## **AP Technology**<sup>™</sup>

# **Technical training**

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### **IPH-Institut Paul Héroult**

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### Domains treated:

- CA: Carbon
- CG:Casting
- EL: Electrolysis (Reduction)

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- EN: Environment
- MS:Handling-Storage
- ST: Sub-StationPL: Potlining



## Introduction

### **IPH-Institut Paul Héroult**

Created in 1989 for AP Technology<sup>™</sup> users, Institut Paul Héroult (IPH) is a worldrenowned training facility for smelter managers, supervisors and staff. The institute is named after the 19<sup>th</sup>-century inventor of the aluminium reduction process.

### Word from the AP Technology Director

The Institut Paul Héroult (IPH) is a Training Centre dedicated to AP Technology Users which was founded in 1989 to support the sale of AP<sup>™</sup> technology through technical training on knowledge and know-how. It has thus contributed to the successful implementation of new production sites around the world and ensured their subsequent development.

Foundational concepts that have made the IPH's reputation for over 25 years are based on:

- **Comprehensive training programs** to acquire the basics in each of the major technical fields of an aluminium smelter;
- **Subprograms** which break down the programs into divisible entities in time or in space, to better accommodate site visits and optimize transportation of participants, based on their availability;
- **Modules** that make up the master unit for the transmission of technical knowledge on the subjects to be mastered in each of the subprograms;
- **Certified trainers** who are experts in the technical and technological environment of the modules they provide;
- **Training sites** near production plants selected in line with the technology presented in the modules;
- **Training formats** that mix classroom theoretical approaches, application exercises, practical work and site visits.

The IPH not only caters to licensees of the  $AP^{TM}$  Technology but also to teams from RIO TINTO Aluminium Product Group. The IPH offers intra-site or inter-site **training sessions** which include programs, sub-programs or modules that address the identified needs. The terms depend on the number of participants from each site, the technologies used by each of them, and the constraints to protect intellectual property.

### Word from the IPH Director

As part of its mission to support the Technology Sales Team in the transfer of technical knowledge to customers, the IPH focuses on a range of world-class services and products. Through its lookout and networking actions in the learning field, its proximity with AP technology experts and its ability to innovate by adapting learning strategies and knowledge transfer tools, we offer a training catalogue that aims to best meet customer needs. With generic curricula and field-specific modules, we can define training courses suited to the demand and offer customized solutions.

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#### **GENERALITIES ON OUR TRAININGS (INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY INDUCTION)**

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**General Courses** 

General Courses Introductory courses GE.9.003 – Safety induction

# Safety induction

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the main risks of the host plant and identify the prevention and controls measures.

#### Contents

- 1. Risks related to the process
- 2. Preventive and control measures

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises



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#### General Courses

Introductory courses GE.0.007 – Intellectual property - AP technology

# Intellectual property - AP technology

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

**Required material** 

None

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 **Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · comply with the requirements relating to Intellectual Property (IP),
- recognize IP zones,
- recognize who has access to IP zones,
- prohibit or manage the use of cameras and mobile phones,
- recognize an IP-sensitive document (yellow) or derivative document (blue).

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction to Intellectual Property
- 2. Identifying and managing IP-restricted zones and equipment
- 3. Identifying and managing IP-sensitive information media
- 4. Information dissemination and communication devices
- 5. Reminder of prevention and protection means

#### **Training methods**

Theory, participative teaching, competencies assessment (summary of learning)



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**General Courses** General Visit GE.9.000 – General Plant Visit

# **General Plant Visit**

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material PPE

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



At the end of this activity the participant will be able to describe the smelter process and the main risks of the host plant.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Carbon process
- 2. Reduction process
- 3. Casting process
- 4. Gas treatement process
- 5. Handling & Storage
- 6. Substation

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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**Basic Aspects in Carbon** Introduction to Carbon domain CA.0.001 – Carbon in general

# Carbon in general

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the constituents and origin of the raw materials used to produce anodes,
- give a general description of the three main processes in the Carbon sector: green anode production,
- baking and rodding
- describe the anode quality criteria and ways in which they are affected by the anode production process.

#### Contents

- 1. Description and use of anode assemblies
- 2. Basic concepts and raw materials
- 3. The green process
- 4. The baking process
- 5. The rodding process
- 6. Anode quality criteria and links with the process

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Carbon Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.1.007 – Raw materials - Coke

## Raw materials - Coke

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the impacts of coke properties on the aluminium production.

#### Contents

- 1. Carbonaceous raw materials
- 2. Coke production and calcination
- 3. Coke properties and aluminium production

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, interactive teaching, case study (real-life problems), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Carbon Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.1.008 – Raw materials - Pitch

# Raw materials - Pitch

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the pitch manufacturing process and the relevant criteria used in its characterization.

#### Contents

- 1. General
- 2. Pitch characteristics
- 3. Coal pitch production
- 4. Pitch behaviour during coking
- 5. Toxicological risks

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, interactive teaching, case-study (real-life problems), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Carbon Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.1.003 – The aggregate constitution

### The aggregate constitution

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to ensure the respect of the aggregate regularity in relation to the G/S ratio and ultrafines.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. The process and its monitoring
- 3. Granulometry

#### **Training methods**

Theory, demonstration, exercises, case study (real-life problems), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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**Initial Training in Carbon** Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.1.004 – Paste mixing

### Paste mixing

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

Language

English

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001 CA.1.003

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to maintain the optimal level for the paste mixing process' key parameters.

#### Contents

The process
Binding rate

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration, case study (real-life problems), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Carbon Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.1.005 – Cooling and forming

# Cooling and forming

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001 CA.1.004

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)Language0.5English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training, the participant will be able to maintain, at the optimal level, the key parameters for forming and cooling, according to the required anode quality.

