

CALCIUM FELDSPAR A Case for Alumina Production



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White Mountain – Alumina/E-Glass/Filler



White Mountain is a very large anorthosite intrusion located close to shipping. It is almost pure plagioclase (also known as calcium feldspar) comprised of silicon, aluminum, calcium with no deleterious or heavy metal impurities.



Three major potential markets:

1. A primary source of alumina

- A replacement for Kaolin (and minor limestone and dolomite) in the production of E-glass
- A replacement for Kaolin, etc in the filler market 3. (ie. paint and plastic)



Plastic

White Mountain Anorthosite Overview

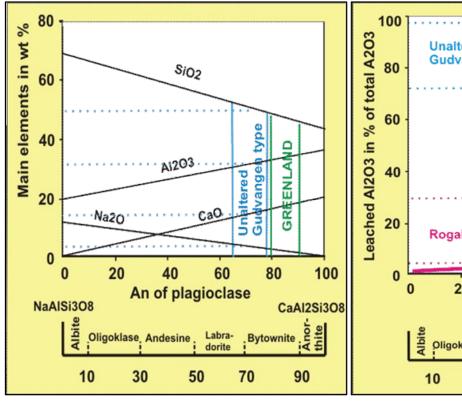


High aluminum (33% max.) & calcium (16% max.) bytownite anorthosite Very large tonnage potential. Indicated and inferred resource of 60M tonnes. Greatly expandable over 6km x 2 km intrusive. Highly soluble by HCL leaching easily puts aluminum into solution without the need for expensive autoclaves. Residues from the process (amorphous silica and calcium silicate) can be sold as opposed to being sent to tailings. Both metallurgical (smelter grade) and specialty (calcined) samples have been produced. Process based on known – expired – patents Amorphous silica by-product important to the cement industry has been produced and tested by McGill University.

Background to Greenland Anorthosite



Anorthosite is by definition an igneous rock consisting of 90-100% plagioclase feldspar. When the amount of mafic minerals exceeds 10 % the name leucogabbro or anorthositic gabbro (alternatively -norite) is commonly used, depending on the nature of the pyroxene. The plagioclase is of varying chemical composition in a solid solution series of its end members albite NaAlSi₃O₈ and anorthite CaAl₂Si₂O₈.



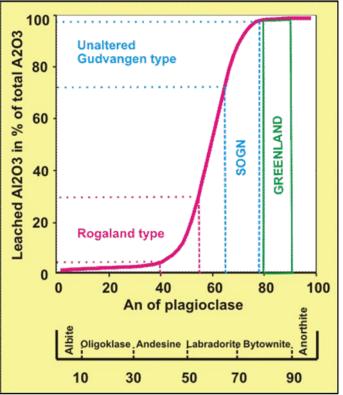


Fig. 3 Chemical composition of plagioclase

Fig. 4 Solubility of plagioclase

High Solubility Makes it Unique



The anorthosites on Greenland, reported to be predominantly in the range of An_{60-90} , are then almost perfect in regard to an industrial process based on dissolving the rock. This high An content also means an especially high aluminium and calcium content - preferable if those two elements are wanted. In favour of the anorthosites of Greenland, it seems to be a fact that they are generally somewhat higher in aluminium and probably a little more soluble than the very best Norwegian ones in Sogn and Voss \square averaging An_{65-75} (fig. 4).

Figure 5 illustrates the influence leaching time and temperature have on the anorthosite. Both graphs are based on well-soluble Sogn anorthosite. High temperature is vital for good

