Driver of Change #3
Circular Economy: Aluminium as the front-runner

The new Circular Economy Package represents a unique opportunity to move to a real resource-efficient economy. It is about collecting more secondary raw material and ensuring it is properly and efficiently sorted and treated so that it can be re-used endlessly in new products. Enhancing recycling in Europe will contribute to reduce the dependency on imports, save on energy and resources in general.

**KEY POLICY AREAS**

- Revised EU waste legislation proposal to boost recycling and prevent the production of waste
- Closing the loop - An EU action plan for the Circular Economy

**OUR STRATEGIC ASKS**

- Maximise the collection of available aluminium and phase out landfilling of recyclable materials.
- Stimulate innovation and investment in more efficient collection, sorting and treatment technologies.
- Minimise leakage of aluminium scrap out of Europe, and ensure a level playing field with equivalent EHS standards.

**KNOW THE FACTS**

- **95%** recycling aluminium saves energy compared to primary production
- **75%** thanks to its endless recyclability, 75% of all aluminium ever produced is still in use today
- **1 million tonnes** aluminium scrap exported to non-European countries in 2014

**RECYCLING ALUMINIUM MATTERS**

- over 220 recycling plants and 25,000 indirect jobs
- 10.5 million tonnes of recycled aluminium in 2015
- High end of life recycling rates: > 90% in construction and automotive and 60% in packaging

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