,842
Treasury stock, at cost	—	—	(45,891)	—	(45,891)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(132,235)	(1,373)	(134,588)	133,608	(134,588)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	<u>(1,411,422)</u>	<u>145,109</u>	<u>(1,289,019)</u>	<u>1,266,313</u>	<u>(1,289,019)</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>(1,246,297)</u>	<u>288,131</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>	<u>958,166</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,159,538</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,630</u>	<u>\$ (2,112,508)</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,094</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Third-party customers	\$ 517,245	\$ 202,567	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 719,812
Related parties	304,730	247,569	—	—	552,299
	821,975	450,136	—	—	1,272,111
Cost of goods sold	849,388	376,381	—	—	1,225,769
Gross profit (loss)	(27,413)	73,755	—	—	46,342
Other operating expenses — net	18,253	—	—	—	18,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,831	6,532	—	—	35,363
Operating income (loss)	(74,497)	67,223	—	—	(7,274)
Interest expense — third party	(24,029)	—	—	—	(24,029)
Interest expense — affiliates	63,935	(63,935)	—	—	—
Interest income — third party	27	465	—	—	492
Interest income — affiliates	—	62	—	—	62
Net loss on forward contracts	(4,150)	—	—	—	(4,150)
Other income (expense) — net	30,038	5,538	—	(30,000)	5,576
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(8,676)	9,353	—	(30,000)	(29,323)
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,072	(9,982)	—	—	(8,910)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(7,604)	(629)	—	(30,000)	(38,233)
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(2,970)	2,623	(35,610)	38,580	2,623
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (10,574)</u>	<u>\$ 1,994</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>	<u>\$ 8,580</u>	<u>\$ (35,610)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					



Third-party customers	\$ 552,758	\$ 239,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 791,993
Related parties	283,038	281,393	—	—	564,431
	835,796	520,628	—	—	1,356,424
Cost of goods sold	<u>866,366</u>	<u>400,536</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,266,902</u>
Gross profit (loss)	(30,570)	120,092	—	—	89,522
Other operating income – net	(3,806)	—	—	—	(3,806)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	39,100	6,932	—	—	46,032
Operating income (loss)	(65,864)	113,160	—	—	47,296
Interest expense – third party	(25,129)	—	—	—	(25,129)
Interest expense – affiliates	68,174	(68,174)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	54	284	—	—	338
Interest income – affiliates	—	303	—	—	303
Net gain on forward contracts	804	—	—	—	804
Other expense – net	<u>(806)</u>	<u>(567)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,373)</u>
Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(22,767)	45,006	—	—	22,239
Income tax benefit (expense)	<u>4,484</u>	<u>(18,843)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(14,359)</u>
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	(18,283)	26,163	—	—	7,880
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	3,798	3,445	11,325	(15,123)	3,445
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (14,485)</u>	<u>\$ 29,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ (15,123)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales:					
Third-party customers	\$ 468,973	\$ 286,890	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 755,863
Related parties	<u>247,278</u>	<u>166,130</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>413,408</u>
	716,251	453,020	—	—	1,169,271
Cost of goods sold	708,835	348,040	—	—	1,056,875
Gross profit	7,416	104,980	—	—	112,396
Other operating income – net	(37,386)	—	—	—	(37,386)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	38,719	8,083	—	—	46,802
Operating income	6,083	96,897	—	—	102,980
Interest expense – third party	(25,625)	—	—	—	(25,625)
Interest expense – affiliates	66,549	(66,549)	—	—	—
Interest income – third party	148	467	—	—	615
Interest income – affiliates	—	448	—	—	448
Net loss on forward contracts	(10,495)	—	—	—	(10,495)
Other income (expense) – net	932	(1,309)	—	—	(377)
Income before taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	37,592	29,954	—	—	67,546
Income tax benefit (expense)	<u>12,670</u>	<u>(23,803)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(11,133)</u>
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	50,262	6,151	—	—	56,413
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint ventures	1,246	3,558	59,971	(61,217)	3,558
Net income	<u>\$ 51,508</u>	<u>\$ 9,709</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the year ended December 31, 2012

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	\$ (10,574)	\$ 1,994	\$ (35,610)	\$ 8,580	\$ (35,610)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(218)	—	(218)	218	(218)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	567	—	567	(567)	567
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(13,811)	—	(16,691)	13,811	(16,691)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(4,145)	—	(4,113)	4,145	(4,113)
Amortization of net loss during the period	8,814	—	9,837	(8,814)	9,837
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income	<u>(4,236)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(4,236)</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>(4,236)</u>

Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	(13,029)	(186)	(15,040)	13,215	(15,040)
Income tax effect	(1,598)	34	(1,564)	1,564	(1,564)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(14,627)	(152)	(16,604)	14,779	(16,604)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (25,201)</u>	<u>\$ 1,842</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>	<u>\$ 23,359</u>	<u>\$ (52,214)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2011				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (14,485)</u>	<u>\$ 29,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>	<u>\$ (15,123)</u>	<u>\$ 11,325</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(479)	—	(479)	479	(479)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	40	—	40	(40)	40
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(49,194)	—	(62,212)	49,194	(62,212)
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(32,708)	—	(32,677)	32,708	(32,677)
Amortization of net loss during the period	16,383	—	16,926	(16,383)	16,926
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	<u>(253)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(253)</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>(253)</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	(66,211)	(186)	(78,841)	66,397	(78,841)
Income tax effect	(5,804)	33	(5,771)	5,771	(5,771)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>(72,015)</u>	<u>(153)</u>	<u>(84,612)</u>	<u>72,168</u>	<u>(84,612)</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (86,500)</u>	<u>\$ 29,455</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>	<u>\$ 57,045</u>	<u>\$ (73,287)</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the year ended December 31, 2010				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Consolidated
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 51,508</u>	<u>\$ 9,709</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>	<u>\$ (61,217)</u>	<u>\$ 59,971</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect:					
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(81)	—	(81)	81	(81)
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments	171	—	171	(171)	171
Net amount of foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	—	(186)	(186)	186	(186)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:					
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	(26,971)	—	(32,319)	26,971	(32,319)
Prior service cost arising during the period	112,488	—	112,488	(112,488)	112,488
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(61,248)	—	(61,216)	61,248	(61,216)
Amortization of net loss during the period	7,617	—	8,114	(7,617)	8,114
Change in equity in investee other comprehensive income:	<u>343</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>(343)</u>	<u>343</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)					
before income tax effect	32,319	(186)	27,314	(32,133)	27,314
Income tax effect	(3,054)	34	(3,020)	3,020	(3,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>29,265</u>	<u>(152)</u>	<u>24,294</u>	<u>(29,113)</u>	<u>24,294</u>
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 80,773</u>	<u>\$ 9,557</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>	<u>\$ (90,330)</u>	<u>\$ 84,265</u>

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the year ended December 31, 2012				
	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company		Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 17,405</u>	<u>\$ 19,734</u>	<u>\$ —</u>		<u>\$ 37,139</u>
Investing activities:					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,777)	(12,711)	(189)		(17,677)
Nordural expansion — Helgøyvik	—	(7,317)	—		(7,317)
Purchase of carbon anode assets	(13,814)	—	—		(13,814)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	—	188	—		188

Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(275)	(275)
Dividends and payments received on advances from joint ventures	3,456	—	3,166	6,622
Net change in restricted cash	(258)	—	—	(258)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,393)	(19,840)	2,702	(32,531)
Financing activities:				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	18,076	18,076
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(18,076)	(18,076)
Intercompany transactions	(2,012)	(49,035)	51,047	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(4,033)	(4,033)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,012)	(49,035)	47,014	(4,033)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(49,141)	49,716	575
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	159,157	24,244	183,401
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 110,016	\$ 73,960	\$ 183,976

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2011

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (10,187)	\$ 7,251	\$ —	\$ (2,936)
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,451)	(11,199)	(450)	(20,100)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(12,882)	—	(12,882)
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(113)	(113)
Payments received on advances from joint ventures	—	—	3,056	3,056
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	1,415	56	—	1,471
Net change in restricted cash	3,673	—	—	3,673
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(3,363)	(24,025)	2,493	(24,895)
Financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	—	—	(47,067)	(47,067)
Repayment of contingent obligation	(189)	—	—	(189)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	—	—	15,900	15,900
Repayments under revolving credit facility	—	—	(15,900)	(15,900)
Intercompany transactions	13,739	(38,992)	25,253	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	—	(45,891)	(45,891)
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	83	83
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,550	(38,992)	(67,622)	(93,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	(55,766)	(65,129)	(120,895)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	214,923	89,373	304,296
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 159,157	\$ 24,244	\$ 183,401

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2010

	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	The Company	Consolidated
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 100,137	\$ 31,373	\$ —	\$ 131,510
Investing activities:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,286)	(8,767)	(188)	(12,241)
Nordural expansion — Helguvik	—	(19,227)	—	(19,227)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	808	15	—	823
Investments in and advances to joint ventures	—	—	(32)	(32)
Restricted and other cash deposits	5,206	—	—	5,206
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,728	(27,979)	(220)	(25,471)
Financing activities:				
Intercompany transactions	(102,865)	101,731	1,134	—
Issuance of common stock — net	—	—	23	23
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(102,865)	101,731	1,157	23
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	—	105,125	937	106,062
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	—	109,798	88,436	198,234
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ —	\$ 214,923	\$ 89,373	\$ 304,296

**Summary of significant accounting policies Summary of significant accounting policies (Details) (USD \$)**

*Summary of significant accounting  
policies Summary of significant  
accounting policies (Details) (USD  
\$)*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	41.80%
Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage	41.80%
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Receivable	\$ 734

Summary of significant accounting policies	Schedule of Property, Plant and Equipment (Details)
<i>Summary of significant accounting policies Schedule of Property, Plant and Equipment (Details)</i>	12 Months Ended
	Dec. 31, 2012

Building and Building Improvements  
[Member]

***Property, Plant and Equipment [Line Items]***

Estimated useful life minimum (in years)	14
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Estimated useful life maximum (in years)	45
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Machinery and Equipment [Member]

***Property, Plant and Equipment [Line Items]***

Estimated useful life minimum (in years)	5
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Estimated useful life maximum (in years)	22
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Summary of significant accounting policies Schedule of Equity Method Investment, Equity method investee (Details)

*Summary of significant accounting  
policies Schedule of Equity Method  
Investment, Equity method investee  
(Details)*

Dec. 31, 2012

*Schedule of Equity Method  
Investments [Line Items]*

Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	41.80%
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Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage	41.80%
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Partnership Aluminum Reduction  
Facility [Member]

*Schedule of Equity Method  
Investments [Line Items]*

Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	49.70%
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Property, Plant and Equipment  
Owned By Partnership [Member]

*Schedule of Equity Method  
Investments [Line Items]*

Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	49.70%
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Baise Haohi Carbon Co Ltd  
[Member]

*Schedule of Equity Method  
Investments [Line Items]*

Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	40.00%
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**Summary of significant accounting policies Long-term Debt Instruments (Details) (USD \$)**

***Summary of significant accounting  
policies Long-term Debt  
Instruments (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

Senior secured notes due May 15,  
2014 [Member]

***Debt Instrument [Line Items]***

Long-term Debt, Gross	\$ 247,979	\$ 246,909
Long-term Debt, Fair Value	255,706	249,292
Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	8.00%	

Senior unsecured notes due August  
15, 2014 [Member]

***Debt Instrument [Line Items]***

Long-term Debt, Gross	2,603	2,603
Long-term Debt, Fair Value	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,564
Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	7.50%	

**Hawesville power contract termination (Details) (USD \$)**

*Hawesville power contract  
termination (Details) (USD \$)* **Dec. 31, 2010**

***Termination Notice of Power  
Contract [Abstract]***

E.ON Contingent Obligation	\$ 68,794
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**Asset Acquisition (Details) (Carbon Anodes [Member], USD \$)**

*Asset Acquisition (Details) (Carbon  
Anodes [Member], USD \$)*

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Jun. 11, 2012**

Carbon Anodes [Member]

***Assets Acquisition [Line Items]***

Assets Acquired	\$ 12,500
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**Fair value measurements (Details) (USD \$)***Fair value measurements (Details)  
(USD \$)***12 Months Ended***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011**

Derivative Liabilities – Net [Member]

**Level 3 fair value measurements  
[Roll Forward]**

Beginning balance	\$ (14,760)	\$ (13,802)
Total gain (realized/unrealized) included in earnings	(1,684)	(1,382)
Settlements	(95)	424
Ending balance	(16,539)	(14,760)
Amount of total loss included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized losses (gains) relating to assets and liabilities held	(1,684)	(1,382)

