

Mr. John R. Cooper
Transportation Director, as
President of the Industrial Access
Road and Bridge Corporation
Alabama Department of Transportation
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Re: Letter of Support for Baldwin County, Alabama Novelis Project - Supplemental Application for
Additional Industrial Access Funding

Director Cooper:

On May 11, 2022, Novelis, the world leader in flat rolled aluminum manufacturing announced a \$2.5 billion investment and the creation of 1,000 jobs at a new, state-of-the-art facility, located at the South Alabama Mega Site in Baldwin County. This facility and the investment by Novelis are transformational for South Alabama, Baldwin County, and the City of Bay Minette.

The South Alabama Mega Site is a large 3,000-acre site in which the Baldwin County Commission has already invested over \$75 million. Municipal, County, and local utility partner commitments to Novelis will require an additional \$100 million of investment. Novelis is preparing to be operational in Baldwin County by mid-2025 to meet customer demand, which will require infrastructure improvements to begin as soon as possible.

Baldwin County has previously been awarded \$925,500.00 in Industrial Access Road and Bridge "IA" funds to assist with the State Route 287 Improvements adjacent to Novelis Drive.

Please accept my letter today as formal endorsement of the Baldwin County Commission's supplemental application for additional Industrial Access Road and Bridge funds. This supplemental application covers the construction of additional improvements being required by ALDOT along State Route 287 as well as the construction of Novelis Drive.

The economic impact of this project will be tremendous for the State of Alabama and Baldwin County. I appreciate your support and the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Committee's consideration of partnering with Baldwin County to deliver this generational investment for the citizens of Alabama.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Gruber
Chairman, Baldwin County Commission