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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2008

Or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other

1-16811  
(Commission

25-1897152  
(IRS Employer

jurisdiction of

File Number)

Identification No.)

incorporation)

600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

15219-2800  
(Zip Code)

(412) 433-1121  
(Registrant's telephone number,

including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No

Common stock outstanding at July 25, 2008    117,488,117 shares

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements:**

**UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

(Unaudited)

| (Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)             | Second Quarter<br>Ended June 30, |               | Six Months<br>Ended June 30, |               |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007          | 2008                         | 2007          |
| <b>Net sales:</b>   |                                  |               |                              |               |
| Net sales   | \$ 6,414                         | \$ 3,931      | \$ 11,317                    | \$ 7,431      |
| Net sales to related parties                                | 330                              | 297           | 623                          | 553           |
| Total   | 6,744                            | 4,228         | 11,940                       | 7,984         |
| <b>Operating expenses (income):</b>                         |                                  |               |                              |               |
| Cost of sales (excludes items shown below)                  | 5,497                            | 3,595         | 10,140                       | 6,774         |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                | 171                              | 138           | 313                          | 277           |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization<br>(Notes 6 and 8) | 159                              | 118           | 315                          | 229           |
| Income from investees                                       | (34)                             | (10)          | (41)                         | (12)          |
| Net gains on disposal of assets                             | (1)                              | (3)           | (2)                          | (13)          |
| Other income, net   | (2)                              | (1)           | (5)                          | (8)           |
| Total   | 5,790                            | 3,837         | 10,720                       | 7,247         |
| <b>Income from operations</b>                               | <b>954</b>                       | <b>391</b>    | <b>1,220</b>                 | <b>737</b>    |
| Interest expense  | 42                               | 59            | 88                           | 85            |
| Interest income   | (3)                              | (25)          | (8)                          | (47)          |
| Other financial (income) costs (Note 9)                     | (14)                             | -             | (87)                         | 1             |
| Net interest and other financial (income) costs             | 25                               | 34            | (7)                          | 39            |
| <b>Income before income taxes and minority interests</b>    | <b>929</b>                       | <b>357</b>    | <b>1,227</b>                 | <b>698</b>    |
| Income tax provision (Note 11)                              | 255                              | 53            | 313                          | 119           |
| Minority interests  | 6                                | 2             | 11                           | 4             |
| <b>Net income</b>   | <b>\$ 668</b>                    | <b>\$ 302</b> | <b>\$ 903</b>                | <b>\$ 575</b> |
| <b>Income per common share (Note 12):</b>                   |                                  |               |                              |               |
| Net income per share:                                       |                                  |               |                              |               |
| - Basic   | \$ 5.69                          | \$ 2.55       | \$ 7.68                      | \$ 4.86       |
| - Diluted   | \$ 5.65                          | \$ 2.54       | \$ 7.64                      | \$ 4.83       |
| Weighted average shares, in thousands:                      |                                  |               |                              |               |
| - Basic   | 117,507                          | 118,221       | 117,551                      | 118,232       |
| - Diluted   | 118,217                          | 118,891       | 118,190                      | 118,920       |
| Dividends paid per share                                    | \$ 0.25                          | \$ 0.20       | \$ 0.50                      | \$ 0.40       |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| (Dollars in millions)  | (Unaudited)<br>June 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                                 |                      |
| Current assets:  |                                 |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 391                          | \$ 401               |
| Receivables, less allowance of \$49 and \$42 (Note 17)               | 3,018                           | 1,924                |
| Receivables from related parties (Note 19)                           | 165                             | 153                  |
| Inventories (Note 13)  | 2,593                           | 2,279                |
| Deferred income tax benefits (Note 11)                               | 142                             | 151                  |
| Other current assets   | 60                              | 51                   |
| <b>Total current assets</b>  | <b>6,369</b>                    | <b>4,959</b>         |
| Investments and long-term receivables, less allowance of \$6 and \$6 | 770                             | 694                  |
| Property, plant and equipment - net (Note 8)                         | 6,890                           | 6,688                |
| Intangibles - net (Note 6)   | 276                             | 419                  |
| Goodwill (Note 6)  | 1,716                           | 1,712                |
| Assets held for sale (Note 5)  | 202                             | 233                  |
| Prepaid pensions   | 871                             | 734                  |
| Deferred income tax benefits (Note 11)                               | 11                              | 16                   |
| Other noncurrent assets  | 202                             | 177                  |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>\$ 17,307</b>                | <b>\$ 15,632</b>     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                                 |                      |
| Current liabilities:   |                                 |                      |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 2,269                        | \$ 1,668             |
| Accounts payable to related parties (Note 19)                        | 88                              | 62                   |
| Bank checks outstanding  | 48                              | 53                   |
| Payroll and benefits payable   | 1,040                           | 995                  |
| Accrued taxes (Note 11)  | 282                             | 95                   |
| Accrued interest   | 36                              | 20                   |
| Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt (Note 15)   | 110                             | 110                  |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                                     | <b>3,873</b>                    | <b>3,003</b>         |
| Long-term debt, less unamortized discount (Note 15)                  | 3,110                           | 3,147                |
| Employee benefits  | 3,016                           | 3,187                |
| Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 11)                            | 245                             | 162                  |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities                               | 529                             | 514                  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>10,773</b>                   | <b>10,013</b>        |
| Contingencies and commitments (Note 20)                              |                                 |                      |
| Minority interests   | 125                             | 88                   |
| <b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>   |                                 |                      |
| Common stock (123,785,911 and 123,785,911 shares issued) (Note 12)   | 124                             | 124                  |
| Treasury stock, at cost (6,207,919 and 5,790,827 shares)             | (470)                           | (395)                |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 2,972                           | 2,955                |
| Retained earnings  | 4,527                           | 3,683                |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note 18)                       | (744)                           | (836)                |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>                                    | <b>6,409</b>                    | <b>5,531</b>         |

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| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 17,307 | \$ 15,632 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)

| (Dollars in millions)  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|
|  | 2008                         | 2007           |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>                |                              |                |
| <b>Operating activities:</b>   |                              |                |
| Net income   | \$ 903                       | \$ 575         |
| Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities: |                              |                |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization                               | 315                          | 229            |
| Provision for doubtful accounts  | 5                            | (12)           |
| Pensions and other postretirement benefits                             | (216)                        | (85)           |
| Minority interests   | 11                           | 4              |
| Deferred income taxes  | 97                           | 49             |
| Net gains on disposal of assets  | (2)                          | (13)           |
| Distributions received, net of equity investees income                 | (16)                         | 14             |
| Changes in:  |                              |                |
| Current receivables - sold   | 450                          | 40             |
| - repurchased  | (460)                        | (40)           |
| - operating turnover   | (1,043)                      | (297)          |
| Inventories  | (292)                        | 108            |
| Current accounts payable and accrued expenses                          | 798                          | 229            |
| Bank checks outstanding  | (5)                          | 63             |
| Foreign currency translation   | (56)                         | (5)            |
| All other, net   | (26)                         | (3)            |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                       | <b>463</b>                   | <b>856</b>     |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>   |                              |                |
| Capital expenditures   | (340)                        | (250)          |
| Acquisition of Lone Star Technologies, Inc.                            | -                            | (1,990)        |
| Acquisition of Stelco Inc.   | (1)                          | -              |
| Disposal of assets   | 7                            | 18             |
| Restricted cash, net   | -                            | 1              |
| Investments, net   | (16)                         | (2)            |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>                           | <b>(350)</b>                 | <b>(2,223)</b> |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>   |                              |                |
| Issuance of long-term debt, net of financing costs                     | -                            | 1,583          |
| Repayment of long-term debt  | (36)                         | (449)          |
| Common stock issued  | 11                           | 15             |
| Common stock repurchased   | (85)                         | (58)           |
| Distributions from (to) minority interest owners                       | 25                           | (7)            |
| Dividends paid   | (59)                         | (47)           |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation                      | 9                            | 8              |
| <b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>             | <b>(135)</b>                 | <b>1,045</b>   |
| <b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash</b>                         | <b>12</b>                    | <b>3</b>       |
| <b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>                       | <b>(10)</b>                  | <b>(319)</b>   |

|   |               |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b> | <b>401</b>    | <b>1,422</b>    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>     | <b>\$ 391</b> | <b>\$ 1,103</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

### 1. Basis of Presentation

United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel) produces and sells steel mill products, including flat-rolled and tubular, in North America and Central Europe. Operations in North America also include iron ore mining and processing to supply steel producing units; real estate management and development; transportation services; and engineering and consulting services.

The year-end consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited statements but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The other information in these financial statements is unaudited but, in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods covered. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature unless disclosed otherwise. These financial statements, including notes, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. Additional information is contained in the United States Steel Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Certain reclassifications of prior year s data have been made.

### 2. New Accounting Standards

In May 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (FAS 162). Under FAS 162, the GAAP hierarchy will now reside in the accounting literature established by the FASB. FAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. FAS 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC s approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. FAS 162 will not impact our financial statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS No. 142-3 (FSP FAS 142-3) Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets. FSP FAS 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to include an entity s historical experience in renewing or extending similar arrangements, adjusted for entity-specific factors, even when there is likely to be substantial cost or material modifications. FSP FAS 142-3 states that in the absence of historical experience an entity should use assumptions that market participants would make regarding renewals or extensions, adjusted for entity-specific factors. The guidance for determining the useful life of intangible assets included in this FSP will be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after the effective date of January 1, 2009. U. S. Steel does not expect FSP FAS 142-3 to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations (FAS 141(R)), which replaces FAS No. 141. FAS 141(R) requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction, establishes the acquisition-date fair value as the measurement objective for all assets acquired and liabilities assumed and requires the acquirer to disclose certain information related to the nature and financial effect of the business combination. FAS 141(R) also establishes principles and

requirements for how an acquirer recognizes any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired in a business combination. FAS 141(R) is effective on a prospective basis for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2009. For any business combination that takes place subsequent to January 1, 2009, FAS 141(R) may have a material impact on our financial statements. The nature and extent of any such impact will depend upon the terms and conditions of the transaction. FAS 141 (R) also amends FAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, such that adjustments made to deferred taxes and acquired tax contingencies after January 1, 2009, even for business combinations completed before this date, will impact net income. This provision of FAS 141 (R) may have a material impact on our financial statements (see Note 11 and the discussion of U. S. Steel Canada Inc.).

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 (FAS 160). FAS 160 requires all entities to report noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries (also known as minority interests) as a separate component of equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, to clearly identify consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest on the face of the consolidated statement of income, and to provide sufficient disclosure that clearly identifies and distinguishes between the interest of the parent and the interests of noncontrolling owners. FAS 160 also establishes accounting and reporting standards for changes in a parent's ownership interest and the valuation of retained noncontrolling equity investments when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. FAS 160 is effective as of January 1, 2009. U. S. Steel does not expect any material financial statement implications relating to the adoption of this Statement.

In June 2007, the FASB ratified Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issue number 06-11, Accounting for Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share Based Payment Awards (EITF 06-11). EITF 06-11 requires that tax benefits generated by dividends paid during the vesting period on certain equity-classified, share-based compensation awards be classified as additional paid-in capital and included in a pool of excess tax benefits available to absorb tax deficiencies from share-based payment awards. EITF 06-11 was effective January 1, 2008, and the effect of adopting EITF 06-11 was immaterial to our financial statements.

In March 2007, the FASB ratified EITF issue number 06-10, Accounting for Collateral Assignment Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements (EITF 06-10). EITF 06-10 requires an employer to recognize a liability for the postretirement benefit provided by a collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangement in accordance with either FASB Statement No. 106, Employers Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, or Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 12, Omnibus Opinion 1967, if the employer has agreed to maintain a life insurance policy during the employee's retirement or provide the employee with a death benefit. EITF 06-10 also stipulates that an employer should recognize and measure an asset based on the nature and substance of the collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangement. EITF 06-10 was effective January 1, 2008. U. S. Steel has collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangements within the scope of EITF 06-10 for a small number of employees; however, the impact of adopting EITF 06-10 was immaterial to our financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (FAS 159). This Statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value and report unrealized gains and losses on these instruments in earnings. FAS 159 was effective January 1, 2008. U. S. Steel did not adopt the fair value option.

In September 2006, the FASB issued FAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS 157). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The

Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements and, accordingly, does not require any new fair value measurements. This Statement was initially effective as of January 1, 2008, but in February 2008, the FASB delayed the effective date for applying this standard to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. We adopted FAS 157 as of January 1, 2008 for assets and liabilities within its scope and the impact was immaterial to our financial statements. Nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities for which we have not applied the provisions of FAS 157 include those measured at fair value in goodwill and indefinite lived intangible asset impairment testing, and asset retirement obligations initially measured at fair value.

### 3. Segment Information

U. S. Steel has three reportable segments: Flat-rolled Products (Flat-rolled), U. S. Steel Europe (USSE), and Tubular Products (Tubular). The results of several operating segments that do not constitute reportable segments are combined and disclosed in the Other Businesses category.

The chief operating decision maker evaluates performance and determines resource allocations based on a number of factors, the primary measure being income from operations. Income from operations for reportable segments and Other Businesses does not include net interest and other financial costs, the income tax provision, benefit expenses for current retirees and certain other items that management believes are not indicative of future results. Information on segment assets is not disclosed, as the chief operating decision maker does not review it.

The accounting principles applied at the operating segment level in determining income from operations are generally the same as those applied at the consolidated financial statement level. The transfer value for steel rounds from Flat-rolled to Tubular and the transfer value for iron ore pellets from Other Businesses to Flat-rolled are based on cost. The transfer value for hot-rolled bands from Flat-rolled to Tubular and all other intersegment sales and transfers are accounted for at market-based prices and are eliminated at the corporate consolidation level. Corporate-level selling, general and administrative expenses and costs related to certain former businesses are allocated to the reportable segments and Other Businesses based on measures of activity that management believes are reasonable.