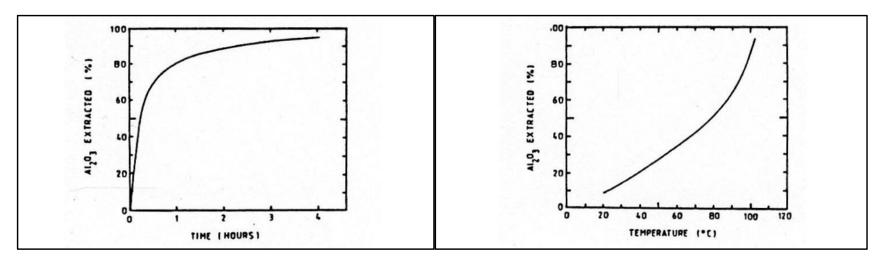


Fig. 3 Solubility in relation to time and temperature. (Gjelsvik 1980)

Bayer Process Alternatives – Long History



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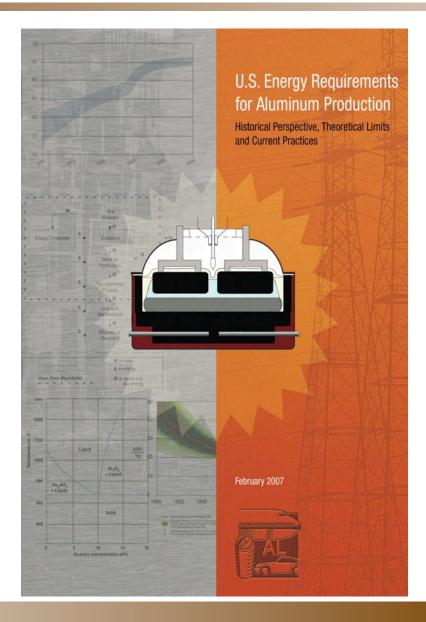
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There have been significant advancements in energy saving improvements and acid regeneration techniques in recent years.



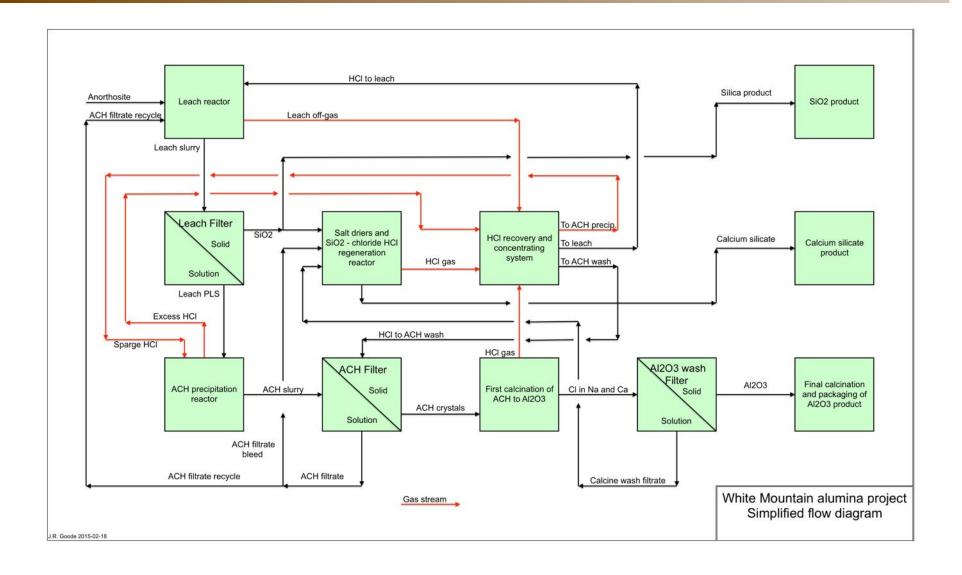
Bench-Scale Testing – 3 main steps



- 1. Leach the Anorthosite using hydrochloric acid (HCI). Testing has demonstrated the high solubility of the anorthosite material at normal atmospheric pressure and relatively low temperatures. Aluminum recoveries ranged from 89.7% to 93.7%.
- 2. Sparge the leachate with hydrochloric gas to generate AlCl3•6H2O (ACH) crystals. Done correctly, this grows the aluminum chloride hexahydrate crystals with a minimum amount of contaminants principally sodium chloride. Which is washed out after the first stage of calcination.
- 3. Calcine the ACH with two stages of heating. Alumina is created by removing the HCl (and regenerating it to save costs) and water moisture (Loss of Ignition or LOI).
 - Depending on the temperature used in the second stage calcine either metallurgical (Low Alpha) or specialty (~100% Alpha) alumina is produced.

