

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ALUMINIUM FEDERATION RE-LAUNCHES INFORMATION SERVICE

The Aluminium Federation (ALFED) is re-launching its fee-based scheme to provide technical information to non-members.

This “Aluminium Information Service” (AIS) has various categories to cater for different technical requirements.

The basic level allows for subscribers to have their questions answered on a wide range of queries about aluminium and its alloys. Questions regarding a specific alloy composition or properties, current equivalents to old designation and alloy characteristics would typically be answered within this category.

The annual membership cost of just £150 for the UK and worldwide allows for 10 hours of staff time, including conducting library searches. A charge for articles is levied at a preferential rate of £2 per article of less than 20 pages.

A Library Subscriber membership is available as an add-on to the basic AIS membership, allowing access to ALFED’s library. The ability to search for technical articles online via the ALFED website ( [www.alfed.org.uk](http://www.alfed.org.uk) ) is also included. More detailed searches can be carried out by ALFED staff if required. Subscribers will also receive online access to ALFED’s “Library Accessions List”.

ALFED’s library computer database currently holds over 15,000 references.

ALFED’s library and technical database is one to the largest collections of books and documents on aluminium in the world.

The cost of this membership category allows for 15 hours of staff time, including conducting library searches. The charge for articles is the same as for the basic AIS Membership. The annual subscription for the Library Subscriber Membership is £250 for UK and worldwide.

A single enquiry service is also available for a one-off flat-rate payment, based on £30 + VAT per hour of staff time. Details of single enquiries must be forwarded in advance to [ais@alfed.org.uk](mailto:ais@alfed.org.uk) or by telephone to +44(0)121 601 6363 to be assessed.

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A consultation service is also offered for specific problems. Requirements should be discussed directly with ALFED's technical staff.

"The AIS constitutes excellent value for money for non-members," says ALFED's Chief Executive, Will Savage. "We have nearly 50 years of experience in providing technical information and advice on aluminium and its alloys."

ALFED also publishes the technical handbook for the UK aluminium Industry, "The Properties of Aluminium and its Alloys", which can be ordered from ALFED's website at £35 (non-Members UK and Europe) or £40 (non-members worldwide).

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Note to Editors:

The Aluminium Federation (ALFED) is the Trade Association which represents the UK Aluminium Industry. ALFED has over 200 member companies and 14 member associations.

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