

# ALCOA- QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

Voluntary agreement on GHG  
reduction

# Agenda

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**At Alcoa, our vision is to be the best company in the world--in the eyes of our customers, shareholders, communities and people.**

**We expect and demand the best we have to offer by always keeping Alcoa's values top of mind.**

**Greenhouse gases (GHG) affect the climate, and Alcoa recognizes that the risk of climate change is a vitally important issue that requires action.**

# Road To The Voluntary Agreement...

- Aluminium Association agreement in January 2002
- Alcoa policy on GHG
  - Reduction of 25 % worldwide from 1990 by 2010
  - Voluntary agreement on PFC's in USA
  - Québec smelters already members of EcoGEsté

# ALCOA Agreement in Québec

- Signed in June 2002
- First to sign such an agreement in Canada
- Formal contractual agreement
  - Commitment to reduce by about 200 000 t/y average emissions in 2002-03-04 Vs 2001 . This represents a 7 % reduction.
  - Need to compensate with other reduction if target is not met
  - Outside verification of the results by a third party
  - New target has to be negotiated by 2004 for 2005 to 2007

**Alcoa Canada  
Primary metals**

**Aluminerie  
de Baie-Comeau**



**Aluminerie  
de Deschambault**



**Aluminerie  
de Bécancour**



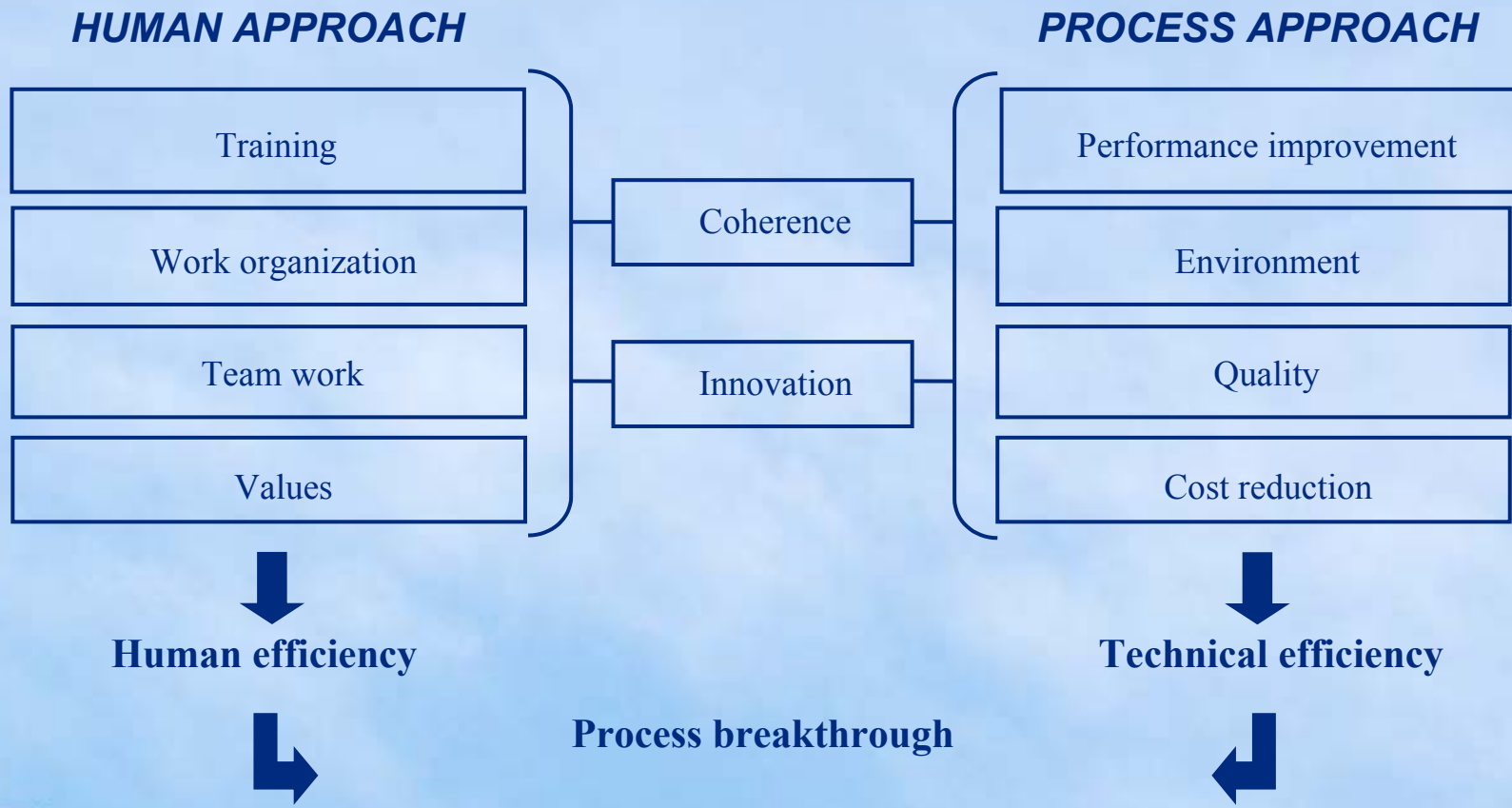
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de Bécancour**