Fair Value, Measurements, Recurring  
[Member]**ASSETS:**

Cash equivalents	168,309	176,284
Trust assets	14,254	15,889
Surety bond â€“ workers comp insurance	2,123	2,391
Primary aluminum put option contracts		9,331
Power contract		106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184,686</b>	<b>204,001</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Natural gas forward financial contracts		281
E.ON contingent obligation â€“ net	15,369	13,958
Primary aluminum sales contract â€“ premium collar	1,170	908
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,539</b>	<b>15,147</b>

Fair Value, Measurements, Recurring  
[Member] | Fair Value, Inputs, Level  
1 [Member]**ASSETS:**

Cash equivalents	168,309	176,284
Trust assets	14,254	15,889
Surety bond â€“ workers comp insurance	2,123	2,391
Primary aluminum put option contracts		0
Power contract		0

TOTAL	184,686	194,564
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Natural gas forward financial contracts		0
E.ON contingent obligation â€“ net	0	0
Primary aluminum sales contract â€“ premium collar	0	0
TOTAL	0	0
Fair Value, Measurements, Recurring [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash equivalents	0	0
Trust assets	0	0
Surety bond â€“ workers comp insurance	0	0
Primary aluminum put option contracts		9,331
Power contract		0
TOTAL	0	9,331
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Natural gas forward financial contracts		281
E.ON contingent obligation â€“ net	0	0
Primary aluminum sales contract â€“ premium collar	0	0
TOTAL	0	281
Fair Value, Measurements, Recurring [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash equivalents	0	0
Trust assets	0	0
Surety bond â€“ workers comp insurance	0	0
Primary aluminum put option contracts		0
Power contract		106
TOTAL	0	106
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Natural gas forward financial contracts		0
E.ON contingent obligation â€“ net	15,369	13,958
Primary aluminum sales contract â€“ premium collar	1,170	908
TOTAL	\$ 16,539	\$ 14,866

**Derivative and hedging instruments (Details) (USD \$)****Derivative and hedging instruments  
(Details) (USD \$)****12 Months Ended****In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Fair value of derivative assets and  
liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]**

DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES

\$ 16,539

\$ 15,147

**Outstanding forward contracts not  
designated as hedging instruments  
[Abstract]**Accumulated other comprehensive  
loss to be reclassified to earnings over  
the next 12-month period

153

Notional Amount of Foreign  
Currency Derivatives

0

Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]**Fair value of derivative assets and  
liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]**

DERIVATIVE ASSETS

0

9,437

Primary Aluminum Put Option  
Contracts [Member] | Due From  
Affiliates [Member] | Designated as  
Hedging Instrument [Member]**Fair value of derivative assets and  
liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]**

DERIVATIVE ASSETS

0

5,439

Primary Aluminum Put Option  
Contracts [Member] | Prepaid and  
Other Current Assets [Member] |  
Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]**Fair value of derivative assets and  
liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]**

DERIVATIVE ASSETS

0

3,892

Power Contracts [Member] | Not  
Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]**Outstanding forward contracts not  
designated as hedging instruments  
[Abstract]**Power contracts (in megawatt hours  
(MWH))0 <sup>[1]</sup>3,772 <sup>[1]</sup>Power Contracts [Member] | Prepaid  
and Other Current Assets [Member] |  
Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]

***Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]***

DERIVATIVE ASSETS	0	106
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E.ON Contingent Obligation  
[Member] | Other Liabilities  
[Member] | Designated as Hedging  
Instrument [Member]

***Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]***

DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES	15,369	13,958
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Aluminum Sales Premium Contract  
[Member] | Other Liabilities  
[Member] | Designated as Hedging  
Instrument [Member]

***Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]***

DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES	0	301
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Aluminum Sales Premium Contract  
[Member] | Accrued and Other  
Current Liabilities [Member] |  
Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]

***Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]***

DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES	1,170	607
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Natural Gas Forward Contracts  
[Member] | Accrued and Other  
Current Liabilities [Member] |  
Designated as Hedging Instrument  
[Member]

***Fair value of derivative assets and liabilities by balance sheet location  
[Abstract]***

DERIVATIVE LIABILITIES	\$ 0	\$ 281
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Primary Aluminum Sales Contract  
Premium [Member] | Not Designated  
as Hedging Instrument [Member]

***Outstanding forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments  
[Abstract]***

Aluminum forward contract outstanding (in metric tons)	20,400 <sup>[2]</sup>	40,870 <sup>[2]</sup>
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Primary Aluminum Put Option  
Contracts [Member] | Not Designated  
as Hedging Instrument [Member]

***Outstanding forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments  
[Abstract]***

Aluminum forward contract outstanding (in metric tons)	0	15,000
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Primary Aluminum Put Option  
Contracts [Member] | Not Designated  
as Hedging Instrument [Member] |  
Related Party [Member]

*Outstanding forward contracts not  
designated as hedging instruments  
[Abstract]*

Aluminum forward contract outstanding (in metric tons)	0	18,000
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[1] Represents our expected usage during the remaining term of the Ravenswood power contract. The special rate mechanism of the Ravenswood power contract expired December 31, 2012.

[2] Represents the remaining physical deliveries under the Glencore Metal Agreement.

Derivative and hedging instruments Part 2 (Details) (Not Designated as Hedging Instrument [Member], USD \$)		
<i>Derivative and hedging instruments Part 2 (Details) (Not Designated as Hedging Instrument [Member], USD \$)</i>	12 Months Ended	
<i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011
Primary Aluminum Put Option Contracts [Member]   Net Gain (Loss) on Forward Contracts [Member]		
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments [Abstract]</i>		
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	\$ (2,725)	\$ 1,645
Aluminum Sales Premium Contracts [Member]   Net Gain (Loss) on Forward Contracts [Member]		
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments [Abstract]</i>		
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	(1,571)	(1,013)
Aluminum Sales Premium Contracts [Member]   Related Party Sales [Member]		
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments [Abstract]</i>		
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	1,309	888
Power Contracts [Member]   Net Gain (Loss) on Forward Contracts [Member]		
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments [Abstract]</i>		
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	147	172
E.ON Contingent Obligation [Member]   Interest Expense [Member]		
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments [Abstract]</i>		
Gain (loss) recognized in income from derivatives	\$ 1,411	\$ 1,429

### Debt (Details) (USD \$)

[illegible]



Long-term Debt, Maturities, Repayments of Principal in Year Two	\$ 252,207,000
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[1] The IRBs are classified as current liabilities because they are remarketed weekly and could be required to be repaid upon demand if there is a failed remarketing. The IRB interest rate at December 31, 2012 was 0.33%.

**Debt 7.5% Note (Details) (Senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014 [Member], USD \$)**

<b><i>Debt 7.5% Note (Details) (Senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014 [Member], USD \$)</i></b>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012 Long-Term [Member]</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011 Long-Term [Member]</b>
Proceeds from Issuance of Debt	\$ 250,000		
Unsecured Long-term Debt, Noncurrent		\$ 2,603,000	\$ 2,603,000
Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	7.50%		
Debt Redemptions Rights As Percentage Of Principal Amount		10000.00%	
Debt Redemptions Rights After Change Of Control		10100.00%	

**Debt 8.0% Note (Details) (Senior secured notes due May 15, 2014 [Member], USD \$)**

***Debt 8.0% Note (Details) (Senior  
secured notes due May 15, 2014  
[Member], USD \$)***

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

***Debt Instrument [Line Items]***

Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	8.00%
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Long-Term [Member]

***Debt Instrument [Line Items]***

Proceeds from Issuance of Debt	\$ 249,604
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Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	800.00%
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Debt Redemptions Rights As Percentage Of Principal Amount	102.00%
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debt redeption rights as a percentage of principal amount after May 15, 2013	10000.00%
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Debt Redemptions Rights After Change Of Control	10100.00%
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**Debt E.ON contingent obligation (Details) (Long-Term [Member], Contingent obligation [Member])**

*Debt E.ON contingent obligation  
(Details) (Long-Term [Member],  
Contingent obligation [Member])*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

Long-Term [Member] | Contingent  
obligation [Member]

***Debt Instrument [Line Items]***

Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated  
Percentage

1094.00%

**Debt Industrial Revenue Bonds (Details) (Current [Member], Industrial revenue bonds due 2028 [Member])**

*Debt Industrial Revenue Bonds  
(Details) (Current [Member],  
Industrial revenue bonds due 2028  
[Member])*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

Current [Member] | Industrial revenue  
bonds due 2028 [Member]

***Short-term Debt [Line Items]***

Debt Instrument, Interest Rate, Stated Percentage	0.33%
Debt Instrument, Basis Spread on Variable Rate	1200.00%

**Shareholders' equity (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Shareholders' equity (Details) (USD \$)</i>	<b>1 Months Ended</b>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		<b>14 Months Ended</b>
<i>In Thousands, except Share data, unless otherwise specified</i>	<b>Aug. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Sep. 30, 2012</b>
<b><i>Increase (Decrease) in Stockholders' Equity [Roll Forward]</i></b>				
Common stock, shares authorized (in shares)		195,000,000	195,000,000	
Stock repurchase program, Number of shares authorized to be repurchased (in shares)	\$ 60,000			
Number of shares Treasury stock acquired (in shares)				4,786,521
Treasury stock acquired, Aggregate purchase price		(4,033)	(45,891)	49,924
Stock repurchase program, Remaining authorized repurchase amount (in shares)		\$ 10,076		
Preferred Stock, Shares Authorized		5,000,000	5,000,000	
2008 Series A Convertible Preferred Stocks, Issued		160,000		
Preferred Stock, Par or Stated Value Per Share		\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock [Member]				
<b><i>Increase (Decrease) in Stockholders' Equity [Roll Forward]</i></b>				
Shares, Beginning balance		80,718	82,515	
Conversion of convertible preferred stock (in shares)		(435)	(1,797)	
Shares, Ending balance		80,283	80,718	

**Inventories (Details) (USD \$)**

*Inventories (Details) (USD \$)*  
*In Thousands, unless otherwise*  
*specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011*****Inventory, Net [Abstract]***

Raw materials	\$ 40,725	\$ 41,142
Work-in-process	15,259	15,548
Finished goods	9,753	10,535
Operating and other supplies	94,188	104,736
Inventories	<u>\$ 159,925</u>	<u>\$ 171,961</u>

**Property, Plant, and Equipment Property, Plant, and Equipment (Details) (USD \$)**

*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*(Details) (USD \$)*  
*In Thousands, unless otherwise*  
*specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011**

*Property, Plant and Equipment*  
*[Abstract]*

Land and Land Improvements	\$ 13,021	\$ 13,021
Buildings and Improvements, Gross	324,497	320,552
Machinery and Equipment, Gross	1,404,928	1,387,010
Construction in Progress, Gross	175,283	162,161
Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross	<u>1,917,729</u>	<u>1,882,744</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	729,515	664,519
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 1,188,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,218,225</u>



**Property, Plant, and Equipment Property, Plant, and Equipment (Detail Textual) (USD \$)**

*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*Property, Plant, and Equipment*  
*(Detail Textual) (USD \$)*

**12 Months Ended**

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010**

*Property, Plant and Equipment*  
*[Abstract]*

Depreciation	\$ 62,570	\$ 62,194	\$ 63,550
Equity Method Investment Ownership In Property Plant And Equipment	178,528	176,029	
Equity Method Investment Ownership In Property Plant And Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 113,174	\$ 105,585	

**Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Components of Prepaid and Other Current Assets  
(Details) (USD \$)**

*Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts at December 31  
Components of Prepaid and Other  
Current Assets (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

Prepaid and other assets	\$ 16,956	\$ 14,209
Income/withholding tax receivable “ current	14,327	18,559
VAT receivable	3,692	3,880
Derivative assets	0	3,998
Prepaid and other current assets	<u>\$ 34,975</u>	<u>\$ 40,646</u>

**Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Components of Other Assets (Details) (USD \$)**

*Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts at December 31*

*Components of Other Assets*

*(Details) (USD \$)*

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

Other Asset Investment in Mt. Holly and Joint ventures	\$ 37,880	\$ 40,922
Rabbi trust assets	29,125	30,902
Materials, Supplies, and Other	17,844	17,887
Income tax receivables â€“ non-current	13,688	12,103
Deferred Finance Costs, Noncurrent, Net	2,178	2,735
Other assets	<u>\$ 100,715</u>	<u>\$ 104,549</u>

**Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Components of Accrued and Other Current Liabilities  
(Details) (USD \$)**

*Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts at December 31  
Components of Accrued and Other  
Current Liabilities (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

Other accrued and current liabilities	\$ 21,424	\$ 18,838
Income taxes payable	8,146	13,370
Accrued vacation pay	6,001	5,922
Deferred Tax Liabilities, Net, Current	1,928	0
Accrued bond interest	2,560	2,560
Accrued curtailment expenses	40	86
Accrued and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 40,099</u>	<u>\$ 40,776</u>

**Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Components of Other Liabilities (Details) (USD \$)**

*Composition of certain balance sheet  
accounts at December 31*

*Components of Other Liabilities  
(Details) (USD \$)*

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

E.ON contingent liability and accrued interest	\$ 15,369	\$ 13,958
Asset retirement obligations â€“ non-current	14,775	13,887
Accrued workersâ€™ compensation cost â€“ non-current	7,237	7,210
Other liabilities	2,781	4,950
TOTAL Other liabilities	<u>\$ 40,162</u>	<u>\$ 40,005</u>

**Components of Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Details) (USD \$)**

***Components of Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Details) (USD \$)***

***In Thousands, unless otherwise specified***

	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ (153,225)	\$ (142,259)
Equity in investee other comprehensive income	(12,712) <sup>[1]</sup>	(8,476) <sup>[1]</sup>
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(878)	(1,040)
Other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	(166,815)	(151,775)
Income tax effect	15,623 <sup>[2]</sup>	17,187 <sup>[2]</sup>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (151,192)	\$ (134,588)

[1] The amount includes our equity in the other comprehensive income of Mt. Holly Aluminum Company.

