

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO  
(RULE 14d-100)  
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1)  
OR SECTION 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
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CORDANT TECHNOLOGIES INC.  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

CTI ACQUISITION CORP.  
a wholly owned subsidiary of  
ALCOA INC.  
(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))  
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COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$1.00 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)  
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218412104  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)  
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third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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results of the tender offer:

ALCOA TO ACQUIRE CORDANT TECHNOLOGIES

PITTSBURGH and SALT LAKE CITY, March 14, 2000 - Alcoa Inc. and  
Cordant Technologies Inc. today announced they have entered into a  
definitive agreement under which Alcoa will acquire all outstanding shares  
of Cordant for \$57.00 per share payable in cash.

Alcoa will commence the transaction with a cash tender offer for 100%, but not less than a majority, of the outstanding Cordant shares on a fully diluted basis. If a majority of the outstanding shares are purchased in the tender offer, any remaining Cordant shares will be exchanged for cash in the amount of \$57.00 per share in a merger of Cordant and Alcoa's acquisition subsidiary.

The transaction is valued at approximately \$2.9 billion based on 40 million fully diluted shares of Cordant common stock on March 13, 2000 and the assumption of \$685 million in debt.

In announcing the transaction, James R. Wilson, chairman and chief executive officer of Cordant, and Alain J. P. Belda, president and chief executive officer of Alcoa, said: "We are pleased to announce this merger that brings together two companies with obvious complementary activities. Customers, employees and shareholders will benefit from combining each company's manufacturing best practices and technological leadership."

Both companies' Boards of Directors have approved the merger agreement. The transaction will be conditioned on regulatory approvals, including expiration of applicable waiting periods and other customary conditions.

Investors and security holders are strongly advised to read both the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement regarding the tender offer referred to in this press release, when they become available, because they will contain important information. The tender offer statement will be filed by Alcoa with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the solicitation/recommendation statement will be filed by Cordant with the SEC. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of these statements (when available) and other documents filed by Alcoa and Cordant at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The tender offer statement and related materials may be obtained for free by directing such requests to Alcoa Investor Relations. The solicitation/recommendation statement and such other documents may be obtained by directing such requests to Cordant Investor Relations.

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Cordant Technologies Inc. (NYSE: CDD)

#### FACT SHEET

CORDANT TECHNOLOGIES INC. is a technology-based company serving global aerospace and industrial markets. It is composed of three market-leading business groups.

Employment: Approximately 17,000 employees worldwide at some 58 facilities located in five countries: U.S., Canada, France, United Kingdom and Japan.

#### BUSINESS GROUPS:

HOWMET CASTINGS - A leading supplier of investment cast super-alloy and titanium components used in jet aircraft and in electrical power generation.

It is also a leading supplier of investment cast aluminum components used in various aerospace and commercial applications.

Employment: Approximately 10,800  
1999 Revenues: \$1.4 billion

HUCK FASTENERS - A global designer and manufacturer of high performance fasteners and fastening systems.

Employment: Approximately 2,500  
1999 Revenues: \$465.2 million

THIOKOL PROPULSION - It is a leading supplier of solid rocket propulsion systems for space launch vehicles since the inception of manned space flight.

Employment: Approximately 3,800  
1999 Revenues: \$588 million.

ALCOA/CORDANT COMBINATION  
(billions of dollars)

	Alcoa -----	Cordant -----	Estimated Total -----
Revenue	\$16.3	\$2.5	\$18.8
Employees	107,700	17,000	124,700

ALCOA/REYNOLDS/CORDANT COMBINATION  
(billions of dollars)

	Alcoa & Reynolds* -----	Cordant -----	Estimated Total -----
Revenue	\$21.0	\$2.5	\$23.5
Employees	126,700	17,000	143,700

\*pending regulatory approval

For more information on Cordant Technologies Inc. and its three business groups visit <http://www.cordant.com>.