# Management Philosophy



# Plants Involvement

- Selection of an SPA & team creation
- Determination of the base performance of each plant + benchmark exercise + sharing of best practices
- Selection of improvement opportunities
- Target setting
  - Per plant/per year
- Approval by our top management of the global target
- Approval by Pechiney, ABI co-owner (25%) in a specific agreement

# Conditions Of Success

- Each plant selected their own target
  - One plant was already a benchmark
  - One plant with a mix of a old/recent technology
  - One plant was good but could be improved
- Formal agreement facilitate the mobilization of people
- Mobilization of people to a good cause helps to set aggressive targets

# Reduction strategy

- Establishment of the data base including all sources as per the agreement methodology
- Focus on anode effect reduction (biggest potential)
- Sharing of best practices:
  - Kaizen activity on root causes (prevention)
  - A.E. killing protocol
  - Anode effect prediction
- Meetings on a regularly basis

# Electrolysis Process, Typical Emissions and Energy Consumption

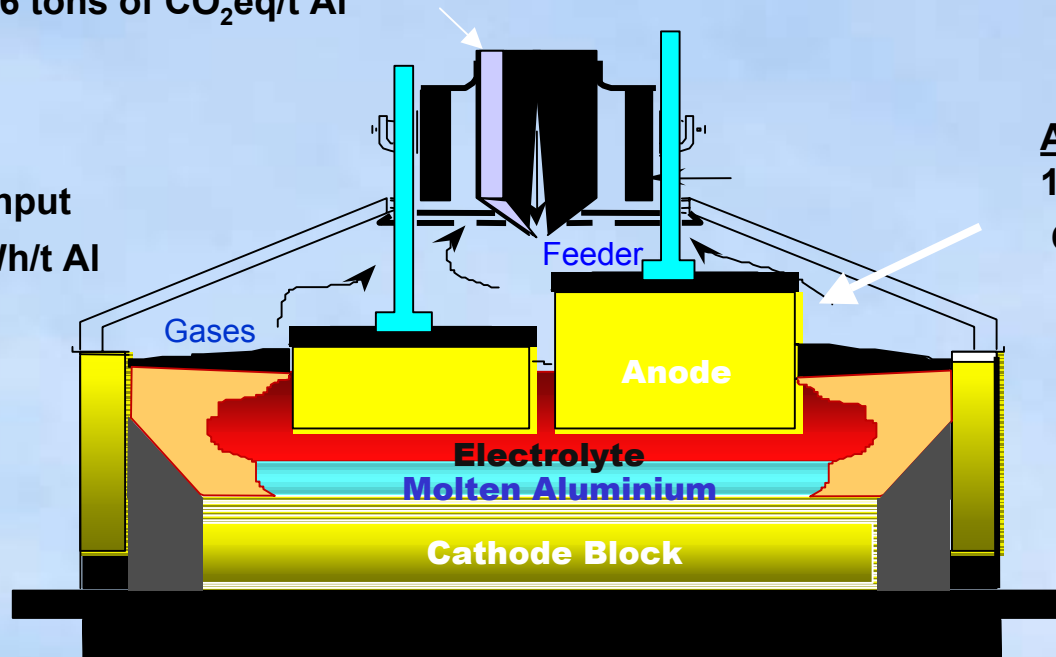
## PFC Emissions

1.6 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq/t Al

Electricity Input  
13 to 16 MWh/t Al

## Anode Carbon

1.7 tons of  
CO<sub>2</sub>eq/t Al



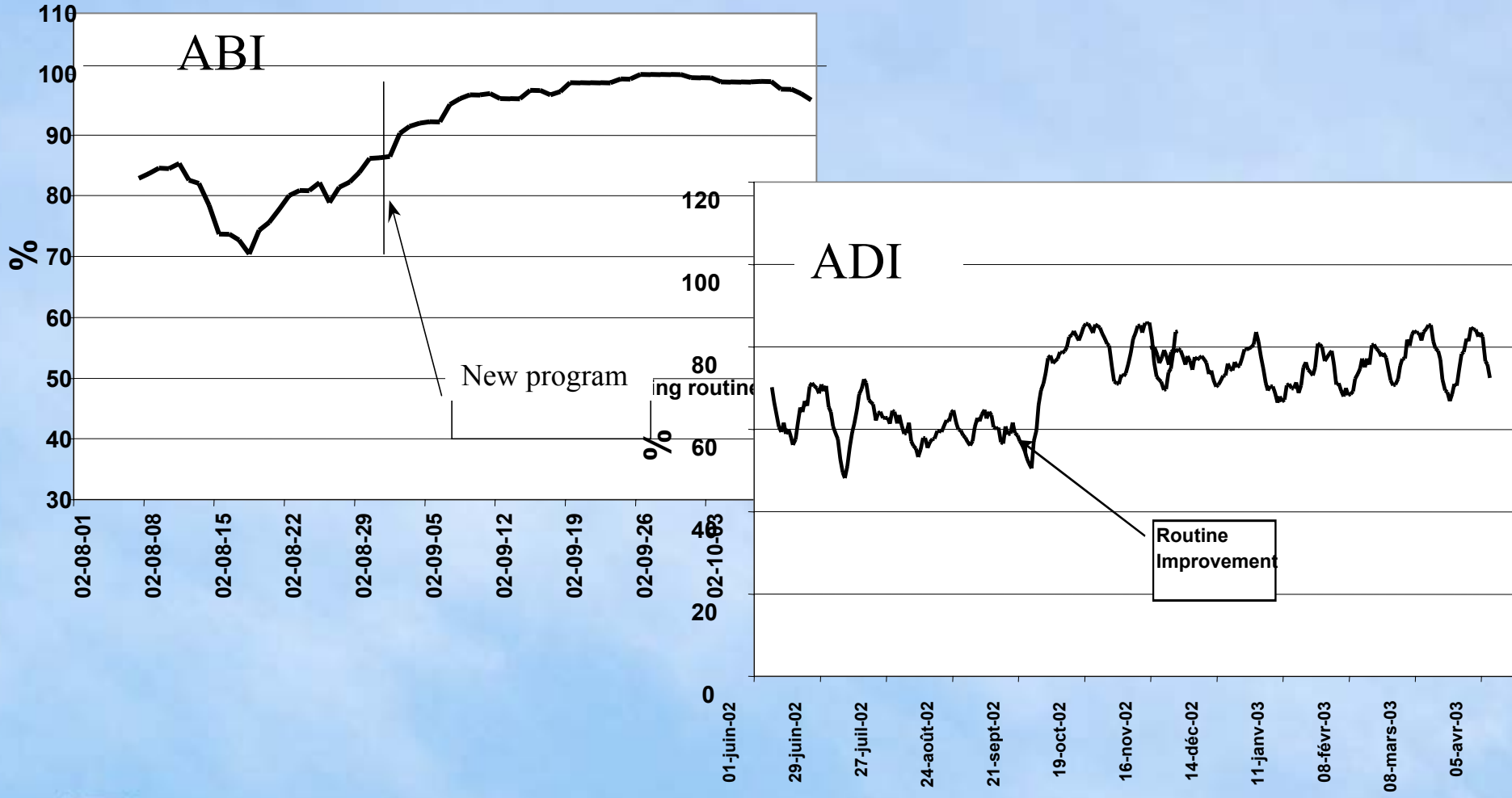
- **GHG from Primary Aluminium Production**  
Two PFCs (perfluorocarbon compounds - CF<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>) contribute about 48% of worldwide primary aluminium GHG emissions

