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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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The following is the text of an email that was sent to sixteen employees:

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Just to reiterate...very important for all of you to vote for this.

Steve J. Demetriou

Dear All,

This is a reminder that our Annual Meeting is Thursday. As an Aleris stockholder, you are entitled to vote on matters being considered at the meeting and your vote is important. In addition to electing directors and ratifying E&Y as our auditors, this year we are asking our shareholders to approve a change to our Equity Incentive Plan that would make additional shares available for grants as restricted stock, stock options, performance shares, or performance units (among other forms of equity awards possible under the plan).

If you haven't yet voted (or have forgotten how to do it) not to worry! There is still time left. You can even vote on line which is quick, easy and immediately recorded.

If you have your Proxy Card that was mailed to you, go to the following link and vote your shares:

[www.proxyvoting.com/ars](http://www.proxyvoting.com/ars)

If you bought your shares through a stock broker, your proxy card may direct you to a different site to cast your vote. Please follow the very simple instructions on your proxy card.

If you need help or can't find your proxy card, please call Polly Moorman who will assist you in getting your numbers.

The deadline for voting is Wednesday at 5pm. If you vote electronically by that time, your vote will be sure to count.

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