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**RUSSEL METALS ANNOUNCES 2016 ANNUAL MEETING VOTING RESULTS**

TORONTO, CANADA – May 4, 2016 -- Russel Metals Inc. (RUS - TSX) announced voting results from its 2016 annual meeting of shareholders held on May 3, 2016. A total of 34,515,866 common shares were represented at the meeting in person or by proxy, representing 55.94% of the 61,702,560 issued and outstanding common shares as of the record date on March 24, 2016.

Shareholders voted in favour of the election of each nominee director by a substantial majority as follows:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Percentage For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Percentage Withheld</u>
Alain Benedetti	34,138,574	99.72%	95,441	0.28%
John M. Clark	34,089,681	99.58%	144,334	0.42%
James F. Dinning	32,912,912	96.14%	1,321,103	3.86%
John A. Hanna	34,094,244	99.59%	139,771	0.41%
Brian R. Hedges	34,149,359	99.75%	84,656	0.25%
Barbara S. Jeremiah	34,119,557	99.67%	114,458	0.33%
Alice D. Laberge	32,902,950	96.11%	1,331,065	3.89%
Lise Lachapelle	32,862,694	95.99%	1,371,321	4.01%
William M.O'Reilly	34,110,685	99.64%	123,330	0.36%
John R. Tulloch	34,108,735	99.63%	125,280	0.37%

The Company's advisory "say on pay" resolution was overwhelmingly approved with 99% of the votes cast in favour of the resolution. In addition the resolution appointing Deloitte LLP as auditors of the Company was approved.

Russel Metals is one of the largest metals distribution companies in North America. It carries on business in three metals distribution segments: metals service centers, energy products and steel distributors, under various names including Russel Metals, A.J. Forsyth, Acier Leroux, Acier Loubier, Alberta Industrial Metals, Apex Distribution, Apex Monarch, Apex Remington, Apex

Western Fiberglass, Arrow Steel Processors, B&T Steel, Baldwin International, Comco Pipe and Supply, Fedmet Tubulars, JMS Russel Metals, Leroux Steel, McCabe Steel, Mégantic Métal, Métaux Russel, Métaux Russel Produits Spécialisés, Milspec, Norton Metals, Pioneer Pipe, Russel Metals Processing, Russel Metals Specialty Products, Russel Metals Williams Bahcall, Spartan Energy Tubulars, Sunbelt Group, Triumph Tubular & Supply, Wirth Steel and York-Ennis.

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