Ref. Aluminium Association

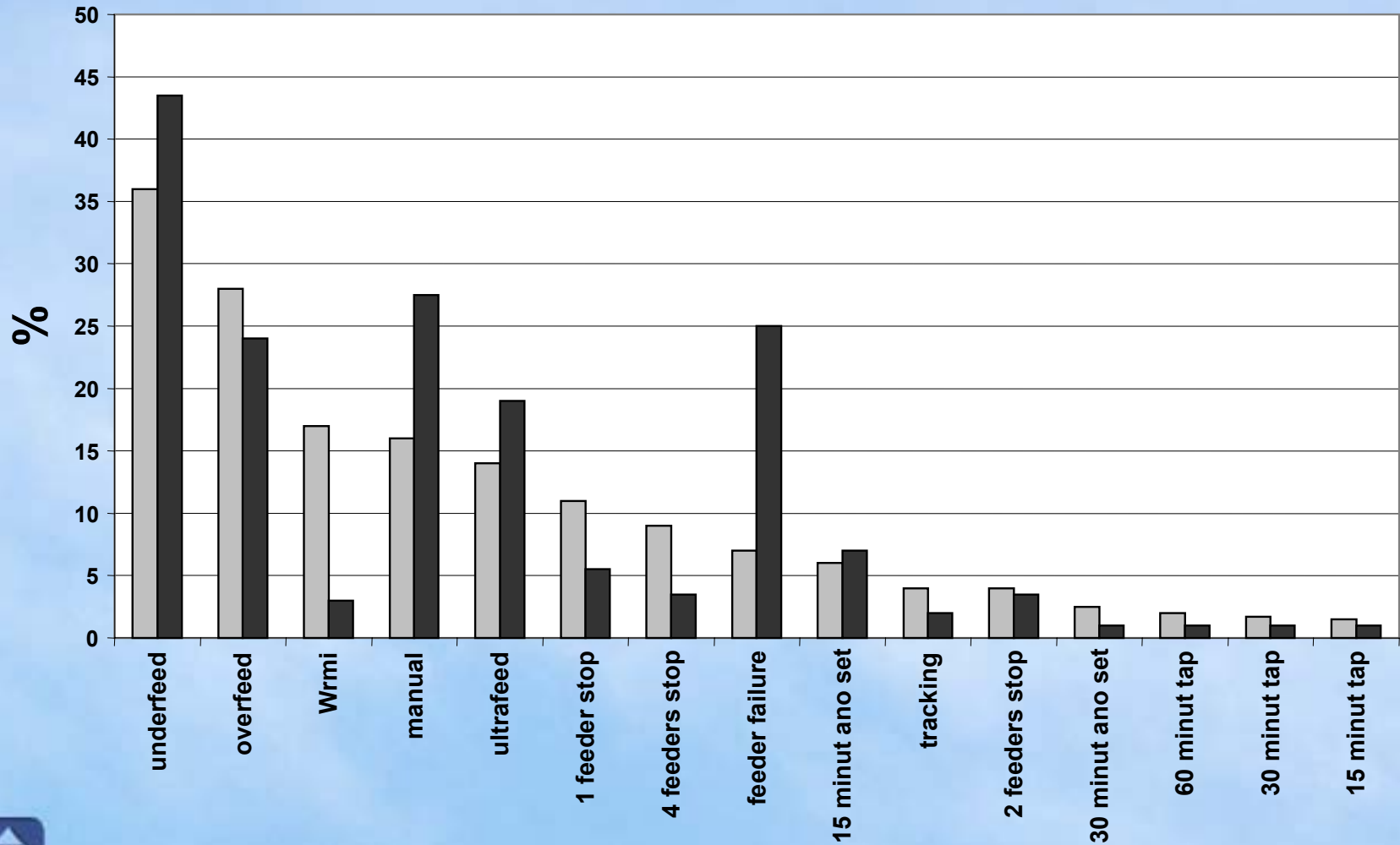
# Understanding PFCs emissions

- PFCs are not generated normally in aluminum electrolysis
- PFCs result from anode effects
  - Anode effects result of a brief upset condition in the raw material feed rate .
  - In the old days, anode effects were seen as beneficial to the process
  - The amount of PFCs produced from anode effects is a function of:
    - Anode effect frequency
    - Duration of anode effects
    - Cell technology
    - Anode effect voltage