[2] The allocation of income tax effect on the components of other comprehensive income is as follows: 2012 2011 Defined benefit plan liabilities \$15,784 \$17,311 Equity in investee other comprehensive income 488 558 Unrealized loss on financial instruments (649) (682)

Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Income Tax components of AOCI (Details) (USD \$)		
<i>Composition of certain balance sheet accounts at December 31 Income Tax components of AOCI (Details)</i>	12 Months Ended	
<i>(USD \$)</i>		
<i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011
<i>Income Tax components of AOCI</i>		
<i>[Abstract]</i>		
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Arising During Period, Tax	\$ (649)	\$ (682)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Unamortized (Gain) Loss Arising During Period, Tax	15,784	17,311
comprehensive income loss equity in investee adjustment, tax	\$ 488	\$ 558

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Change in benefit obligation (Details) (USD \$)**

*Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Change in benefit  
obligation (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**12 Months Ended**

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***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 174,954	\$ 164,565	
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Other Postretirement Benefit Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Funded Status of Plan	(149,263)	(134,289)	
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Benefit obligation at beginning of year	149,263	134,289	109,717
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Service cost	1,790	1,668	3,534
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Interest cost	5,512	5,728	10,402
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Medicare Part D	210	160	
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Plan changes	0	0	50,474
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Actuarial loss	11,725	24,786	
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Benefits paid	(4,263)	(7,770)	
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Curtailment/special termination benefits	0	0	388
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Funded Status of Plan	(78,720)	(79,598)	
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Benefit obligation at beginning of year	174,954	164,565	130,427
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Service cost	2,802	3,133	2,979
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Interest cost	6,871	6,976	6,407
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Medicare Part D	0	0	
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Plan changes	0	0	0
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Actuarial loss	8,611	30,490	
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Benefits paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	
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Curtailment/special termination benefits	\$ 0	\$ 1,147	\$ 4,556
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**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Change in Plan Assets (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Change in Plan Assets  
(Details) (USD \$)***

**12 Months Ended**

***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

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***Defined Benefit Plan, Change in  
Fair Value of Plan Assets [Roll  
Forward]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	\$ 96,234 <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ 84,966	
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plan, Change in  
Fair Value of Plan Assets [Roll  
Forward]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	96,234	84,967	73,878
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Defined Benefit Plan, Actual Return on Plan Assets	10,607	(307)	
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Defined Benefit Plan, Contributions by Employer	8,555	19,004	
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Defined Benefit Plan, Benefits Paid	(7,895)	(7,608)	
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Prior service cost (benefit) recognized due to plan amendments	472	608	
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Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plan, Change in  
Fair Value of Plan Assets [Roll  
Forward]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0	0	0
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Defined Benefit Plan, Actual Return on Plan Assets	0	0	
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Defined Benefit Plan, Contributions by Employer	4,263	7,770	
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Defined Benefit Plan, Benefits Paid	(4,263)	(7,770)	
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Prior service cost (benefit) recognized due to plan amendments	\$ (23,611)	\$ (27,861)	
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[1] (1) In 2012, we transferred the assets of the Pension Plans to a new trustee and invested in the trustee's mutual funds which are publicly traded on the NASDAQ.

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Funded status of plans (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Funded status of plans  
(Details) (USD \$)***

**12 Months Ended**

***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**Dec. 31, 2012**

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***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Unamortized Gain (Loss) Arising During Period, before Tax	\$ (16,691)	\$ (62,212)	\$ (32,319)
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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax	9,837	16,926	8,114
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Funded Status of Plan	(78,720)	(79,598)
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Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans, Current Liabilities	(10,842)	(8,699)
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Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans, Liabilities, Noncurrent	(67,878)	(70,899)
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Defined Benefit Plan, Amounts Recognized in Balance Sheet	(78,720)	(79,598)
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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Unamortized Gain (Loss) Arising During Period, before Tax	81,417	80,092
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Prior service cost (benefit) recognized due to plan amendments	472	608
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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax	81,889	80,700
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Other Postretirement Benefit Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Funded Status of Plan	(149,263)	(134,289)
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Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans, Current	(6,158)	(6,211)
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Liabilities

Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans, Liabilities, Noncurrent	(143,105)	(128,078)	
Defined Benefit Plan, Amounts Recognized in Balance Sheet	(149,263)	(134,289)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Unamortized Gain (Loss) Arising During Period, before Tax	94,947	89,420	
Prior service cost (benefit) recognized due to plan amendments	(23,611)	(27,861)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax	\$ 71,336	\$ 61,559	

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits PBO, ABO, FV of Plan Assets (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits PBO, ABO, FV of Plan  
Assets (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>
Other Asset Investment in Mt. Holly and Joint ventures	\$ 37,880	\$ 40,922
Defined Benefit Plan, Benefit Obligation	174,954	164,565
Defined Benefit Plan, Accumulated Benefit Obligation	166,611	156,748
Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	96,234 <sup>[1]</sup>	84,966
Hourly Pension Plan [Member]		
Defined Benefit Plan, Benefit Obligation	78,812	75,216
Defined Benefit Plan, Accumulated Benefit Obligation	78,171	74,545
Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	53,909	47,984
Salaried pension plan [Member]		
Defined Benefit Plan, Benefit Obligation	69,726	64,655
Defined Benefit Plan, Accumulated Benefit Obligation	63,344	58,742
Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	42,325	36,982
SERB plan [Member]		
Defined Benefit Plan, Benefit Obligation	26,416	24,694
Defined Benefit Plan, Accumulated Benefit Obligation	25,096	23,461
Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	\$ 0	\$ 0

[1] (1) In 2012, we transferred the assets of the Pension Plans to a new trustee and invested in the trustee's mutual funds which are publicly traded on the NASDAQ.

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Net Periodic Benefit Cost  
(Details) (USD \$)***

**12 Months Ended**

***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**Dec. 31, 2012**

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**Dec. 31, 2010**

Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member]

Defined Benefit Plan, Service Cost	\$ 2,802	\$ 3,133	\$ 2,979
Defined Benefit Plan, Interest Cost	6,871	6,976	6,407
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	(6,962)	(6,631)	(5,376)
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Prior Service Cost (Credit)	137	137	137
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Gains (Losses)	3,642	1,863	1,660
Net periodic benefit cost before adjustments	6,490	5,478	5,807
Curtailment/special termination benefits	0	1,147	4,556
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of Plan Amendment on Net Periodic Benefit Cost	0	0	0
Defined Benefit Plan, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	6,490	6,625	10,363
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
Defined Benefit Plan, Service Cost	1,790	1,668	3,534
Defined Benefit Plan, Interest Cost	5,512	5,728	10,402
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	0	0	0
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Prior Service Cost (Credit)	(4,250)	(32,814)	(10,879)
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Gains (Losses)	6,195	15,063	6,454
Net periodic benefit cost before adjustments	9,247	(10,355)	9,511
Curtailment/special termination benefits	0	0	388
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of Plan Amendment on Net Periodic Benefit Cost	0	0	(50,474)
Defined Benefit Plan, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$ 9,247	\$ (10,355)	\$ (40,575)

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Changes in Plan Assets & Benefit Obligation Recognized in OCI (pre-taxed)  
(Details) (USD \$)**

**12 Months Ended**

*Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Changes in Plan Assets &  
Benefit Obligation Recognized in  
OCI (pre-taxed) (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

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Other Postretirement Benefit Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

net loss in other comprehensive income (loss) allocated based on Pension & Opeb Plans	\$ 11,725	\$ 24,785	
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Gains (Losses)	(6,195)	(15,063)	(6,454)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax	4,250	32,814	10,879
Derivative Instruments, Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Effective Portion, Net	9,780	42,536	
Defined Benefit Plan, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	9,247	(10,355)	(40,575)
Defined Contribution Plan, Cost Recognized	19,027	32,181	
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b><i>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]</i></b>			
net loss in other comprehensive income (loss) allocated based on Pension & Opeb Plans	4,966	37,427	
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Gains (Losses)	(3,642)	(1,863)	(1,660)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax	(137)	(137)	(137)
Derivative Instruments, Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Effective Portion, Net	1,187	35,427	
Defined Benefit Plan, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	6,490	6,625	10,363
Defined Contribution Plan, Cost Recognized	\$ 7,677	\$ 42,052	

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Amortized from AOCI during the next fiscal year (Details) (USD \$)	
<i>Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Amortized from AOCI during the next fiscal year (Details)</i>	12 Months Ended
<i>(USD \$)</i>	
<i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	Dec. 31, 2012
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]	
<i>Defined Benefit Plan Disclosure [Line Items]</i>	
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Net Gains (Losses)	\$ 3,557
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Net Prior Service Cost (Credit)	137
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]	
<i>Defined Benefit Plan Disclosure [Line Items]</i>	
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Net Gains (Losses)	5,765
Defined Benefit Plan, Amortization of Net Prior Service Cost (Credit)	\$ (4,250)

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Weighted Average assumptions used in calculating benefit obligations  
(Details)**

<i>Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Weighted Average assumptions used in calculating benefit obligations (Details)</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>	
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]		
<i>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]</i>		
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Discount Rate	4.00%	4.25%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Rate of Compensation Increase	3.00%	3.00%
Benefit Obligation Rate Of Compensation Increase Year Two	4.00%	4.00%
Benefit Obligation Rate Of Compensation Increase Years Thereafter		4.00%
Measurement Date, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	12/31/2012	12/31/2011
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]		
<i>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]</i>		
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Discount Rate	3.98%	4.25%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Rate of Compensation Increase	3.00%	3.00%
Benefit Obligation Rate Of Compensation Increase Year Two	4.00%	4.00%
Benefit Obligation Rate Of Compensation Increase Years Thereafter		4.00%
Measurement Date, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	12/31/2012	12/31/2011



**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Discount Rate Change in Estimate (Details) (USD \$)**

*Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Discount Rate Change in  
Estimate (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**12 Months Ended**

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*Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]*

Pension Obligation due to change in discount rate	\$ 10,000
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**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost (Details)**

<i>Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost (Details)</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<i>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</i>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Measurement Date, Net Periodic Benefit Cost			12/31/2009
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Discount Rate			5.75%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Rate of Compensation Increase			2.00%
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Year Two			3.00%
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Years Thereafter			4.00%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Expected Long-term Return on Assets			8.00%
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<i>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</i>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Measurement Date, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	
Fiscal year end	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2010
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Discount Rate	4.25%	5.49%	
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Rate of Compensation Increase	3.00%	3.00%	
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Year Two	4.00%	3.00%	
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Years Thereafter		4.00%	
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Expected Long-term Return on Assets	8.00%	8.00%	
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Measurement Date, Net Periodic Benefit Cost	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Fiscal year end	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2010
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Discount Rate	3.83%	5.23%	5.89%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Rate of Compensation Increase	3.00%	3.00%	2.00%
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Year Two	4.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Net Periodic Benefit Cost Rate Of Compensation Increase Years Thereafter		4.00%	4.00%
Defined Benefit Plan, Assumptions Used Calculating Net Periodic Benefit Cost, Expected Long-term Return on Assets	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Effect of Medicare Part D (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Effect of Medicare Part D  
(Details) (USD \$)***

