

Russel Metals Inc.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	3 Months	<-----Years ended----->			
	March 31, 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
OPERATING RESULTS (millions)					
Revenues	\$657.7	\$2,175.4	\$1,971.8	\$3,366.2	\$2,559.2
Net earnings (loss)	33.0	69.7	(92.0)	228.5	111.2
EBIT	53.8	122.6	(130.2)	355.2	176.8
Adjusted EBIT (Note)	53.8	123.3 ⁽¹⁾	63.9 ⁽¹⁾	392.9 ⁽¹⁾	176.8
EBIT as a % of revenue	8.2%	5.7%	3.2%	11.7%	6.9%
Adjusted EBITDA (Note)	59.8	148.3 ⁽¹⁾	89.6 ⁽¹⁾	416.3 ⁽¹⁾	197.2
EBITDA as a % of revenue	9.1%	6.8%	4.5%	12.4%	7.7%
Basic earnings (loss) per common share (\$)	\$0.55	\$1.17	(\$1.54)	\$3.67	\$1.77
BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION (millions)					
Metals					
Accounts receivable	\$381.1	\$300.5	\$214.2	\$425.9	\$337.2
Inventories	548.6	544.1	517.9	925.1	572.6
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4.8	2.9	4.6	7.6	4.7
Accounts payable and accruals	(306.7)	(259.8)	(231.2)	(393.7)	(272.3)
Net working capital - Metals	627.8	587.7	505.5	964.9	642.2
Fixed assets	184.6	197.6	213.1	230.4	210.4
Goodwill and intangibles	24.4	26.9	28.4	71.8	53.4
Net assets employed in metals operations	836.8	812.2	747.0	1,267.1	906.0
Other operating assets	17.1	17.6	18.9	19.4	20.4
Net income tax assets (liabilities)	(8.2)	(16.5)	47.7	(30.2)	(3.7)
Pension and benefit assets (liabilities)	(16.7)	4.0	2.1	0.7	(1.4)
Other corporate assets and liabilities	(12.2)	(16.2)	(39.9)	(38.0)	(43.5)
Total net assets employed	\$816.8	\$801.1	\$775.8	\$1,219.0	\$877.8
CAPITALIZATION (millions)					
Bank indebtedness, net of (cash)	(\$286.1)	(\$323.7)	(\$359.6)	\$20.0	(\$181.8)
Long-term debt (incl. current portion)	316.1	326.7	342.1	218.9	175.8
Total interest bearing debt, net of (cash)	30.0	3.0	(17.5)	238.9	(6.0)
Market capitalization	1,639.8	1,373.5	1,058.5	1,134.2	1,605.0
Total firm value	\$1,669.8	\$1,376.5	\$1,041.0	\$1,373.1	\$1,599.0
OTHER INFORMATION (Notes)					
Common shareholders' equity (millions)	\$786.8	\$798.1	\$793.3	\$980.1	\$883.8
Book value per share (\$)	\$13.10	\$13.31	\$13.29	\$16.42	\$14.01
Free cash flow (millions)	\$35.6	\$85.0	\$95.7	\$235.9	\$123.7
Capital expenditures (millions)	\$4.4	\$11.8	\$18.6	\$22.2	\$16.6
Depreciation and amortization (millions)	\$6.0	\$25.0	\$25.7	\$23.4	\$20.4
Earnings multiple	12.4	19.6	-	5.2	14.4
Firm value as a multiple of EBIT	7.8	11.2 ⁽¹⁾	16.3 ⁽¹⁾	3.9 ⁽¹⁾	9.0
Firm value as a multiple of EBITDA	7.0	9.3 ⁽¹⁾	11.6 ⁽¹⁾	3.3 ⁽¹⁾	8.1
Interest bearing debt/EBITDA	1.3	2.2 ⁽¹⁾	3.8 ⁽¹⁾	0.5 ⁽¹⁾	0.9
Debt as a % of capitalization	29%	29%	30%	18%	17%
Market capitalization as a % of book value	208.4%	172%	133%	116%	182%
Return on equity	17%	9%	(12%)	23%	13%
Return on capital employed	26.3%	15% ⁽¹⁾	8% ⁽¹⁾	29% ⁽¹⁾	20%
COMMON SHARE INFORMATION					
Ending outstanding common shares	60,043,673	59,978,173	59,698,690	59,695,290	63,066,092
Average outstanding common shares	59,992,140	59,717,629	59,696,743	62,329,483	62,835,303
Dividend yield	4.0%	4.8%	5.6%	5.3%	7.1%
Dividend per share	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.80
Share price - High	\$27.70	\$23.94	\$22.00	\$31.36	\$34.47
Share price - Low	\$21.90	\$16.25	\$9.25	\$15.01	\$22.75
Share price - Ending	\$27.31	\$22.90	\$17.73	\$19.00	\$25.45

Notes:

(1) Adjusted EBIT excludes inventory writedowns in the amount of \$37.7 million in 2008 and \$158.7 million in 2009 and \$35.4 million for asset impairment. It excludes the inventory reversal of \$1.9 million and plant closure costs of \$2.6 million in 2010.

(2) 2011 is reported under IFRS. 2007 to 2010 represent actual results as reported under Canadian GAAP.