

ALCOA INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

The Securities Act of 1933

ALCOA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State of Incorporation)

25-0317820
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

201 Isabella Street, Alcoa Corporate Center,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212-5858

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

2004 ALCOA STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

ALCOA STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

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(Full Title of Plan)

Lawrence R. Purtell

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

390 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10022-4608

(Name and address of agent for service)

Telephone number of agent for service (212) 836-2650

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount To be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fees
Alcoa Inc. common stock, \$1.00 par value	111,493,376 shares	\$29.15	\$3,250,031,910.40	\$411,779.04
2004 Alcoa Stock Incentive Plan	45,190,198 shares			
Alcoa Stock Incentive Plan	66,303,178 shares			

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a), this Registration Statement also covers additional securities that may be offered as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h), based on the average of the high and low prices of shares of the Registrant's common stock reported in the consolidated reporting system on May 17, 2004.

This Registration Statement is being filed to register 45,190,198 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (Common Stock), of Alcoa Inc. (Alcoa) issuable pursuant to the provisions of the 2004 Alcoa Stock Incentive Plan (2004 Plan).

This Registration Statement also is being filed to register an additional 66,303,178 shares of Common Stock of Alcoa issuable pursuant to the provisions of the Alcoa Stock Incentive Plan (Prior Plan). The earlier Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed by Alcoa with the

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Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 1999 (File No. 333-79575) relating to the Prior Plan is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. This incorporation is made under General Instruction E of Form S-8 regarding the registration of additional securities of the same class as other securities for which there has been filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the same employee benefit plan.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allows Alcoa to incorporate by reference in this registration statement the information in the documents that it files with the SEC, which means that Alcoa can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this registration statement, and information in documents that Alcoa files later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in documents filed earlier with the SEC or contained in this registration statement. Alcoa incorporates by reference in this registration statement the documents listed below and any future filings that it may make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) until all of the securities that may be offered by this registration statement are sold, except that Alcoa is not incorporating by reference any information that is not deemed to be filed under those sections.

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003; and

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2004.

Alcoa will furnish without charge to you, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents described above, except for exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. Requests for copies should be addressed to:

Alcoa Inc.

Attention: Investor Relations

390 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10022-4608

Telephone: (212) 836-2674

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The Common Stock is registered under the Exchange Act and listed on the New York Stock Exchange and various foreign exchanges.

Set forth below is a description of the Common Stock. The following statements are summaries of, and are subject to the detailed provisions of, Alcoa's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and to the relevant provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law.

Alcoa currently has 1,800,000,000 shares of authorized Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

Holders of Common Stock will receive dividends when and as declared by the Board of Directors of Alcoa. However, no dividend will be declared or paid on Common Stock if any Alcoa preferred stock is outstanding, unless all dividends accrued on all classes of Alcoa preferred stock and the current quarter yearly dividend on the Alcoa \$3.75 Cumulative Serial Preferred Stock have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for payment has been set apart.

Holders of Common Stock have one vote per share.

Upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of Alcoa, whether voluntary or involuntary, after payments to holders of Alcoa preferred stock in an amount fixed by the Board of Directors of Alcoa, plus accrued dividends, the remaining assets of Alcoa belong to and will be divided among the holders of Common Stock. The consolidation or merger of Alcoa with or into any other corporation(s) or a share exchange or division involving Alcoa pursuant to applicable law is not a liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of Alcoa under the Alcoa Articles.

Holders of Common Stock have no right to participate in any right of subscription to any increased or additional capital stock of Alcoa.

Common Stock does not have any applicable conversion, redemption, or sinking fund provisions and is not liable to further call or assessment by Alcoa. All issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock are paid fully and are non-assessable.

The Alcoa Articles provide for a classified Board of Directors, divided into three classes as nearly equal as possible, with each class serving a staggered three-year term. The Articles provide that shareholders voting 80 percent of the votes that would be entitled to be cast at an annual election of directors may remove directors, with or without cause. They also provide that vacancies are to be filled only by a majority vote of the remaining directors, unless a vacancy resulted because of a vote of the shareholders, in which case the shareholders may fill the vacancy.

