



Update on Public / Private Cooperation for Climate Protection: EPA's Magnesium Industry Partnership



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# Organization

 Global Industry Trends
 Partnership Status and Accomplishments

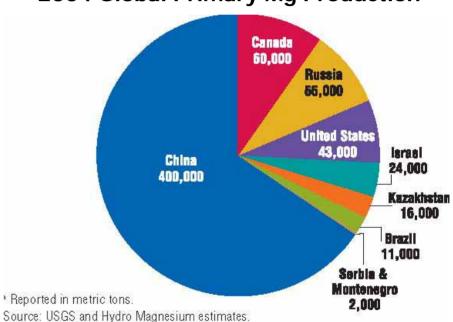
 2006 Highlights

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### **Global Industry Production Trends**

# Mg Production

- China dominates production
  - Hydro Mg to close Canada plant – 48,000 tons
- 2° production grows9.1% to 2010
- Die casting grows
  10% in 2005
  - 10.4% growth to 2010



#### 2004 Global Primary Mg Production

#### Industry Trends: Alternative Melt Protection

- Japan Tokai Rika (die casting) adopting Novec<sup>™</sup> 612
  Strong support from Taive Ninnen Sansa Corporation (TNSC)
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  - 80% reduction from 2000
  - Complete phase out by March 2008
- CDM sparking new projects
  - 🛚 Brazil Rima
  - Israel Dead Sea Mg
  - China great interest
- European regulation of SF<sub>6</sub> begins Jan. 1, 2007
  Ban SF<sub>6</sub> with 850 kg/year exemption
- U.S. Activities
  - Lunt trials with AM-cover, MTG Shield (Novec 612), and SO<sub>2</sub>

### 14 Active Partners, 90% U.S. Industry

#### Partnership launched in 1999

- Acme Die Casting (Northbrook, IL) Closed Mg casting
- Advanced Magnesium Alloys Corporation (AMACOR) (Anderson, Indiana)
- Chicago White Metal Casting (Bensenville, IL)
- Consolidated Foundries (Pomona, CA)
- CONTECH Metal Forge Division of SPX Corporation (Alma, MI) Closed Mg casting
- Del Mar Die Casting (Gardena, CA)
- Diversified Diemakers (Palmyra, MO)
- Garfield Alloys / MagReTech (Garfield Heights, OH) NEW Partner 2006
- Hyatt Die Cast & Engineering Corporation (Cypress, CA)
- Lunt Manufacturing (Schaumburg and Hampshire, IL)
- Magnesium Aluminum Corporation (Cleveland, OH)
- Magnesium Products of America (Eaton Rapids, MI)
- Northern Diecast (Harbor Springs, MI) Announced closing 2006
- Product Technologies (Maple Lake, MN)
- Spartan Light Metal Products (Sparta, IL)
- Twin City Die Castings (Monticello, Minnesota)
- U.S. Magnesium (Salt Lake City, UT)

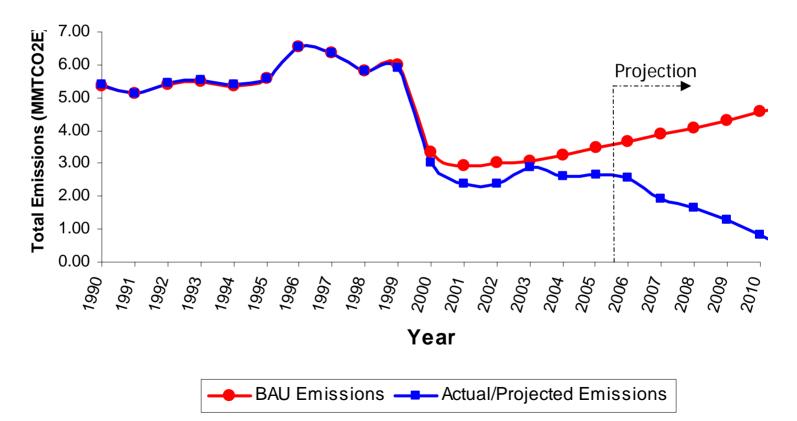
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# Mg Partner Accomplishments

