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NAME OF COLLECTION	Comalco Ltd
ACCESSION NO	1987.0056
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Mining companies
DATE RANGE	1960s-1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	17 archive boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The Commonwealth Aluminium Corporation Pty Ltd was formed in 1956 to develop bauxite deposits at Weipa, Queensland. In the following year it entered into a partnership with British Aluminium Co. Ltd. In 1960 British Aluminium withdrew and a new partnership formed between Consolidated Zinc Corporation Ltd and Kaiser Aluminium & Chemical Corporation resulted in the company changing its name to Comalco Industries Pty Ltd and registering in Victoria on 15 Dec 1960. Comalco was to manage and market products from an integrated group of aluminium companies. Based on the mining of bauxite from Weipa and Aurukun, the company operates aluminium smelters at Bell Bay, Queensland; Gladstone, Tasmania; and Bluff, New Zealand. In 1962 Kaiser Aluminium sold its interests to CRA and other companies. The company listed on the stock exchange in 1970 and issued a small shareholding to the public, at the same time changing its name to Comalco Ltd, but Rio Tinto Ltd acquired the remaining shares that it did not own in 1960 and the company was delisted. It is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto Ltd.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	1987
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted. 30 year access restriction applies.
DESCRIPTION	Comalco Aluminium publications, awards, photographs, specimens, press releases, memorabilia, pamphlets, invitations, films.
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	C1/2/1	Comalco: Weekly press cuttings	3 May 1964 - 12 Sep 1964
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3	C1/2/3	Weekly press cuttings: Weipa	23 Mar 1965 - 29 Sep 1965
	C1/2/4	Weekly press cuttings: Bell Bay	13 Apr - 25 Sep 1965
	C1/2/5	Weekly press cuttings: Yennora	13 Jan 1963 – Feb 1963
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	C1/2/11	Weekly press cuttings	31 Mar 1967 - 28 Apr 1967
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5	C1/2/13	Weekly press cuttings	7 Jul 1967 - 28 Aug 1967
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	C1/2/15	Weekly press cuttings	3 Nov 1967 - 22 Dec 1967
5	C1/2/16	Weekly press cuttings	5 Jan 1968 - 23 Feb 1968
6	C1/2/17	Weekly press cuttings summary	1 Mar 1968 - 26 Apr 1968
	C1/2/18	Weekly press cuttings summary	3 May 1968 - 28 Jun 1969
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8	C1/2/28	Weekly press cuttings summary	7 Nov 1969 – 19 Dec 1969
9	C1/2/29	Press cuttings re share issue and listing	Jun 1970
	C1/2/30	Monthly press cuttings	Jan 1964 - Oct 1970
	C1/2/31	Comalco Alfoil: Quarterly press summary. (Recipes)	Jun 1964 - Jun 1965
	C1/2/32	Comalco Alfoil: Press summary. (Recipes using Alfoil)	Oct 1963 - Dec 1966
	C1/3	Internal reports and publications	
	C1/3/1	Comalco Industries Pty. LW.: Report to employees of Comalco Group Companies on its activities	1961
	C1/3/2	Ditto (2 copies).	1962
	C1/3/3	Ditto (2 copies)	1963
	C1/3/4	Ditto (2 copies)	1964
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	C1/3/6	Ditto (2 copies)	1966
	C1/3/7	Ditto (2 copies)	1967
	C1/3/8	Ditto (2 copies)	1968
	C1/3/9	Ditto (2 copies)	1969
9	C1/3/10	Ditto (2 copies)	1973
10	C1/3/11	Comalco News Digest (prepared for internal distribution by the Public Relations Department)	13 Aug 1962 – 1 Sep 1965
	C1/3/12	Comalco Insight (successor to News Digest	16 Nov 1966 - 6 Aug 1973
	C1/3/13	Comalco News Notes (successor to Insight).	2 Aug 1974 - 5 Sep 1975
