



SEVERSTAL INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES OPERATIONAL CHANGES

DEARBORN, Mich., May 7, 2009 -- Severstal International today announced that, as a result of the continued deterioration of economic conditions and a further decline in customer orders, it will be making the following operational changes:

The steelmaking and hot rolling operations at Severstal Wheeling Inc. will remain idled. In addition, the cold rolling and coating operations at Wheeling will also be temporarily idled in the coming weeks while the Company balances production with orders across its business.

Severstal announced on February 27, 2009 the temporary cessation of operations of the steel galvanizing line at its Severstal Warren Inc. facility. Further to that announcement, all production and finishing operations at Warren will be idled indefinitely until there is an improvement in market conditions.

Severstal today issued Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Notices at its Wheeling and Warren facilities to reflect the anticipated long-term idling of those facilities. As a result of the idling, about 1,900 employees at Wheeling and 1,200 at Warren are now or will be placed on layoff.

Gregory Mason, CEO of Severstal International, commented: "These are difficult decisions that have not been taken lightly and without careful consideration. Unfortunately, due to the continued deterioration of market conditions across the entire steel industry, they are necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of our U.S. business. I want to restate our commitment to our employees, their families, and the communities in which we operate. We still strongly believe in the viability of our U.S. facilities and the long-term fundamentals of the U.S. steel industry. We are making our best effort as a company to manage prudently through this downturn so that we are well positioned to maximize success when conditions improve."

Severstal International will continue to work closely with the United Steel Workers.

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About OAO Severstal:

OAO Severstal is an international metals and mining company with a listing on the Russian Trading System, Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange and the London Stock Exchange. Incorporated in 1993, the company focuses on high value added and unique niche products and has a successful track record of acquiring and operating high-quality assets in North America and Europe. Severstal owns mining assets in Russia and in the US, thus securing its supplies of raw materials. Its enterprises are located in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, United Kingdom, France, Italy, United States and Africa. In 2008, Severstal produced 19.2 million tones of steel. Revenues were \$22.4 billion and EBITDA was \$5.4 billion. EPS was \$2.2.

About Severstal International:

Severstal International is an operating division of OAO Severstal that includes the North American segment.

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