The results of segment operations for the second quarter of 2008 and 2007 are:

| (In millions)              | Customer Sales | Intersegment Sales | Net Sales | Income from investees | Income from operations |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Second Quarter 2008</b> |                |                    |           |                       |                        |
| Flat-rolled                | \$ 4,010       | \$ 395             | \$ 4,405  | \$ 33                 | \$ 478                 |
| USSE                       | 1,760          | -                  | 1,760     | 1                     | 298                    |
| Tubular                    | 912            | 1                  | 913       | -                     | 177                    |
| Total reportable segments  | 6,682          | 396                | 7,078     | 34                    | 953                    |
| Other Businesses           | 62             | 472                | 534       | -                     | 6                      |
| Reconciling Items          | -              | (868)              | (868)     | -                     | (5)                    |
| Total                      | \$ 6,744       | \$ -               | \$ 6,744  | \$ 34                 | \$ 954                 |
| <b>Second Quarter 2007</b> |                |                    |           |                       |                        |
| Flat-rolled                | \$ 2,509       | \$ 84              | \$ 2,593  | \$ 7                  | \$ 92                  |
| USSE                       | 1,239          | -                  | 1,239     | -                     | 244                    |
| Tubular                    | 405            | -                  | 405       | 3                     | 97                     |
| Total reportable segments  | 4,153          | 84                 | 4,237     | 10                    | 433                    |
| Other Businesses           | 75             | 293                | 368       | -                     | 1                      |
| Reconciling Items          | -              | (377)              | (377)     | -                     | (43)                   |
| Total                      | \$ 4,228       | \$ -               | \$ 4,228  | \$ 10                 | \$ 391                 |

The results of segment operations for the first six months of 2008 and 2007 are:

| (In millions)                | Customer  | Intersegment | Net       | Income    | Income     |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                              | Sales     | Sales        | Sales     | from      | from       |
| First Six Months 2008        |           |              |           | investees | operations |
| Flat-rolled                  | \$ 7,165  | \$ 677       | \$ 7,842  | \$ 42     | \$ 598     |
| USSE                         | 3,116     | -            | 3,116     | 1         | 459        |
| Tubular                      | 1,533     | 1            | 1,534     | (2)       | 228        |
| Total reportable segments    | 11,814    | 678          | 12,492    | 41        | 1,285      |
| Other Businesses             | 126       | 702          | 828       | -         | 1          |
| Reconciling Items            | -         | (1,380)      | (1,380)   | -         | (66)       |
| Total                        | \$ 11,940 | \$ -         | \$ 11,940 | \$ 41     | \$ 1,220   |
| <b>First Six Months 2007</b> |           |              |           |           |            |
| Flat-rolled                  | \$ 4,698  | \$ 169       | \$ 4,867  | \$ 10     | \$ 167     |
| USSE                         | 2,399     | -            | 2,399     | -         | 450        |
| Tubular                      | 761       | -            | 761       | 3         | 199        |
| Total reportable segments    | 7,858     | 169          | 8,027     | 13        | 816        |
| Other Businesses             | 126       | 457          | 583       | (1)       | 3          |
| Reconciling Items            | -         | (626)        | (626)     | -         | (82)       |
| Total                        | \$ 7,984  | \$ -         | \$ 7,984  | \$ 12     | \$ 737     |

The following is a schedule of reconciling items to income from operations:

| (In millions)   | Second Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |         | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |         |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007    | 2008                         | 2007    |
| Items not allocated to segments:                        |                                  |         |                              |         |
| Retiree benefit expenses                                | \$ 1                             | \$ (43) | \$ 2                         | \$ (82) |
| Other items not allocated to segments:                  |                                  |         |                              |         |
| Flat-rolled inventory transition effects <sup>(a)</sup> | (6)                              | -       | (23)                         | -       |
| Litigation reserve (Note 20)                            | -                                | -       | (45)                         | -       |
| Total other items not allocated to segments             | (6)                              | -       | (68)                         | -       |
| Total reconciling items                                 | \$ (5)                           | \$ (43) | \$ (66)                      | \$ (82) |

<sup>(a)</sup> The impact of selling acquired inventory, which had been recorded at fair value.

#### 4. Acquisitions

##### Stelco Inc.

On October 31, 2007, U. S. Steel paid \$1,237 million to acquire all of the outstanding stock and stock equivalents of Stelco Inc. (Stelco) and the company was renamed U. S. Steel Canada Inc. (USSC). U. S. Steel also paid \$785 million to retire substantially all of the outstanding debt of Stelco and made a \$34 million contribution to Stelco's main pension plans at closing.

USSC operates two integrated steel plants in Ontario, Canada and produces a variety of steel products for customers in the automotive, steel service center, and pipe and tubular industries within North America. The acquisition has strengthened U. S. Steel's position as a premier supplier of flat-rolled steel products and has provided us with greater flexibility to respond to the



requirements of an expanded customer base. It is also anticipated that it will generate annual, sustainable synergies through sourcing of semi-finished products and the leveraging of best practices.

The results of operations of USSC are included in U. S. Steel's consolidated statement of operations as of the date of acquisition. The USSC integrated plants are being reported as part of U. S. Steel's Flat-rolled segment.

In connection with the acquisition, U. S. Steel assumed Stelco's pension funding obligations under a pension agreement entered into by Stelco and the Province of Ontario totaling C\$545 million (approximately \$535 million). In addition, we committed to the Canadian government to make capital investments over the next five years of at least C\$200 million (approximately \$196 million).

The total purchase price of \$2,037 million reflects the \$2,056 million of payments detailed above, net of cash acquired of \$32 million, and including direct acquisition costs of \$13 million. The acquisition was recorded by allocating the cost of the assets acquired, including identifiable intangible assets, and liabilities assumed, based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The excess of the cost of the acquisition over the net amounts assigned to the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. We are in the process of evaluating the allocation of goodwill across our reporting units. The amount allocated to goodwill reflects the benefits U. S. Steel expects to realize from expanding our flexibility in meeting customer needs and our sources of semi-finished products.

The acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with FAS 141, Business Combinations (FAS 141). The following table presents the preliminary allocation of the aggregate purchase price based on estimated fair values:

|                                     | (In millions) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Assets Acquired:</b>             |               |
| Receivables                         | \$ 287        |
| Inventories                         | 653           |
| Other current assets                | 72            |
| Property, plant & equipment         | 1,952         |
| Identifiable intangible assets      | 62            |
| Goodwill                            | 623           |
| Equity Investments                  | 388           |
| Other noncurrent assets             | 39            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                 | <b>4,076</b>  |
| <b>Liabilities Assumed:</b>         |               |
| Accounts payable                    | 187           |
| Other current liabilities           | 31            |
| Employee benefits                   | 1,523         |
| Long term debt                      | 103           |
| Deferred tax liability              | 1             |
| Other noncurrent liabilities        | 139           |
| Minority Interest                   | 55            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>            | <b>2,039</b>  |
| Purchase price net of cash acquired | \$ 2,037      |

U. S. Steel is in the process of conforming accounting policies and procedures and completing valuations of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. As such, the allocation of the purchase price is subject to revision.

During the first half of 2008, progress was made in completing the valuations of assets acquired, and as a result, the value of acquired property, plant and equipment increased by approximately \$100 million as compared to the preliminary purchase price allocation included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements in U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. Further, identifiable intangible assets decreased by approximately \$140 million, other non-current liabilities increased by approximately \$30 million, and goodwill increased by approximately \$50 million.

Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. The identifiable intangible assets, principally customer relationships, are not deductible for tax purposes. Customer relationships of approximately \$62 million will be subject to amortization for book purposes over a period of 31 years. Goodwill will be subject to impairment testing on an annual basis in accordance with FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (FAS 142).

The following unaudited pro forma information for U. S. Steel for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2007, includes the results of the Stelco acquisition as if it had been consummated at the beginning of the period presented. The results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008 reflect actual results for U. S. Steel. The unaudited pro forma data is based on historical information and does not include anticipated cost savings or other effects of the integration of USSC. Accordingly, the unaudited pro forma data does not necessarily reflect the actual results that would have occurred, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations. Pro forma adjustments are tax-effected at the Company's statutory tax rate.

| (In millions, except per share amounts) | Second Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |          | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007     | 2008                         | 2007     |
| Net sales                               | \$ 6,744                         | \$ 4,880 | \$ 11,940                    | \$ 9,151 |
| Net income                              | 668                              | 249      | 903                          | 472      |
| Net income per share:                   |                                  |          |                              |          |
| - Basic                                 | \$ 5.69                          | \$ 2.10  | \$ 7.68                      | \$ 3.99  |
| - Diluted                               | \$ 5.65                          | \$ 2.09  | \$ 7.64                      | \$ 3.97  |

Lone Star Technologies, Inc.

On June 14, 2007, U. S. Steel acquired all of the outstanding shares of Lone Star Technologies, Inc. (Lone Star) for \$2,050 million (\$67.50 per share).

The results of operations for Lone Star are included in U. S. Steel's consolidated statement of operations as of the date of the acquisition. Lone Star is being reported as part of U. S. Steel's Tubular segment.

The former Lone Star facilities manufacture welded oil country tubular goods (OCTG), standard and line pipe and tubular couplings, and provide finishing services. The acquisition has strengthened U. S. Steel's position as a premier supplier of tubular products for the energy sector. It is also anticipated that it will generate annual, sustainable synergies, with the full impact to be realized by the end of 2008. The synergies are anticipated through steel sourcing and processing, as well as through overhead cost reductions and the leveraging of best practices.

The total purchase price of \$1,993 million reflects the \$2,050 million share purchase, net of cash acquired of \$71 million, and including direct acquisition costs of \$14 million. The acquisition was recorded by allocating the cost of the assets acquired, including intangible assets, and liabilities assumed, based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The excess of the cost of

the acquisition over the net amounts assigned to the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. The amount allocated to goodwill reflects the benefit U. S. Steel expects to realize from expanding our Tubular operations and from running our Flat-rolled segment at higher operating rates. Approximately \$330 million of goodwill has been allocated to Flat-rolled. The balance of the goodwill has been allocated to the Tubular segment.

The acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with FAS 141. The following table presents the allocation of the aggregate purchase price based on estimated fair values:

|                                     | (In millions) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Assets Acquired:</b>             |               |
| Receivables                         | \$ 133        |
| Inventories                         | 413           |
| Other current assets                | 11            |
| Property, plant & equipment         | 356           |
| Identifiable intangible assets      | 232           |
| Goodwill                            | 1,176         |
| Other noncurrent assets             | 50            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                 | <b>2,371</b>  |
| <b>Liabilities Assumed:</b>         |               |
| Accounts payable                    | 145           |
| Payroll and benefits payable        | 46            |
| Other current liabilities           | 40            |
| Employee benefits                   | 35            |
| Deferred income tax liabilities     | 105           |
| Other noncurrent liabilities        | 7             |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>            | <b>378</b>    |
| Purchase price net of cash acquired | \$ 1,993      |

Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. The identifiable intangible assets, principally water rights and customer relationships, are not deductible for tax purposes. Customer relationships of approximately \$130 million will be subject to amortization for book purposes over a period of approximately 20 years. It was determined that water rights of approximately \$75 million have an indefinite life. Goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life will be subject to impairment testing on an annual basis in accordance with FAS 142. Other identifiable intangible assets will be amortized over a weighted-average period of approximately 13 years.



The following unaudited pro forma information for U. S. Steel for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2007, includes the results of the Lone Star acquisition as if it had been consummated at the beginning of the period presented. The results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008 reflect actual results for U. S. Steel. The unaudited pro forma data is based on historical information and does not include anticipated cost savings or other effects of the integration of Lone Star. Accordingly, the unaudited pro forma data does not necessarily reflect the actual results that would have occurred, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations. Pro forma adjustments are tax-effected at the Company's statutory tax rate.

| (In millions, except per share amounts) | Second Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |          | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007     | 2008                         | 2007     |
| Net sales                               | \$ 6,744                         | \$ 4,501 | \$ 11,940                    | \$ 8,561 |
| Net income                              | 668                              | 276      | 903                          | 546      |
| Net income per share:                   |                                  |          |                              |          |
| - Basic                                 | \$ 5.69                          | \$ 2.34  | \$ 7.68                      | \$ 4.62  |
| - Diluted                               | \$ 5.65                          | \$ 2.32  | \$ 7.64                      | \$ 4.59  |

## 5. Assets Held for Sale

On September 26, 2007, U. S. Steel and Canadian National Railway Company (CN) announced that they had entered into an agreement under which CN will acquire the majority of the operating assets of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) for \$300 million. Under the agreement, U. S. Steel will retain railroad assets, equipment, and employees that support Gary Works in northwest Indiana. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB), and U. S. Steel cannot predict the outcome or timing of STB action. As of June 30, 2008, the assets of EJ&E that are to be sold, which consist primarily of property, plant and equipment, have been classified as held for sale in accordance with FAS No. 144, Accounting for Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (FAS 144).

Before U. S. Steel's October 31, 2007 acquisition of USSC, Cleveland Cliffs Inc. (Cliffs) and USSC received and accepted a non-binding offer dated June 6, 2007 from Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Limited (Consolidated) to purchase USSC's 44.6 percent interest and Cliffs' 26.8 percent interest in Wabush for a purchase price of \$64.3 million plus two year warrants to purchase 3 million shares of Consolidated common stock. On August 30, 2007, ArcelorMittal Dofasco, Inc. (Dofasco) purported to exercise a right of first refusal under the Participants Agreement dated as of January 1, 1967 governing Wabush. At December 31, 2007, USSC's investment in Wabush was classified as held for sale in accordance with FAS 144. On March 4, 2008, following several months of unsuccessful negotiations over many of the major terms of the purchase and sale, USSC and Cliffs informed Dofasco that they were withdrawing from further negotiations. At June 30, 2008, USSC's investment in Wabush is no longer classified as held for sale (see Note 20).

## 6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment for the six months ended June 30, 2008 are as follows:

|                              | Flat-rolled<br>Segment | Tubular<br>Segment | Total    |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Balance at December 31, 2007 | \$ 867                 | \$ 845             | \$ 1,712 |
| Goodwill from acquisitions   | 22                     | (1)                | 21       |
| Currency translation         | (17)                   | -                  | (17)     |

Balance at June 30, 2008 **\$ 872**      **\$ 844**      **\$ 1,716**

Amortizable intangible assets acquired during the year ended December 31, 2007 are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives and are detailed below:

| (In millions)                              | As of June 30, 2008         |                             |               | As of December 31, 2007     |                             |               |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|  | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net<br>Amount | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net<br>Amount |
| Customer relationships                     | \$ 189                      | \$ 8                        | \$ 181        | \$ 326                      | \$ 5                        | \$ 321        |
| Other                                      | 25                          | 5                           | 20            | 26                          | 3                           | 23            |
| <b>Total amortizable intangible assets</b> | <b>\$ 214</b>               | <b>\$ 13</b>                | <b>\$ 201</b> | <b>\$ 352</b>               | <b>\$ 8</b>                 | <b>\$ 344</b> |

The carrying amount of acquired water rights with indefinite lives as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 totaled \$75 million.

Aggregate amortization expense was \$2 million and \$5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. Amortization expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 was \$1 million. The estimated future amortization expense of identifiable intangible assets during the next five years is (in millions) \$6 for the remaining portion of 2008, \$11 in 2009, \$9 in 2010, \$9 in 2011 and \$9 in 2012.