	C1/3/14	Comalco Aluminium: Metals Division Newsletter, Nos. 1-3	10 Jul 1964- 19 Oct 1964
	C1/4	Other Comalco Publications	
	C1/4/1	Organisational Structure and Introductory Publications	
	C1/4/1/1	'Joint Association of Consolidated Zinc and Kaiser Aluminium', press statement, two copies	25 Nov 1960
	C1/4/1/2	'A new international aluminium programme: Comalco Industries Pty. LW.', booklet, , two copies	c. late 1961
	C1/4/1/3	'Comalco: Organisation and functions', booklet	Nov 1969
10	C1/4/1/4	'Connaco Industries Pty. LW.. Organisation structure', booklet, two copies	31 Jan 1969

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11	C1/4/1/5	'An introduction to Conuaco Industries', leaflet, two copies	May 1962
	C1/4/1/6	'An introduction to Comalco Aluminium', booklet, two copies	Nov 1963
	C1/4/1/7	'Comalco in brief. booklet, two copies	Sep 1978
	C1/4/2	Educational Publications	
	C1/4/2/1	'Comalco: developing an aluminium industry', booklet, two copies	c1969
	C1/4/2/2	'Developing an aluminium industry', booklet, two copies	Jun 1972
	C1/4/2/3	'Developing an aluminium industry', booklet, two copies	Feb 1976
	C1/4/2/4	'The Australian aluminium industry', booklet	Sep 1968
	C1/4/2/5	'The chemistry of aluminium production', booklet, two copies	nd
	C1/4/2/6	'How Comalco makes aluminium', booklet, two copies	Mar 1976
	C1/4/2/7	'How Comalco makes aluminium', leaflet, two copies	c1971
	C1/4/2/8	'From bauxite to aluminium', leaflet with specimens of bauxite, alumina and aluminium	nd
	C1/4/2/9	'Bauxite mining: Weipa', leaflet	c1960s
	C1/4/2/10	'Gladstone alumina project: Queensland Alumina Ltd.', leaflet	c1960s
	C1/4/2/11	'Aluminium mill products: Yennora', leaflet	c1960s
	C1/4/2/12	'Aluminium production, Bell Bay', leaflet	c1960s
	C1/4/2/13	'Your aluminium project', leaflet with specimens of bauxite, alumina, sheet aluminium and extruded aluminium	c1960s
	C1/4/2/14	'Aluminium - the twentieth century metal', chart	c1962
	C1/4/2/15	Diagrammatic flow-sheet of aluminium production, by Australian Aluminium Production Commission	nd
	C1/4/2/16	'The production and recycling of aluminium cans', booklet	May 1977
	C1/4/2/17	'Bauxite to aluminium metal: flow chart of aluminium production at Bell Bay, Tasmania'	May 1967
	C1/4/2/18	'Bauxite to aluminium', leaflet	Aug 1977
	C1/4/3	Comalco employment publications	
	C1/4/3/1	'Opportunities with Comalco', booklet	Jul 1969
	C1/4/3/2	'Careers and vacation training in aluminium', booklet	Aug 1965
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	C1/4/4	Bi-monthly and quarterly publications	
12	C1/4/4/1	Aluminium in Use (published bimonthly by Comalco Products Pty, Ltd.) No 1-12,	
	C1/4/4/2	Aluminium in Use No 14-24	Apr 1965 - Dec 1966
	C1/4/4/3	Aluminium in Use No 25-35	Feb 1967 - Dec 1968
12	C1/4/4/4	Aluminium in Use No 36-46	Feb 1969 - Nov 1970
13	C1/4/4/5	Aluminium (successor to Aluminium in Use: published quarterly by Comalco Ltd.), No 1-4 [lacks No 9]	Mar 1971 - Dec 1971
	C1/4/4/6	Aluminium No 5-8	Apr 1972 - Apr 1973
	C1/4/4/7	Aluminium No 10-11	Dec 1973 - May 1974
	C1/4/5	Publications by other bodies	
	C1/4/5/1	'Red riches in Northern Queensland', reprinted from <i>The Economist</i> , London	5 Dec 1959
	C1/4/5/2	'The Australian Aluminium Industry', Industry Study Series, Department of Trade, Melbourne	May 1960
	C1/4/5/3	'The Aluminium Industry', reprint from the Australian and New Zealand Bank Quarterly Survey	Jul 1962
	C1/4/5/4	'The story of aluminium', The Aluminium Association	c1964
	C1/4/5/5	'A brief survey of the Australian Aluminium Industry', Australian Industries Development Association, special supplement to Directors Reports No, 176	Jun 1967
	C1/4/5/6	'Aluminium Industry Survey', Ian Potter and Co	1968
	C1/4/5/7	'The Fabulous Hill', Alfred Heintz	1959