#### Contents

- 1. The process
- 2. The key parameters
- 3. Anode qualities and integrity

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Green Process (Paste Plant) CA.2.017 – Green anode - Equipment used in the conventional process

# Green anode - Equipment used in the conventional process

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the main equipment and their basic function in the green anode production process.

#### Contents

- 1. Composition of grain size fractions (primary milling, separation, fines circuit, conveyance systems, dedusting)
- 2. Paste preparation (dry product proportioning, preheating, pitch dosing, mixing and cooling
- 3. Anode forming (vibrocompacting, cooling)

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### **Initial Training in Carbon**

Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.2.018 – Furnace description and fire organization

### Furnace description and fire organization

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the fixed and mobile equipment related to the anode baking furnace.

#### Contents

- 1. Civil engineering of the concrete casing and thermal insulation
- 2. Flue walls and headwalls
- 3. Crossover and waste gas fume collector
- 4. Section, pit and anode numbering
- 5. Heating equipment
- 6. Control system
- 7. Fume treatment centre

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.2.001 – Physical and chemical transformation of anodes during the baking process

# Physical and chemical transformation of anodes during the baking process

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the physical and chemical transformation of anodes during the baking process,
- · describe the pitch transformation as the most critical phase of anode baking.

#### Contents

- 1. The purpose of baking
- 2. Reminder of pitch formation
- 3. Pitch coking or pyrolysis
- 4. Characteristic phenomena of anode baking
- 5. Emission of pollutants during the baking process
- 6. Risks to anodes undergoing baking and remedies

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.1.001 – Baking process in a horizontal flue ring furnace

# Baking process in a horizontal flue ring furnace

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### Pre-requisite

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English





#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to propose solutions to the fundamental problems related to the anode baking process.

#### Contents

- 1. Basic principles of heat exchanges
- 2. Circulation of gas flows in flue walls
- 3. Supplying combustion zones with oxygen
- 4. Heat transfers during baking and cooling
- 5. Heat balance
- 6. Optimization of gas flows
- 7. Process control
- 8. Anode baking level

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, best practices, demonstration (animation) workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.1.002 – Process operation

### Process operation

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the process operation of an anode baking furnace.

#### Contents

- 1. Fire description
- 2. Fire move, the permutation
- 3. Fire control in straight line
- 4. Fire control in crossover
- 5. Checks at beginning and during shift
- 6. Special situation and incident

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (video, animation), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Initial Training in Carbon Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.2.002 – Combustion

### Combustion

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the combustion of the fuel and gases of volatiles.

#### Contents

- 1. Basic of combustion
- 2. Application to the baking furnace
- 3. Injection of combustible
- 4. Efficiency of combustion
- 5. Safety devices and functions

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.1.009 – Anode handling

### Anode handling

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 **Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the general operation procedures of the furnace tending assembly (FTA) for anode and packing coke handling during loading and unloading.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Basic functions
- 2. Tending assembly
- 3. Correct loading of anodes
- 4. Loading
- 5. Unloading
- 6. Organization
- 7. Packing coke

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (video), skills assessment (summary of learning).





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 CA.1.009

#### **Initial Training in Carbon**

Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.2.003 – Drying and start-up of a furnace

# Drying and start-up of a furnace

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the furnace drying program and the startup of fires in the production phase.

#### Contents

- 1. Purpose of drying
- 2. Drying scenario
- 3. Loading scenario
- 4. Preparation of drying
- 5. Loading and positioning of equipment
- 6. Drying and control
- 7. Start-up

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### **Initial Training in Carbon**

Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.2.004 – Refractory lining maintenance – Baking furnace

# Refractory lining maintenance – Baking furnace

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the causes of refractory lining deterioration and the ways of remedying it.

#### Contents

- 1. Factors affecting anode baking furnaces
- 2. Materials used
- 3. Types of deterioration
- 4. Routine maintenance
- 5. Repair and construction operations
- 6. Monitoring furnace status and work organization

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (video), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### **Initial Training in Carbon**

Baking Process (Anode Baking Furnace) CA.1.014 – Checking green and baked anodes

## Checking green and baked anodes

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to recognize the main properties and characteristics of anodes, and identify the process parameters to adjust for quality control.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Properties required for an anode
- 2. Measuring anode properties and methods of analysis
- 3. Correlations and the influence of process parameters
- 4. Process monitoring and anode traceability

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (animation), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Initial Training in Carbon Rodding process (Rodding shop)

CA.1.010 – Rodding shop - The process

# Rodding shop - The process

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Carbon sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

Duration (days)

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the main characteristics and different steps in processing the anode assemblies,
- · associate the expected quality criteria with the different steps.

#### Contents

- 1. Anode assembly description
- 2. Anode assembly use
- 3. Processing the anode assembly and recycling the products
- 4. Quality criteria and rodding incidents

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, interactive teaching, workshop visit, demonstration (animations, film), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Initial Training in Carbon Rodding process (Rodding shop) CA.2.008 – Induction furnace

### Induction furnace

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to identify the pre-requisites for using the induction furnace to guarantee safety, quality and production within the rodding shop, while optimizing energy efficiency.

#### Contents

- 1. Description of a crucible induction furnace
- 2. Properties of cast iron
- 3. Optimizing the shot blasting machine
- 4. Lining material
- 5. Operating an induction furnace
- 6. Energy efficiency
- 7. Replacing the lining material
- 8. Malfunctions and how to deal with them

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Carbon Rodding process (Rodding shop) CA.2.007 – Rodding shop operation

# Rodding shop operation

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the factors having an effect on rodding shop performance.

