



## Presse release

### Hearing on aluminum facility begun

A strategic environmental assessment report is being sent to hearing from today on until and including Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008. The report pinpoints the potential environmental consequences by establishing an aluminum facility in Greenland.

The involved area stretches from north of Sisimiut to south of Nuuk. Preliminary investigations have been carried out since December of 2006.

In connection with the public hearing it is the plan to carry through a number of civic meetings in the involved communities, which are Sisimiut, Maniitsoq and Nuuk, in week 2 and 3 of 2008.

At the spring Parliament meeting this year "Review of energy intensive industry in Greenland" about the potential establishment of an aluminum facility, was received well by the Parliament.

One of the recommendations of the review was that prior to a final decision of an implementation of the project as well as a siting of the aluminum smelter facility, a strategic environmental assessment should be carried out. It is the work of this strategic environmental assessment which is now being sent to public hearing.

The strategic environmental assessment report may be requisitioned from Direktoratet for Miljø og Natur (Department for Environment and Nature) or be downloaded from the internet address [www.aluminium.gl/smv](http://www.aluminium.gl/smv).

Kind regards,

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