## 7. Pensions and Other Benefits

The following table reflects components of net periodic benefit cost for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

| (In millions)   | Pension<br>Benefits |              | Other<br>Benefits |              |
|---|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|   | 2008                | 2007         | 2008              | 2007         |
| Service cost  | \$ 31               | \$ 24        | \$ 5              | \$ 4         |
| Interest cost   | 143                 | 100          | 55                | 39           |
| Expected return on plan assets                                    | (199)               | (142)        | (24)              | (13)         |
| Amortization of prior service cost                                | 6                   | 6            | (8)               | (9)          |
| Amortization of net loss  | 26                  | 32           | 6                 | 10           |
| Net periodic benefit cost, excluding below<br>Multiemployer plans | 7                   | 20           | 34                | 31           |
|   | 8                   | 7            | -                 | -            |
| <b>Net periodic benefit cost</b>                                  | <b>\$ 15</b>        | <b>\$ 27</b> | <b>\$ 34</b>      | <b>\$ 31</b> |



The following table reflects components of net periodic benefit cost for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

| (In millions)                              | Pension Benefits |              | Other Benefits |              |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | 2008             | 2007         | 2008           | 2007         |
| Service cost                               | \$ 61            | \$ 48        | \$ 9           | \$ 7         |
| Interest cost                              | 286              | 200          | 111            | 78           |
| Expected return on plan assets             | (399)            | (283)        | (48)           | (26)         |
| Amortization of prior service cost         | 12               | 12           | (16)           | (17)         |
| Amortization of net loss                   | 52               | 64           | 12             | 20           |
| Net periodic benefit cost, excluding below | 12               | 41           | 68             | 62           |
| Multiemployer plans                        | 16               | 14           | -              | -            |
| Settlement loss and termination benefits   | 1                | 1            | -              | -            |
| <b>Net periodic benefit cost</b>           | <b>\$ 29</b>     | <b>\$ 56</b> | <b>\$ 68</b>   | <b>\$ 62</b> |

During the fourth quarter of 2007, approximately 1,500 U. S. Steel Ko ice, s.r.o. (USSK) employees (approximately 10 percent of its workforce) accepted a voluntary early retirement plan (VERP). Employee severance and net employee benefit charges of \$57 million (including \$15 million of termination losses) were recorded for these employees in 2007. Cash payments of \$24 million had been made to 670 employees who left the company prior to December 31, 2007. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, 403 employees left the company and were paid \$17 million. An additional termination loss of \$1 million was recorded in the first quarter 2008. The remaining employees who accepted the VERP are expected to leave the company by December 31, 2008.

In conjunction with a VERP that was begun in the third quarter 2006, U. S. Steel Serbia, d.o.o (USSS) retained the option to eliminate additional positions in 2007. In the first quarter of 2007, employee severance and net employee benefit charges of \$5 million (including \$1 million of termination losses) were recorded. This secondary program was completed as of June 30, 2007, and approximately 500 employees have left the company. Total employee severance and net employee benefit charges of \$7 million (including \$1 million of termination losses) were recognized in the six months ended June 30, 2007.

### Employer Contributions

During the first six months of 2008, U. S. Steel made \$41 million in required cash contributions to the main USSC pension plans and cash payments of \$17 million to the Steelworkers Pension Trust.

Additionally, U. S. Steel made a \$35 million voluntary contribution to its main defined benefit pension plan in the United States in each of the first two quarters of 2008 and anticipates making additional voluntary contributions in the second half of 2008.

U. S. Steel contributed \$53 million in the first six months of 2008 to its trust for retiree health care and life insurance for United Steelworkers (USW) represented retirees, including \$43 million in accordance with the agreement reached with the USW in December 2007, which is described more fully in Note 16 to the financial statements in U. S. Steel s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

As of June 30, 2008, cash payments of \$120 million had been made for other postretirement benefit payments not funded by trusts.

Company contributions to defined contribution plans totaled \$9 million and \$6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$17 million and \$12 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

## 8. Depreciation and Depletion

U. S. Steel records depreciation on a modified straight-line basis for steel-related assets located in the United States, that are principally not associated with the Tubular segment, based upon raw steel production levels. Applying modification factors decreased expenses by \$4 million and \$12 million for the second quarter 2008 and 2007, respectively, and by \$7 million and \$26 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, when compared to a straight-line calculation. Straight-line depreciation is used by USSC, USSE and a substantial portion of the Tubular segment.

Accumulated depreciation and depletion totaled \$8,388 million and \$8,100 million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

## 9. Net Interest and Other Financial Costs

Other financial costs include foreign currency gains and losses as a result of transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of U. S. Steel's operations. During the second quarter 2008, net foreign currency gains of \$17 million were recorded in other financial costs, compared with net foreign currency losses of \$2 million in the second quarter of 2007. During the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, net foreign currency gains were \$93 million and \$2 million, respectively. See Note 14 for additional information on U. S. Steel's foreign currency exchange activity.

On June 19, 2008, the European Council approved the Slovak Republic's entry into the eurozone as of January 1, 2009. The definitive exchange rate of 30.126 Slovak koruna per euro was established on July 8, 2008. The setting of the definitive exchange rate has reduced the company's exposure to fluctuations between the Slovak koruna and the euro.

## 10. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

U. S. Steel has outstanding stock-based compensation awards that were granted under several stock based employee compensation plans and are more fully described in Note 13 of the United States Steel Corporation 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. U. S. Steel recognized pretax stock-based compensation cost in the amount of \$15 million and \$9 million in the first six months of 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Recent grants of stock-based compensation consist of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock and performance stock awards. The Compensation & Organization Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) has made grants of stock-based awards under a stockholder approved stock incentive plan (the Plan). The following table is a general summary of the awards made under the Plan.

| Grant Details  | May 2008 Grant        |                           | May 2007 Grant        |                           |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Shares <sup>(a)</sup> | Fair Value <sup>(b)</sup> | Shares <sup>(a)</sup> | Fair Value <sup>(b)</sup> |
| Stock Options  | 281,200               | \$ 64.51                  | 215,330               | \$ 44.90                  |
| Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock <sup>(c)</sup> | 111,790               | \$ 169.01                 | 151,845               | \$ 109.32                 |
| Performance Shares <sup>(d)</sup>                          | 32,870                | \$ 214.52                 | 58,300                | \$ 140.66                 |

(a) The share amounts shown in this table do not reflect an adjustment for estimated forfeitures.

(b) Per share amounts

(c) The May 2008 grant consists of restricted stock units.

(d) The number of Performance Shares shown represents the target value of the award.

As of June 30, 2008, total future compensation cost related to nonvested stock-based compensation arrangements was \$61 million, and the weighted average period over which this cost is expected to be recognized is approximately 1.5 years.

In accordance with FAS 123(R), compensation expense for stock options is recorded over the vesting period based on the fair value on the date of grant, as calculated by U. S. Steel using the Black-Scholes model and the assumptions listed below. The stock option awards vest ratably over a three-year service period and have a term of ten years.

| <b>Black-Scholes Assumptions</b>   | <b>May 2008 Grant</b> | <b>May 2007 Grant</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Grant date price per share of option award   | \$ 169.23             | \$ 109.32             |
| Expected annual dividends per share, at grant date                                 | \$ 1.00               | \$ 0.80               |
| Expected life in years   | 4.5                   | 5                     |
| Expected volatility  | 43%                   | 43%                   |
| Risk-free interest rate  | 3.2%                  | 4.5%                  |
| Grant date fair value per share of unvested option awards as calculated from above | \$ 64.51              | \$ 44.90              |

The expected annual dividends per share are based on the latest annualized dividend rate at the date of grant; the expected life in years is determined primarily from historical stock option exercise data; the expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of U. S. Steel stock; and the risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury strip rate for the expected life of the option.

Restricted stock unit awards and restricted stock vest ratably over three years. The fair value of the restricted stock units is the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of the grant less a discount factor for the delayed payment of quarterly dividends. The fair value of the restricted stock awards is the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. Performance stock awards vest at the end of a three-year performance period as a function of U. S. Steel's total shareholder return compared to the total shareholder returns of peer companies over the three-year performance period. Performance stock awards can vest at between zero and 200 percent of the target award. The fair value of the performance stock awards is calculated using a Monte-Carlo simulation.

## 11. Income Taxes

On January 1, 2007, U. S. Steel adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, U. S. Steel recognized an increase of approximately \$3 million in the liability for uncertain tax positions, which was accounted for as a reduction to the January 1, 2007 balance of retained earnings.

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits was \$77 million and \$68 million as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate was \$63 million and \$43 million as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. Unrecognized tax benefits are the differences between a tax position taken, or expected to be taken in a tax return, and the benefit recognized for accounting purposes pursuant to FIN 48. It is reasonably possible that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by as much as \$1 million in the next 12 months primarily due to the progression of tax audits currently in progress.

U. S. Steel records interest related to uncertain tax positions as a part of net interest and other financial costs in the Statement of Operations. Any penalties are recognized as part of selling, general and administrative expenses. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, U. S. Steel had accrued liabilities of \$3 million and \$6 million, respectively, for interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

### **Provision for taxes**

The income tax provision in the first six months of 2008 reflects an estimated annual effective tax rate of 27 percent, excluding discrete items. This estimated annual effective rate is based on management's best estimate of annual pretax income for the year. During the year, management regularly updates forecast estimates based on changes in various factors such as prices, shipments, product mix, plant operating performance and cost estimates, including labor, raw materials, energy and pension and other postretirement benefits. To the extent that actual pretax results for domestic and foreign income in 2008 vary from forecast estimates applied at the end of the most recent interim period, the actual tax provision recognized in 2008 could be materially different from the forecast annual tax provision as of the end of the second quarter.

### **Taxes on Foreign Income**

The Slovak Income Tax Act permits USSK to claim a tax credit of 100 percent of USSK's tax liability for the years 2000 through 2004 and of 50 percent of the current statutory rate of 19 percent for the years 2005 through 2009. As a result of conditions imposed when Slovakia joined the European Union (EU) that were amended by a 2004 settlement with the EU, the total tax credit granted to USSK for the period 2000 through 2009 is limited to \$430 million, of which approximately \$25 million remained at December 31, 2007. Based on the credits previously used and forecasts of future taxable income, management anticipates fully utilizing the remaining credits in 2008.

### **Tax years subject to Examination**

Below is a summary of open tax years by major tax jurisdiction:

U.S. Federal 2004 and forward\*

U.S. States 2002 and forward

Slovakia 2001 and forward

Serbia 2003 and forward

Canada 2004 and forward

\* Lone Star has open tax years for its U.S. federal returns dating back to 1988 due to the presence of net operating loss carryforwards.

### **Status of IRS Examinations**

The IRS audit of U. S. Steel's 2004 and 2005 tax returns was completed in the first quarter of 2008 and agreement was reached with the IRS on the proposed adjustments. The results of the audit did not have a material impact on U. S. Steel.

### **Deferred taxes**

As of June 30, 2008, the net domestic deferred tax liability was \$120 million compared to \$21 million at December 31, 2007.

As of June 30, 2008, the amount of net foreign deferred tax assets recorded was \$28 million, net of an established valuation allowance of \$397 million. As of December 31, 2007, the amount of net foreign deferred tax assets recorded was \$26 million, net of an established valuation allowance of \$392 million. Net foreign deferred tax assets will fluctuate as the value of the U.S. dollar changes with respect to the euro, the Slovak koruna, the Canadian dollar and the Serbian dinar. A full valuation allowance is provided for the Serbian deferred tax assets because current projected





investment tax credits, which must be used before net operating losses and credit carryforwards, are more than sufficient to offset future tax liabilities. A full valuation allowance is recorded for Canadian deferred tax assets due to a recent history of losses, particularly before U. S. Steel acquired USSC. As USSC and USSS generate sufficient income, the valuation allowance of \$243 million for Canadian deferred tax assets, including \$204 million pre-acquisition, and \$147 million for Serbian deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2008, would be partially or fully reversed at such time that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. (If any portion of the \$204 million valuation allowance at USSC is reversed prior to January 1, 2009, it will result in a decrease to goodwill. In accordance with FAS 141(R), any reversals of this amount made after January 1, 2009 will result in a decrease to tax expense.)

## **12. Common Shares and Income Per Common Share**

### **Common Stock Repurchase Program**

U. S. Steel has repurchased common stock from time to time in the open market. During the second quarter of 2008 and 2007, 320,000 shares and 304,900 shares of common stock were repurchased for \$52 million and \$33 million, respectively. During the first six months of 2008 and 2007, 625,000 shares and 609,900 shares of common stock were repurchased for \$85 million and \$58 million, respectively. At June 30, 2008, the repurchase of an additional 5,836,300 shares remains authorized.

### **Income Per Common Share**

Basic net income per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the quarter.

Diluted net income per common share assumes the exercise of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and performance shares, provided in each case the effect is dilutive. For the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008, 710,477 shares and 639,360 shares of common stock, respectively, related to stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance shares, have been included in the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect was dilutive. For the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2007, 669,851 shares and 687,659 shares of common stock, respectively, related to stock options, restricted stock, and performance shares have been included in the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect was dilutive.

### **Dividends Paid Per Share**

The dividend rate for the first and second quarters of 2008 was 25 cents per common share. The dividend rate was 20 cents per common share for the first and second quarters of 2007.

**13. Inventories**

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market on a worldwide basis. The first-in, first-out method is the predominant method of inventory costing for USSC and USSE. The last-in, first-out (LIFO) method is the predominant method of inventory costing for inventories in the United States. At June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the LIFO method accounted for 42 percent and 45 percent of total inventory values, respectively.

| (In millions)             | June 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials             | \$ 802           | \$ 798               |
| Semi-finished products    | 1,052            | 827                  |
| Finished products         | 612              | 548                  |
| Supplies and sundry items | 127              | 106                  |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 2,593</b>  | <b>\$ 2,279</b>      |

Current acquisition costs were estimated to exceed these inventory values by \$1.2 billion at June 30, 2008 and by \$910 million at December 31, 2007. Cost of sales was reduced by \$16 million in the second quarter of 2008, and was not impacted in the second quarter of 2007, as a result of liquidations of LIFO inventories. Cost of sales was reduced by \$32 million and \$13 million in the first six months of 2008 and 2007, respectively, as a result of liquidations of LIFO inventories.

Inventory includes \$90 million and \$88 million of land held for residential or commercial development as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

U. S. Steel has coke swap agreements with other steel manufacturers designed to reduce transportation costs. The coke swaps are recorded at cost in accordance with APB 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions and FAS No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets. U. S. Steel shipped approximately 546,000 tons and received approximately 492,000 tons of coke under the swap agreements during the first six months of 2008. U. S. Steel shipped approximately 435,000 tons and received approximately 445,000 tons of coke under the swap agreements during the first six months of 2007. There was no income statement impact related to these swaps in either 2008 or 2007.

**14. Derivative Instruments**

In March 2008, the FASB issued FAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (FAS 161). FAS 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of FAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (FAS 133), to provide qualitative and quantitative information on how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under FAS 133 and its related interpretations, and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. FAS 161 is effective as of January 1, 2009; however, U. S. Steel chose to adopt FAS 161 in the first quarter of 2008.