	C1/5	Comalco awards and public exhibitions	
	C1/5/1	Leaflets and booklets advertising the Comalco invitation award for sculpture in aluminium, (Twenty-four items)	1968 – 1971
	C1/5/2	Invitation from chairman of Comalco, D.J. Hibberd, to a film night at the State Film Centre, East Melbourne	1 Aug 1974
	C1/6	Opening of Dampier Salt Ltd	
13	C1/6/1	Opening of Dampier Salt Ltd: itinerary, name tag, motel tickets, airport notification and other pamphlets (nine items)	6 Dec 1971 – 7 Dec 1971
	C2	WEIPA	
	C2/1	Weipa Opening	
14	C2/1/1	Opening of Weipa: guest package of information, passes, schedules, pamphlets and other memorabilia (fifty-three items)	2 Jun 1967
	C2/1/2	Background notes for press visit to Weipa	27 May 1967

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	C2/2	Introductory and educational publications	
14	C2/2/1	'The bauxite of Weipa: discovery, deposit, mining, township' booklet	1965
	C2/2/2	'Weipa bauxite', booklet	Sep 1970
	C2/2/3	'Bauxite mining: Weipa', pamphlet	Jun 1965
	C2/2/4	'The port of Weipa, 1963: some background to its development	9 Apr 1963
	C2/2/5	'Bauxite: Weipa expansion plans rapidly firming up', a special report for News Digest	17 Aug 1964
	C2/2/6	'Some aspects of mine rehabilitation in Northern Australia' booklet	Jul 1974
	C2/2/7	'Mine regeneration policies and practices at Weipa: a further report', by J. Leggate	Oct 1976
	C2/2/8	'Aborigines and Islanders at Weipa: notes on background and current position'	Oct 1976
	C2/2/9	'Visit to a Bauxite Mine', by W.G. Smith, SJ	1 Feb 1977
	C2/2/10	'Regeneration programme at Weipa', booklet	Mar 1978
	C2/3	Launching of ships	
	C2/3/1	'Naming of M.V. Comalco Investigator', pamphlet	1 Nov 1970
	C2/3/2	'Naming of M.V. Comalco Beagle', pamphlet	26 Mar 1972
	C3	BELL BAY	
	C3/1	Newspaper cuttings	
	C3/1/1	Sydney Morning Herald. Aluminium supplement, 10pp	26 Sep 1955
	C3/1/2	Manufacturers Monthly, featuring Bell Bay	15 Dec 1962
	C3/2	Comalco publications re Bell Bay	
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	C3/2/1/1	Booklet containing a specimen of Comalco aluminium, and a pamphlet entitled 'Aluminium Production: Bell Bay', issued to guests on the occasion of the first voyage of the 'Empress of Australia to Bell Bay'	c1963
	C3/2/1/2	'Aluminium production at Bell Bay, Tasmania'	Mar 1963
	C3/2/1/3	'Aluminium production - Bell Bay', booklet	Sep 1967
	C3/2/1/4	'Aluminium production: Bell Bay', booklet	c1969
	C3/2/1/5	'Aluminium mill products', booklet	Aug 1970
	C3/2/1/6	'Aluminium production: Bell Bay', booklet	Aug 1970
	C3/2/1/7	'Aluminium production, Bell Bay', booklet	Aug 1971
	C3/2/1/8	'Bell Bay: developing an aluminium industry: Comalco'; booklet	Jun 1977
	C3/2/1/9	'Two new Australian products: aluminium powder and paste'	nd
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	C3/3	Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical	

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		Congress	
14	C3/3/1	Envelope of pamphlets and other information: 'Eighth Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress visit to Comalco Aluminium, Bell Bay, Tasmania	Mar 1965
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	C4/1	Bluff plan and opening	
15	C4/1/1	Plan for establishment of an aluminium smelter near Bluff (produced for the New Zealand Government)	Jan 1968
	C4/1/2	New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Ltd.: Bluff Smelter official opening. Guests' folder with tickets, agenda etc (13 items)	29Nov 1971 - 30 Nov 1971
	C4/2	Agreements	
	C4/2/1	The Manapouri development and Comalco agreement	c1976
	C4/3	Press releases and cuttings	
	C4/3/1	'Manapouri power scheme - New Zealand: start of work'; press statement	30 Mar 1960(?)