#### Contents

- 1. Description of the operation
- 2. Important performance factors
- 3. Incidence of these factors on operations
- 4. Rules for optimizing performance
- 5. Follow-up indicators

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

In-depth-activities inserted in our programs CA.9.000 – Carbon workshop visit

### Carbon workshop visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).



#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Carbon process.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Coke and pitch storage
- 3. Aggegate constitution equipement
- 4. Mixer/cooler
- 5. Forming and cooling equipement
- 6. Anode pits and Furnace Tending Assembly
- 7. Anode handling conveyors
- 8. Rodding shop equipment
- 9. Induction furna

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

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CA.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

# Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Objective(s)** 

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English



This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- · list the key points of this training.

#### Contents

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

In-depth-activities inserted in our programs CA.0.002 – Health and safety in anode operations

# Health and safety in anode operations

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CA.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

0.5

**Language** English





#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to identify the risks in the various stages of the anode plant operations and take action in event of incidents or accidents.

#### Contents

- 1. Risks encountered in the Carbon Plant
- 2. Risks specific to the paste plant
- 3. Risks specific to the anode baking furnace
- 4. Risks specific to the rodding shop

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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### CASTING

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Basic Aspects in Casting Introduction to Casting domain CG.0.001 – Introduction to Casting

# Introduction to Casting

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

### Required material

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- explain the manufacturing processes of the various casthouse products made by Rio Tinto;
- explain the various ways in which these products are used by customers;
- indicate the main HSE risks present in a casthouse;
- · indicate the main performance improvement leverages;
- · indicate the main customers and competitors;
- indicate the main production characteristics of the various Rio Tinto smelter casthouses.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. General process
- 3. Specific features of casthouses
- 4. Key messages

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, play activities, demonstrations, workshop visit, best practices exchange, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Casting Casting Furnace CG.1.001 – Furnace equipment/Heat efficiency

# Furnace equipment/Heat efficiency

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- explain the principles of energy efficiency of the furnaces,
- increase the lifespan and performance of the equipment,
- maximise remelt and minimise energy consumption in an optimised cycle time.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Theory
- 3. Measures and controls
- 4. Calculations and applications

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (animation), workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Casting Casting Furnace CG.1.008 – Furnace preparation

## Furnace preparation

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the metal flow from the potroom to the casthouse,
- describe the casting shuttle schedule from the pot to the furnace.

#### Contents

- 1. General information on casthouse and furnace preparation
- 2. The different stages of preparation in a smelter casthouse

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animations), workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).





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Initial Training in Casting Casting Products CG.2.002 – Ingot chain casting

## Ingot chain casting

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

Language

English

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the process flow and identify the stakes of the ingot chain casting.

#### Contents

- 1. Aluminium ingots
- 2. Casting installations
- 3. Ingot casting

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Casting Casting Products CG.2.003 - Sow casting line

### Sow casting line

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 1

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to explain the process of sows solidification and identify the significant parameters.

#### **Contents**

- 1. The sow production
- 2. Sow caster
- 3. Operation: casting control
- 4. Downgraded operation

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (video), evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Casting Casting Quality and Treatment CG.1.006 – Sampling

## Sampling

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the main goals of metal sampling,
- explain how to take, identify and machine a metal sample,
- · identify best practices in sampling molten aluminium in furnaces and during a cast,
- identify the main causes of analytical variations related to sampling and sample preparation.

#### Contents

- 1. General
- 2. Sampling tools
- 3. Sampling
- 4. Sample preparation
- 5. Analysis

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (video), workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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**Initial Training in Casting** Casting Quality and Treatment CG.1.014 – Dross forming and treatment

## Dross forming and treatment

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the mechanism and identify means to limit dross generation.

#### Contents

- 1. Oxidation of aluminium Theoretical aspects
- 2. Dross generation in the casthouse process
- 3. Dross treatment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (videos, animations), workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### **Initial Training in Casting**

Initial Training in Casting Casting Quality and Treatment CG.1.007 – Water network

## Water network

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the role of the cooling water network in the casthouse, the associated quality constraints and the equipment making up the circuit.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Cooling water quality
- 3. The water circuit
- 4. Measurements, water treatment and HSE

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs CG.9.000 – Casthouse visit

## Casthouse visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Casting process.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Furnaces
- 3. Filtration systems
- 4. Casting equipment
- 5. Storage/shipping zone
- 6. Control rooms
- 7. Water treatment

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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#### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

CG.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

## Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

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#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- list the key points of this training.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs CG.1.004 – Health/Safety/Explosion hazards

## Health/Safety/Explosion hazards

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Casting sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: CG.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, participants will be able to describe the impacts of the process parameters and casting equipment on safety, covering and slab quality.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Rolled products
- 2. Process description
- 3. Formation of the curl
- 4. Control the curl
- 5. Equipment preparation
- 6. Solidification
- 7. Steady state
- 8. Defects, corrections and performance indicators
- 9. Automatic control system

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations, play activities, best practices exchange, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### ELECTROLYSIS

#### **BASIC ASPECTS IN ELECTROLYSIS**

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Basic Aspects in Electrolysis Introduction to Electrolysis domain EL.0.001 – Introduction to Electrolysis

## Introduction to Electrolysis

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

#### **Required material**

Calculator PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

## Duration (days) 0.5

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- date the main events linked to the development of electrolysis techniques;
- explain the main outlines of the process;
- name the main characteristics of the inputs;
- match the components of a potroom up with their respective role;
- · identify the challenges and stakes of the electrolysis process.