U. S. Steel is exposed to foreign currency exchange risks as a result of its European and Canadian operations. USSE's revenues are primarily in euros and its costs are primarily in U.S. dollars, Slovak koruna, Serbian dinars and euros. USSC's revenues are primarily in Canadian dollars although the markets served are heavily influenced by the interaction between the Canadian and U.S. dollar. While the majority of USSC's costs are in Canadian dollars, there

are significant raw material purchases that are in U.S. dollars. In addition, the acquisition of USSC was funded from the United States and through the reinvestment of undistributed earnings from USSE, creating intercompany monetary assets and liabilities in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities involved, which can impact income when remeasured at the end of each quarter. A \$1.1 billion U.S. dollar-denominated intercompany loan (the intercompany loan) to a European affiliate was the primary exposure at June 30, 2008. The balance of the intercompany loan was reduced to \$836 million on July 9, 2008.

U. S. Steel holds or purchases derivative financial instruments for purposes other than trading to mitigate foreign currency exchange rate risk. U. S. Steel uses euro forward sales contracts with maturities no longer than 18 months to exchange euros for U.S. dollars to manage our exposure to foreign currency price fluctuations. The gains and losses recognized on these euro forward sales contracts may partially offset gains and losses recognized on the intercompany loan.

As of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel held euro forward sales contracts with a total notional value of approximately \$614 million. We mitigate the risk of concentration of counterparty credit risk by purchasing our forward sales contracts from several counterparties.

FAS 133 requires derivative instruments to be recognized at fair value in the balance sheet. U. S. Steel has not elected to designate these forward contracts as hedges under FAS 133. Therefore, changes in the fair value of the forward contracts are recognized immediately in the results of operations.

See Note 1 to the financial statements in the United States Steel Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 for a summary of accounting policies related to derivative financial instruments.

The following summarizes the location and amounts of the fair values and gains or losses related to derivatives included in U. S. Steel's financial statements as of and for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008:

| (In millions)                      | Location of<br>Fair Value in<br>Balance Sheet | Fair Value |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Foreign exchange forward contracts | Accounts payable                              | \$ (27)    |

|                                    | Location of<br>Gain (Loss)<br>on Derivative<br>in Statement<br>of Operations | Quarter ended<br>June 30,<br>2008 | Amount of<br>Gain (Loss)<br>Six Months ended<br>June 30, 2008 |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Foreign exchange forward contracts | Other financial costs  | \$ 1                              | \$ (28)   |

In accordance with FAS 157, the fair value of our derivatives is determined using Level 2 inputs, which are defined as significant other observable inputs. The inputs used include quotes from counterparties that are corroborated with market sources.

**15. Debt**

| (In millions)   | Interest<br>Rates % | Maturity  | June 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|---|---------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
| 2037 Senior Notes   | 6.65                | 2037      | \$ 350           | \$ 350               |
| 2018 Senior Notes   | 7.00                | 2018      | 500              | 500                  |
| 2017 Senior Notes   | 6.05                | 2017      | 450              | 450                  |
| 2013 Senior Notes   | 5.65                | 2013      | 300              | 300                  |
| 10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % Senior Notes               | 10.75               | 2008      | 20               | 20                   |
| Five-year Term Loan   | Variable            | 2008 2012 | 475              | 500                  |
| Three-year Term Loan  | Variable            | 2008 2010 | 500              | 500                  |
| Province Note (C\$150 million)                              | 1.00                | 2015      | 147              | 150                  |
| Environmental Revenue Bonds                                 | 4.75 6.25           | 2009 2033 | 458              | 458                  |
| Fairfield Caster Lease                                      |                     | 2008 2012 | 37               | 45                   |
| Other capital leases and all other obligations              |                     | 2008 2014 | 38               | 41                   |
| Credit Agreement, \$750 million                             | Variable            | 2012      | -                | -                    |
| USSK credit facilities, 60 million (\$95 and \$88 million)  | Variable            | 2009      | -                | -                    |
| USSS credit facility, 25 million (\$39 and \$37 million)    | Variable            | 2008      | -                | -                    |
| <b>Total</b>  |                     |           | <b>3,275</b>     | <b>3,314</b>         |
| Less Province Note fair value adjustment                    |                     |           | 48               | 50                   |
| Less unamortized discount                                   |                     |           | 7                | 7                    |
| Less short-term debt and long-term debt due within one year |                     |           | 110              | 110                  |

Long-term debt **\$ 3,110** **\$ 3,147**

At June 30, 2008, in the event of a change in control of U. S. Steel, debt obligations totaling \$2,575 million, plus any sums then outstanding under our \$750 million Credit Agreement dated May 11, 2007 may be declared immediately due and payable. In such event, U. S. Steel may also be required to either repurchase the leased Fairfield slab caster for \$52 million or provide a letter of credit to secure the remaining obligation.

In the event of the bankruptcy of Marathon Oil Corporation (Marathon), \$501 million related to Environmental Revenue Bonds, the Fairfield Caster Lease and the coke battery lease at the Clairton Plant may be declared immediately due and payable.

On July 2, 2008, USSK, entered into a 200 million (approximately \$317 million) three-year revolving unsecured credit facility. Interest on borrowings under the facility is based on a spread over EURIBOR or LIBOR, and the agreement contains customary terms and conditions. On July 7, 2008, 200 million was drawn against this facility, and the proceeds were used to reduce the intercompany loan. Subsequently, \$300 million of the three-year term loan was retired.

U. S. Steel was in compliance with all of its debt covenants at June 30, 2008.

**16. Asset Retirement Obligations**

U. S. Steel's asset retirement obligations primarily relate to mine and landfill closure and post-closure costs. The following table reflects changes in the carrying values of asset retirement obligations:

| (In millions)                        | June 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at beginning of year         | \$ 40            | \$ 33                |
| Additional obligations incurred      | -                | 1                    |
| Revisions in estimated closure costs | (6)              | -                    |
| Foreign currency translation effects | 4                | 3                    |
| Accretion expense                    | 2                | 3                    |
| Balance at end of period             | \$ 40            | \$ 40                |

Certain asset retirement obligations related to disposal costs of certain fixed assets at our steel facilities have not been recorded because they have an indeterminate settlement date. These asset retirement obligations will be initially recognized in the period in which sufficient information exists to estimate their fair value.

**17. Variable Interest Entities**

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46R), U. S. Steel consolidates the following entities:

***Clairton 1314B Partnership, L.P.***

U. S. Steel is the sole general partner and there are two unaffiliated limited partners of the Clairton 1314B Partnership, L.P. (1314B Partnership), which owns two of the twelve coke batteries at Clairton Works. Because U. S. Steel is the primary beneficiary of this entity, U. S. Steel consolidates this partnership in its financial results. U. S. Steel is responsible for purchasing, operations and sales of coke and coke by-products. U. S. Steel has a commitment to fund operating cash shortfalls of the 1314B Partnership of up to \$150 million. Additionally, U. S. Steel, under certain circumstances, is required to indemnify the limited partners if the partnership product sales prior to 2003 fail to qualify for credits under Section 29 of the Internal Revenue Code. Furthermore, U. S. Steel, under certain circumstances, has indemnified the 1314B Partnership for environmental obligations. See Note 20 for further discussion of commitments related to the 1314B Partnership.

***Blackbird Acquisition Inc.***

Blackbird Acquisition Inc. (Blackbird) is an entity established to facilitate the purchase and sale of certain fixed assets. U. S. Steel has no ownership interest in Blackbird. At June 30, 2008, there were no assets or liabilities consolidated through Blackbird.

***U. S. Steel Receivables, LLC***

U. S. Steel has a receivables purchase program. Trade accounts receivable are sold, on a daily basis without recourse, to U. S. Steel Receivables, LLC (USSR), a wholly owned consolidated special purpose entity. USSR can then sell revolving interests in up to \$500 million of the receivables to certain commercial paper conduits. At December 31, 2007 and June 30, 2008, an additional \$350 million and \$360 million of accounts receivable could have been sold under this facility. The Receivables Purchase Agreement expires on September 25, 2010.

**Daniel Ross Bridge, LLC**

Daniel Ross Bridge, LLC (DRB) was established for the development of a 1,600 acre master-planned community in Hoover, Alabama. DRB manages the development and marketing of the property. The consolidation of DRB had an insignificant effect on U. S. Steel's results for the quarters and six month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

**Chicago Lakeside Development, LLC**

Chicago Lakeside Development, LLC (CLD) was established in 2006 to develop 275 acres of land that U. S. Steel owns in Chicago, Illinois. During the predevelopment phase of the project (originally expected to last approximately eighteen months, but extended for an additional twelve months in the fourth quarter of 2007), CLD will investigate the feasibility of the project and plan the development. U. S. Steel will contribute approximately 45 percent of the costs incurred during this phase. If CLD proceeds with the development, U. S. Steel will contribute its land to the entity for development. The consolidation of CLD reduced income from operations by \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008, which was partially offset by minority interests of \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively. During the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2007, the consolidation of CLD reduced income from operations by \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, which was partially offset by minority interests of \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively.

**Gateway Energy & Coke Company, LLC**

In the first quarter 2008, U. S. Steel entered into a coke supply agreement with Gateway Energy & Coke Company, LLC (Gateway), a wholly owned subsidiary of SunCoke Energy, Inc. Gateway has agreed to construct a heat recovery coke plant with an expected annual capacity of 651,000 tons of furnace coke at U. S. Steel's Granite City Works that is expected to begin operations in the fourth quarter of 2009. U. S. Steel has no ownership interest in Gateway; however, because U. S. Steel is the primary beneficiary of Gateway, U. S. Steel consolidates Gateway in its financial results. At June 30, 2008, Gateway had added approximately \$31 million in net assets to our consolidated balance sheet, which were offset by minority interest. For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the consolidation of Gateway reduced income from operations by \$3 million, which was offset by minority interest.

**18. Comprehensive Income**

The following table reflects the components of comprehensive income:

| (In millions)   | Second Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |        | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |        |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007   | 2008                         | 2007   |
| Net income  | \$ 668                           | \$ 302 | \$ 903                       | \$ 575 |
| Changes in foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax | 17                               | 19     | 40                           | 53     |
| Changes in employee benefit accounts, net of tax                | 14                               | 24     | 51                           | 44     |
| Comprehensive income  | \$ 699                           | \$ 345 | \$ 994                       | \$ 672 |

**19. Related Party Transactions**

Net sales to related parties and receivables from related parties primarily reflect sales of steel products, transportation services and fees for providing various management and other support services to equity and other related parties. Generally, transactions are conducted under long-term market-based contractual arrangements. Related party sales and service transactions were



\$330 million and \$297 million for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$623 million and \$553 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Sales to related parties were conducted under terms comparable to those with unrelated parties.

Purchases from equity investees for outside processing services amounted to \$66 million and \$9 million for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$85 and \$18 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Purchases of taconite pellets from equity investees amounted to \$53 million and \$68 million for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008 respectively. There were no purchases of pellets from equity investees in 2007.

Accounts payable to related parties include balances due PRO-TEC Coating Company (PRO-TEC) of \$73 million and \$59 million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, for invoicing and receivables collection services provided by U. S. Steel. U. S. Steel, as PRO-TEC's exclusive sales agent, is responsible for credit risk related to those receivables. U. S. Steel also provides PRO-TEC marketing, selling and customer service functions. Payables to other equity investees totaled \$15 million and \$3 million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

## 20. Contingencies and Commitments

U. S. Steel is the subject of, or party to, a number of pending or threatened legal actions, contingencies and commitments involving a variety of matters, including laws and regulations relating to the environment. Certain of these matters are discussed below. The ultimate resolution of these contingencies could, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the consolidated financial statements. However, management believes that U. S. Steel will remain a viable and competitive enterprise even though it is possible that these contingencies could be resolved unfavorably.

U. S. Steel accrues for estimated costs related to existing lawsuits, claims and proceedings when it is probable that it will incur these costs in the future.

**Asbestos matters** As of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel was a defendant in approximately 350 active cases involving approximately 2,950 plaintiffs. Many of these cases involve multiple defendants (typically from fifty to more than one hundred). About 2,600 or approximately 88 percent, of these claims are currently pending in jurisdictions which permit filings with massive numbers of plaintiffs. Based upon U. S. Steel's experience in such cases, it believes that the actual number of plaintiffs who ultimately assert claims against U. S. Steel will likely be a small fraction of the total number of plaintiffs. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel paid approximately \$4 million in settlements. These settlements and other dispositions resolved approximately 350 claims. New case filings in the first six months of 2008 added approximately 300 claims. At December 31, 2007, U. S. Steel was a defendant in approximately 325 active cases involving approximately 3,000 plaintiffs. During 2007, U. S. Steel paid approximately \$9 million in settlements. These settlements and other dispositions resolved approximately 1,230 claims. New case filings in 2007 added approximately 530 claims. Most claims filed in 2007 and 2008 involved individual or small groups of claimants as many jurisdictions no longer permit the filing of mass complaints.

Historically, these claims against U. S. Steel fall into three major groups: (1) claims made by persons who allegedly were exposed to asbestos at U. S. Steel facilities (referred to as premises claims); (2) claims made by industrial workers allegedly exposed to products manufactured by U. S. Steel; and (3) claims made under certain federal and general maritime laws by employees of former operations of U. S. Steel. In general, the only insurance available to U. S. Steel with



respect to asbestos claims is excess casualty insurance, which has multi-million dollar self-insured retentions. To date, U. S. Steel has received minimal payments under these policies relating to asbestos claims.

These asbestos cases allege a variety of respiratory and other diseases based on alleged exposure to asbestos. U. S. Steel is currently a defendant in cases in which a total of approximately 170 plaintiffs allege that they are suffering from mesothelioma. The potential for damages against defendants may be greater in cases in which the plaintiffs can prove mesothelioma.

In many cases in which claims have been asserted against U. S. Steel, the plaintiffs have been unable to establish any causal relationship to U. S. Steel or its products or premises; however, with the decline in mass plaintiff cases, the incidence of claimants actually alleging a claim against U. S. Steel is increasing. In addition, in many asbestos cases, the claimants have been unable to demonstrate that they have suffered any identifiable injury or compensable loss at all; that any injuries that they have incurred did in fact result from alleged exposure to asbestos; or that such alleged exposure was in any way related to U. S. Steel or its products or premises.

The amount U. S. Steel has accrued for pending asbestos claims is not material to U. S. Steel's financial position. U. S. Steel does not accrue for unasserted asbestos claims because it is not possible to determine whether any loss is probable with respect to such claims or even to estimate the amount or range of any possible losses. The vast majority of pending claims against U. S. Steel allege so-called premises liability based exposure on U. S. Steel's current or former premises. These claims are made by an indeterminable number of people such as truck drivers, railroad workers, salespersons, contractors and their employees, government inspectors, customers, visitors and even trespassers. In most cases the claimant also was exposed to asbestos in non-U. S. Steel settings; the relative periods of exposure between U. S. Steel and non-U. S. Steel settings vary with each claimant; and the strength or weakness of the causal link between U. S. Steel exposure and any injury vary widely.

