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RUSSEL METALS ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE PROMOTION

TORONTO, CANADA – September 17, 2009 -- Russel Metals Inc. (TSX: RUS) today announced the promotion of John G. Reid to Vice President, US Operations. John started with JMS Metals Services, Inc. and related companies ("JMS") in 1991, was promoted to President of JMS in 1994 and has served as President of the Company's JMS Russel Metals operations since the Company's purchase of JMS in 2007. John will remain as President of the Company's JMS Russel Metals operations (including Norton Metals) and, in addition to his current responsibilities, John will now have oversight over Russel Metals Williams Bahcall and Baldwin International.

Brian Hedges, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "With the Company's increasing footprint in the United States, the promotion of John to Vice President, US Operations is a natural evolution as we formulate our growth strategy for that market and capitalize on the strength of our balance sheet."

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 tubular products and steel distributors, under various names including Russel Metals, A.J. Forsyth, Acier Leroux, Acier Loubier, Acier Richler, 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 Industries, Norton Metals, Pioneer Pipe, Russel Metals Specialty Products, Russel Metals Williams Bahcall, Spartan Steel Products, Sunbelt Group, Triumph Tubular & Supply, Wirth Steel and York-Ennis.

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