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specified***

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***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Prescription Drug Benefit, Reduction in Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation for Subsidy				\$ 15,412
Prescription Drug Benefit Percentage Reduction In Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation For Subsidy				10.00%
Defined Benefit Plan, Ultimate Health Care Cost Trend Rate				9.00%
Defined benefit plan, ultimate health care cost trend rate over next 6 years and thereafter (in hundredths)				5.00%
Schedule of Effect of One-Percentage-Point Change in Assumed Health Care Cost Trend Rates [Table Text Block]	Effect on total of service and interest cost		<u>1% Increase</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>
	Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation		\$ 1,285	\$ (1,027)
			23,165	(18,972)
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of One Percentage Point Increase on Service and Interest Cost Components				1,285
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of One Percentage Point Decrease on Service and Interest Cost Components				(1,027)
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of One Percentage Point Increase on Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation				23,165
Defined Benefit Plan, Effect of One Percentage Point Decrease on Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation				\$ (18,972)

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Company matching contribution to defined contribution 401(K) plans  
(Details) (USD \$)**

**12 Months Ended**

*Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Company matching  
contribution to defined contribution  
401(K) plans (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

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***Defined Benefit Plan Disclosure  
[Line Items]***

Defined Contribution Plan Employer  
Matching Contribution

\$ 748

\$ 640

\$ 0

**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Pension Plan Asset Allocation (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Pension Plan Asset  
Allocation (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

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**Dec. 31, 2010**

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	\$ 96,234 <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ 84,966
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Defined Benefit Plan, Actual Plan Asset Allocations	100.00%	100.00%
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Equity Securities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan Target Allocation Percentage Of Assets Us Equity Securities	50.00%
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Defined Benefit Plan Us Equity Securities	50.00%	51.00%
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Defined Benefit Plan Target Allocation Percentage Of Assets International Equity Securities	15.00%
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Defined Benefit Plan International Equity Securities	16.00%	14.00%
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Fixed Income Securities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Target Plan Asset Allocations	35.00%
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Defined Benefit Plan, Actual Plan Asset Allocations	34.00%	35.00%
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USEquities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	47,728 <sup>[1]</sup>	43,058
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International Equities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	15,318 <sup>[1]</sup>	12,243
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Cash in Transit Plan Asset [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	454	[1]
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Fixed Income Securities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	32,734	[1]	29,666
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	96,234	[1]	0
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]  
| USEquities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	47,728	[1]
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]  
| International Equities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	15,318	[1]
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]  
| Cash in Transit Plan Asset [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	454	[1]
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]  
| Fixed Income Securities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	32,734	[1]	0
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0	[1]	84,967
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]  
| USEquities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table***

***Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	43,058
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]  
| International Equities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	12,243
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]  
| Cash in Transit Plan Asset [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	[1]	
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]  
| Fixed Income Securities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	29,666
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	0
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]  
| USEquities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]  
| International Equities [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]  
| Cash in Transit Plan Asset [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	[1]	
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]  
| Fixed Income Securities [Member]

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0 [1]	0
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]		

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	0	0	0
Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	0	0	0
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]   YearTwo [Member]			

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,157
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]   Year Three [Member]	

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	5,863
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]   Year Four [Member]	

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,468
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]   Year Five [Member]	

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,961
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]   Year Six [Member]	

**Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]**

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	7,525		
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Other Postretirement Benefit Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member] | Year  
seven – eleven [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	42,349		
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,962	6,631	5,376
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Defined Benefit Plan, Fair Value of Plan Assets	96,234	84,967	73,878
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | YearTwo [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,295		
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | Year Three [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,793		
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | Year Four [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,888		
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | Year Five [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,979		
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Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | Year Six [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

9,130

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected  
Return on Plan Assets

Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member] | Year seven – eleven  
[Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	\$ 48,585
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[1] (1) In 2012, we transfered the assets of the Pension Plans to a new trustee and invested in the trustee's mutual funds which are publicly traded on the NASDAQ.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Expected Contribution Cash Flows (Details) (USD \$)			
<i>Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Expected Contribution Cash Flows (Details) (USD \$)</i>		12 Months Ended	
<i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Estimated Future Employer Contributions in Next Fiscal Year	\$ 10,842		
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Future Benefit Payments, Next Twelve Months	6,157		
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,962	6,631	5,376
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	0	0	0
YearTwo [Member]   Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,295		
YearTwo [Member]   Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,157		
Year Three [Member]   Pension Plans, Defined Benefit [Member]			
<b>Defined Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans Table</b>			
<i>Text Block [Line Items]</i>			
Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,793		
Year Three [Member]   Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined			

Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	5,863
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Year Four [Member] | Pension Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,888
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Year Four [Member] | Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined  
Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,468
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Year Five [Member] | Pension Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	8,979
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Year Five [Member] | Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined  
Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	6,961
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Year Six [Member] | Pension Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	9,130
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Year Six [Member] | Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans, Defined  
Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	7,525
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Year seven – eleven [Member] |  
Pension Plans, Defined Benefit  
[Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	48,585
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Year seven – eleven [Member] |  
Other Postretirement Benefit Plans,  
Defined Benefit [Member]

***Defined Benefit Plans and Other  
Postretirement Benefit Plans Table  
Text Block [Line Items]***

Defined Benefit Plan, Expected Return on Plan Assets	\$ 42,349
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**Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits Participation in Multi-Employer Pension Plans (Details) (USD \$)**

***Pension and Other Postretirement  
Benefits Participation in  
Multi-Employer Pension Plans  
(Details) (USD \$)***

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

**Dec. 31, 2010**

***Multiemployer Plans [Line Items]***

Multi-Employer Plan, EIN / PN 23-6648508/499

Multi-Employer Plan, Pension Protection Act Zone Status Green [1] Green [1]

Multi-Employer Plan, Subject To Financial Improvement/Rehabilitation Plan No

Multiemployer Plan, Period Contributions \$ 2,282 [2],[3] \$ 2,117 [2],[3] \$ 1,306 [2]

Multi-Employer Plan, Withdrawal from Plan Probable No

Multi-Employer Plan, Surcharge Imposed No

Multi-Employer Plan, Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement April 1, 2015

[1] The most recent Pension Protection Act zone status available in 2012 and 2011 is for the plans' year-end December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The zone status is based on information that Century received from the plan as well as publicly available information per the Department of Labor and is certified by the plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded, plans in the yellow zone are less than 80 percent funded, and plans in the green zone are at least 80 percent funded.

[2] Our contributions to the Steelworkers Pension Trust are not 5% or more of the total contributions to the plan.

[3] The number of union-represented employees at Hawesville increased approximately 10% due to the restart of curtailed operations in 2011.

**Share Based Compensation (Details)*****Share Based Compensation (Details)*****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010*****Share-based Compensation******[Abstract]***

Performance share 174,172

Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Number of Shares  
Authorized 10,000,000Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Number of Shares  
Available for Grant 7,326,000Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Options,  
Outstanding, Number 611,334 632,334 675,575



**Share Based Compensation Service-Based Awards – Options (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Share Based Compensation Service-Based Awards – Options (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Share data, unless otherwise specified</i>		<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
		<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<i>Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price [Roll Forward]</i>				
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Outstanding, Number		611,334	632,334	675,575
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price			\$ 24.51	
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercises in Period		0		
Share-based Compensation Arrangements by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercises in Period, Weighted Average Exercise Price		\$ 0		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Forfeitures and Expirations in Period		(6,000)		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Forfeitures and Expirations in Period, Weighted Average Exercise Price		\$ 15.17		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercisable, Number		626,334		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price		\$ 24.60		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercisable, Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	4 years 9 months 25 days			
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercisable, Intrinsic Value		\$ 611		

**Share Based Compensation Service Based Awards Rollforward (Details)**

***Share Based Compensation Service  
Based Awards Rollforward (Details)***

**12 Months Ended**

***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

***Service-Based Award Rollforward  
(in shares) [Abstract]***

Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Equity Instruments  
Other than Options, Grants in Period

134,468

Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Equity Instruments  
Other than Options, Vested in Period

(85,526)

Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Equity Instruments  
Other than Options, Forfeited in  
Period

0

Share-based Compensation  
Arrangement by Share-based  
Payment Award, Equity Instruments  
Other than Options, Nonvested,  
Number

396,133

347,191

**Share Based Compensation Service-Based Awards, Additional disclosures (Details) (USD \$)**

<b>Share Based Compensation Service-Based Awards, Additional disclosures (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data, unless otherwise specified</b>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<b>Service-Based Awards, Additional disclosures [Abstract]</b>			
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Grants in Period, Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	\$ 8.14	\$ 15.49	\$ 12.31
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercises in Period, Total Intrinsic Value	\$ 0	\$ 72	\$ 1
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Total Share-based Liabilities Paid	0	0	1,050
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Vested in Period, Total Fair Value	\$ 0	\$ 1,403	\$ 112

**Share Based Compensation Fair value assumptions (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Share Based Compensation Fair value assumptions (Details) (USD \$)</i>		<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
		<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<i>Fair value assumptions [Abstract]</i>				
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Risk Free Interest Rate, Minimum		0.18%	0.10%	0.13%
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Risk Free Interest Rate, Maximum		0.48%	1.11%	1.52%
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Expected Dividend Payments		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Expected Volatility Rate, Minimum		0.61%	50.00%	107.00%
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Expected Volatility Rate, Maximum		0.77%	134.00%	108.00%
Share Based Compensation Arrangement By Share Based Payment Award Fair Value Assumptions Expected Forfeiture Rate Minimum		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Share Based Compensation Arrangement By Share Based Payment Award Fair Value Assumptions Expected Forfeiture Rate Maximum		3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Expected Term, minimum	1 year	1 year	1 year	
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Fair Value Assumptions, Expected Term	3 years	3 years	3 years	

**Share Based Compensation Share and performance-based compensation expense (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Share Based Compensation Share and performance-based compensation expense (Details) (USD \$)</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<i>Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award [Line Items]</i>			
Share-based Compensation	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,836,000	\$ 2,904,000
Service-based stock expense	586,000 <sup>[1]</sup>	692,000 <sup>[1]</sup>	(1,668,000) <sup>[1]</sup>
Stock or Unit Option Plan Expense	0	328,000	669,000
Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Share-based Compensation, Requisite Service Period Recognition	(613,000)	(2,856,000)	(1,905,000)
Employee Service Share-based Compensation, Tax Benefit from Compensation Expense	0	0	0
Employee Service Share-based Compensation, Nonvested Awards, Total Compensation Cost Not yet Recognized	\$ 560		
Employee Service Share-based Compensation, Nonvested Awards, Total Compensation Cost Not yet Recognized, Period for Recognition	6 months		

[1] We recorded a net credit for service-based stock awards in 2010 due to adjustments for payroll taxes paid in cash during the year.

## Earnings per share (Details) (USD \$)

### Earnings per share (Details) (USD \$)

### 3 Months Ended

### 12 Months Ended

<i>In Thousands, except Share data, unless otherwise specified</i>	Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
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### Earnings Per Share [Abstract]

Net income (loss)	\$ (6,909)	\$ (12,023) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (12,277) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (4,401) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (31,107) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (6,600) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 23,986 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 25,046 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (35,610)	\$ 11,325	\$ 59,971
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Amount allocated to common shareholders (in hundredths)									100.00%	91.87%	91.79%
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Net income (loss) allocated to common shareholders	(6,909)	(12,023) <sup>[1]</sup>	(12,277) <sup>[2]</sup>	(4,401) <sup>[3]</sup>	(31,107) <sup>[4]</sup>	(6,600) <sup>[5]</sup>	22,061 <sup>[6]</sup>	23,005 <sup>[7]</sup>	(35,610)	10,404	55,046
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### Basic EPS:

Income (loss) allocable to common shareholders – in Shares (000)									88,534,000	91,854,000	92,676,000
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Income (loss) allocable to common shareholders (in dollars per share)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.14) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (0.14) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (0.05) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (0.35) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (0.07) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 0.24 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 0.25 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59
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### Effect of Dilutive Securities:

Income (loss) allocable to common shareholders									\$ (35,610)	\$ 10,404	\$ 55,046
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Share-based stock awards – in Shares (000)									88,534,000	403,000	626,000
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### Diluted EPS:

Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion (in dollars per share)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.14) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (0.14) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (0.05) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (0.35) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (0.07) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 0.24 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 0.25 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59
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### Antidilutive Securities Excluded from Computation of Earnings Per Share [Line Items]

Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Outstanding, Number	611,334				632,334				611,334	632,334	675,575
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Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding, Basic										92,257,000	93,302,000
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Options [Member]

### Antidilutive Securities Excluded from Computation of Earnings Per Share [Line Items]

Antidilutive securities excluded from calculation of diluted EPS (in shares)									626,334 <sup>[8]</sup>	353,000 <sup>[8]</sup>	377,000 <sup>[8]</sup>
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Service-Based Share Awards [Member]

### Antidilutive Securities Excluded from Computation of Earnings Per Share [Line Items]

Antidilutive securities excluded from calculation of diluted EPS (in shares)									396,133	0	0
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- [1] The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- [2] The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- [3] The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- [4] The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- [5] The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.
- [6] The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.
- [7] The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.
- [8] These stock option awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock, except in years when we had a net loss where all options were excluded because of their antidilutive effect on earnings per share.

