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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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

HOWMET INTERNATIONAL INC.
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

HMI ACQUISITION CORP.
A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF
ALCOA INC.
(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.01 PER SHARE
(Title of Class of Securities)

443208103
(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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ALCOA TO COMMENCE \$20 CASH TENDER OFFER FOR SHARES OF HOWMET INTERNATIONAL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 13, 2000-- Alcoa Inc. said today it plans to commence a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of Howmet International Inc. The offer is part of Alcoa's announced acquisition of Cordant Technologies, Inc., which owns 84.7% of Howmet. Alcoa's offer to Howmet shareholders is conditioned upon completion of Alcoa's pending tender offer for Cordant and the valid tender of a majority of the outstanding Howmet shares not owned by Cordant. The price being offered in the Howmet tender offer is \$20.00 per share. If the Howmet tender offer conditions are satisfied and Alcoa purchases Howmet shares, it will complete the Howmet acquisition with a merger in which all remaining outstanding Howmet shares not owned by Cordant would also receive \$20.00 per share.

Separately, Alcoa said that Cordant and Alcoa submitted the required antitrust notification to the European Community on April 11, 2000. Alcoa's acquisition of Cordant cleared U.S. antitrust review with the expiration of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act waiting period on April 5. No separate antitrust filing is required in either jurisdiction for the Howmet tender offer.

Investors and security holders are strongly advised to read the tender offer statement regarding the tender offer referred to in this press release, when it becomes available because it will contain important information. The tender offer statement will be filed by Alcoa with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the statement (when available) at www.sec.gov. The tender offer and related materials may be obtained for free by directing such requests to Alcoa Investor Relations.

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Alcoa (NYSE: AA)

Howmet International (NYSE: HWM)

Cordant Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: CDD)