#### Contents

- 1. History and development of technologies
- 2. The electrolysis process
- 3. The material flow
- 4. The components of a potline and a pot
- 5. The challenges and stakes

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations, participative teaching, workshop visit, play activity, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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**Initial Training in Electrolysis** Generalities on pot and safety EL.1.005 – Fundamentals and equilibria

## Fundamentals and equilibria

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Electrolysis sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1.5

Duration (days)

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the main phenomena present in the pot,
- describe the equilibria involved in alumina reduction,
- identify their main interactions, understand pot design,
- describe the developments in AP technology,
- be familiar with the main material flows,
- identify the main components of a modern pot.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Phenomena involved
- 3. Equilibria
- 4. Interactions between equilibria
- 5. Design and upgrading of a pot generation
- 6. Main material flows
- 7. Main components of a modern pot

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos, animations), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Electrolysis

Generalities on pot and safety EL.1.022 – General and specific hazards in electrolysis

## General and specific hazards in electrolysis

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Electrolysis sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training activity and in consideration of the risks existing in the Reduction department, the participant will be able to explain the reasons for taking operating mode measures that will ensure people's health and safety and protect the materials.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. General hazards and how to prevent them
- 3. Explosions/splattering and burns

4. Electrical hazards

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations (videos), play activities, best practices exchange, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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**Initial Training in Electrolysis** Generalities on pot and safety EL.1.023 – Electrical risks in Potroom

## Electrical risks in Potroom

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Electrolysis sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module and in consideration of the electrical risks existing in the Electrolysis department, the participant will be able to:

explain the reasons for having the installations and equipment designed to limit electrical hazards;
 explain the importance of the rules for the prevention of electrical hazards, in particular the wearing

 explain the importance of the rules for the prevention of electrical hazards, in particular the wearing of PPE;

• explain how to prevent electrical hazards.

#### Contents

- 1. The effects of current on people
- 2. Potroom measurements and analysis
- 3. The various potential zones
- 4. Electrical hazards and how to limit them
- 5. Possible incidents and downgraded situations
- 6. Electrical hazards at the basement

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations (videos), play activities, best practices exchange, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Electrolysis

Initial Training in Electrolysis Operations on pot and PTA operations EL.2.007 – Anode change supervision

## Anode change supervision

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration	(days)
0.5	

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training activity the participant will be able to understand the reasons why operations have to be done in such a way and to explain the importance of respecting operating procedure including safety rules in order to minimize the impact of the operation on the process.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Anode assembly
- 2. Work method and HSE risks
- 3. Anode change and disturbances on major equilibria
- 4. Quality indicators and monitoring

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations (videos), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Initial Training in Electrolysis Operations on pot and PTA operations EL.2.008 – Metal tapping supervision

## Metal tapping supervision

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 **Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the route of the metal produced from the pot to the Casthouse, and the actions to be taken to ensure optimum supervision of this operation.

#### Contents

- 1. The customer-supplier relationship between Potline and Casthouse
- 2. The metal tapping facilities
- 3. The metal tapping procedure

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations (videos), workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Electrolysis

Initial Training in Electrolysis Operations on pot and PTA operations EL.2.014 – Operating the PTA

## Operating the PTA

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.2.002 EL.2.023 EL.2.007 EL.2.008



PTA simulator PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the PTA and its main features,
- · identify equipment of PTA and operations for which they are used,

• identify the information of the man-machine interfaces from the cabin and remote box, including diagnostic help,

• state and explain the main safety rules related to the use of PTA.

#### Contents

- 1. Overview and organization
- 2. PTA presentation

3. PTA use

4. PTA & ALPSYS exchange

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Initial Training in Electrolysis Other Potline operations EL.2.009 – Supervision of other operations

## Supervision of other operations

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

- At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:
- · list the pot operations,

• identify the key points of the actions to be carried out on the pots during these operations in order to limit pot disturbance, reduce the risks - for the operators and limit emissions,

• explain the advantages of following the operating procedure for each operation regarding the reasons given above.

#### Contents

- 1. Organisation of potline operations
- 2. Anode beam raising
- 3. Bath tapping
- 4. Anode cover maintenance
- 5. Pot tending
- 6. Anode effect treatment
- 7. Anode problem treatment
- 8. Metal transfer
- 9. Replacing a feeding device

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstrations (videos, animations), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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**Initial Training in Electrolysis** Other Potline operations EL.2.010 – Sampling, analysis and measurement methods

# Sampling, analysis and measurement methods

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### **Duration (days)**

1

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the measurement equipment used,
- · describe the measurement and sampling methods implemented on a pot,
- interpret the measurements taken and identify the drifts,
- explain the possible consequences of incorrect measurement on operation of the Reduction process,
- identify the HSE risks associated with the various measurements and samplings and describe the appropriate inspection and prevention means.

#### Contents

- 1. Basic notions
- 2. Measurements and samples to be taken
- 3. Main measurements and sampling impact on equilibria
- 4. Operating procedures
- 5. Problematic situations

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos) skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Electrolysis

Preheating and start-up and lining EL.2.020 – Supervision and follow up of pot preparation and preheating

## Supervision and follow up of pot preparation and preheating

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe operations of start-up, from pot preparation to pot preheating,
- explain how react facing possible incidents.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Pot preparation
- 3. Pot energizing
- 4. Pot preheating
- 5. Problems

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos) skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Preheating and start-up and lining EL.2.021 – Supervision and follow-up of pot start-up and early life

# Supervision and follow-up of pot start-up and early life

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)	
1.5	



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

Language English

• describe the operations of pot start-up, from the end of preheating to the metal addition, and the evolution of the process parameters in the early life of the pot,

• explain the sequence of the operations for putting a pot into service and their importance for operation and life time of the pot.

#### Contents

- 1. Start-up
- 2. Post start-up operations
- 3. Pot early life
- 4. Case study

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, play activities, demonstration (videos) skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Principles EL.2.002 – Pot process control principles - Part 1

## Pot process control principles - Part 1

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English





#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the general architecture of the pot process control system, that is to say:

- operating principle normal and specific,
- equipment,
- main control variables of pots, more particularly the Anode-Cathode Distance (ACD).