# **Earnings per share Calculation of EPS (Details)**

<i>Earnings per share Calculation of EPS (Details)</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Exercisable, Number	626,334		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Options, Outstanding, Number	611,334	632,334	675,575
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Nonvested, Number	396,133	347,191	551,382
Service-Based Share Awards [Member]			
Antidilutive Securities Excluded from Computation of Earnings Per Share, Amount	396,133	0	0
Stock Options [Member]			
Antidilutive Securities Excluded from Computation of Earnings Per Share, Amount	626,334 <sup>[1]</sup>	353,000 <sup>[1]</sup>	377,000 <sup>[1]</sup>

[1] These stock option awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock, except in years when we had a net loss where all options were excluded because of their antidilutive effect on earnings per share.



**Income taxes (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Income taxes (Details) (USD \$)</i> <i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>			
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2009</b>
<i>Significant Change in Unrecognized Tax Benefits is Reasonably Possible [Line Items]</i>				
Significant Change in Unrecognized Tax Benefits is Reasonably Possible, Amount of Unrecorded Benefit	\$ 16,900	\$ 15,100	\$ 14,600	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits that Would Impact Effective Tax Rate	700	800	2,000	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits	17,600	15,900	16,600	21,200
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Income Tax Penalties and Interest Expense	100	100	300	
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations before Income Taxes, Domestic	(38,762)	(22,865)	37,487	
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations before Income Taxes, Foreign	9,439	45,104	30,059	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	\$ (29,323)	\$ 22,239	\$ 67,546	

**Income taxes Significant components of Income tax expense (Details) (USD \$)**

*Income taxes Significant  
components of Income tax expense  
(Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**12 Months Ended**

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31,  
2011**

**Dec. 31,  
2010**

**Significant components of income  
taxes expense [Abstract]**

Schedule of Components of Income  
Tax Expense (Benefit) [Table Text  
Block]

The components of pre-tax book income (loss) consist of the  
following:

Year Ended December 31,		
2012	2011	2010
U.S.		
Foreign		
Total		
\$(38,762)	\$(22,865)	\$37,487
9,439	45,104	30,059
<u>\$(29,323)</u>	<u>\$ 22,239</u>	<u>\$67,546</u>

Current Federal Tax Expense (Benefit)	\$ (161)	\$ (22)	\$ 191
Current State and Local Tax Expense (Benefit)	(669)	1,395	(1,047)
Current Foreign Tax Expense (Benefit)	9,808	13,467	11,485
Current Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	8,978	14,840	10,629
Deferred Federal Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	(1,564)	(5,772)	(2,945)
Deferred State and Local Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	0	0	(75)
Deferred Foreign Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	1,496	5,291	3,524
Deferred Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	(68)	(481)	504
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	<u>\$ 8,910</u>	<u>\$ 14,359</u>	<u>\$ 11,133</u>

**Income taxes Reconciliation of statutory to effective income tax rate (Details)**

<i>Income taxes Reconciliation of statutory to effective income tax rate (Details)</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<i>Reconciliation of statutory to effective tax rate [Abstract]</i>			
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, at Federal Statutory Income Tax Rate	35.00%	35.00%	35.00%
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, Nondeductible Expense	12.60%	63.20%	(19.80%)
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, State and Local Income Taxes	0.10%	6.30%	(1.70%)
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, Foreign Income Tax Rate Differential	(369.50%)	(60.30%)	(20.50%)
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, Change in Deferred Tax Assets Valuation Allowance	297.60%	40.80%	32.70%
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, Tax Contingencies	(6.70%)	5.60%	(5.10%)
Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation, Other Adjustments	0.50%	(26.00%)	(4.10%)
Effective Income Tax Rate, Continuing Operations	(30.40%)	64.60%	16.50%

**Income taxes Significant Components of our deferred tax assets & liabilities (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Income taxes Significant Components of our deferred tax assets &amp; liabilities (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>
Deferred Tax Assets, Tax Deferred Expense, Compensation and Benefits, Postretirement Benefits	\$ 9,184	\$ 8,281
Deferred Tax Assets, Tax Deferred Expense, Reserves and Accruals, Accrued Liabilities	8,289	3,308
Deferred Tax Assets, Tax Deferred Expense, Compensation and Benefits, Share-based Compensation Cost	2,941	3,758
Deferred Tax Assets, Derivative Instruments	180,121	103,048
Deferred Tax Assets, Goodwill	14,654	17,551
Deferred Tax Assets, Other Comprehensive Loss	81,039	77,142
Deferred Tax Assets, Capital Loss Carryforwards	9,056	7,506
Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards	509,618	619,357
Deferred Tax Assets, Other	138	55
Deferred Tax Assets, Gross	815,040	840,006
Deferred Tax Assets, Valuation Allowance	(656,352)	(773,714)
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance	158,688	66,292
Deferred Tax Liabilities, Property, Plant and Equipment	(145,213)	(147,021)
Deferred Tax Liabilities, Prepaid Pension Costs	(8,905)	(7,021)
Deferred Tax Liabilities Income From Domestic Partnership	4	4
Deferred Tax Liabilities, Undistributed Foreign Earnings	(93,824)	0
Deferred Tax Liabilities Foreign Basis Differences	(3,204)	(3,212)
Deferred Tax Liabilities, Net	(251,142)	(157,250)
Deferred Tax Assets, Net	\$ (92,454)	\$ (90,958)

**Income taxes Changes in Valuation Allowance (Details) (USD \$)*****Income taxes Changes in Valuation  
Allowance (Details) (USD \$)*****12 Months Ended*****In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010*****Valuation Allowance [Line Items]***Valuation Allowances and Reserves,  
Balance

\$ 656,352

\$ 773,714

\$ 714,423

Valuation Allowance, Deferred Tax  
Asset, Change in Amount

\$ (117,362)

\$ 59,291

**Income taxes Net Operating Losses Carryforwards (Details) (USD \$)**

***Income taxes Net Operating Losses  
Carryforwards (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***

**12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011**

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
[Member]

***Operating Loss Carryforwards [Line  
Items]***

Operating Loss Carryforwards,                      2028  
Expiration Dates

Operating Loss Carryforwards                      \$ 1,176,802 <sup>[1]</sup>                      \$ 1,447,616 <sup>[1]</sup>

State and Local Jurisdiction  
[Member]

***Operating Loss Carryforwards [Line  
Items]***

Operating Loss Carryforwards,                      2027  
Expiration Dates

Operating Loss Carryforwards                      1,106,961 <sup>[2]</sup>                      1,450,934 <sup>[2]</sup>

Foreign Tax Authority [Member]

***Operating Loss Carryforwards [Line  
Items]***

Operating Loss Carryforwards,                      2021  
Expiration Dates

Operating Loss Carryforwards                      \$ 341,290 <sup>[3]</sup>                      \$ 298,113 <sup>[3]</sup>

[1]                      The federal NOL begins to expire in 2028.

[2]                      The state NOL begins to expire in 2027.

[3]                      The Icelandic NOL begins to expire in 2017; Dutch NOL begins to expire in 2021

**Income taxes Gross Unrecognized Tax Benefits (Details) (USD \$)**

<b><i>Income taxes Gross Unrecognized Tax Benefits (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i></b>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>			
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2009</b>
Unrecognized Tax Benefits	\$ 17,600	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,600	\$ 21,200
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Increases Resulting from Current Period Tax Positions	2,700	2,500	4,400	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Decreases Resulting from Current Period Tax Positions	0	0	0	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Increases Resulting from Prior Period Tax Positions	0	0	0	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Decreases Resulting from Prior Period Tax Positions	0	0	0	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits, Reductions Resulting from Lapse of Applicable Statute of Limitations	(800)	(3,200)	(9,000)	
Unrecognized Tax Benefits Increases (Decreases) Resulting From Settlements With Taxing Authorities	\$ (200)	\$ 0	\$ 0	

**Commitments and contingencies (Details)*****Commitments and contingencies  
(Details)*****Dec. 31, 2012  
MW*****Helguvik Agreement [Abstract]***

Power currently available under the power purchase agreement (in megawatts)	47.5
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***Labor Commitments [Abstract]***

Percentage of U.S. based work force represented by a union (in hundredths)	7500.00%
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Percentage of foreign work force represented by the labor unions (in hundredths)	8400.00%
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**Commitments and contingencies Environmental Contingencies (Details) (USD \$)**

*Commitments and contingencies* **3 Months Ended**

*Environmental Contingencies*

*(Details) (USD \$)*

*In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

**Dec. 31, 2011**

*Environmental contingencies*

*[Abstract]*

Accrual for Environmental Loss  
Contingencies

\$ 906

\$ 852

Environmental Remediation Expense  
Minimum Amount Entitling  
Reimbursement by Third Party

\$ 400

Commitments and contingencies Matters relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refining Facility (Details) (USD \$)	
<i>Commitments and contingencies</i>	3 Months Ended
<i>Matters relating to the St. Croix</i>	
<i>Alumina Refining Facility (Details)</i>	
(USD \$)	Dec. 31, 2012
<i>In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	Plaintiffs
<i>Matters relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refining Facility [Abstract]</i>	
Environmental Remediation Expense	\$ 940
Environmental Exit Costs, Anticipated Cost	\$ 500
Number of Plaintiffs	2,300
Number of Plaintiffs to Second Lawsuit	200

<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>	<b>Legal Contingencies (Details) (USD \$)</b>
<i>Commitments and contingencies</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>
<b>Legal Contingencies (Details) (USD \$)</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>

***Legal Contingencies [Abstract]***

Loss Contingency, Damages Sought, Value	\$ 20,000
loss contingency, estimated by Ingram	4,600
Loss Contingency, Range of Possible Loss, Minimum	0
Loss Contingency, Range of Possible Loss, Maximum	\$ 5,000

**Commitments and contingencies Ravenswood Retiree Medical Benefits changes (Details) (USD \$)**

*Commitments and contingencies*  
*Ravenswood Retiree Medical*  
*Benefits changes (Details) (USD \$)*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

***Loss Contingencies [Line Items]***

Accelerated timing of contributions of  
defined benefit plans

\$ 17,400

## Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments (Details)

12 Months Ended

<i>Forward delivery contracts and financial instruments (Details)</i>	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore Metal Agreement [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore Sweep Agreement [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore Nordural Metal Agreement [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Southwire Metal Agreement [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Billiton Tolling Agreement [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore Toll Agreement 1 [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore Toll Agreement 2 [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Other Forward Delivery Contracts [Member]	Dec. 31, 2011 Other Forward Delivery Contracts [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore [Member] Other Forward Delivery Contracts [Member]	Dec. 31, 2011 Glencore [Member] Other Forward Delivery Contracts [Member]
<i>Supply Commitment [Line Items]</i>											
Customer	Glencore	<sup>[1]</sup> Glencore	<sup>[2]</sup> Glencore	Southwire	<sup>[3]</sup> BHP Billiton	<sup>[1]</sup> Glencore	<sup>[1]</sup> Glencore	<sup>[1]</sup>			
Volume	20,400 mtpy	Surplus primary aluminum produced in the United States <sup>[1]</sup>	Approximately 19,000 metric tons <sup>[2]</sup>	220 to 240 million pounds per year (high conductivity molten aluminum)	<sup>[3]</sup> 130,000 mtpy	<sup>[1]</sup> 90,000 mtpy	<sup>[1]</sup> 40,000 mtpy	<sup>[1]</sup>			
Term	Through December 31, 2013	Through December 31, 2013 <sup>[1]</sup>	Through December 31, 2013 <sup>[2]</sup>	Through December 31, 2013	Through December 31, 2013 <sup>[3]</sup>	Through July 31, 2016 <sup>[1]</sup>	Through December 31, 2014 <sup>[1]</sup>	<sup>[1]</sup>			
Pricing	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market <sup>[1]</sup>	Variable, based on LME <sup>[2]</sup>	Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market	<sup>[3]</sup> LME-based	<sup>[1]</sup> LME-based	<sup>[1]</sup> LME-based	<sup>[1]</sup>			
Other forward delivery contracts to sell primary aluminum (in metric tons)								88,827	41,504	1,811	3,423
Fixed price commitments on these other forward delivery contracts (in metric tons)								0	41		

<sup>[1]</sup> Grundtangiâ€™s tolling revenues include a premium based on the EU import duty for primary aluminum.

