

Biographical profile



Jacynthe Côté

Jacynthe Côté has served as President and chief executive officer of Rio Tinto Alcan's Primary Metal business unit, with responsibility for all primary metal facilities and power generation installations worldwide, since Rio Tinto's acquisition of Alcan Inc. in October 2007. Primary Metal has 19,400 employees in 45 facilities around the world.

From April 2005 to October 2007, Ms. Côté was President and chief executive officer of Alcan's Bauxite and Alumina business unit and senior vice president of Alcan Inc.

In December 2000, Ms. Côté was appointed vice president, Business Planning and Development, Primary Metal, and in January 2003 she took on the role of vice president, Human Resources, Environment, Health and Safety within the same business unit.

In 1996, Ms. Côté was named plant manager of the Beauharnois, Quebec, smelter and in 1999, she was transferred to the Lynemouth smelter in the United Kingdom as plant manager.

From 1989 to 1991, Ms. Côté was involved in the construction and start-up of a specialty aluminas plant as production superintendent and remained in charge of that operation until 1994. She then took on the role of pot room superintendent at the Isle-Maligne aluminium smelter in Quebec, Canada.

Ms. Côté joined Alcan in 1988 as process analyst at Vaudreuil Works in Saguenay, Québec.

Ms. Côté is a member of the Quebec Council of Manufacturers. In 2006 she was named as a "Women of Distinction" by the Women's Y Foundation of Montreal, an award that recognizes women who by their daily actions, their strength of character and their professional path, enrich the community and contribute to the advancement of women.

Born in Normandin, Quebec, Ms. Côté holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Laval University. She is married and has three children.