



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

December 30, 2010

Mr. Michael A. Bless  
Chief Financial Officer  
Century Aluminum Company  
2511 Garden Road  
Building A, Suite 200  
Monterey, CA 93940

**Re: Century Aluminum Company  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009  
Filed March 16, 2010  
Definitive Schedule 14A  
Filed April 21, 2010  
File No. 1-34474**

Dear Mr. Bless:

We have reviewed your filings and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

General

1. Please correct your commission file number on the cover of your periodic and current filings to read 1-34474, which was assigned in conjunction with your filing of the Form 8-A registration statement on September 29, 2009.

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2. We note your disclosure regarding transactions with Glencore International AG. Please expand such disclosure to quantify the dollar value of the amounts involved in the transactions with Glencore, as required by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please contact John Lucas at (202) 551-5798, Laura Nicholson at (202) 551-3584, or me at (202) 551-3745 with any questions.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall  
Assistant Director