<sup>[2]</sup> The Glencore Sweep Agreement is for all metal produced in the U.S. in 2013, less existing sales agreements and value added metal sales. The term of the contract may be extended for one year upon mutual agreement.

<sup>[3]</sup> The Southwire Metal Agreement contract contains termination rights in the event of a partial or full curtailment of the Hawesville facility.

**Asset retirement obligations (â€œAROâ€ ) (Details) (USD \$)**

*Asset retirement obligations  
(â€œAROâ€ ) (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*

**12 Months Ended****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011*****Asset Retirement Obligation [Roll  
Forward]***

Beginning balance, ARO liability	\$ 15,171	\$ 14,274
Additional ARO liability incurred	1,166	1,110
ARO liabilities settled	(1,380)	(1,315)
Accretion expense	1,167	1,102
Ending balance, ARO liability	\$ 16,124	\$ 15,171

**Supplemental cash flow information (Details) (USD \$)*****Supplemental cash flow information  
(Details) (USD \$)*****12 Months Ended*****In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010**

Interest	\$ 20,212	\$ 21,257	\$ 19,809
Income/withholding taxes	41,455	64,622	6,481
Construction in Progress Expenditures Incurred but Not yet Paid	(683)	1,041	172
Liabilities Assumed			13,091
Performance Stock Issued			\$ 1,050

# Quarterly Information (Unaudited) Financial Results by Quarter (Details) (USD \$)

Quarterly Information (Unaudited) Financial Results by Quarter (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data, unless otherwise specified	3 Months Ended								12 Months Ended		
	Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
<i>Quarterly Financial Data [Abstract]</i>											
Revenue, Net	\$ 317,667	\$ 304,635 <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ 323,619 <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ 326,190 <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ 318,164 <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ 345,646 <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 366,277 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 326,337 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ 1,272,111	\$ 1,356,424	\$ 1,169,271
Gross profit	16,543	3,250 <sup>[1]</sup>	5,957 <sup>[2]</sup>	20,592 <sup>[3]</sup>	(13,632) <sup>[4]</sup>	11,324 <sup>[5]</sup>	49,514 <sup>[6]</sup>	42,316 <sup>[7]</sup>	46,342	89,522	112,396
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Parent	(6,909)	(12,023) <sup>[1]</sup>	(12,277) <sup>[2]</sup>	(4,401) <sup>[3]</sup>	(31,107) <sup>[4]</sup>	(6,600) <sup>[5]</sup>	23,986 <sup>[6]</sup>	25,046 <sup>[7]</sup>	(35,610)	11,325	59,971
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Attributable to Parent	\$ (6,909)	\$ (12,023) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (12,277) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (4,401) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (31,107) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (6,600) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 22,061 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 23,005 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (35,610)	\$ 10,404	\$ 55,046
Basic and Diluted (in dollars per share)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.14) <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ (0.14) <sup>[2]</sup>	\$ (0.05) <sup>[3]</sup>	\$ (0.35) <sup>[4]</sup>	\$ (0.07) <sup>[5]</sup>	\$ 0.24 <sup>[6]</sup>	\$ 0.25 <sup>[7]</sup>	\$ (0.40)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.59

[1] The third quarter of 2012 net loss includes a net benefit of \$4,100 related to certain litigation items. Cost of sales for the quarter included an \$8,201 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[2] The second quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized net gain on forward contracts of \$1,778 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$5,434 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[3] The first quarter of 2012 net loss includes an unrealized loss on forward contracts of \$4,955 primarily related to the mark to market of aluminum price protection options. Cost of sales for the quarter included a \$17,051 benefit for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[4] The fourth quarter of 2011 net loss includes benefit of \$3,067 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$6,303 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[5] The third quarter of 2011 net loss includes a benefit of \$4,163 for mark-to-market gains primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options and a \$13,479 charge for lower of cost or market inventory adjustments.

[6] The second quarter of 2011 net income includes a benefit of \$8,953 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program, a \$7,707 charge related to the contractual impact of recent changes in the composition of our Board of Directors and executive management team and a \$2,889 charge related to an insurance claim receivable.

[7] The first quarter of 2011 net income includes a charge of \$4,809 for mark-to-market losses primarily related to primary aluminum price protection options, a benefit of \$9,418 for changes to the CAWV retiree medical benefits program and a \$6,462 charge for the restart of the curtailed potline at Hawesville.



**Quarterly Information (Unaudited) 2011 Financial Results Overview (Details) (USD \$)****Quarterly Information (Unaudited)  
2011 Financial Results Overview  
(Details) (USD \$)****3 Months Ended*****In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*****Jun. 30,  
2012      Mar. 31,  
2012      Dec. 31,  
2011      Sep. 30,  
2011      Jun. 30,  
2011      Mar. 31,  
2011      Sep. 30,  
2012*****Quarterly Financial Data [Abstract]***

Inventory Adjustments	\$ 5,434	\$ 17,051	\$ 6,303	\$ 13,479				\$ 8,201
Gain From Change in Retiree Medical Benefits					8,953			
Impact of recent changes in the composition of board of directors and executive management team					7,707			
Insurance Settlements Receivable					2,889			
Gain (Loss) from Price Risk Management Activity	1,778	4,955	3,067	4,163		4,809		
Defined Benefit Plan, Cost of Providing Special or Contractual Termination Benefits Recognized During Period						9,418		
Termination pension benefits restart of curtailed potline at Hawesville						\$ 6,462		

**Quarterly Information (Unaudited) 2012 Financial Results Overview (Details) (USD \$)*****Quarterly Information (Unaudited)*****3 Months Ended*****2012 Financial Results Overview******(Details) (USD \$)******In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*****Sep. 30,  
2012****Jun. 30,  
2012****Mar. 31,  
2012****Dec. 31,  
2011****Sep. 30,  
2011****Mar. 31,  
2011*****Quarterly Financial Data [Abstract]***Gain (Loss) Related to Litigation  
Settlement

\$ 4,100

Inventory Adjustments

8,201

5,434

17,051

6,303

13,479

Gain (Loss) from Price Risk  
Management Activity

\$ 1,778

\$ 4,955

\$ 3,067

\$ 4,163

\$ 4,809

**Business Segments Segment Assets (Details) (USD \$)*****Business Segments Segment Assets******(Details) (USD \$)******In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified*****Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010*****Segment Reporting Information******[Line Items]***

Segment Reporting Primary Assets	\$ 1,730,321 <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ 1,767,305 <sup>[1]</sup>	\$ 1,895,430 <sup>[1]</sup>
Segment Reporting Corporate Unallocated Assets	46,005 <sup>[1]</sup>	43,789 <sup>[1]</sup>	27,626 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,776,326 <sup>[1]</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1,811,094 <sup>[1]</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1,923,056 <sup>[1]</sup></b>

[1] (1)Segment assets include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from affiliates, prepaid and other current assets, inventory, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment-net; the remaining assets are unallocated corporate assets.

# Business Segments Geography, Segment Reporting (Details) (USD \$)

Business Segments Geography,  
Segment Reporting (Details) (USD  
\$)

3 Months Ended

12 Months Ended

In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified

Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010
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## Revenues from External Customers and Long-Lived Assets [Line Items]

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United States [Member]

## Revenues from External Customers and Long-Lived Assets [Line Items]

Revenue, Net									821,976	835,796	714,409
Long-Lived Assets	368,897 <sup>[8]</sup>				401,173 <sup>[8]</sup>				368,897 <sup>[8]</sup>	401,173 <sup>[8]</sup>	412,266 <sup>[8]</sup>

Iceland [Member]

## Revenues from External Customers and Long-Lived Assets [Line Items]

Revenue, Net									450,135	520,628	453,021
Long-Lived Assets	869,809 <sup>[8]</sup>				884,682 <sup>[8]</sup>				869,809 <sup>[8]</sup>	884,682 <sup>[8]</sup>	894,297 <sup>[8]</sup>

Others [Member]

## Revenues from External Customers and Long-Lived Assets [Line Items]

Revenue, Net									0	0	1,841
Long-Lived Assets	\$ 50,223 <sup>[8]</sup>				\$ 36,919 <sup>[8]</sup>				\$ 50,223 <sup>[8]</sup>	\$ 36,919 <sup>[8]</sup>	\$ 39,415 <sup>[8]</sup>

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[8] Includes long-lived assets other than financial instruments.

**Business Segments Major Customers (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Business Segments Major Customers (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	12 Months Ended	3 Months Ended	12 Months Ended			3 Months Ended	12 Months Ended			3 Months Ended	12 Months Ended		
	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2012 Glencore [Member]	Dec. 31, 2011 Glencore [Member]	Dec. 31, 2010 Glencore [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 Southwire [Member]	Dec. 31, 2011 Southwire [Member]	Dec. 31, 2010 Southwire [Member]	Dec. 31, 2012 BHP Billiton [Member]	Dec. 31, 2011 BHP Billiton [Member]	Dec. 31, 2010 BHP Billiton [Member]			
<i>Revenue, Major Customer [Line Items]</i>													
Entity-Wide Revenue, Major Customer, Percentage	10.00%												
Entity-Wide Revenue, Major Customer, Amount		\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408	\$ 346,311	\$ 373,505	\$ 323,873	\$ 202,500	\$ 239,157	\$ 214,571			

**Related Party Transactions (Details) (USD \$)****Related Party Transactions (Details)  
(USD \$)****12 Months Ended***In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified***Dec. 31, 2012****Dec. 31, 2011****Dec. 31, 2010****Related Party Transaction [Line  
Items]**

Metric tons of alumina to be supplied at a fixed price	18,000,000		
Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Noncontrolling Owners	41.80%		
Economic Ownership Percentage By Related Party	46.60%		
Revenue from Related Parties	\$ 552,299	\$ 564,431	\$ 413,408
Cash premium to Glencore for put option contracts	0	2,106	6,341
Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Parent	40.00%		
Glencore [Member]			
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>			
Related Party Costs	145,589	187,691	106,381
Noncontrolling Interest [Member]			
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>			
Purchases from BHH	\$ 39,337	\$ 19,543	\$ 19,690

**Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures Schedule of Equity Method Investments (Details) (USD \$)**

<i>Investment in Unconsolidated 50% or Less Owned Joint Ventures Schedule of Equity Method Investments (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, unless otherwise specified</i>	<b>12 Months Ended</b>		
	<b>Dec. 31, 2012</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2010</b>
<b><i>Schedule of Equity Method Investments [Line Items]</i></b>			
Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage	41.80%		
Capacity of alumina refining facility in Jamaica 1.5			
<b><i>Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information [Abstract]</i></b>			
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Current Assets	\$ 52,098	\$ 54,327	
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Noncurrent Assets	46,928	49,040	
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Current Liabilities	28,437	36,318	
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Noncurrent Liabilities	977	4,696	
<b><i>Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Income Statement [Abstract]</i></b>			
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Revenue	88,312	105,845	89,430
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Gross Profit (Loss)	13,439	16,577	14,688
Equity Method Investment, Summarized Financial Information, Net Income (Loss)	\$ 7,101	\$ 8,859	\$ 8,969
BHH [Member]			
<b><i>Schedule of Equity Method Investments [Line Items]</i></b>			
Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage	4000.00%		
Mincenco [Member]			
<b><i>Schedule of Equity Method Investments [Line Items]</i></b>			
Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage	50.00%		

**Condensed consolidating financial information (Details) (USD \$)**

Condensed consolidating financial  
information (Details) (USD \$)  
In Thousands, unless otherwise  
specified