It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of asbestos-related lawsuits, claims and proceedings due to the unpredictable nature of personal injury litigation. Despite this uncertainty, management believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on U. S. Steel's financial condition, although the resolution of such matters could significantly impact results of operations for a particular quarter. Among the factors considered in reaching this conclusion are: (1) that over the last several years, the total number of pending claims has generally declined; (2) that it has been many years since U. S. Steel employed maritime workers or manufactured or sold asbestos containing products; and (3) U. S. Steel's history of trial outcomes, settlements and dismissals.

**Environmental Matters** U. S. Steel is subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to the environment. These laws generally provide for control of pollutants released into the environment and require responsible parties to undertake remediation of hazardous waste disposal sites. Penalties may be imposed for noncompliance. Accrued liabilities for remediation activities totaled \$136 million at June 30, 2008, of which \$20 million was classified as current, and \$142 million at December 31, 2007, of which \$20 million was classified as current. Expenses related to remediation are recorded in cost of sales and totaled \$4 million and \$3 million for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and \$5 million and \$7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. It is not presently possible to estimate the ultimate amount of all remediation costs that might be incurred or the penalties that may be imposed. Due to uncertainties inherent in remediation projects and the associated liabilities, it is possible that total remediation costs for active matters may exceed the accrued liabilities by as much as 30 percent.

Remediation Projects

U. S. Steel is involved in environmental remediation projects at or adjacent to several current and former U. S. Steel facilities and other locations that are in various stages of completion ranging from initial characterization through post-closure monitoring. Based on the anticipated scope and degree of uncertainty of projects, we categorize projects as follows:

(1) *Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development* are those projects which are still in the study and development phase. For these projects the extent of remediation that may be required is not yet known, the remediation methods and plans are not yet developed, and cost estimates cannot be determined. Therefore material additional costs are reasonably possible.

(2) *Significant Projects with Defined Scope* are those projects with significant accrued liabilities, a defined scope and little likelihood of material additional costs.

(3) *Other Projects* include (a) those projects with relatively small accrued liabilities for which we believe that, while additional costs are possible, they are not likely to be material, and (b) projects for which we do not yet possess sufficient information to form a judgment about potential costs.

*Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development* There are six environmental remediation projects where reasonably possible additional costs for completion are not currently estimable, but could be material. These projects are four Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) programs (at Fairfield Works, Lorain Tubular, USS-POSCO Industries (UPI), and the Fairless Plant), a voluntary remediation program at the former steel making plant at Joliet, Illinois, and one state Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) program at the Duluth St. Louis Estuary and Upland Project. As of June 30, 2008, accrued liabilities for these projects totaled \$3 million for the costs of studies, investigations, interim measures, remediation and/or design. Additional liabilities associated with future requirements regarding studies, investigations, design and remediation for these projects may prove insignificant or could range in the aggregate up to \$35 million. The scope of the UPI and the Duluth projects, depending on agency negotiations, could become defined in 2008.

*Significant Projects with Defined Scope* As of June 30, 2008, a total of \$62 million was accrued for the West Grand Calumet Lagoon and other projects at or related to Gary Works where the scope of work is defined, including RCRA program projects, Natural Resource Damages (NRD) claims, completion of projects for the Grand Calumet River and the related Corrective Action Management Unit, and closure costs for three hazardous waste disposal sites and one solid waste disposal site, as well as the Municipal Industrial & Disposal Company CERCLA site in Elizabeth, PA, where the scope of the work is well developed. U. S. Steel does not expect material additional costs related to these projects.

At U. S. Steel's former Geneva Works, liability for environmental remediation, including for the closure of three hazardous waste impoundments and facility-wide corrective action, has been allocated between U. S. Steel and Geneva Steel Company pursuant to an asset sales agreement and a permit issued by Utah Department of Environmental Quality. In December 2005, a third party purchased the Geneva site and assumed Geneva Steel's rights and obligations under the asset sales agreement and the permit pursuant to a bankruptcy court order. U. S. Steel has reviewed environmental data concerning the project, has developed work plans, is conducting field investigations and has begun remediation on some areas of the site for which U. S. Steel has sole responsibility. U. S. Steel had an accrued liability of \$20 million as of June 30, 2008 for its share of the remaining costs of remediation.

*Other Projects* There are six other environmental remediation projects which each had an accrued liability of between \$1 million and \$5 million. The total accrued liability for these projects at June 30, 2008 was \$14 million. These projects have progressed through a significant portion of the design phase and material additional costs are not expected.

The remaining environmental remediation projects each had an accrued liability of less than \$1 million. The total accrued liability for these projects at June 30, 2008 was \$10 million. We do not foresee material additional liabilities for any of these sites.

*Post-Closure Costs* Accrued liabilities for post-closure site monitoring and other costs at various closed landfills totaled \$19 million at June 30, 2008, and were based on known scopes of work.

*Administrative and Legal Costs* As of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel had an accrued liability of \$6 million for administrative and legal costs related to environmental remediation projects. These accrued liabilities were based on projected administrative and legal costs for the next three years and do not change significantly from year to year.

*Capital Expenditures* For a number of years, U. S. Steel has made substantial capital expenditures to bring existing facilities into compliance with various laws relating to the environment. In the first six months of 2008 and 2007, such capital expenditures totaled \$29 million and \$31 million, respectively. U. S. Steel anticipates making additional such expenditures in the future; however, the exact amounts and timing of such expenditures are uncertain because of the continuing evolution of specific regulatory requirements. Acquisition of additional facilities, such as those included in the recent acquisitions of Lone Star and Stelco, increase these requirements.

In January 2008, USSS entered into an agreement with the Serbian government that commits us to spend approximately \$50 million before the end of 2009 to improve the environmental performance of our facility. The money will be spent on various capital projects aimed at reducing gas emissions.

*CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions* Many nations, including the United States, are considering regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. International negotiations to supplement or replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol are ongoing. The integrated steel process involves a series of chemical reactions involving carbon that create CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This distinguishes integrated steel producers from mini-mills and many other industries where CO<sub>2</sub> generation is generally linked to energy usage. The European Union has established greenhouse gas regulations; Canada has published details of a regulatory framework for greenhouse gas emissions, as discussed below; and the United States may establish regulations in the future. Such regulations may entail substantial capital expenditures, restrict production, and raise the price of coal and other carbon based energy sources.

In 2004, the European Commission (EC) approved Slovakia's national allocation plan, for the period 2005 through 2007 (NAP I), which granted USSK fewer emissions allowances than were ultimately required for USSK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. USSK purchased CO<sub>2</sub> allowances needed to cover its shortfall for the NAP I allocation period. Based on the actual value of allowances purchased, a short-term other liability of \$2 million was recognized on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2007.

In July 2008, following approval by the EC of Slovakia's national allocation plan for the 2008-2012 trading period (NAP II), Slovakia has granted USSK more CO<sub>2</sub> allowances per year than USSK received for NAP I. The potential financial and/or operational impacts of NAP II are not currently determinable and will vary depending on USSK's levels of production, its ability to limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and, if allowances must be purchased, their price at the time of purchase.

On April 26, 2007, Canada's federal government announced an Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollution (the Plan). The federal government plans to set mandatory reduction targets on all major greenhouse gas producing industries to achieve an absolute reduction of 150 megatonnes in greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by 2020. On March 10, 2008, Canada's federal government published a Regulatory Framework for Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions (the Framework). The Plan and the Framework provide that facilities operating in 2006 will be required to cut their greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 18 percent by 2010 with a further 2 percent reduction in each following year. Companies will be able to choose the most cost-effective way to meet their targets from a range of options including in-house reductions, contributions to a capped technology fund, domestic emissions trading and offsets and access to the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism. Companies that have already reduced their greenhouse gas emissions prior to 2006 may be eligible for a limited one-time credit for early action. The Plan includes reduction targets for other air pollutants, such as nitrogen oxide and sulfur oxide. The Framework effectively exempts fixed process emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, which could exclude certain iron and steel producing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from mandatory reductions. The draft regulations implementing the Framework are expected in late 2008. The impact on USSC cannot be estimated at this time.

**Environmental and other indemnifications** Throughout its history, U. S. Steel has sold numerous properties and businesses and many of these sales included indemnifications and cost sharing agreements related to the assets that were sold. These indemnifications and cost sharing agreements have related to the condition of the property, the approved use, certain representations and warranties, matters of title and environmental matters. While most of these provisions have not specifically dealt with environmental issues, there have been transactions in which U. S. Steel indemnified the buyer for non-compliance with past, current and future environmental laws related to existing conditions and there can be questions as to the applicability of more general indemnification provisions to environmental matters. Most recent indemnifications and cost sharing agreements are of a limited nature only applying to non-compliance with past and/or current laws. Some indemnifications and cost sharing agreements only run for a specified period of time after the transactions close and others run indefinitely. In addition, current owners of property formerly owned by U. S. Steel may have common law claims and contribution rights against U. S. Steel for environmental matters. The amount of potential environmental liability associated with these transactions and properties is not estimable due to the nature and extent of the unknown conditions related to the properties sold. Aside from the environmental liabilities already recorded as a result of these transactions due to specific environmental remediation activities and cases (included in the \$136 million of accrued liabilities for remediation discussed above), there are no other known environmental liabilities related to these transactions.

**Contingencies related to the Separation from Marathon** In the event of the bankruptcy of Marathon, certain of U. S. Steel's operating lease obligations in the amount of \$30 million as of June 30, 2008 may be declared immediately due and payable.

**NIPSCO Litigation Reserve** In March 2008, the Indiana Court of Appeals reversed a previous decision of the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission involving a rate escalation provision in U. S. Steel's electric power supply contract with Northern Indiana Public Service Company. U. S. Steel is seeking further judicial review of this decision, but a reserve of \$45 million related to prior year effects was established in the first quarter.

**Wabush** Before U. S. Steel's October 31, 2007 acquisition of USSC, Cleveland Cliffs Inc. (Cliffs) and USSC received and accepted a non-binding offer dated June 6, 2007 from Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Limited (Consolidated) to purchase USSC's 44.6 percent interest and Cliffs' 26.8 percent interest in Wabush for a purchase price of \$64.3 million plus two year warrants to purchase 3 million shares of Consolidated common stock. This offer stated: The

acceptance of this offer by Cliffs and Stelco [USSC] shall not create any legally enforceable rights, other than the provisions of section 5, 14 and 15 of the attached. (Those sections contained limited exclusivity, confidentiality and choice of law provisions.) On August 30, 2007, ArcelorMittal Dofasco, Inc. (Dofasco) purported to exercise a right of first refusal under the Participants Agreement dated as of January 1, 1967 governing Wabush. On March 4, 2008, following several months of unsuccessful negotiations over many of the major terms of the purchase and sale, USSC and Cliffs informed Dofasco that they were withdrawing from further negotiations. On March 20, 2008, Dofasco served USSC with a statement of claim filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking a court order requiring Cliffs and USSC to sell their interests in Wabush to Dofasco and to pay C\$427 million (approximately \$419 million) or, alternatively, to pay damages of C\$1.80 billion (approximately \$1.77 billion). USSC is vigorously defending this action and does not believe it has any liability to Dofasco regarding this matter.

**Randall Reef** The Canadian and Ontario governments have identified a sediment deposit in Hamilton Harbor near USSC's Hamilton Works for remediation, which the regulatory agencies estimate will require expenditures of approximately C\$90 million (approximately \$88 million). The national and provincial governments have each allocated C\$30 million (approximately \$29 million) for this project and they have stated that they will be looking for local sources, including industry, to fund the remaining C\$30 million (approximately \$29 million). USSC has committed to supply the steel necessary for the proposed encapsulation and has accrued C\$7 million (approximately \$7 million). Additional contributions may be sought.

**Other contingencies** Under certain operating lease agreements covering various equipment, U. S. Steel has the option to renew the lease or to purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term. If U. S. Steel does not exercise the purchase option by the end of the lease term, U. S. Steel guarantees a residual value of the equipment as determined at the lease inception date (totaling approximately \$16 million at June 30, 2008). No liability has been recorded for these guarantees as either management believes that the potential recovery of value from the equipment when sold is greater than the residual value guarantee, or the potential loss is not probable and/or estimable.

**1314B Partnership** See description of the partnership in Note 17. U. S. Steel has a commitment to fund operating cash shortfalls of the partnership of up to \$150 million. Additionally, U. S. Steel, under certain circumstances, is required to indemnify the limited partners if the partnership product sales prior to 2003 fail to qualify for the credit under Section 29 of the Internal Revenue Code. This indemnity will effectively survive until the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. The maximum potential amount of this indemnity obligation at June 30, 2008, including interest and tax gross-up, is approximately \$650 million. Furthermore, U. S. Steel under certain circumstances has indemnified the partnership for environmental and certain other obligations. See discussion of environmental and other indemnifications above. The maximum potential amount of this indemnity obligation is not estimable. Management believes that the \$150 million deferred gain related to the partnership, which is recorded in deferred credits and other liabilities, is sufficient to cover any probable exposure under these commitments and indemnifications.

**Self-insurance** U. S. Steel is self-insured for certain exposures including workers' compensation, auto liability and general liability, as well as property damage and business interruption, within specified deductible and retainage levels. Certain equipment that is leased by U. S. Steel is also self-insured within specified deductible and retainage levels. Liabilities are recorded for workers' compensation and personal injury obligations. Other costs resulting from self-insured losses are charged against income upon occurrence.

U. S. Steel uses surety bonds, trusts and letters of credit to provide whole or partial financial assurance for certain obligations such as workers' compensation. The total amount of active

surety bonds, trusts and letters of credit being used for financial assurance purposes was approximately \$131 million as of June 30, 2008, which reflects U. S. Steel's maximum exposure under these financial guarantees, but not its total exposure for the underlying obligations. Most of the trust arrangements and letters of credit are collateralized by restricted cash that is recorded in other noncurrent assets.

**Commitments** At June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel's contract commitments to acquire property, plant and equipment totaled \$343 million.

U. S. Steel is party to a take-or-pay arrangement that expires in 2017. Under this arrangement, U. S. Steel is required to pay a minimum monthly facility fee of approximately \$1 million per month. U. S. Steel cannot elect to terminate this contract early unless associated steelmaking operations at Fairfield Works are shut down. If associated steelmaking operations are shut down after January 1, 2013, a maximum termination payment of \$15 million is due.

U. S. Steel is party to a take-or-pay arrangement for information technology related services that expires in 2012. Under this arrangement, U. S. Steel is required to contract for services, with annual minimum spending commitments ranging from \$19 million to \$31 million for a total minimum spending commitment of \$120 million over the five year term. If U. S. Steel elects to terminate the contract early, payment for the outstanding balance of the \$120 million commitment is required and termination fees may apply.

**Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Certain sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis include forward-looking statements concerning trends or events potentially affecting the businesses of United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel). These statements typically contain words such as anticipates, believes, estimates, expects, intends or similar words indicating that future outcomes are not known with certainty and are subject to risk factors that could cause these outcomes to differ significantly from those projected. In accordance with safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, these statements are accompanied by cautionary language identifying important factors, though not necessarily all such factors that could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those set forth in forward-looking statements. For discussion of risk factors affecting the businesses of U. S. Steel, see Item 1A. Risk Factors and Supplementary Data Disclosures About Forward-Looking Statements in U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to U. S. Steel, the Company, we, us and our refer to U. S. Steel and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise indicated by the context.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Net sales by segment for the second quarter and first six months of 2008 and 2007 are set forth in the following table:

| (Dollars in millions, excluding intersegment sales) | Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |          |             | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |          |             |
|---|---------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
|   | 2008                      | 2007     | %<br>Change | 2008                         | 2007     | %<br>Change |
| Flat-rolled Products (Flat-rolled)                  | \$ 4,010                  | \$ 2,509 | 60%         | \$ 7,165                     | \$ 4,698 | 53%         |
| U. S. Steel Europe (USSE)                           | 1,760                     | 1,239    | 42%         | 3,116                        | 2,399    | 30%         |
| Tubular Products (Tubular)                          | 912                       | 405      | 125%        | 1,533                        | 761      | 101%        |
| Total sales from reportable segments                | 6,682                     | 4,153    | 61%         | 11,814                       | 7,858    | 50%         |
| Other Businesses                                    | 62                        | 75       | -17%        | 126                          | 126      | 0%          |
| Net sales   | \$ 6,744                  | \$ 4,228 | 60%         | \$ 11,940                    | \$ 7,984 | 50%         |

Management's analysis of the percentage change in net sales for U. S. Steel's reportable business segments for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 versus the quarter ended June 30, 2007 is set forth in the following table:

## Quarter Ended June 30, 2008 versus Quarter Ended June 30, 2007

|             | Steel Products <sup>(a)</sup> |       |     |                   | Coke & |            |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|--------|------------|
|             | Volume                        | Price | Mix | FX <sup>(b)</sup> | Other  | Net Change |
| Flat-rolled | 40%                           | 21%   | -2% | 0%                | 1%     | 60%        |
| USSE        | 5%                            | 21%   | 0%  | 14%               | 2%     | 42%        |
| Tubular     | 91%                           | 25%   | 3%  | 0%                | 6%     | 125%       |

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes intersegment sales

<sup>(b)</sup> Currency translation effects

Net sales were \$6,744 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared with \$4,228 million in the same quarter last year. The increase in sales for the Flat-rolled segment primarily reflected increased shipments, primarily due to the inclusion of U. S. Steel Canada Inc. (USSC) in 2008, and higher average realized prices (up \$125 per ton). The increase in sales for the European segment was primarily due to higher average realized euro-based prices and favorable currency effects. Including

the currency effects, average realized prices increased \$260 per ton from the same period last year. The increase in sales for the Tubular segment resulted primarily from higher shipments, mainly as a result of the inclusion of Lone Star Technologies, Inc. (Lone Star) for the entire quarter in 2008, and higher average realized prices (up \$301 per ton).

Management's analysis of the **percentage change in net sales** for U. S. Steel's reportable business segments for the six months ended June 30, 2008 versus the six months ended June 30, 2007 is set forth in the following table:

Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 versus Six Months Ended June 30, 2007

|             | Steel Products <sup>(a)</sup> |       |     |                   | Coke & |  | Net Change |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|--------|--|------------|
|             | Volume                        | Price | Mix | FX <sup>(b)</sup> | Other  |  |            |
| Flat-rolled | 41%                           | 13%   | -2% | 0%                | 1%     |  | 53%        |
| USSE        | 2%                            | 13%   | 1%  | 13%               | 1%     |  | 30%        |
| Tubular     | 83%                           | 10%   | 3%  | 0%                | 5%     |  | 101%       |

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes intersegment sales

<sup>(b)</sup> Currency translation effects

Net sales were \$11,940 million in the first six months of 2008, compared with \$7,984 million in the same period last year. Sales for the Flat-rolled segment were higher due mainly to higher shipments, primarily due to the inclusion of USSC in 2008, and higher average realized prices (up \$62 per ton). Sales for USSE increased mainly as a result of higher average realized prices and favorable currency effects. Including the currency effects, average realized prices increased \$193 per ton from the same period last year. Tubular sales were up due primarily to increased shipments as a result of the inclusion of Lone Star for the entire six months of 2008, and higher average realized prices (up \$98 per ton).

### Operating expenses

Total operating expenses as a percent of sales were 86 percent in the second quarter of 2008, compared to 91 percent in the second quarter of 2007. The increase in average realized prices outpaced the increase in unit production costs resulting primarily from higher raw materials and energy costs. Total operating expenses as a percent of sales were 90 percent in the first six months of 2008, compared to 91 percent in the first six months of 2007.

### Profit-based union payments

| (Dollars in millions)        | Quarter Ended |               |            | Six Months Ended |               |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
|                              | June 30, 2008 | June 30, 2007 | % Change   | June 30, 2008    | June 30, 2007 | % Change    |
| Allocated to segment results | \$ 73         | \$ 34         | 115%       | \$ 97            | \$ 65         | 49%         |
| Retiree benefit expenses     | -             | 29            | -100%      | -                | 54            | -100%       |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 73</b>  | <b>\$ 63</b>  | <b>16%</b> | <b>\$ 97</b>     | <b>\$ 119</b> | <b>-18%</b> |

Results for 2008 and 2007 include costs related to profit-based payments pursuant to the provisions of the 2003 labor agreement negotiated with the United Steelworkers (USW), and to payments pursuant to agreements with other unions. All of these costs are included in cost of sales on the statement of operations.

Profit-based payment amounts per the agreement with the USW are calculated as a percentage of consolidated income from operations after special items (as defined in the agreement) and are paid as



profit sharing to active union employees based on 7.5 percent of profit between \$10 and \$50 per ton and 10 percent of profit above \$50 per ton. Amounts in 2007 also include costs related to a trust to be used to assist retirees from National Steel with health care costs. This profit-based expense related to National Steel retirees was eliminated beginning with the fourth quarter of 2007 pursuant to an agreement with the USW. For further information, see U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

### ***Pension and other benefits costs***

Defined benefit and multiemployer pension plan costs totaled \$15 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared to \$27 million in the second quarter of 2007. Defined benefit and multiemployer pension plan costs totaled \$29 million in the first six months of 2008, compared to \$56 million in the first six months of 2007. The decreases primarily reflect the improved funded status of the main U. S. Steel pension plan. Costs related to defined contribution plans totaled \$9 million and \$17 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2008, respectively, compared to \$6 million and \$12 million in last year's second quarter and first half, respectively.

Other benefits costs, including multiemployer plans, totaled \$34 million and \$68 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2008, respectively, compared to \$31 million and \$62 million in the corresponding periods of 2007.

### ***Selling, general and administrative expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$171 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared to \$138 million in the second quarter of 2007. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$313 million in the first six months of 2008, compared to \$277 million in the first six months of 2007. The increases in both periods mainly resulted from increased expenses related to our 2007 acquisitions of USSC and Lone Star and higher compensation expense, partially offset by lower pension and retiree medical costs.

**Income from operations** by segment for the second quarters of 2008 and 2007 is set forth in the following table:

| (Dollars in millions)                    | Quarter Ended |        | %             | Six Months Ended |        | %             |
|--|---------------|--------|---------------|------------------|--------|---------------|
|  | June 30,      | 2007   |               | June 30,         | 2007   |               |
|  | <b>2008</b>   |        | <b>Change</b> | <b>2008</b>      |        | <b>Change</b> |
| Flat-rolled                              | \$ 478        | \$ 92  | 420%          | \$ 598           | \$ 167 | 258%          |
| USSE                                     | 298           | 244    | 22%           | 459              | 450    | 2%            |
| Tubular                                  | 177           | 97     | 82%           | 228              | 199    | 15%           |
| Total income from reportable segments    | 953           | 433    | 120%          | 1,285            | 816    | 57%           |
| Other Businesses                         | 6             | 1      | 500%          | 1                | 3      | -67%          |
| Segment income from operations           | 959           | 434    | 121%          | 1,286            | 819    | 57%           |
| Retiree benefit expenses                 | 1             | (43)   |               | 2                | (82)   |               |
| Other items not allocated to segments:   |               |        |               |                  |        |               |
| Flat-rolled inventory transition effects | (6)           | -      |               | (23)             | -      |               |
| Litigation reserve                       | -             | -      |               | (45)             | -      |               |
| Total income from operations             | \$ 954        | \$ 391 | 144%          | \$ 1,220         | \$ 737 | 66%           |

**Segment results for Flat-rolled**

|                                      | Quarter Ended |        |      | Six Months Ended |        |      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|------------------|--------|------|
|                                      | June 30,      |        | %    | June 30,         |        | %    |
|                                      | 2008          | 2007   |      | 2008             | 2007   |      |
| Income from operations (\$ millions) | \$ 478        | \$ 92  | 420% | \$ 598           | \$ 167 | 258% |
| Raw steel production (mnt)           | 5,614         | 4,116  | 36%  | 11,172           | 7,829  | 43%  |
| Capability utilization               | 92.7%         | 85.1%  | 9%   | 92.2%            | 81.4%  | 13%  |
| Steel shipments (mnt)                | 4,849         | 3,599  | 35%  | 9,550            | 6,787  | 41%  |
| Average realized steel price per ton | \$ 777        | \$ 652 | 19%  | \$ 713           | \$ 651 | 10%  |

The increase in Flat-rolled income in the second quarter and first six months of 2008 as compared to the same periods in 2007 resulted mainly from higher commercial effects (approximately \$640 million and \$740 million, respectively) and increased income from semi-finished steel sales to Tubular (approximately \$180 million and \$240 million, respectively). These were partially offset by higher raw materials (approximately \$350 million and \$520 million, respectively) and energy (approximately \$60 million and \$90 million, respectively) costs. In addition, for the six-month period, segment income benefited by approximately \$90 million from improved operating efficiencies.

**Segment results for USSE**

|                                      | Quarter Ended |        |     | Six Months Ended |        |     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-----|------------------|--------|-----|
|                                      | June 30,      |        | %   | June 30,         |        | %   |
|                                      | 2008          | 2007   |     | 2008             | 2007   |     |
| Income from operations (\$ millions) | \$ 298        | \$ 244 | 22% | \$ 459           | \$ 450 | 2%  |
| Raw steel production (mnt)           | 1,925         | 1,865  | 3%  | 3,833            | 3,664  | 5%  |
| Capability utilization               | 104.3%        | 100.8% | 3%  | 103.9%           | 99.5%  | 4%  |
| Steel shipments (mnt)                | 1,696         | 1,616  | 5%  | 3,334            | 3,268  | 2%  |
| Average realized steel price per ton | \$ 986        | \$ 726 | 36% | \$ 890           | \$ 697 | 28% |

The increases in USSE income in the second quarter and first six months of 2008 as compared to the same periods in 2007 were primarily due to higher commercial effects (approximately \$280 million and \$330 million, respectively), offset by higher raw materials costs (approximately \$230 million and \$330 million, respectively).

**Segment results for Tubular**

|                                      | Quarter Ended |          |     | Six Months Ended |          |     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----|------------------|----------|-----|
|                                      | June 30,      |          | %   | June 30,         |          | %   |
|                                      | 2008          | 2007     |     | 2008             | 2007     |     |
| Income from operations (\$ millions) | \$ 177        | \$ 97    | 82% | \$ 228           | \$ 199   | 15% |
| Steel shipments (mnt)                | 500           | 288      | 74% | 933              | 535      | 74% |
| Average realized steel price per ton | \$ 1,690      | \$ 1,389 | 22% | \$ 1,508         | \$ 1,410 | 7%  |

The increases in Tubular income in the second quarter and first six months of 2008 as compared to the same periods last year mainly resulted from higher commercial effects (approximately \$170 million in both periods), partially offset by increased costs for semi-finished steel (approximately \$90 million and \$140 million, respectively).

**Results for Other Businesses**

Other Businesses generated income of \$6 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared to income of \$1 million in the second quarter of 2007. Other Businesses generated income of \$1 million in the first half of 2008, compared to income of \$3 million in the same period last year.

**Items not allocated to segments**

The change in **retiree benefit income (expenses)** compared to the second quarter last year primarily resulted from the elimination of the profit-based expense related to certain former National Steel employees (See Operating expenses Profit-based union payments ) and the improved funded status of the main pension plan.

**Flat-rolled inventory transition effects** of \$6 million unfavorable and \$23 million unfavorable, respectively, in the second quarter and first six months of 2008 reflected the impact of selling inventory acquired in the acquisition of USSC, which had been recorded at fair value.

A **litigation reserve** of \$45 million was established in the first quarter of 2008 as a result of a ruling by the Indiana Court of Appeals involving a rate escalation provision in U. S. Steel's power supply contract with Northern Indiana Public Service Company. U. S. Steel is seeking further judicial review of this ruling.

**Net interest and other financial costs**

| (Dollars in millions)                    | Quarter Ended |                      |             | Six Months Ended |                      |              |
|--|---------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|  | 2008          | 2007                 | %           | 2008             | 2007                 | %            |
| Interest and other financial costs       | \$ 45         | \$ 34 <sup>(a)</sup> | 32%         | \$ 94            | \$ 62 <sup>(a)</sup> | 52%          |
| Interest income                          | (3)           | (25) <sup>(a)</sup>  | -88%        | (8)              | (47) <sup>(a)</sup>  | -83%         |
| Foreign currency (gains) losses          | (17)          | 2                    |             | (93)             | (2)                  |              |
| Charge from early extinguishment of debt | -             | 23                   |             | -                | 26                   |              |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 25</b>  | <b>\$ 34</b>         | <b>-26%</b> | <b>\$ (7)</b>    | <b>\$ 39</b>         | <b>-118%</b> |

<sup>(a)</sup> The quarter and six months ended June 30, 2007 include \$6 million and \$12 million, respectively, of interest expense and interest income related to the obligation to provide benefits for National Steel retirees that was settled in the fourth quarter of 2007. For further information, see U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The favorable change in net interest and other financial costs in the 2008 periods compared to the same periods last year was mainly due to higher foreign currency gains and lower interest expense related to our 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes that were redeemed in June 2007, partially offset by increased interest expense resulting from debt incurred to fund the acquisitions of Lone Star and USSC (For further information, see Liquidity ). The foreign currency gains include remeasurement effects on a U.S. dollar-denominated intercompany loan (the intercompany loan) to a European affiliate that had an outstanding balance of \$1.1 billion at June 30, 2008. These effects were partially offset by euro-U.S. dollar derivatives activity, which we use to mitigate our foreign currency exposure. In early July, the balance on the intercompany loan was reduced to \$836 million. For additional information on U. S. Steel's foreign currency exchange activity, see Note 14 to Financial Statements and Item 3 . Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk.

