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RUSSEL METALS ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF JOHN G. REID TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

TORONTO, CANADA – February 21, 2013 -- Russel Metals Inc. (TSX: RUS) today announced the promotion of John G. Reid to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. John started with JMS Metals Services, Inc. in 1991 and was promoted to President in 1994. John has served as President of the Company's JMS Russel Metals operations since the Company's acquisition of JMS in 2007. Since 2009 John has taken on additional responsibilities within the Russel Metals group of companies.

Brian Hedges, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "John's 20 years of industry experience and his people oriented approach to managing was immediately evidenced when we acquired JMS. John has handled ever increasing levels of responsibility within Russel Metals and has represented the Company in the industry with both suppliers and customers. John's appointment as Chief Operating Officer is recognition of the role he fills for the Company. I welcome the additional contributions John will make in his new role as we continue to grow and improve Russel Metals."

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, Acier Richler, Alberta Industrial Metals, Apex Distribution, Apex Remington, 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 Specialty Products, Russel Metals Williams Bahcall, Siemens Laserworks, Spartan Energy Tubulars,

Sunbelt Group, Triumph Tubular & Supply, Wirth Steel and York-Ennis.

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