



## **Matalco to start billet production in April at new US plant**

Louisville, Kentucky (Platts) - Canada's Matalco expects to fully commission its new \$100 million Lordstown plant in Ohio by late March and start producing aluminum billet in April, a company official said Friday.

"Matalco Lordstown is forecasting a three-year production ramp up schedule with first-year production at approximately 90 million pounds, increasing to full capacity which represents in excess of 300 million pounds by the end of 2018," vice president Robert Roscetti said via email.

The plant will produce various series, high-quality aluminum billet, he added.

Construction is approximately 75% completed, he said.

Roscetti also said Matalco has been successful in selling the plant's projected first-year output, but did not disclose details. "We have a diversified target market which includes automotive," he said.

The company broke ground in Lordstown on September 17, 2014.

Matalco, a subsidiary of Giampaolo Group, considers itself North America's largest independent remelt facility and is an affiliate of Triple M Metal LP, Canada's largest processor of recycled metal -- a relationship Matalco says ensures it has a stable and ready supply of scrap aluminum.

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