3 Months Ended

12 Months Ended

	Dec. 31, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009
<b>Guarantor Obligations [Line Items]</b>												
Percentage of subsidiary guarantor owned by company (in hundredths)									0.00%			
<b>Assets:</b>												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,976				\$ 183,401				\$ 183,976	\$ 183,401	\$ 304,296	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	258				0				258	0		
Accounts receivable â€” net	50,667				47,647				50,667	47,647		
Due from affiliates	37,870				44,665				37,870	44,665		
Inventories	159,925				171,961				159,925	171,961		
Prepaid and other assets	34,975				40,646				34,975	40,646		
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance, Current	19,726				0				19,726	0		
Total current assets	<u>487,397</u>				<u>488,320</u>				<u>487,397</u>	<u>488,320</u>		
Investment in subsidiaries	0				0				0	0		
Property, plant and equipment â€” net	1,188,214				1,218,225				1,188,214	1,218,225		
Due from Related Parties, Noncurrent	0								0			
Other assets	100,715				104,549				100,715	104,549		
TOTAL	<u>1,776,326</u> <sup>[1]</sup>				<u>1,811,094</u> <sup>[1]</sup>				<u>1,776,326</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>1,811,094</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>1,923,056</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>												
Accounts payable, trade	75,370				86,172				75,370	86,172		
Due to affiliates	39,737				41,904				39,737	41,904		
Accrued and other current liabilities	40,099				40,776				40,099	40,776		
Accrued employee benefits costs â€” current portion	18,683				16,698				18,683	16,698		
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815				7,815				7,815	7,815		
Total current liabilities	<u>181,704</u>				<u>193,365</u>				<u>181,704</u>	<u>193,365</u>		
Senior notes payable	250,582				249,512				250,582	249,512		
Accrued pension benefits costs â€” less current portion	67,878				70,899				67,878	70,899		
Accrued postretirement benefits costs â€” less current portion	143,105				128,078				143,105	128,078		
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	40,162				40,005				40,162	40,005		
Deferred taxes â€” less current portion	110,252				90,958				110,252	90,958		
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>611,979</u>				<u>579,452</u>				<u>611,979</u>	<u>579,452</u>		
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>												
Preferred Stock, Value, Issued	1				1				1	1		
Common Stock, Value, Issued	933				932				933	932		
Additional paid-in capital	2,507,454				2,506,842				2,507,454	2,506,842		
Treasury stock, at cost	(49,924)				(45,891)				(49,924)	(45,891)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(151,192)				(134,588)				(151,192)	(134,588)		



Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(1,324,629)				(1,289,019)				(1,324,629)	(1,289,019)		
Total shareholders' equity	<u>982,643</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>1,038,277</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>982,643</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>	<u>1,154,516</u>	<u>1,067,730</u>
TOTAL	<u>1,776,326</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>1,811,094</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>1,776,326</u>	<u>1,811,094</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net sales:</b>												
Third-party customers									719,812	791,993	755,863	
Related parties									552,299	564,431	413,408	
Sales Revenue â€” net	<u>317,667</u>	<u>304,635</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>323,619</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>326,190</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>318,164</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>345,646</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>366,277</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>326,337</u> <sup>[8]</sup>	<u>1,272,111</u>	<u>1,356,424</u>	<u>1,169,271</u>	<u>          </u>
Cost of goods sold									1,225,769	1,266,902	1,056,875	
Gross profit	<u>16,543</u>	<u>3,250</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>5,957</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>20,592</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>(13,632)</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>11,324</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>49,514</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>42,316</u> <sup>[8]</sup>	<u>46,342</u>	<u>89,522</u>	<u>112,396</u>	<u>          </u>
Other operating expense (income) – net									18,253	(3,806)	(37,386)	
Selling, general and admin expenses									35,363	46,032	46,802	
Operating income (loss)	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(7,274)</u>	<u>47,296</u>	<u>102,980</u>	<u>          </u>
Interest expense â€” third party									(24,029)	(25,129)	(25,625)	
Interest expense – affiliates									0	0	0	
Interest income â€” third party									492	338	615	
Interest income – affiliates									62	303	448	
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									(4,150)	804	(10,495)	
Other income (expense) – net									5,576	(1,373)	(377)	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures									(29,323)	22,239	67,546	
Income tax benefit (expense)	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(8,910)</u>	<u>(14,359)</u>	<u>(11,133)</u>	<u>          </u>
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(38,233)</u>	<u>7,880</u>	<u>56,413</u>	<u>          </u>
Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures									2,623	3,445	3,558	
Net income (loss)	<u>(6,909)</u>	<u>(12,023)</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	<u>(12,277)</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>(4,401)</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>(31,107)</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>(6,600)</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>23,986</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>25,046</u> <sup>[8]</sup>	<u>(35,610)</u>	<u>11,325</u>	<u>59,971</u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</b>												
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									(218)	(479)	(81)	
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									567	40	171	
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									(186)	(186)	(186)	
<b>Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:</b>												
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									(16,691)	(62,212)	(32,319)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax									0	0	112,488	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									(4,113)	(32,677)	(61,216)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net									9,837	16,926	8,114	

Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax												
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									(4,236)	(253)	343	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									(15,040)	(78,841)	27,314	
Income tax effect									(1,564)	(5,771)	(3,020)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(16,604)	(84,612)	24,294	
Comprehensive income (loss)									(52,214)	(73,287)	84,265	
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>												
Net cash provided by operating activities									37,139	(2,936)	131,510	
<b>Investing activities:</b>												
Purchase of property, plant and equipment									(17,677)	(20,100)	(12,241)	
Nordural expansion – Helguvik									(7,317)	(12,882)	(19,227)	
Purchase of carbon anode assets									(13,814)	0	0	
Investments in and advances to joint ventures									(275)	(113)	(32)	
Payments received on advances from joint ventures									6,622	3,056	0	
Net change in restricted cash									(258)	3,673	5,206	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment									188	1,471	823	
Net cash used in investing activities									(32,531)	(24,895)	(25,471)	
<b>Financing activities:</b>												
Repayments of debt									0	(47,067)	0	
Repayments of contingent obligation									0	189	0	
Proceeds from Lines of Credit									18,076	15,900	0	
Repayments of Lines of Credit									(18,076)	(15,900)	0	
Intercompany transactions									0	0	0	
Repurchase of common stock									(4,033)	(45,891)	0	
Issuance of common stock – net									0	83	23	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities									(4,033)	(93,064)	23	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period				183,401				304,296	183,401	304,296	198,234	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	183,976				183,401				183,976	183,401	304,296	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS									575	(120,895)	106,062	
Senior secured notes due May 15, 2014 [Member]												
<b>Guarantor Obligations [Line Items]</b>												
Interest rate (as a percent)	8.00%								8.00%			
Senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2014 [Member]												
<b>Guarantor Obligations [Line Items]</b>												
Interest rate (as a percent)	7.50%								7.50%			

Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries  
[Member]

**Assets:**

Cash and cash equivalents	0				0				0	0	0
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	258								258		
Accounts receivable â€” net	38,328				40,062				38,328	40,062	
Due from affiliates	604,008				616,830				604,008	616,830	
Inventories	97,847				96,197				97,847	96,197	
Prepaid and other assets	4,421				8,668				4,421	8,668	
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance, Current	0								0		
Total current assets	<u>744,862</u>				<u>761,757</u>				<u>744,862</u>	<u>761,757</u>	
Investment in subsidiaries	40,335				36,965				40,335	36,965	
Property, plant and equipment â€” net	313,090				338,946				313,090	338,946	
Due from Related Parties, Noncurrent	0								0		
Other assets	17,616				21,870				17,616	21,870	
TOTAL	<u>1,115,903</u>				<u>1,159,538</u>				<u>1,115,903</u>	<u>1,159,538</u>	

**Liabilities and shareholders' equity:**

Accounts payable, trade	37,301				43,215				37,301	43,215	
Due to affiliates	2,098,320				2,103,687				2,098,320	2,103,687	
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,031				10,596				13,031	10,596	
Accrued employee benefits costs â€” current portion	15,926				14,267				15,926	14,267	
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815				7,815				7,815	7,815	
Total current liabilities	<u>2,172,393</u>				<u>2,179,580</u>				<u>2,172,393</u>	<u>2,179,580</u>	
Senior notes payable	0				0				0	0	
Accrued pension benefits costs â€” less current portion	36,087				40,277				36,087	40,277	
Accrued postretirement benefits costs â€” less current portion	137,184				122,609				137,184	122,609	
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	65,377				63,369				65,377	63,369	
Deferred taxes â€” less current portion	0				0				0	0	
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>238,648</u>				<u>226,255</u>				<u>238,648</u>	<u>226,255</u>	

**Shareholders' equity:**

Preferred Stock, Value, Issued	0				0				0	0	
Common Stock, Value, Issued	60				60				60	60	
Additional paid-in capital	303,659				297,300				303,659	297,300	
Treasury stock, at cost	0				0				0	0	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(146,862)				(132,235)				(146,862)	(132,235)	
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(1,451,995)				(1,411,422)				(1,451,995)	(1,411,422)	
Total shareholders' equity	<u>(1,295,138)</u>				<u>(1,246,297)</u>				<u>(1,295,138)</u>	<u>(1,246,297)</u>	
TOTAL	<u>1,115,903</u>				<u>1,159,538</u>				<u>1,115,903</u>	<u>1,159,538</u>	

**Net sales:**

Third-party customers									517,245	552,758	468,973
Related parties									304,730	283,038	247,278

Sales Revenue â€“ net									821,975	835,796	716,251	
Cost of goods sold									849,388	866,366	708,835	
Gross profit									(27,413)	(30,570)	7,416	
Other operating expense (income) –net									18,253	(3,806)	(37,386)	
Selling, general and admin expenses									28,831	39,100	38,719	
Operating income (loss)									(74,497)	(65,864)	6,083	
Interest expense â€“ third party									(24,029)	(25,129)	(25,625)	
Interest expense – affiliates									63,935	68,174	66,549	
Interest income â€“ third party									27	54	148	
Interest income – affiliates									0	0	0	
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									(4,150)	804	(10,495)	
Other income (expense) – net									30,038	(806)	932	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures									(8,676)	(22,767)	37,592	
Income tax benefit (expense)									1,072	4,484	12,670	
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures									(7,604)	(18,283)	50,262	
Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures									(2,970)	3,798	1,246	
Net income (loss)									(10,574)	(14,485)	51,508	
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</b>												
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									(218)	(479)	(81)	
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									567	40	171	
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									0	0	0	
<b>Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:</b>												
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									(13,811)	(49,194)	(26,971)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax											112,488	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									(4,145)	32,708	61,248	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									8,814	(16,383)	(7,617)	
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									(4,236)	(253)	343	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									(13,029)	(66,211)	32,319	
Income tax effect									(1,598)	(5,804)	(3,054)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(14,627)	(72,015)	29,265	

Comprehensive income (loss)									(25,201)	(86,500)	80,773	
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>												
Net cash provided by operating activities									17,405	(10,187)	100,137	
<b>Investing activities:</b>												
Purchase of property, plant and equipment									(4,777)	(8,451)	(3,286)	
Nordural expansion – Helgøyvik									0	0	0	
Purchase of carbon anode assets									(13,814)			
Investments in and advances to joint ventures									0	0	0	
Payments received on advances from joint ventures									3,456	0		
Net change in restricted cash									(258)	3,673	5,206	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment									0	1,415	808	
Net cash used in investing activities									(15,393)	(3,363)	2,728	
<b>Financing activities:</b>												
Repayments of debt										0		
Repayments of contingent obligation										189		
Proceeds from Lines of Credit									0	0		
Repayments of Lines of Credit									0	0		
Intercompany transactions									(2,012)	13,739	(102,865)	
Repurchase of common stock									0	0		
Issuance of common stock – net										0	0	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities									(2,012)	13,550	(102,865)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period				0				0	0	0	0	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	0				0				0	0	0	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS									0	0	0	
Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries [Member]												
<b>Assets:</b>												
Cash and cash equivalents	110,016				159,157				110,016	159,157	214,923	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	0								0			
Accounts receivable – net	12,339				7,585				12,339	7,585		
Due from affiliates	38,328				13,517				38,328	13,517		
Inventories	62,078				75,764				62,078	75,764		
Prepaid and other assets	30,650				38,809				30,650	38,809		
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance, Current	17,799								17,799			
Total current assets	271,210				294,832				271,210	294,832		
Investment in subsidiaries	0				0				0	0		
Property, plant and equipment – net	874,559				878,333				874,559	878,333		
Due from Related Parties, Noncurrent	3,588								3,588			
Other assets	45,474				43,269				45,474	43,269		

