

## Kaiser Aluminum Announces Quarterly Dividend Payment

FOOTHILL RANCH, Calif., Oct. 13, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kaiser Aluminum Corporation (Nasdaq:KALU) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend payment of \$0.24 per share on the Company's outstanding common stock. The dividend will be payable on November 13, 2009 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 23, 2009.

Kaiser Aluminum, headquartered in Foothill Ranch, Calif., is a leading producer of fabricated aluminum products, serving customers worldwide with highly-engineered solutions for aerospace and high-strength, general engineering, and custom automotive and industrial applications. The Company's North American facilities produce value-added sheet, plate, extrusions, forgings, rod, bar and tube products, adhering to traditions of quality, innovation and service that have been key components of our culture since the Company was founded in 1946. The Company's stock is included in the Russell 2000(R) index. For more information, please visit www.kaiseraluminum.com.

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