

Alpart cutting 900 jobs; ceasing production for at least 12 months

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Alumina Partners of Jamaica (ALPART) has announced that due to the recession it is to cease production for at least 12 months and cut 900 jobs effective May 15.

ALPART said in a release today that the company's alumina product has suffered a 60 per cent drop in price since July 2008.

The company reduced its production by half this year and reached agreement on January 27 with its employees and the unions to reduce work hours in an effort to protect jobs among the permanent workforce.

Alpart is a bauxite mining and alumina processing company operating owned 65 per cent by UC RUSAL of Russia and 35 per cent by HYDRO ALUMINIUM of Norway.