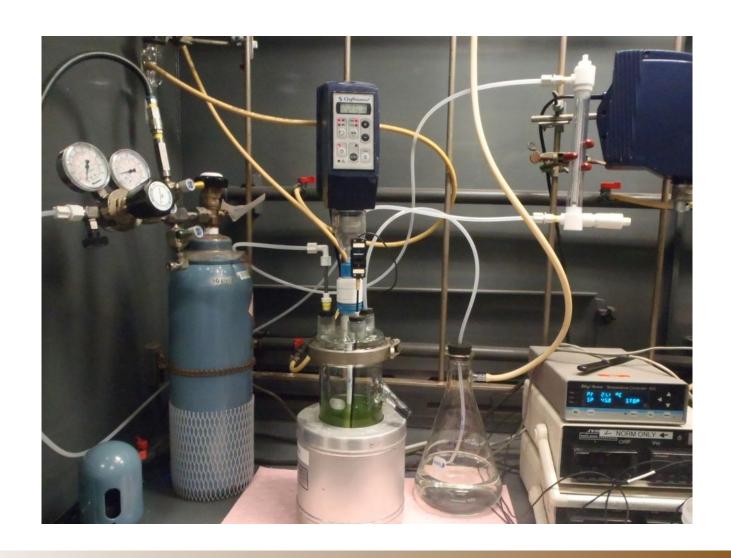
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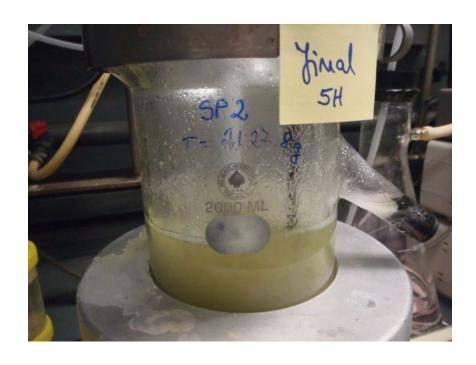
Sparge Test Equipment Setup





Final Test while Mixing







Final Pulp - Filtration







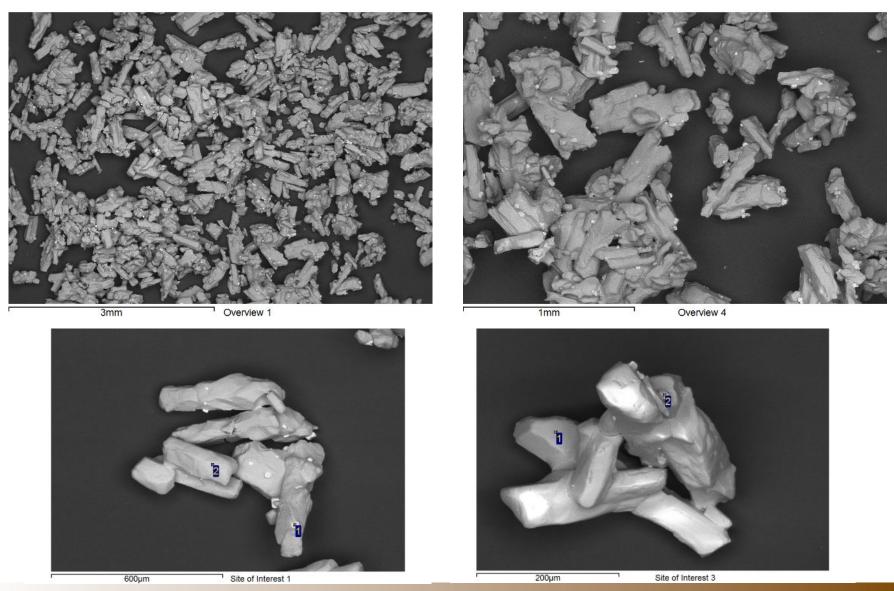
Kinetic and Final Washed Precipitate (ACH) HUDSON RESOURCES INC