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction to pot process control
- 2. Operating principle of pot process control
- 3. Equipment used for pot process control
- 4. Specific operating modes
- 5. Acquisition and monitoring of pot voltage and potline amperage
- 6. Adjustment of anode-cathode distance

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Principles EL.2.023 – Pot process control principles - Part 2

## Pot process control principles - Part 2

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English





#### Objective(s)

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

• describe the main pot process control procedures and identify the possible interactions between all of them,

• understand some interactions between these procedures.

#### Contents

- 1. Instability treatment
- 2. Anode effect treatment
- 3. Potline shutdown procedure
- 4. Anode change procedure
- 5. Anode beam raising procedure
- 6. Operating principle of alumina content control
- 7. Operating principle of thermal control
- 8. Chisel-bath contact procedure
- 9. FCN monitoring

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Principles EL.2.003 – Pot alumina feeding

## Pot alumina feeding

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to: • explain the importance of alumina characteristics in order to optimize potline operation and more particularly point feeding system,

· describe the principle used to manage pot alumina feeding.

#### Contents

Alumina
 Alumina feeding control

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos, animations) skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Principles EL.2.004 – Thermal control

## Thermal control

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

## Duration (days)

English

Language

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- explain how thermal control maintains the thermal equilibrium of each pot,
- explain main reports connected with thermal control.

#### Contents

- 1. Thermal equilibrium
- 2. Aluminium trifluoride
- 3. Principles of thermal control
- 4. Supervision and work by operating team

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animations) skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Practical exercises and related activities EL.4.003 – Dual Potmicro Exercises

## **Dual Potmicro Exercises**

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.2.002 EL.2.023 EL.2.003

#### **Required material**

1 Dual Potmicro included in the training and test bench 1 notebook

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

ays) Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, using the test bench, the participant will be able to:

- describe the ALPSYS Dual Potmicro front panel,
- perform on the Dual Potmicro all the actions related to pot operation.

#### Contents

- 1. Modifying a parameter
- 2. Setting orders
- 3. Crustbreaker/feeder stoppage and test
- 4. Tapping/Anode change/Anode cover request
- 5. Anode beam raising
- 6. Pot voltage and current monitoring
- 7. Anode effect treatment
- 8. Purge tracking
- 9. Order discrepancy fault

#### **Training methods**

Participative teaching, practical exercises



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**Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys** Process control - Practical exercises and related activities EL.2.041 – Pot action and follow-up with the i-POT

## Pot action and follow-up with the i-POT

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.2.002 EL.2.023 EL.2.007 EL.2.008

#### **Required material**

i-POT device

Number of participants From 6 to 12

#### **Duration (days)**

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

1

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the different pot follow-up options available with the i-POT,
- · list the main pot actions that can be activated with the i-POT,
- list the different work procedures that can be launched with the i-POT.

#### Contents

- 1. Equipment used and architecture
- 2. User interface
- 3. Follow-up functions
- 4. Work procedure functions
- 5. Pot action functions

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos, animations), skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Practical exercises and related activities EL.2.040 – RADAR for general users

## RADAR for general users

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.2.002 EL.2.023

#### **Required material**

Computer RADAR software

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### Duration (days)

1

) Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the functions available from the RADAR application,
- operate the RADAR dashboard pages,
- use the RADAR analytic pages,
- extract data from RADAR.

#### Contents

- 1. Background
- 2. Solution overview
- 3. General users' functions

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos, animations), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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Process Control in Electrolysis with Alpsys Process control - Practical exercises and related activities EL.2.043 – RADAR for advanced users

## RADAR for advanced users

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EL.2.002 EL.2.023

#### **Required material**

Computer RADAR software

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

## Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · describe the main features of the QlikView product,
- configure RADAR application,
- adapt dashboards & analytics from RADAR application.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Configuration
- 3. MMI customization

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos, animations), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs Generalities on pot and safety EL.9.000 – Reduction visit

## **Reduction visit**

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).



#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material PPE

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Reduction process.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Pot components
- 3. Pot operations
- 4. Pot tending Assembly (PTA)
- 5. ALPSYS system
- 6. Control room

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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#### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

EL.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

## Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- · list the key points of this training.

#### Contents

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs Operations on pot and PTA operations EL.9.002 – Shift Work

## Shift Work

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).



#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to identify the equipment and operations of the Reduction process.

#### **Contents**

1. Shift work observation (Production & operations, process & measurements)

#### **Training methods**

Workshop visit, demonstration, discussion, exercises



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#### Basic Aspects in Scrubbing-Environment

**Basic Aspects in Scrubbing-Environment** Introduction to Scrubbing-Environment Domain EN.0.001 – Environment – General aspects

## Environment – General aspects

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

#### Required material

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

• identify the main impacts generated by an aluminium smelter and their effects on the natural environment and human health,

- · identify the emissions standards, smelter performance figures and targets,
- identify possible drivers for action.

#### Contents

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Main impacts
- 3. Major risks
- 4. Performance
- 5. Pollution: effects and prevention

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, play activity, interactive teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Basic Aspects in Scrubbing-Environment

Basic Aspects in Scrubbing-Environment Introduction to Scrubbing-Environment Domain EN.0.002 – Gas and fume treatment technologies

## Gas and fume treatment technologies

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training activity, the participant will be able to:

- · identify the key points of the gaseous emissions treatment processes and the control parameters,
- implement the available levers for action for controlling atmospheric emissions.