The **provision for income taxes** in the second quarter and first six months of 2008 was \$255 million and \$313 million, compared with \$53 million and \$119 million in the respective periods in 2007. The

effective tax rate has increased in 2008 as compared to 2007 principally as a result of a change in the mix of domestic and foreign earnings, as well as the expected utilization of the remaining tax credits under the Slovak Income Tax Act as discussed below.

The provisions of the Slovak Income Tax Act permit U. S. Steel Košice (USSK) to claim a tax credit of 50 percent of the current statutory rate of 19 percent for the years 2005 through 2009. Based on the credits previously used and forecasts of future taxable income, management anticipates fully utilizing the remaining \$25 million of credits in 2008.

At June 30, 2008, the net domestic deferred tax liability was \$120 million.

At June 30, 2008, the foreign deferred tax assets recorded were \$28 million, net of an established valuation allowance of \$397 million. Net foreign deferred tax assets will fluctuate as the value of the U.S. dollar changes with respect to the euro, the Slovak koruna, the Canadian dollar and the Serbian dinar. A full valuation allowance is recorded for Serbian deferred tax assets because current projected investment tax credits, which must be used before net operating loss and credit carryforwards, are more than sufficient to offset future tax liabilities. A full valuation allowance is provided for Canadian deferred tax assets due to a recent history of losses, particularly before U. S. Steel acquired USSC. As USSC and U. S. Steel Serbia, d.o.o. (USSS) generate sufficient income, the valuation allowances of \$243 million for Canadian deferred tax assets, including \$204 million pre-acquisition, and \$147 million for Serbian deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2008, would be partially or fully reversed at such time that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. (If any portion of the \$204 million of the valuation allowance at USSC is reversed prior to January 1, 2009, it will result in a decrease to goodwill. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standard 141(R) Business Combinations, any reversals of this amount made after January 1, 2009 will result in a decrease to tax expense.)

We expect the annual effective tax rate in 2008 to be approximately 27 percent.

For further information on income taxes see Note 11 to Financial Statements.

U. S. Steel's **net income** was \$668 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared to \$302 million in the second quarter of 2007. U. S. Steel's **net income** was \$903 million in the first six months of 2008, compared to \$575 million in the same period last year. The increases primarily reflect the factors discussed above.

## BALANCE SHEET

**Receivables** increased by \$1,106 million from year-end 2007 as second quarter 2008 average realized prices and shipment volumes increased compared to the fourth quarter of 2007.

**Accounts payable** increased by \$627 million from year-end 2007 primarily due to increased production and higher raw materials costs compared to the fourth quarter of 2007.

**Accrued taxes** increased by \$187 million from year-end 2007 primarily because the December 31, 2007 amount included a receivable for an anticipated refund that has been received, and because of the higher tax provision for 2008 as compared to 2007.

## CASH FLOW

**Net cash provided from operating activities** was \$463 million for the first six months of 2008, compared with \$856 million in the same period last year. Cash from operating activities in each of the first halves of 2008 and 2007 was reduced by \$70 million of voluntary contributions to our main defined

benefit pension plan in the United States. We plan to make additional voluntary contributions in the second half of 2008. In the first half of 2008, cash from operating activities was also reduced by required cash contributions of \$41 million to USSC's main defined benefit pension plans. Additionally, pursuant to a December 2007 agreement with the USW, we made payments of \$43 million in the first six months of 2008 to our trust for retiree health care and life insurance to provide benefits to certain former National Steel employees and their eligible dependents. For further information regarding this agreement, see U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

**Capital expenditures** in the first six months of 2008 were \$340 million, compared with \$250 million in the same period in 2007. Flat-rolled expenditures were \$228 million and included spending for modernization of our cokemaking facilities, including expenditures for construction of a co-generation facility at Granite City Works, and development of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. USSE expenditures of \$81 million included spending at USSK for the reline of the No.1 blast furnace and spending for development of the ERP system.

U. S. Steel's domestic contract commitments to acquire property, plant and equipment at June 30, 2008, totaled \$343 million.

Capital expenditures for 2008 are expected to be approximately \$940 million.

**Common stock repurchased** in the first six months of 2008 totaled 625,000 shares.

**Dividends paid** in the first six months of 2008 were \$59 million, compared with \$47 million in the same period in 2007. Payments in the first six months of 2008 reflected a quarterly dividend rate of 25 cents per common share. Payments in the first six months of 2007 reflected a quarterly dividend rate of 20 cents per common share.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

U. S. Steel has a \$500 million Receivables Purchase Agreement (RPA) with financial institutions that expires in September 2010. For further information regarding the RPA, see the discussion in the Liquidity section of U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. As of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel had more than \$500 million of eligible receivables, \$140 million of which were sold.

U. S. Steel has a \$750 million unsecured five-year revolving credit facility with a group of lenders and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent (Credit Facility). The Credit Facility has an interest coverage ratio (consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) to consolidated interest expense) covenant of 2:1 and a leverage ratio (consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA) covenant of 3.25:1, and other customary terms and conditions, including limitations on liens and mergers. As of June 30, 2008, we had no borrowings against this facility.

At June 30, 2008, USSK had no borrowings against its 40 million and 20 million credit facilities (which approximated \$95 million), but had \$7 million of customs and other guarantees outstanding, reducing availability to \$88 million. Both facilities expire in December 2009.

At June 30, 2008, USSS had no borrowings against its 25 million facility (which approximated \$39 million). This facility is secured by USSS's inventory of finished and semi-finished goods and expires September 28, 2008.

On May 21, 2007, we issued \$300 million principal amount of 5.65% Senior Notes due 2013, \$450 million principal amount of 6.05% Senior Notes due 2017 and \$350 million principal amount of

6.65% Senior Notes due 2037 (collectively, the Three Senior Notes). The Three Senior Notes contain covenants restricting our ability to create liens and engage in sale-leasebacks and requiring the purchase of the Three Senior Notes upon a change of control under specified circumstances, as well as other customary provisions. For further details regarding the Three Senior Notes, see U. S. Steel's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 22, 2007.

On June 11, 2007, U. S. Steel entered into an unsecured \$500 million five-year term loan agreement (Five-Year Loan Agreement) with a group of lenders and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Administrative Agent. The Five-Year Loan Agreement contains the same financial covenants and limitations as the Credit Facility, as well as mandatory principal repayments of \$25 million per year. As of June 30, 2008, \$475 million was outstanding under the Five-Year Loan Agreement. For further details regarding the Five-Year Loan Agreement, see U. S. Steel's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 11, 2007.

On October 12, 2007, U. S. Steel entered into an unsecured \$500 million Three-Year Term Loan Agreement which contains the same financial covenants and limitations as the Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2008, \$500 million remained outstanding. For further details regarding the Three-Year Term Loan Agreement, see U. S. Steel's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2007.

On December 10, 2007, U. S. Steel issued \$500 million principal amount of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2018 (2018 Senior Notes). The 2018 Senior Notes contain covenants restricting our ability to create liens and engage in sale-leasebacks and requiring the purchase of the 2018 Senior Notes upon a change of control under specified circumstances, as well as other customary provisions. For further details regarding the 2018 Senior Notes, see U. S. Steel's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 10, 2007. The proceeds of the offering were used to repay the \$400 million One-Year Loan Agreement incurred to finance a portion of the acquisition of USSC and for general corporate purposes.

On July 2, 2008, USSK entered into a \$200 million (approximately \$317 million) three-year revolving unsecured credit facility. Interest on borrowings under the facility is based on a spread over EURIBOR or LIBOR, and the agreement contains customary terms and conditions. On July 7, 2008, \$200 million was drawn against this facility, and the proceeds were used to reduce the intercompany loan. Subsequently, \$300 million of the three-year term loan was retired.

We were in compliance with all of our debt covenants at June 30, 2008.

We use surety bonds, trusts and letters of credit to provide financial assurance for certain transactions and business activities. The use of some forms of financial assurance and collateral have a negative impact on liquidity. U. S. Steel has committed \$107 million of liquidity sources for financial assurance purposes as of June 30, 2008, and expects to commit an additional \$18 million during the third quarter.

In the event of the bankruptcy of Marathon Oil Corporation, obligations of \$501 million relating to Environmental Revenue Bonds and two capital leases, as well as \$30 million relating to an operating lease, may be declared immediately due and payable.

The following table summarizes U. S. Steel's liquidity as of June 30, 2008:

(Dollars in millions)

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents <sup>(a)</sup>              | \$ 359       |
| Amount available under Receivables Purchase Agreement | 360          |
| Amount available under \$750 Million Credit Facility  | 750          |
| Amounts available under USSK credit facilities        | 88           |
| Amounts available under USSS credit facilities        | 39           |
| <br>Total estimated liquidity                         | <br>\$ 1,596 |

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes \$32 million of cash primarily related to the Clairton 1314B Partnership because it is not available for U. S. Steel's use.

Our liquidity at June 30, 2008 was essentially unchanged from December 31, 2007.

U. S. Steel management believes that U. S. Steel's liquidity will be adequate to satisfy its obligations for the foreseeable future, including funding obligations for new joint ventures and obligations to complete currently authorized capital spending programs. Future requirements for U. S. Steel's business needs, including the funding of acquisitions and capital expenditures, scheduled debt maturities, contributions to employee benefit plans, and any amounts that may ultimately be paid in connection with contingencies, are expected to be financed by a combination of internally generated funds (including asset sales), proceeds from the sale of stock, borrowings, refinancings and other external financing sources. This opinion is a forward-looking statement based upon currently available information. To the extent that operating cash flow is materially lower than current levels or external financing sources are not available on terms competitive with those currently available, including increases in interest rates, future liquidity may be adversely affected.

#### **Off-balance Sheet Arrangements**

U. S. Steel did not enter into any new off-balance sheet arrangements during the first half of 2008.

#### **Environmental Matters, Litigation and Contingencies**

U. S. Steel has incurred and will continue to incur substantial capital, operating and maintenance, and remediation expenditures as a result of environmental laws and regulations. In recent years, these expenditures have been mainly for process changes in order to meet Clean Air Act obligations and similar obligations in Europe, although ongoing compliance costs have also been significant. To the extent that these expenditures, as with all costs, are not ultimately reflected in the prices of our products and services, operating results will be reduced. U. S. Steel believes that our major North American and many European integrated steel competitors are confronted by substantially similar conditions and thus does not believe that our relative position with regard to such competitors is materially affected by the impact of environmental laws and regulations. However, the costs and operating restrictions necessary for compliance with environmental laws and regulations may have an adverse effect on our competitive position with regard to domestic mini-mills, some foreign steel producers (particularly in developing economies such as China) and producers of materials which compete with steel, all of which may not be required to incur equivalent costs in their operations. In addition, the specific impact on each competitor may vary depending on a number of factors, including the age and location of its operating facilities and its production methods. U. S. Steel is also responsible for remediation costs related to our prior disposal of environmentally sensitive materials. Most of our competitors do not have similar historic liabilities.

Our U.S. facilities are subject to the U.S. environmental standards, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Natural Resource Damage





Assessments and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as well as state and local laws and regulations.

USSC is subject to the environmental laws of Canada, which are comparable to environmental standards in the United States. Environmental regulation in Canada is an area of shared responsibility between the federal government and the provincial governments, which in turn delegate certain matters to municipal governments. Federal environmental statutes include the federal Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and the Fisheries Act. Various provincial statutes regulate environmental matters such as the release and remediation of hazardous substances; waste storage, treatment and disposal; and air emissions. As in the United States, Canadian environmental laws (federal, provincial and local) are undergoing revision and becoming more stringent.

USSK is subject to the environmental laws of Slovakia and the European Union (EU).

USSS is subject to the environmental laws of Serbia. Under the terms of the acquisition, USSS will be responsible for only those costs and liabilities associated with environmental events occurring subsequent to the completion of an environmental baseline study. The study was completed in June 2004 and submitted to the Government of Serbia.

Many nations, including the United States, are considering regulation of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. International negotiations to supplement or replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol are ongoing. The integrated steel process involves a series of chemical reactions involving carbon that create CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This distinguishes integrated steel producers from mini-mills and many other industries where CO<sub>2</sub> generation is generally linked to energy usage. The EU has established greenhouse gas regulations; Canada has published details of a regulatory framework for greenhouse gas emissions as discussed below; and the United States may establish regulations in the future. Such regulations may entail substantial capital expenditures, restrict production, and raise the price of coal and other carbon-based energy sources.

To comply with the 1997 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the European Commission (EC) has created an Emissions Trading System (ETS). Under the ETS, the EC establishes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions limits for every EU member state and approves grants of CO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances to individual emitting facilities pursuant to national allocation plans that are proposed by each of the member states. The allowances can be bought and sold by emitting facilities to cover the quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> they emit in their operations. In 2004, the EC approved Slovakia's national allocation plan, for the period 2005 through 2007 (NAP I), which granted USSK fewer emissions allowances than were ultimately required for USSK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. USSK purchased allowances to cover its shortfall for the NAP I allocation period. Based on the actual value of allowances purchased, a short-term other liability of \$2 million was recognized on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2007.

In July 2008, following approval by the EC of Slovakia's national allocation plan for the 2008-2012 trading period (NAP II), Slovakia has granted USSK more CO<sub>2</sub> allowances per year than USSK received for NAP I. The potential financial and/or operational impacts of NAP II are not currently determinable and will vary depending on USSK's levels of production, its ability to limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and, if allowances must be purchased, their price at the time of purchase.

On April 26, 2007, Canada's federal government announced an Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollution (the Plan). The federal government plans to set mandatory reduction targets on all major greenhouse gas producing industries to achieve an absolute reduction of 150 megatonnes in greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by 2020. On March 10, 2008, Canada's federal government published details of its Regulatory Framework for Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions

(the Framework). The Plan and the Framework provide that facilities existing in 2006 will be required to cut their greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 18 percent by 2010, with a further 2 percent reduction in each following year. Companies will be able to choose the most cost-effective way to meet their targets from a range of options. The Framework effectively exempts fixed process emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, which could exclude certain iron and steel producing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from mandatory reductions. Certain provinces have enacted climate change rules and Ontario may also do so. The draft regulations implementing the Framework are expected in late 2008. The impact on USSC cannot be estimated at this time.

U. S. Steel has been notified that we are a potentially responsible party (PRP) at 21 sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) as of June 30, 2008. In addition, there are 13 sites related to U. S. Steel where we have received information requests or other indications that we may be a PRP under CERCLA but where sufficient information is not presently available to confirm the existence of liability or make any judgment as to the amount thereof. There are also 43 additional sites related to U. S. Steel where remediation is being sought under other environmental statutes, both federal and state, or where private parties are seeking remediation through discussions or litigation. At many of these sites, U. S. Steel is one of a number of parties involved and the total cost of remediation, as well as U. S. Steel's share thereof, is frequently dependent upon the outcome of investigations and remedial studies. U. S. Steel accrues for environmental remediation activities when the responsibility to remediate is probable and the amount of associated costs is reasonably determinable. As environmental remediation matters proceed toward ultimate resolution or as additional remediation obligations arise, charges in excess of those previously accrued may be required. See Note 20 to Financial Statements.