SEM Images – Sample ACH Crystals





Initial Low Temperature Calcine





Three Products Produced



Amorphous Silica

Calcium Silicate

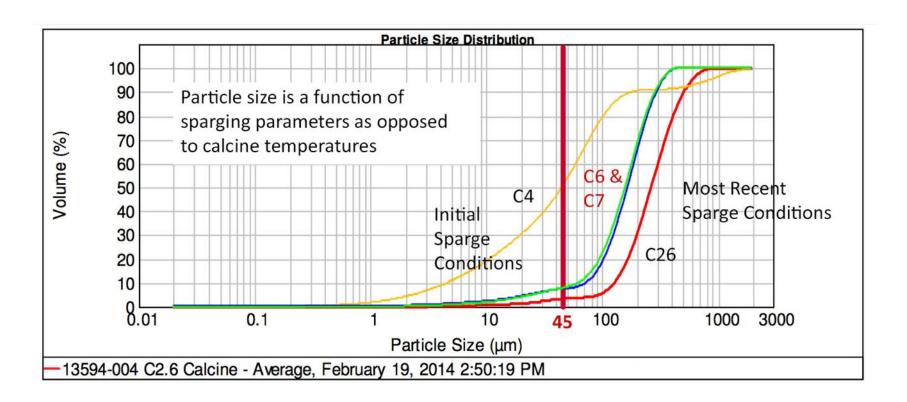
Alumina







Alumina specifications generally require no more than 12% of the particles to be less than 12 microns. Recent tests show only 3.3% less than 45 microns.



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Chemical Composition assuming LOI=0%

Al2O3	SiO2	Fe2O3	MgO	CaO	Na2O
99.8%	0.07%	0.01%	0.005%	0.05%	0.04%

LOI	
0.35%	

K2O	TiO2	P2O5	MnO	Cr2O3	V2O5
0.002%	0.009%	0.003%	0.0002%	0.001%	0.0002%

CI, g/t	
31	

k80, µm

Note:

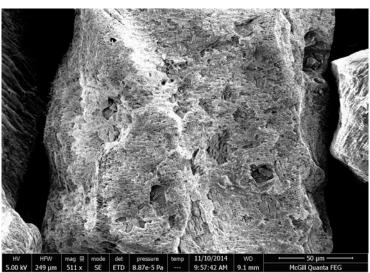
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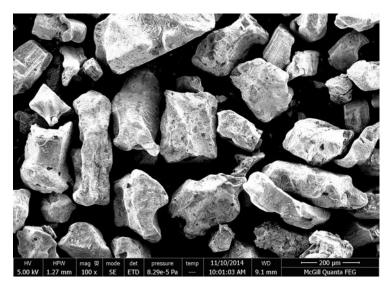
- 1. SiO2 pre-calcination was 0.014%. Contamination during bench scale calcination in quartz tube is likely cause of increase.
- 2. LOI is expected to approach 0% for a commercial operation.
- 3. Commercial milling is expected to reduced the particle size substantially.

SEM Images From C 2-11









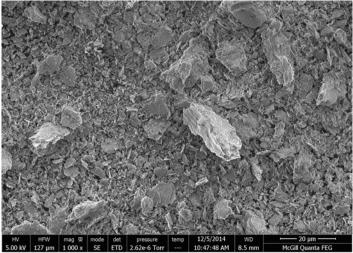


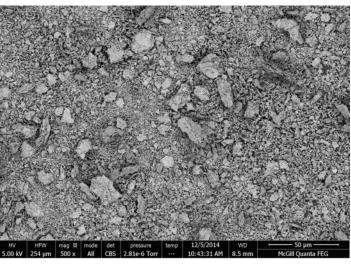
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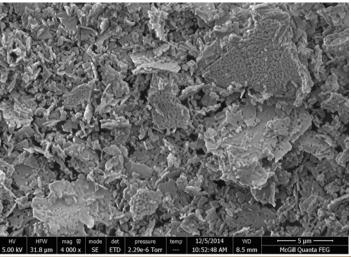


Hand Ground with pestle and mortar – 5µm slide shows tabular nature of the alumina which could be further reduced in size.