#### Contents

- 1. Wet scrubbing and dry scrubbing
- 2. Functions that collection and treatment must fulfil
- 3. Adsorption and fluidization
- 4. Control parameters
- 5. Major accidents and downgraded situations

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, play activities, demonstrations, participative teaching, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment

Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment Gas Treatment Center - Reduction interface EN.1.003 – Scrubbing/Potline interfaces

## Scrubbing/Potline interfaces

#### Clientele

Supervisors/shift technical supervisors; technicians/superintendents/Manager; process engineer; scrubbing and Electrolysis employees of the site.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)Language0.5English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to implement best practices and interact efficiently with the other sector to enhance installation performance and ensure compliance with applicable environmental standards.

#### Contents

- 1. Reminder of basic notions
- 2. Process follow-up and KPI
- 3. Best practices
- 4. Assessment of the current situation
- 5. Contract/Charter

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, best practices exchange, real life cases presentation, carrying out on-site audit, mini on-site audit exercise, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment

**Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment** Gas Treatment Center EN.1.004 – Description of gas treatment installations

## Description of gas treatment installations

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Scrubbing-Environment sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### Duration (days)

1

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the gas treatment centre (GTC).

#### Contents

- 1. Generalities and reminders
- 2. Gas circuits
- 3. Alumina circuits
- 4. Filters
- 5. Exhaust fans
- 6. Centre supervision and ancillary installations

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, competencies assessment.



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#### Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment

Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment Gas Treatment Center EN.1.005 – Operation of a gas treatment centre

## Operation of a gas treatment centre

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Scrubbing-Environment sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants From 6 to 12

Duration (days)	Language
1.5	English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe and participate to the operation of a GTC.

#### Contents

- 1. General
- 2. Operation
  3. Troubleshooting
- Training methods

Theory, exercises, practical exercise, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment

Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment Gas Treatment Center EN.1.006 – GTC - Key points of the process

# GTC - Key points of the process

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Scrubbing-Environment sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

Calculator PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

#### Duration (days)

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to control and use key points.

#### Contents

- 1. Pot evolutions
- 2. Collection & Treatment
- 3. Alumina properties
- 4. Gas flow
- 5. Filtration velocity
- 6. Fluoride emissions
- 7. Energy consumption

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstration (animation), workshop visit, calculation theoretical exercise, practical exercise, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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**Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment** Gas Treatment Center Commissioning EN.2.006 – Start-up of Gas Treatment installations (I)

# Start-up of Gas Treatment installations (I)

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participants will be able to:

- describe their role in the start-up of a GTC,
- simulate a start-up of a GTC.

#### Contents

- 1. General
- 2. Start-up organization
- 3. GTC checks and cold commissioning tests

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, practical exercise, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment Gas Treatment Center Commissioning EN.2.007 – Start-up of Gas Treatment installations (II)

# Start-up of Gas Treatment installations (II)

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe his/her role in the start-up of a GTC,
- simulate a start-up of a GTC.

#### Contents

1. Hot commissioning for a GTC 2. Ramp-up of a GTC

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, practical exercise, skills assessment (summary of learning).





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Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment Fume Treatment Center EN.1.008 – The Fume Treatment Centre

# The Fume Treatment Centre

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Electrolysis sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### **Required material**

Calculator PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1.5

#### Duration (days)

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- understand the requirements of the baking furnace,
- describe a FTC,
- describe the operation of a FTC,
- explain and/or participate the commissioning of a FTC.

#### Contents

- 1. Description of a FTC
- 2. Operation of a FTC
- 3. Key points of the process
- 4. Troubleshooting
- 5. Commissioning of a FTC

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, play activities, workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Scrubbing-Environment

Environmental Monitoring EN.1.009 – Evolution and emission control - Measurement of atmospheric evolution and emissions

# Evolution and emission control -Measurement of atmospheric evolution and emissions

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Scrubbing-Environment sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: EN.0.001. EN.0.002.

#### Required material Calculator PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

4

**Duration (days)** 

Language English

#### Objective(s)

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

 understand the main steps to carry out stack sampling, roof vent sampling and GTC and FTC inlet sampling,

- describe some continuous analyzers,
- calculate pollutant concentrations and emissions.

#### Contents

- 1. Reminder General
- 2. Sampling points and conditions
- 3. Preliminary calculations and measurements in the gas streams
- 4. Sampling train
- 5. Tar and PAH sampling
- 6. Roof vent sampling
- 7. Analysis and final calculations
- 8. Continuous analyzers

#### **Training methods**

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Theory, exercises, calculation theoretical exercise, practical exercise, illustrative demonstration, workshop visit, skills assessment (summary of learning).

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### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

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EN.9.000 - Gaz Treatment Center/Fume Treatment Center/Environment visit

# Gaz Treatment Center/Fume Treatment Center/Environment visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)Language0.5English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Fume Treatment process.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Gas circuits
- 3. Alumina circuits
- 4. Filters
- 5. Exhaust fans

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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#### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

EN.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

# Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- list the key points of this training.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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#### BASIC ASPECTS IN HANDLING-STORAGE

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## **HDPS** Basics

#### Clientele

**Pre-requisite** 

Required material PPE may be required

Number of participants

None

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).