	C4/3/2	'Manapouri power scheme - Lake levels'; press release	26 Apr 1960(?)
	C4/3/3	New Zealand press cuttings re first metal production at Bluff smelter	23 Apr 1971
	C4/4	Progress reports	
	C4/4/1	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Jun 1961
	C4/4/2	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Jul 1961
	C4/4/3	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Aug 1961
	C4/4/4	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Sep 1961
	C4/4/5	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Oct 1961
	C4/4/6	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Nov 1961
	C4/4/7	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Dec 1961
	C4/4/8	Manapouri power scheme: progress report (monthly)	Jan 1962
	C4/4/9	The Bluff Smelter: A progress report	Jul 1970
	C4/4/10	The Bluff Smelter: A progress report	Mar 1971
	C4/5	Educational publications	
	C4/5/1	'Aluminium smelting in New Zealand'	Aug 1969
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	C5/1/1	Boyne Smelter opening: guest invitations, passes, agenda and other material; 14 items total	20 Aug 1982
	C6	QUEENSLAND ALUMINA LTD GLADSTONE	
	C6/1	Introductory publications	
	C6/1/1	'Gladstone Alumina project, leaflet	c1963
	C6/1/2	'Queensland Alumina" booklet	1969
	C6/2	Specimens	
15	C6/2/1	'Queensland Alumina!, booklet with specimens of bauxite, alumina and aluminium	c1963 - 1964(?)
	C7	YENNORA MILL: SYDNEY	
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16	C7/1/1	'Aluminium Mill Products: Sydney'	c1968(?)
	C7/1/2	'Aluminium Mill Products'	Aug 1970
	C7/1/3	"Aluminium Mill Products: Yennora"	1963
	C7/1/4	"Family day at Yennora mill products plant", leaflet	9 May 19(?)
	C8	COMALCO: AWARDS RECEIVED AND MEMORABILIA	
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	C8/2/1	Twelve boxes of matches with Comalco cover	
	C8/2/2	One box matches commemorating official opening of Weipa	2 Jun 1967
	C8/2/3	Two aluminium medallions commemorating Bell Bay plant, Tasmania	
	C8/2/4	One encased aluminium medallion commemorating completion of no. 3 plotline at Comalco's Bell Bay plant	15 Mar 1971
	C8/2/5	Three pairs cufflinks with Comalco trade mark	
16	C8/2/6	Two souvenir sections of first 3/4 inch plate stretched at Comalco's Yennora Plant	Nov 1966
	C8	COMALCO: AWARDS RECEIVED AND MEMORABILIA	
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	C8/1/3	Australian Association of National Advertisers: Industrial advertising awards: certificate of merit to Comalco Industries Pty Ltd	1970
17	C8/1/4	Australian Association of National Advertisers: Industrial advertising awards: certificate of merit to Comalco Industries Pty Ltd	1971
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