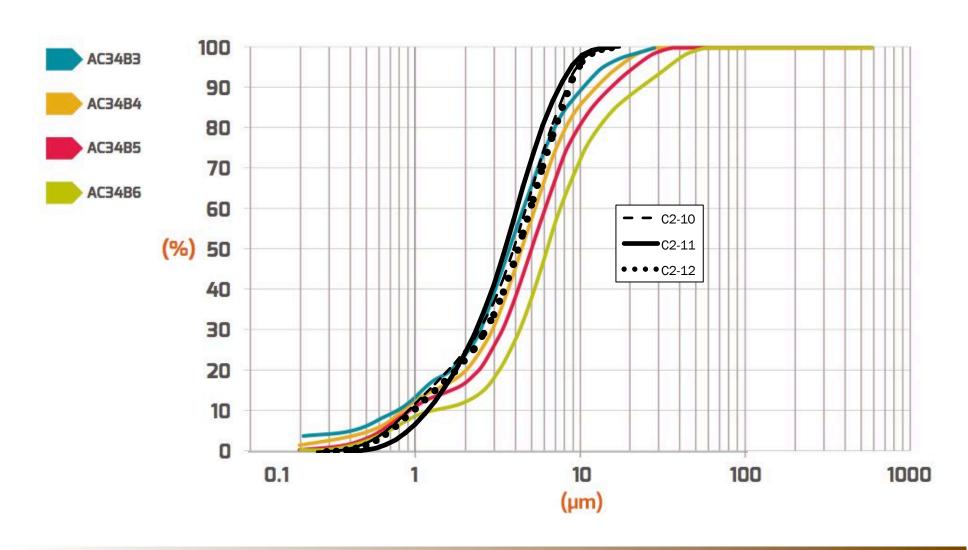






HUD Al203 vs Alteo Ground Calcined Al203

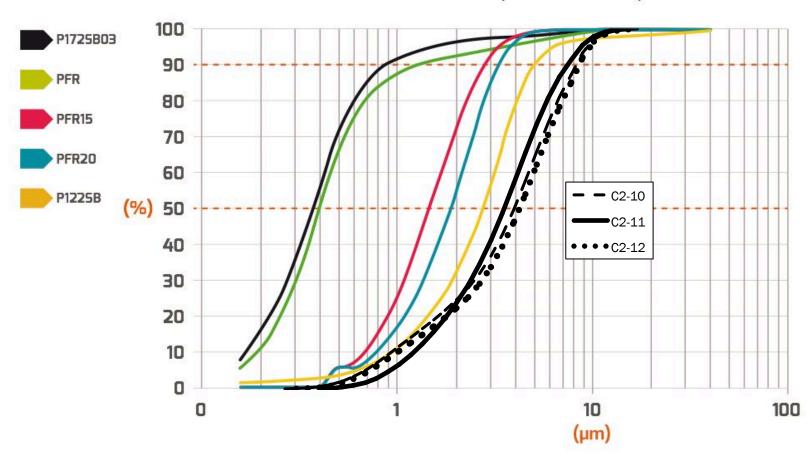




HUD Al203 vs Alteo Low Soda Al203



Low soda reactive alumina (monomodal)



What's Next?



- Develop a pilot plant to demonstrate continuous alumina production;
- 2. Work with aluminum producers to test efficacy of the alumina in the production of aluminum;
- 3. Work with industrial minerals users to test efficacy of the alumina in ceramic, refractory and other applications.