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**Duration (days)** 

From 6 to 12

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training activity, the participant will be able to describe the electrolytic pot feeding process using the HDPS (Hyper Dense Phase System) and to explain how it operates.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials: characteristics concerning handling and storage operations
- 2. Basic principles concerning fluidization techniques
- 3. Basic principles of continuous feeding of alumina to the pots in a potline: Hyper Dense Phase System

#### **Training methods**

Theory, participative teaching approach, competencies assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

Handling-Storage - Raw materials, process and equipment MS.2.001 – Handling and storage on the smelter - Raw materials

# Handling and storage on the smelter - Raw materials

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: MS.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5 Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · identify the raw materials used on the smelter,
- name the characteristics and uses of the different raw materials used at an aluminium smelter,
- identify the influence of these characteristics on the conditions for handling and storing these products.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. General description of installations
- 3. Basic handling techniques
- 4. Basic storage techniques
- 5. Description of equipment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

Handling-Storage - Raw materials, process and equipment MS.2.002 – Handling and storage on the potline – General description of installations

# Handling and storage on the potline – General description of installations

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: MS.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### **Duration (days)**

1

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the functions of potline installations,
- · explain the material flows in the potline,
- explain the operating principles.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. General description of installations
- 3. Basic handling techniques
- 4. Basic storage techniques
- 5. Description of equipment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

Handling-Storage - Raw materials, process and equipment MS.2.003 – Handling and storage on the smelter – Basic handling techniques

# Handling and storage on the smelter – Basic handling techniques

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: MS.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### **Duration (days)**

1

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- name and differentiate the main techniques for handling raw materials,
- · explain the technologies used for:
- pneumatic transport,
- · mechanical transport,
- transport using fluidization,
- · identify the uses of these techniques,
- · describe in his own words:
  - what influences the air circulation velocity,
  - how to avoid load breaks and increase the average flow rate,
  - how the modern pots are fed with alumina.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. General description of installations
- 3. Basic handling techniques
- 4. Basic storage techniques
- 5. Description of equipment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (video and fluidization test), evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

Handling-Storage - Raw materials, process and equipment MS.2.004 – Handling and storage on the smelter – Basic storage techniques

# Handling and storage on the smelter – Basic storage techniques

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: MS.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

#### Duration (days)

0.5

**Language** English



At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · differentiate the different types of storage,
- quote the risks related to storing in silos,
- · identify the techniques for eliminating them,
- explain the suitable methods for storing alumina and coke,
- · describe in his own words:
- what happens during pile formation,
- · how the particle size varies during reclaiming,
- the advantages of mass flow in comparison with funnel flow.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. General description of installations
- 3. Basic handling techniques
- 4. Basic storage techniques
- 5. Description of equipment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (models), evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

#### Initial Training in Handling-Storage

Handling-Storage - Raw materials, process and equipment

MS.2.005 - Handling and storage at plant discharging installations and on the potline - Description of equipment

# Handling and storage at plant discharging installations and on the potline – Description of equipment

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### Pre-requisite

The participants must have completed: MS.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 

1

English

Language



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

• describe the characteristics of the handling and storage equipment used at the unloading area and on the potline,

- · describe the key points of its operation and maintenance,
- · identify any risks presented by this equipment.

#### Contents

- 1. Raw materials
- 2. General description of installations
- 3. Basic handling techniques
- 4. Basic storage techniques
- 5. Description of equipment

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (video), evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs MS.9.000 – Alumina handling and Storage visit

# Alumina handling and Storage visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).



#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Handling-Storage process.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Unloading station
- 3. Fresh and fluorinated alumina facilities
- 4. Conveyors
- 5. HDPS
- 6. Storage in courtyard or blower room

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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MS.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

# Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- · list the key points of this training.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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#### **Basic Aspects in Potlining**

Basic Aspects in Potlining Introduction to Potlining Domain PL.0.001 – Introduction to Potlining

# Introduction to Potlining

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the pot construction, the activities influencing its performance and the mutual impacts with the other fields.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Impacts of the lining on the pot's performance
- 2. Pot construction
- 3. Main relations between potlining and the other areas

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, play activities, workshop visit, competencies assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Potlining

#### **Initial Training in Potlining**

Potlining activities - Supervision and follow-up PL.2.001 – Potlining products acceptance

# Potlining products acceptance

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: PL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- explain the principles of the potlining product acceptance,
- follow the specifications to check the potlining materials.

#### Contents

- 1. Organization of potlining product supplies
- 2. Pot shell
- 3. Refractory materials
- 4. Carbon materials
- 5. Metallic and miscellaneous materials

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Potlining

#### **Initial Training in Potlining**

Potlining activities - Supervision and follow-up PL.2.002 – Supervision and follow-up of cathode block sealing

# Supervision and follow-up of cathode block sealing

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: PL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 0.5

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the cathode block sealing process,
- · identify the HSE risks and all parameters linked with the different sealing steps,
- · identify the main quality checks to carry out and determine the potential impacts.

#### Contents

- 1. Description Purpose Effects
- 2. Sealing Operation
- 3. Traceability
- 4. Quality

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Potlining

#### **Initial Training in Potlining**

Potlining activities - Supervision and follow-up PL.2.003 – Supervision and follow-up of brickwork, cathode block, SiC slabs and preformed block laying

# Supervision and follow-up of brickwork, cathode block, SiC slabs and preformed block laying

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### Pre-requisite

The participants must have completed: PL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 

1

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe in detail the following steps of the pot construction:

· brickwork, cathode block and preformed block laying.

#### Contents

- 1. Principle and objectives
- 2. Brickwork
- 3. Cathode block laying
- 4. Side brickwork
- 5. SiC slab laying
- 6. Preformed block laying
- 7. Other activities
- 8. Potlining file

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, skills assessment (summary of learning)



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#### Initial Training in Potlining

#### **Initial Training in Potlining**

Potlining activities - Supervision and follow-up PL.2.004 – Supervision and follow-up of ramming and lining completion

# Supervision and follow-up of ramming and lining completion

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: PL.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · explain the principle and the ramming method,
- supervise and follow-up the ramming and lining completion.

