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Aluma Systems Launches New Award Winning Aluma Sure Lock Accessory Portfolio at Pulp & Paper Expo

MONTREAL, Canada, February 8, 2005 -- Aluma Systems unveiled its new Aluma Sure Lock Accessory Portfolio at the EXFOR® 2005, the world's largest annual exhibition of technology for the manufacturing of pulp and paper products, February 8-10, at the Montreal Convention Center. The sixteen newly designed accessories enhance the lightweight, modular scaffolding system by shortening erection and dismantling time, and reducing labor costs. The Sure Lock System is hot-dipped, galvanized high tensile steel which limits corrosion and increases the life of the equipment.

Aluma Systems' scaffolding product portfolio also includes the single panel Swing Gate for improved secure access within restricted spaces. The new SureLock single panel Swing Gate installs quickly and easily, guaranteeing safe access for trade personnel. Designed with simple swiveling ledgerheads, the gate can be installed on either the left or right side.

The Aluma Sure Lock Swing Gate and Toeboard recently won the Innovation Award for Workplace Health and Safety from the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Council, because it improves on safety, and dramatically reduces erection time, thereby decreasing labor costs. The Aluma Sure Lock System includes a galvanized steel process which extends the life of the materials for decades even under extreme use, harsh conditions and prolonged exposure to severe weather.

"As a world leader in scaffolding services, Aluma Systems delivered more than ten million hours of scaffolding labor to hundreds of clients over the last four years. It is out of this wealth of field experience that Aluma is able to deliver outstanding systems and industry leading designs," stated Mike Batchelor, President and General Manger, Aluma Systems USA Inc.

Other accessories include the lightweight guard rail attachment, beam riders, modular ladder cages and system ladder and davit arm.

For further information visit Aluma Systems' Booth 2719 or contact Serge Corbeil or Alan Dagenais @ 514-383-1995.

Aluma Systems, based in Toronto, Canada, founded in 1972, is the leading industrial scaffolding and concrete construction services company, with annual revenues of more than \$275MM. Aluma Systems Concrete Construction delivers high-efficiency forming and shoring equipment with unrivaled engineering expertise to global projects ranging from high-rise towers, airports and parking garages to dams, stadiums, bridges, transit systems and water treatment plants. Industrial Scaffolding Services serves refineries, chemical processing plants, shipyards, power plants, pulp and paper mills, marine maintenance, offshore oil rigs, mining and industrial construction. Aluma Systems, an award winning industry leader in safety, innovation and quality, has 32 offices worldwide and a growing international network of alliances in 50 countries. For further information on Aluma Systems and its services, go to its homepage: www.aluma.com.