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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Editor  
Prince George Citizen

In response to the Aug. 29, 2006 article on the Alcan reinvestment in the smelter and Kitimat, I want to correct a few key facts.

Alcan, which owns and operates the power production site Kemano, has been selling power since the smelter was built. Now only surplus power, in excess of smelter needs, will be sold to BC Hydro to be used within B.C. to supply electricity to Kitimat businesses, residences and other neighbouring communities.

Alcan is investing over \$2 billion into British Columbia with their modernization of the smelter, ensuring greenhouse gas emissions are cut by 70 per cent, 800 to 1,000 construction jobs are created, and a thousand long-term, high-paying jobs remain in Kitimat.

This is a good deal for British Columbia, and certainly a good deal for Kitimat. We continue to be open to answering any and all questions from British Columbians about this investment in northwestern B.C.

Sincerely,

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