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Form 8-K

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): January 15, 2002

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

333-18723

(Commission File Number)

76-0518669

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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KAISER ALUMINUM TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH NOTE HOLDERS

HOUSTON, Texas, January 15, 2002 – Kaiser Aluminum (NYSE:KLU), as previously announced, is working with its financial advisors to review its options for addressing its near-term debt maturities and overall capital structure. As a result, the company announced today that it will begin discussions within the next few weeks with its note holders regarding potential restructuring of its 9-7/8% Senior Notes of 2002 (\$174 million outstanding), 10-7/8% Senior Notes of 2006 (\$225 million outstanding) and 12-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes of 2003 (\$400 million outstanding) in light of current and anticipated business and capital market conditions.

As the company previously discussed, most recently in its Form 10-Q report for the period ended September 30, 2001 and in its December 20, 2001 press release, a variety of unfavorable issues including weak market demand exacerbated by the events of September 11 and low aluminum prices, coupled with significant ongoing legacy obligations and near-term debt maturities, continue to have adverse effects on the company's earnings and cash flow.

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