#### Contents

- 1. Lining paste
- 2. Equipment
- 3. Operations and inspections
- 4. Anomalies

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (videos), skills assessment (summary of learning)



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs Other Potline operations PL.9.000 – Potlining visit

# Potlining visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material PPE

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

**Language** English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to identify the equipment and the steps of the Potlining process.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Pot components
- 3. Cathode sealing process and equipment
- 4. Raw materials storage
- 5. Potlining stages/pits
- 6. Ramming equipment
- 7. Delining equipment

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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PL.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

# Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- list the key points of this training.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

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#### SUBSTATION

#### **BASIC ASPECTS IN SUBSTATION**

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#### **Basic Aspects in Substation**

**Basic Aspects in Substation** Introduction to Substation domain ST.0.001 – Substation general

## Substation general

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

#### **Required material**

Calculator PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this training activity, the participant will be able to define the substation as a process and describe its fundamental role for operation of the smelter and, in particular, operation of the potline.

#### Contents

- 1. The substation and reduction
- 2. The substation process
- 3. Constraints and stakes

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, demonstrations (animations), workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Sub-Station

Process and equipment of the Sub-Station ST.1.002 – The pot – Electricity

# The pot – Electricity

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Sub-station sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: ST.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1

**Duration (days)** 

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- · explain the basis of the electrolysis process,
- · describe the electrical aspects within the process.

#### Contents

- 1. Paul Heroult's process
- 2. Alumina Bayer process
- 3. Physico-chemical phenomena
- 4. Main characteristics
- 5. Equilibriums
- 6. Pot electrical power supply

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, play activities, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Sub-Station Process and equipment of the Sub-Station ST.1.003 – Potline – Electricity

# Potline – Electricity

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Sub-station sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: ST.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

1.5

**Duration (days)** 

English

Language



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to describe the electric characteristics of the potlines from the perspective of the substation.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Pot power supply
- 2. Voltage/current characteristics
- 3. Current regulation
- 4. Incidents

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, play activities, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Initial Training in Sub-Station Process and equipment of the Sub-Station ST.1.004 – Rectifiers - General

# **Rectifiers - General**

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Sub-station sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: ST.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

2

**Duration (days)** 

**Language** English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to explain the theory on which the operation of the Graetz bridge rectifier and of the self-saturated reactors is based.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Definitions
- 2. Graetz bridge
- 3. Commutation
- 4. Alternating currents
- 5. Conclusion

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, demonstration (animation), evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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#### Initial Training in Sub-Station

Process and equipment of the Sub-Station ST.1.005 – Sub-station - Principles and design

# Sub-station - Principles and design

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams and plant trainers, in Sub-station sector; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: ST.0.001

#### **Required material**

PPE may be required

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days) 2.5

s) Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to state the distinguishing characteristics of the electrical engineering equipment used in a conversion substation considering the specific constraints (reliability, energy sources involved, operating continuity).

#### Contents

- 1. General
- 2. Incoming bays
- 3. Regulating bays
- 4. Converter bays
- 5. Auxiliary bays
- 6. Miscellaneous

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, workshop visit, play activities, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Process Control in Sub-station SURMEC System ST.2.001 – Potline voltage and amperage

# Potline voltage and amperage



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- describe the measuring systems for current, voltage and power in a potline, more specifically the elements of U, I and P measuring chains,
- identify the stakes linked to accurate measurements.

#### Contents

- 1. Current sensors
- 2. Low voltage measurement
- 3. Potline voltage measurement
- 4. AC power measurement

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning).



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Process Control in Sub-station SURMEC System

SURMEC

ST.2.002 - SURMEC

#### Clientele

Technical employees of the plant, directly concerned by the subject at hand; employees within expert centres.

#### **Pre-requisite**

The participants must have completed: ST.0.001

**Required material** 

PPE may be required

#### Number of participants

From 6 to 12

## Duration (days)

Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- explain the choices made by the SURMEC for DC current, DC voltage and alternative power values,
- describe the main SURMEC parameters,
- explain the operation of the SURMEC equipment,
- · proceed with troubleshooting on the SURMEC equipment.

#### Contents

- 1. Description of measurement chains
- 2. Description of measurement processing
- 3. SURMEC operation
- 4. SURMEC troubleshooting

#### **Training methods**

Theory, exercises, participative teaching, workshop visit, evaluative skills assessment (summary of learning)



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In-depth-activities inserted in our programs ST.9.000 – Sub-station visit

# Sub-station visit

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### **Pre-requisite**

None

Required material PPE

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

Duration (days)

Language English



#### **Objective(s)**

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to make the connection between the theoretical elements contained in the modules and the Substation equipment.

#### Contents

- 1. Examples of equipment or operations being observed:
- 2. Rectifiers
- 3. Potline
- 4. Measurements
- 5. SURMEC

#### **Training methods**

This activity is essential for the smooth running of the training programmes. It cannot not be presented on its own. It may appear in several different places during a training programme. The setting up of this activity will depend on the availability of facilities at the host site and the operations timetable at the time of the training course.



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#### In-depth-activities inserted in our programs

ST.9.001 - Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

# Summary of Learning / Debriefing / Questions & Answers / Conclusion

#### Clientele

Employees possessing technical skills linked to management of teams (Plant trainerswhatever the speciality, employees within expert centres, managers, employees part of functional teams).

#### Pre-requisite

None

Required material None

Number of participants

From 6 to 12

**Duration (days)** 0.5 Language English

#### **Objective(s)**

This activity allows the participant to:

- · describe the process (equipment and operations),
- · identify his own area of improvement,
- list the key points of this training.

#### **Contents**

- 1. Time for validating the knowledge gained
- 2. Time for debriefing (mainly after workshop visits)
- 3. Time for answering all the questions participants might have
- 4. Time for looking over the key points dealt with during the training

#### **Training methods**

Summary of learning, Debriefing, Questions/Answers



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