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POINT COMFORT, TEX., March 10, 1960 -- Aluminum Company of America today announced preparations to start a sixth potline at its Point Comfort (Tex.) works, bringing the operation within 20,000 tons of its annual rated capacity of 140,000 tons of primary metal.

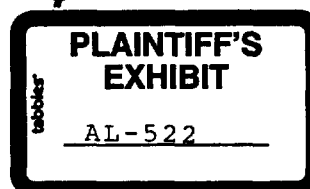
Thomas F. Anderson, smelting works manager, said present plans call for starting the line on March 16, and that it will provide employment for approximately 80 additional people.

Mr. Anderson noted that the line to be started is one which has been under construction for the past two years, but the completion of which has been deferred because aluminum supply has temporarily exceeded demand. It is being placed in service now, in preference to the one original potline still idle, because the new facility can be expected to utilize electric power with greater efficiency than its older counterparts.

The new Point Comfort line is one of several idle smelting units which Alcoa has activated in recent months as the demand for aluminum has picked up. The company's operating rate now is at approximately 86 per cent of its installed primary capacity.

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POINT COMFORT, TEX., September 14, 1961 -- Red Cross officials today announced the gift by Aluminum Company of America of a carload of corrugated aluminum roofing and siding sheet for the relief of Hurricane Carla victims in the hard-hit Port Lavaca area of Texas.

Red Cross disaster workers said the building material, including aluminum fasteners, would be distributed upon arrival to area residents desperately in need of emergency repairs to dwellings unroofed, or otherwise made uninhabitable by Carla's tremendous winds.

Thomas F. Anderson, manager of Alcoa's Point Comfort operations, in the heart of the disaster area, said Red Cross acceptance of the Alcoa offer had been followed immediately by a shipment of roofing and siding from the company's Alcoa (Tenn.) sheet fabricating plant. The carload shipment is expected to arrive early next week and will be turned over to the Red Cross for allotment to storm victims most in need of the assistance.

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POINT COMFORT, TEXAS, November 20, 1964 -- Alcoa is

adding another department at its Point Comfort Operations to further diversify production of materials used in the bauxite refining process there, T. F. Anderson, Point Comfort Operations Manager, said this week.

Construction will start about the first of the year on a mercury cell caustic-chlorine facility with an annual capacity to produce approximately 100,000 tons of caustic and 90,000 tons of chlorine, Mr. Anderson said. Using salt as the raw material, the facility will employ an electro-chemical process. The Leonard Construction Company, Chicago, has been retained to design and construct the unit. Caustic is one of the chemicals used in the refining of bauxite at Point Comfort. The chlorine will be sold.

The new department will be near the west end of the petrochem in the smelting plant.

In announcing the new facility, Mr. Anderson said: "During the past few years we have added other departments to produce materials such as lime and cryolite needed at Point Comfort. Although these facilities are relatively small and result in only a few additional jobs, they further strengthen Point Comfort's economic position by making us more self sufficient."

The caustic chlorine unit is expected to be in production late next year.

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