# ABI & ADI Performance of A.E. killing routine



# Kaizen PARETO -- Anode effect (A.E.) Causes

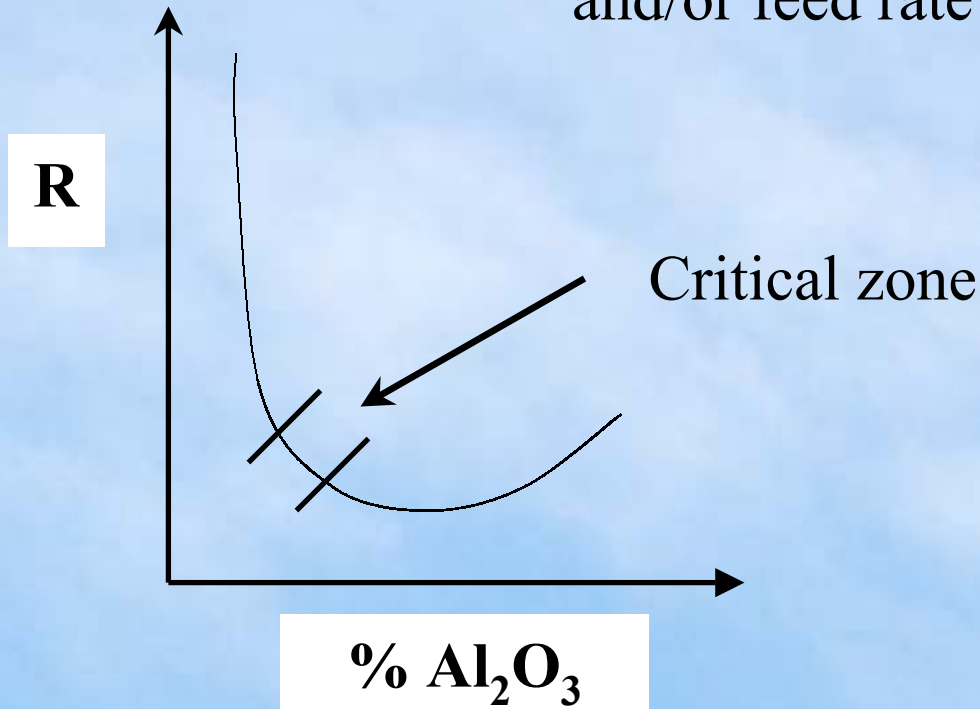


# KAIZEN Anode Effects (A.E.) Causes Analysis

- Method: 10%-20% A.E. originate from inadequate operational practices (alumina feeder stopped by the operator, pot in manual mode, ...)
- Equipment: Some A.E. are caused by an equipment failure (feeder failure not replaced by a new one, inadequate feeder shots, ...)
- Technical: 30%-35% happen during underfeeding mode while 25 % was in overfeeding mode.

# Sensitivity of Anode Effect Prediction Zone

- Identification of a correlation with A.E. circumstances that precedes it.
- Alarm is sent to operators to take action and/or feed rate is adjusted



# Observations

- Knowledge acquisition
  - Calculation methods
  - Anode effect process
- Rigorous inventory keeping
- Challenge of continuous improvement and maintained performance
- Culture change and adaptation to the future and Kyoto requirements
- Change in individuals attitude
- Voluntary agreement is working

# RESULTS

**Alcoa  
Canada**

| <b>Production Aluminium (000t/y)</b> |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| 2001                                 | 1049 |
| 2002                                 | 1059 |
| +/- (%)                              | 0.9  |

| <b>GHG All sources (000tCO2/y)</b> |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 2001                               | 2867 |
| 2002                               | 2722 |
| +/- (%)                            | -5.1 |

| <b>PFCs (t CO2/tAl)</b> |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 2001                    | 1.01  |
| 2002                    | 0.83  |
| Reduction (%)           | -18.0 |

| <b>GHG all sources (t CO2/tAl)</b> |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 2001                               | 2.73 |
| 2002                               | 2.57 |
| +/- (%)                            | -5.9 |



# Future GHG Emissions Reduction Opportunities

- Implementation of good practices for reducing anode effect frequency and duration

| <b>ACTION</b>               | <b>ADI</b> | <b>ABC</b> | <b>ABI</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Predictive approach         |            |            |            |
| By computer                 | 50%        | 30%        | 50%        |
| By operator                 | 25%        | 0%         | 15%        |
| Killing routine improvement | 90%        | 90%        | 90%        |
| Anode effect causes survey  | 50%        | 0%         | 100%       |



# Future GHG Emissions Reduction Opportunities

- Program in place to continuously reduce plant energy consumption.
- Building new facilities and upgrading current facilities
  - The most modern point feed prebake technology produces PFCs at a rate of only 3% of the worldwide average of all technologies .
  - MOU to modernize Baie-Comeau Soderberg smelter
- Training and involvement of the workforce