A shareholder wishing to nominate directors at an annual meeting of Alcoa shareholders must provide written notice at least 90 days before the anniversary date of the prior year's meeting.

The Alcoa Articles require the approval of 80 percent of the votes entitled to be cast in order to amend the provisions in the Alcoa Articles relating to the classification of the Board of

Directors, nomination of directors, removal of directors, and certain other matters.

The Alcoa Articles provide that, unless a stock repurchase is made in either a tender offer or exchange offer for a class of capital stock that is made available to all holders of the class on the same basis, or in an open market purchase program approved by Alcoa's Board of Directors, Alcoa may not repurchase stock from a shareholder who owns five percent or more of Alcoa's voting stock at prices greater than the current fair market value without the affirmative vote of a majority of shares held by persons other than such five percent shareholder.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

The validity of the Common Stock to be issued in connection with the Plan will be passed upon by Thomas F. Seligson, Esq., Counsel of Alcoa. Mr. Seligson is paid a salary by Alcoa, is a participant in various benefit plans offered by Alcoa to employees of Alcoa generally and beneficially owns, or has rights to acquire, an aggregate of less than 1% of Alcoa's outstanding common stock.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Article V of the By-laws of Alcoa provides that Alcoa shall indemnify, under specified circumstances, persons who were or are directors, officers or employees of Alcoa or who served or serve other business entities at the request of Alcoa. Under these By-law provisions, a person who is wholly successful in defending a claim will be indemnified for any reasonable expenses. To the extent a person is not successful in defending a claim, reasonable expenses of the defense and any liability incurred are to be indemnified under these provisions only where independent legal counsel or other disinterested person selected by the Board of Directors determines that such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of Alcoa, and in addition with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. Any expense incurred with respect to any claim may be advanced by Alcoa if the recipient agrees to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that such recipient is not to be indemnified pursuant to Article V.

The foregoing By-law provisions generally parallel Sections 1741 and 1745 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law (BCL). Section 1746 and the By-laws both also provide that the indemnification provided for therein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may otherwise be entitled.

Section 1746 of the BCL and the By-laws provide for increased indemnification protections for directors, officers and others. Pennsylvania corporations may provide indemnification in any case except where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 1713 of the BCL also sets forth a framework whereby Pennsylvania corporations, with the approval of the shareholders, may limit the personal liability of directors for monetary damages except where the act or omission giving rise to a claim constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The section does not apply to a director's responsibility or liability under a criminal or tax statute and may not apply to liability under Federal statutes, such as the

Federal securities laws.

The shareholders amended Alcoa's Articles and By-laws to implement the increased protections made available to directors under the BCL as described in the preceding paragraph. Article VIII of the By-laws provides that, except as prohibited by law, every director of Alcoa shall be entitled as of right to be indemnified by Alcoa for expenses and any and all liability paid or incurred by such person by reason of such person being or having been a director of Alcoa. Alcoa may advance expenses incurred with respect to any claim, subject to certain exceptions. The shareholders have also approved a form of indemnity agreement. Alcoa has entered into such an indemnity agreement with each of its current directors.

Alcoa has purchased a one-year liability insurance program with an aggregate limit of \$175 million for the protection of directors and officers of the company. Included in that insurance limit is \$150 million of coverage for Alcoa for reimbursement of indemnification Alcoa provides to directors and officers. The insurance program has an expiration date of October 1, 2004.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
(4)(a)	Articles of Incorporation of Alcoa, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Alcoa's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000).
(4)(b)	By-laws of Alcoa, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(b) to Alcoa's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement No. 333-32516 and Registration Statement No. 333-106411 on Form S-8, filed October 14, 2003).
(5)	Opinion of Thomas F. Seligson, Counsel of Alcoa.
(15)	Letter regarding unaudited interim financial information.
(23)(a)	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
(23)(b)	Consent of Counsel (included as part of Exhibit 5).
(24)(a)	Power of Attorney of certain directors of Alcoa (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24 to Alcoa's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
(24)(b)	Power of Attorney of certain directors of Alcoa.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS

The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering; and

(4) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing

provisions described in Item 6 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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Judith L. Nocito

Attorney-in-fact

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