TOTAL	1,194,831				1,216,434				1,194,831	1,216,434		
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>												
Accounts payable, trade	37,627				42,278				37,627	42,278		
Due to affiliates	105,945				78,411				105,945	78,411		
Accrued and other current liabilities	31,332				29,822				31,332	29,822		
Accrued employee benefits costs â€” current portion	0				0				0	0		
Industrial revenue bonds	0				0				0	0		
Total current liabilities	174,904				150,511				174,904	150,511		
Senior notes payable	0				0				0	0		
Accrued pension benefits costs â€” less current portion	0				0				0	0		
Accrued postretirement benefits costs â€” less current portion	0				0				0	0		
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	614,585				686,834				614,585	686,834		
Deferred taxes â€” less current portion	109,011				90,958				109,011	90,958		
Total noncurrent liabilities	723,596				777,792				723,596	777,792		
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>												
Preferred Stock, Value, Issued	0				0				0	0		
Common Stock, Value, Issued	12				12				12	12		
Additional paid-in capital	150,743				144,383				150,743	144,383		
Treasury stock, at cost	0				0				0	0		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,525)				(1,373)				(1,525)	(1,373)		
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	147,101				145,109				147,101	145,109		
Total shareholders' equity	296,331				288,131				296,331	288,131		
TOTAL	1,194,831				1,216,434				1,194,831	1,216,434		
<b>Net sales:</b>												
Third-party customers									202,567	239,235	286,890	
Related parties									247,569	281,393	166,130	
Sales Revenue â€” net									450,136	520,628	453,020	
Cost of goods sold									376,381	400,536	348,040	
Gross profit									73,755	120,092	104,980	
Other operating expense (income) – net									0	0	0	
Selling, general and admin expenses									6,532	6,932	8,083	
Operating income (loss)									67,223	113,160	96,897	
Interest expense â€” third party									0	0	0	
Interest expense – affiliates									(63,935)	(68,174)	(66,549)	
Interest income â€” third party									465	284	467	
Interest income – affiliates									62	303	448	
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									0	0	0	
Other income (expense) – net									5,538	(567)	(1,309)	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures									9,353	45,006	29,954	
Income tax benefit (expense)									(9,982)	(18,843)	(23,803)	

Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures									(629)	26,163	6,151	
Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures									2,623	3,445	3,558	
Net income (loss)									1,994	29,608	9,709	
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</b>												
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									0	0	0	
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									0	0	0	
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									(186)	(186)	(186)	
<b>Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:</b>												
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									0	0	0	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax											0	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									0	0	0	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									0	0	0	
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									0	0	0	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									(186)	(186)	(186)	
Income tax effect									34	33	34	
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(152)	(153)	(152)	
Comprehensive income (loss)									1,842	29,455	9,557	
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>												
Net cash provided by operating activities									19,734	7,251	31,373	
<b>Investing activities:</b>												
Purchase of property, plant and equipment									(12,711)	(11,199)	(8,767)	
Nordural expansion – Helgøyvik									(7,317)	(12,882)	(19,227)	
Purchase of carbon anode assets									0			
Investments in and advances to joint ventures									0	0	0	
Payments received on advances from joint ventures									0	0		
Net change in restricted cash									0	0	0	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment									188	56	15	
Net cash used in investing activities									(19,840)	(24,025)	(27,979)	

**Financing activities:**

Repayments of debt									0			
Repayments of contingent obligation									0			
Proceeds from Lines of Credit								0	0			
Repayments of Lines of Credit								0	0			
Intercompany transactions								(49,035)	(38,992)	101,731		
Repurchase of common stock								0	0			
Issuance of common stock – net									0	0		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities								(49,035)	(38,992)	101,731		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period				159,157				214,923	159,157	214,923	109,798	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	110,016			159,157					110,016	159,157	214,923	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS								(49,141)	(55,766)	105,125		
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**Assets:**

Cash and cash equivalents	73,960			24,244				73,960	24,244	89,373		
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	0							0				
Accounts receivable – net	0			0				0	0			
Due from affiliates	2,391,249			2,474,727				2,391,249	2,474,727			
Inventories	0			0				0	0			
Prepaid and other assets	8,063			3,169				8,063	3,169			
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance, Current	0							0				
Total current assets	2,473,272			2,502,140				2,473,272	2,502,140			
Investment in subsidiaries	(1,039,141)			(995,131)				(1,039,141)	(995,131)			
Property, plant and equipment – net	916			1,211				916	1,211			
Due from Related Parties, Noncurrent	0							0				
Other assets	37,027			39,410				37,027	39,410			
TOTAL	1,472,074			1,547,630				1,472,074	1,547,630			

**Liabilities and shareholders' equity:**

Accounts payable, trade	442			679				442	679			
Due to affiliates	193,788			205,651				193,788	205,651			
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,967			10,358				1,967	10,358			
Accrued employee benefits costs – current portion	2,757			2,431				2,757	2,431			
Industrial revenue bonds	0			0				0	0			
Total current liabilities	198,954			219,119				198,954	219,119			
Senior notes payable	250,582			249,512				250,582	249,512			
Accrued pension benefits costs – less current portion	31,791			30,622				31,791	30,622			
Accrued postretirement benefits costs – less current portion	5,921			5,469				5,921	5,469			
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	2,183			4,631				2,183	4,631			
Deferred taxes – less current portion	0			0				0	0			



Total noncurrent liabilities	290,477				290,234				290,477	290,234		
<b><i>Shareholders' equity:</i></b>												
Preferred Stock, Value, Issued	1				1				1	1		
Common Stock, Value, Issued	933				932				933	932		
Additional paid-in capital	2,507,454				2,506,842				2,507,454	2,506,842		
Treasury stock, at cost	(49,924)				(45,891)				(49,924)	(45,891)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(151,192)				(134,588)				(151,192)	(134,588)		
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(1,324,629)				(1,289,019)				(1,324,629)	(1,289,019)		
Total shareholders' equity	<u>982,643</u>				<u>1,038,277</u>				<u>982,643</u>	<u>1,038,277</u>		
TOTAL	<u>1,472,074</u>				<u>1,547,630</u>				<u>1,472,074</u>	<u>1,547,630</u>		
<b><i>Net sales:</i></b>												
Third-party customers									0	0	0	
Related parties									0	0	0	
Sales Revenue â€™ net									0	0	0	
Cost of goods sold									0	0	0	
Gross profit									0	0	0	
Other operating expense (income) –net									0	0	0	
Selling, general and admin expenses									0	0	0	
Operating income (loss)									0	0	0	
Interest expense â€™ third party									0	0	0	
Interest expense – affiliates									0	0	0	
Interest income â€™ third party									0	0	0	
Interest income – affiliates									0	0	0	
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									0	0	0	
Other income (expense) – net									0	0	0	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures									0	0	0	
Income tax benefit (expense)									0	0	0	
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures									0	0	0	
Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures									(35,610)	11,325	59,971	
Net income (loss)									<u>(35,610)</u>	<u>11,325</u>	<u>59,971</u>	
<b><i>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</i></b>												
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									(218)	(479)	(81)	
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									567	40	171	
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									(186)	(186)	(186)	
<b><i>Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:</i></b>												
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									(16,691)	(62,212)	(32,319)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement												112,488

Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax												
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									(4,113)	32,677	61,216	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									9,837	(16,926)	(8,114)	
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									(4,236)	(253)	343	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									(15,040)	(78,841)	27,314	
Income tax effect									(1,564)	(5,771)	(3,020)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)									(16,604)	(84,612)	24,294	
Comprehensive income (loss)									(52,214)	(73,287)	84,265	
<b>CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>												
Net cash provided by operating activities									0	0	0	
<b>Investing activities:</b>												
Purchase of property, plant and equipment									(189)	(450)	(188)	
Nordural expansion – Helguvik									0	0	0	
Purchase of carbon anode assets									0			
Investments in and advances to joint ventures									(275)	(113)	(32)	
Payments received on advances from joint ventures									3,166	3,056		
Net change in restricted cash									0	0	0	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment									0	0	0	
Net cash used in investing activities									2,702	2,493	(220)	
<b>Financing activities:</b>												
Repayments of debt										(47,067)		
Repayments of contingent obligation										0		
Proceeds from Lines of Credit									18,076	15,900		
Repayments of Lines of Credit									(18,076)	(15,900)		
Intercompany transactions									51,047	25,253	1,134	
Repurchase of common stock									(4,033)	(45,891)		
Issuance of common stock – net										83	23	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities									47,014	(67,622)	1,157	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period				24,244				89,373	24,244	89,373	88,436	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	73,960				24,244				73,960	24,244	89,373	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS									49,716	(65,129)	937	

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[Member]

**Assets:**

Cash and cash equivalents	0				0				0			0
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	0								0			
Accounts receivable â€” net	0				0				0			0
Due from affiliates	(2,995,715)				(3,060,409)				(2,995,715)			(3,060,409)
Inventories	0				0				0			0
Prepaid and other assets	(8,159)				(10,000)				(8,159)			(10,000)
Deferred Tax Assets, Net of Valuation Allowance, Current	1,927								1,927			
Total current assets	<u>(3,001,947)</u>				<u>(3,070,409)</u>				<u>(3,001,947)</u>			<u>(3,070,409)</u>
Investment in subsidiaries	998,806				958,166				998,806			958,166
Property, plant and equipment â€” net	(351)				(265)				(351)			(265)
Due from Related Parties, Noncurrent	(3,588)								(3,588)			
Other assets	598				0				598			0
TOTAL	<u>(2,006,482)</u>				<u>(2,112,508)</u>				<u>(2,006,482)</u>			<u>(2,112,508)</u>

**Liabilities and shareholders' equity:**

Accounts payable, trade	0				0				0			0
Due to affiliates	(2,358,316)				(2,345,845)				(2,358,316)			(2,345,845)
Accrued and other current liabilities	(6,231)				(10,000)				(6,231)			(10,000)
Accrued employee benefits costs â€” current portion	0				0				0			0
Industrial revenue bonds	0				0				0			0
Total current liabilities	<u>(2,364,547)</u>				<u>(2,355,845)</u>				<u>(2,364,547)</u>			<u>(2,355,845)</u>
Senior notes payable	0				0				0			0
Accrued pension benefits costs â€” less current portion	0				0				0			0
Accrued postretirement benefits costs â€” less current portion	0				0				0			0
Other liabilities/intercompany loan	(641,983)				(714,829)				(641,983)			(714,829)
Deferred taxes â€” less current portion	1,241				0				1,241			0
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>(640,742)</u>				<u>(714,829)</u>				<u>(640,742)</u>			<u>(714,829)</u>

**Shareholders' equity:**

Preferred Stock, Value, Issued	0				0				0			0
Common Stock, Value, Issued	(72)				(72)				(72)			(72)
Additional paid-in capital	(454,402)				(441,683)				(454,402)			(441,683)
Treasury stock, at cost	0				0				0			0
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	148,387				133,608				148,387			133,608
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	1,304,894				1,266,313				1,304,894			1,266,313
Total shareholders' equity	<u>998,807</u>				<u>958,166</u>				<u>998,807</u>			<u>958,166</u>
TOTAL	<u>(2,006,482)</u>				<u>(2,112,508)</u>				<u>(2,006,482)</u>			<u>(2,112,508)</u>

**Net sales:**

Third-party customers									0		0	0
Related parties									0		0	0

Sales Revenue â€“ net									0	0	0	
Cost of goods sold									0	0	0	
Gross profit									0	0	0	
Other operating expense (income) –net									0	0	0	
Selling, general and admin expenses									0	0	0	
Operating income (loss)									0	0	0	
Interest expense â€“ third party									0	0	0	
Interest expense – affiliates									0	0	0	
Interest income â€“ third party									0	0	0	
Interest income – affiliates									0	0	0	
Net gain (loss) on forward contracts									0	0	0	
Other income (expense) – net									(30,000)	0	0	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures									(30,000)	0	0	
Income tax benefit (expense)									0	0	0	
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures									(30,000)	0	0	
Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures									38,580	(15,123)	(61,217)	
Net income (loss)									8,580	(15,123)	(61,217)	
<b><i>Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:</i></b>												
Net unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments									218	479	81	
Net loss (gain) reclassified to income on financial instruments									(567)	(40)	(171)	
Net gain on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified to income									186	186	186	
<b><i>Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:</i></b>												
Net gain (loss) arising during the period									13,811	49,194	26,971	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Arising During Period, before Tax											(112,488)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Amortization, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Prior Service Cost Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									4,145	(32,708)	(61,248)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Reclassification, Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans, Net Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Periodic Benefit Cost, before Tax									(8,814)	16,383	7,617	
Comprehensive Income (Loss); Change in Investee before tax									4,236	253	(343)	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect									13,215	66,397	(32,133)	
Income tax effect									1,564	5,771	3,020	
Other comprehensive income (loss)									14,779	72,168	(29,113)	