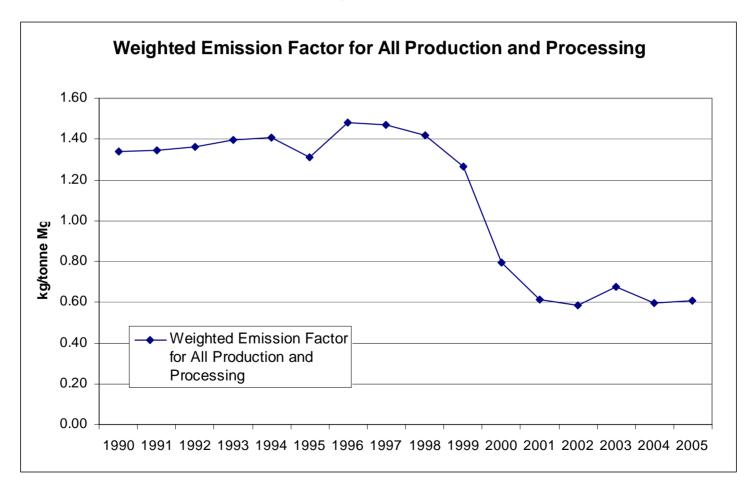
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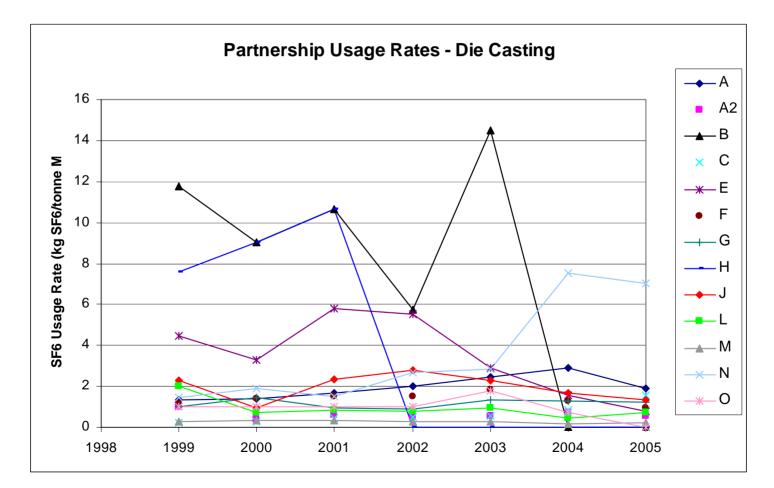
#### Limits of Return on Gas Management?

Partnership Emissions Intensity (kg SF<sub>6</sub>/tonne Mg)



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## U.S. Mg Die Casting SF<sub>6</sub> Usage Rates



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# 2006 Partnership Highlights

- Partner reductions = 0.8 MMTCO<sub>2</sub> in 2005
- Published Alternative Melt Protection brochure with IMA, JMA, and CMA
- Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> melt protection study w/Lunt Manufacturing
   EPA's first look at dilute SO<sub>2</sub>
  - Fluorinated alternatives provide >97% GHG emission reduction v. SF<sub>6</sub>





# **Expanding International Cooperation**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mg Melt Protection Users Group (MPUG) Workshop – Beijing May 2006
  - 50+ participants from around world
  - China moving rapidly to SF<sub>6</sub>
- Initiate cooperation with China's Energy Research Institute (NDRC)
  - High GWP emissions inventory
  - Partnerships with industry



## Proposal for Global Mg Industry "Climate Protection Council"

- EPA initiated discussion on global industry climate protection initiative
  - IMA, JMA, CMA
  - National government representatives
  - Others?
- Potential Benefits
  - Increase exchange of technical information
  - Harmonized emissions reporting consistent with IPCC Guidelines
  - Identify feasible CDM projects
  - Avoid (or comply with) regulations
  - Consistent industry messages
    - Environmental stewardship
    - Promote Mg as "climate friendly" material
- Challenge to industry
  - Adopt 2010 emissions elimination goal

# Barriers & Challenges to 2010 Goal

#### Fear of unknown

Patents, user licenses, CDM

- Ownership / value of emission reduction credits
- Limited number of technology suppliers
  - 3M sole suppler of Novec<sup>™</sup> 612
- New, more sophisticated materials and delivery systems
  - Mass flow meters, toxicity concerns, leak monitors

# 2007 Strategy – Facilitate Technology Transformation

#### Demonstrate & Deploy Alternative Melt Protection Technologies

- Organize 4<sup>th</sup> study for 2007
  - Garfield Alloys
- Prepare case study and recognition for first U.S. partner to eliminate SF<sub>6</sub> emissions

#### Maintain Attention to Proper Cover Gas Management

- Avoid "over protection"
- Waste of resources and EHS hazard

#### Cooperation & Information Sharing

- Track issues such as 3M patent, emissions trading possibilities and implications
- Complete review and publish report / journal paper on Lunt study
- Conduct web cast trainings on EPA's XL-based SF<sub>6</sub> Tracking and Reporting Tool
  - U.S. Partners
  - International
- Support 1<sup>st</sup> Global Industry Report on SF<sub>6</sub> and Cooperative Climate Protection
- Identify and support technology demonstration project in China
- Organize 3<sup>rd</sup> Mg MPUG Workshop at IMA Vancouver, Canada May 2006



# Conclusion

#### Great progress

- Improved understanding of and experience with alternative melt protection
- Leaders needed to begin implementing new technologies

May require capital investment

Two to three year phased adoption

- Share information with industry partners
- Global industry cooperation will expand information sharing, reduce costs