For discussion of relevant environmental items, see Part II. Other Information Item 1. Legal Proceedings Environmental Proceedings.

During the second quarter of 2008, U. S. Steel accrued \$4 million for environmental matters for domestic and foreign facilities. The total accrual for such liabilities at June 30, 2008 was \$136 million. These amounts exclude liabilities related to asset retirement obligations under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143.

U. S. Steel is the subject of, or a party to, a number of pending or threatened legal actions, contingencies and commitments involving a variety of matters, including laws and regulations relating to the environment. The ultimate resolution of these contingencies could, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the U. S. Steel Financial Statements. However, management believes that U. S. Steel will remain a viable and competitive enterprise even though it is possible that these contingencies could be resolved unfavorably to U. S. Steel.

## **OUTLOOK**

We expect third quarter 2008 to be another excellent quarter with continued earnings improvement as price increases implemented during the second quarter and early in the third quarter are expected to improve average realized prices for each of our reportable segments.

For Flat-rolled, third quarter results are expected to improve substantially from the second quarter, reflecting continued realization of price increases. Raw steel capability utilization and shipments are expected to remain near the second quarter level and raw materials costs are expected to increase.

Third quarter results are expected to decrease for USSE. While average realized prices should be higher, raw materials costs are also expected to increase, and shipments and operating costs will be negatively affected by a planned blast furnace reline at USSK that is scheduled to begin shortly and continue into the fourth quarter.

Third quarter results for Tubular are expected to increase significantly as price increases continue to be realized. Semi-finished steel costs will increase and shipments are expected to be at about the second quarter level.

We are currently negotiating with the United Steelworkers for a replacement of the agreement covering most of our domestic operations. We expect to have the new agreement in place before the September 1 expiration of the current agreement.

This outlook contains forward-looking statements with respect to market conditions, operating costs, shipments and prices. Some factors, among others, that could affect market conditions, costs, shipments and prices for both North American operations and USSE include global product demand, prices and mix; global and company steel production levels; plant operating performance; the timing and completion of facility projects; natural gas and electricity prices and usage; raw materials and transportation prices and availability; the impact of fixed prices in energy and raw materials contracts (many of which have terms of one year or longer) as compared to short-term contract and spot prices for steel products; changes in environmental, tax, pension and other laws; the terms of replacement collective bargaining agreements; employee strikes or other labor issues; power outages; and U.S. and global economic performance and political developments. Domestic steel shipments and prices could be affected by import levels and actions taken by the U.S. Government and its agencies. Economic conditions and political factors in Europe and Canada that may affect USSE's and USSC's results include, but are not limited to, taxation, nationalization, inflation, currency fluctuations, government instability, political unrest, regulatory changes, export quotas, tariffs, and other protectionist measures. In accordance with safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, cautionary statements identifying important factors, but not necessarily all factors, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements have been included in the Form 10-K of U. S. Steel for the year ended December 31, 2007, and in subsequent filings for U. S. Steel.

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

On April 3, 2008, U. S. Steel, along with Maverick Tube Corporation, Tex-Tube Company and the United Steelworkers filed antidumping and countervailing duty petitions with the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) for welded line pipe up to and including 16 inches against China, and antidumping petitions against Korea. If the case is successful, duties will be imposed on imports from these countries to offset the margin of unfair trade that may exist on any U.S. sales of this product from these countries. The DOC has initiated investigations on all of these cases and on May 16, 2008, in its preliminary injury decision, the ITC voted to continue the investigation. Final determinations as to whether to impose relief will take place some time in the first half of next year.

#### **ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In May 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (FAS 162). Under FAS 162, the GAAP hierarchy will now reside in the accounting literature established by the FASB. FAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. FAS 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. FAS 162 will not impact our financial statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS No. 142-3 (FSP FAS 142-3) Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets. FSP FAS 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to include an entity's historical experience in renewing or extending similar arrangements, adjusted for entity-specific factors, even when there is likely to be substantial cost or material modifications. FSP FAS 142-3 states that in the absence of historical experience an entity should use assumptions that market participants would make regarding renewals or extensions, adjusted for entity-specific factors. The guidance for determining the useful life of intangible assets included in this FSP will be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after the effective date of January 1, 2009. U. S. Steel does not expect FSP FAS 142-3 to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations (FAS 141(R)), which replaces FAS No. 141. FAS 141(R) requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction, establishes the acquisition-date fair value as the measurement objective for all assets acquired and liabilities assumed and requires the acquirer to disclose certain information related to the nature and financial effect of the business combination. FAS 141(R) also establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired in a business combination. FAS 141(R) is effective on a prospective basis for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2009. For any business combination that takes place subsequent to January 1, 2009, FAS 141(R) may have a material impact on our financial statements. The nature and extent of any such impact will depend upon the terms and conditions of the transaction. FAS 141 (R) also amends FAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, such that adjustments made to deferred taxes and acquired tax contingencies after January 1, 2009, even for business combinations completed before this date, will impact net income. This provision of FAS 141 (R) may have a material impact on our financial statements (see Note 11 and the discussion of U. S. Steel Canada Inc.).

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 (FAS 160). FAS 160 requires all entities to report noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries (also known as minority interests) as a separate component of equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, to clearly identify consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest on the face of the consolidated statement of income, and to provide sufficient disclosure that clearly identifies and distinguishes between the interest of the parent and the interests of noncontrolling owners. FAS 160 also establishes accounting and reporting standards for changes in a parent's ownership interest and the valuation of retained noncontrolling equity investments when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. FAS 160 is effective as of January 1, 2009. U. S. Steel does not expect any material financial statement implications relating to the adoption of this Statement.

In June 2007, the FASB ratified Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issue number 06-11, Accounting for Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share-Based Payment Awards (EITF 06-11). EITF 06-11 requires that tax benefits generated by dividends paid during the vesting period on certain equity-classified, share-based compensation awards be classified as additional paid-in capital and included in a pool of excess tax benefits available to absorb tax deficiencies from share-based payment awards. EITF 06-11 was effective January 1, 2008, and the effect of adopting EITF 06-11 was immaterial to our financial statements.

In March 2007, the FASB ratified EITF issue number 06-10, Accounting for Collateral Assignment Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements (EITF 06-10). EITF 06-10 requires an employer to recognize a liability for the postretirement benefit provided by a collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangement in accordance with either FASB Statement No. 106, Employers Accounting for

Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, or Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 12, Omnibus Opinion 1967, if the employer has agreed to maintain a life insurance policy during the employee's retirement or provide the employee with a death benefit. EITF 06-10 also stipulates that an employer should recognize and measure an asset based on the nature and substance of the collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangement. EITF 06-10 was effective January 1, 2008. U. S. Steel has collateral assignment split-dollar life insurance arrangements within the scope of EITF 06-10 for a small number of employees; however, the impact of adopting EITF 06-10 was immaterial to our financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (FAS 159). This Statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value and report unrealized gains and losses on these instruments in earnings. FAS 159 was effective January 1, 2008. U. S. Steel did not adopt the fair value option.

In September 2006, the FASB issued FAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS 157). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements and, accordingly, does not require any new fair value measurements. This Statement was initially effective as of January 1, 2008, but in February 2008, the FASB delayed the effective date for applying this standard to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. We adopted FAS 157 as of January 1, 2008 for assets and liabilities within its scope and the impact was immaterial to our financial statements. Nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities for which we have not applied the provisions of FAS 157 include those measured at fair value in goodwill and indefinite lived intangible asset impairment testing, and asset retirement obligations initially measured at fair value.

**Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK****COMMODITY PRICE RISK AND RELATED RISK**

In the normal course of our business, U. S. Steel is exposed to market risk or price fluctuations related to the purchase, production or sale of steel products. U. S. Steel is also exposed to price risk related to the purchase, production or sale of coal, coke, natural gas, steel scrap, iron ore and pellets, and zinc, tin and other nonferrous metals used as raw materials.

U. S. Steel's market risk strategy has generally been to obtain competitive prices for our products and services and allow operating results to reflect market price movements dictated by supply and demand; however, U. S. Steel has made forward physical purchases to manage exposure to fluctuations in the purchase of natural gas and certain non-ferrous metals.

**INTEREST RATE RISK**

U. S. Steel is subject to the effects of interest rate fluctuations on certain of its non-derivative financial instruments. A sensitivity analysis of the projected incremental effect of a hypothetical 10 percent increase/decrease in June 30, 2008 interest rates on the fair value of the U. S. Steel's non-derivative financial assets/liabilities is provided in the following table:

| (Dollars in millions)                                      | Fair<br>Value | Incremental<br>Increase in<br>Fair Value <sup>(b)</sup> |
|--|---------------|---|
| <b>Non-Derivative Financial Instruments <sup>(a)</sup></b> |               |   |
| Financial assets:  |               |   |
| Investments and long-term receivables                      | \$ 14         | \$ -  |
| Financial liabilities:                                     |               |   |
| Long-term debt <sup>(c) (d)</sup>                          | \$ 3,066      | \$ 108  |

<sup>(a)</sup> Fair values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, notes payable, accounts payable and accrued interest approximate carrying value and are relatively insensitive to changes in interest rates due to the short-term maturity of the instruments. Accordingly, these instruments are excluded from the table.

<sup>(b)</sup> Reflects the estimated incremental effect of a hypothetical 10 percent increase/decrease in interest rates at June 30, 2008, on the fair value of U. S. Steel's non-derivative financial assets/liabilities. For financial liabilities, this assumes a 10 percent decrease in the weighted average yield to maturity of U. S. Steel's long-term debt at June 30, 2008.

<sup>(c)</sup> Includes amounts due within one year and excludes capital leases.

<sup>(d)</sup> Fair value was based on market prices where available, or estimated borrowing rates for financings with similar maturities.

U. S. Steel's sensitivity to interest rate declines and corresponding increases in the fair value of our debt portfolio would unfavorably affect our results and cash flows only to the extent that we elected to repurchase or otherwise retire all or a portion of our fixed-rate debt portfolio at prices above carrying value. At June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel's portfolio of debt included \$975 million of floating rate term loans, the fair value of which are not affected by interest rate declines.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE RISK**

U. S. Steel, through USSE and USSC, is subject to the risk of price fluctuations due to the effects of exchange rates on revenues and operating costs, firm commitments for capital expenditures and existing assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, particularly the euro,

the Slovak koruna, the Serbian dinar and the Canadian dollar. U. S. Steel historically has made limited use of forward currency contracts to manage exposure to certain currency price fluctuations. At June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, U. S. Steel had open euro forward sales contracts for U.S. dollars (total notional value of approximately \$614 million and \$26 million, respectively). A 10 percent increase in the June 30, 2008 euro forward rates would result in a \$61 million charge to income.

In accordance with FAS 157, the fair value of our derivatives is determined using Level 2 inputs, which are defined as significant other observable inputs. The inputs used include quotes from counterparties that are corroborated with market sources.

Volatility in the foreign currency markets could have significant implications for U. S. Steel as a result of foreign currency accounting remeasurement effects, primarily on a U.S. dollar-denominated intercompany loan (the intercompany loan) to a European affiliate, related to the acquisition of USSC. In early July, the outstanding balance on the intercompany loan was reduced from \$1.1 billion to \$836 million. Our exposure will decrease as the intercompany loan is repaid. Subsequent to December 31, 2007, we increased our use of euro-U.S. dollar derivatives, which mitigates our currency exposure resulting from the intercompany loan, as well as other exposures. For additional information on U. S. Steel's foreign currency exchange activity, see Note 14 to Financial Statements.

Future foreign currency impacts will depend upon changes in currencies, the extent to which we engage in derivatives transactions and repayments of the intercompany loan. The amount and timing of such repayments will depend upon profits and cash flows of our international operations, future international investments and financing activities, all of which will be impacted by market conditions, operating costs, shipments, prices and foreign exchange rates.

On June 19, 2008, the European Council approved the Slovak Republic's entry into the eurozone as of January 1, 2009. The definitive exchange rate of 30.126 Slovak koruna per euro was established on July 8, 2008. The setting of the definitive exchange rate has reduced our exposure to fluctuations between the Slovak koruna and the euro.

**Item 4. controls and procedures**

**EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

U. S. Steel has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2008. These disclosure controls and procedures are the controls and other procedures that were designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that are filed with or submitted to the SEC is: (1) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable law and regulations. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

**CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

There have not been any changes in U. S. Steel's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report, which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, U. S. Steel's internal control over financial reporting.



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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS****ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEEDINGS**

On January 26, 1998, pursuant to an action filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana titled United States of America v. USX, U. S. Steel entered into a consent decree with EPA which resolved alleged violations of the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit at Gary Works and provides for a sediment remediation project for a section of the Grand Calumet River that runs through Gary Works. As of June 30, 2008, project costs have amounted to \$59.8 million. U. S. Steel completed additional dredging in 2007, and submitted a Dredge Completion Report to EPA in May 2008. Although further dredging is not expected, \$1.3 million is accrued for possible additional work that may be required to complete the project and obtain EPA approval. The Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) which received dredged materials from the Grand Calumet River could be used for containment of approved material from other corrective measures conducted at Gary Works pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent for corrective action. CAMU maintenance and wastewater treatment costs are anticipated to be an additional \$1.4 million through December 2011. In 1998, U. S. Steel also entered into a consent decree with the public trustees, which resolves liability for natural resource damages on the same section of the Grand Calumet River. U. S. Steel will pay the public trustees \$1.0 million at the end of the sediment remediation project for ecological monitoring costs. In addition, U. S. Steel is obligated to perform, and has initiated, ecological restoration in this section of the Grand Calumet River. The costs required to complete the ecological restoration work are estimated to be \$941,000. In total, the accrued liability for the above projects based on the estimated remaining costs was \$4.7 million at June 30, 2008.

At Gary Works, U. S. Steel has agreed to close three hazardous waste disposal sites, D5, T2, and D2 combined with a portion of the Refuse Area, where a solid waste disposal unit overlaps with the hazardous waste disposal unit. The sites are located on plant property. U. S. Steel has submitted a revised closure plan to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for D2 and the known tar areas of the Refuse Area. U. S. Steel has proposed that the remainder of the Refuse Area be addressed as a solid waste management unit (SWMU) under corrective action. In addition, U. S. Steel has submitted a closure plan for T2 and a conceptual closure plan for D5. The related accrued liability for estimated costs to close each of the hazardous waste sites and perform groundwater monitoring is \$6.2 million for D5, \$4.3 million for T2 and \$10.7 million for D2 including a portion of the Refuse Area, at June 30, 2008.

On October 23, 1998, EPA issued a final Administrative Order on Consent addressing Corrective Action for SWMUs throughout Gary Works. This order requires U. S. Steel to perform a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI), a Corrective Measure Study (CMS) and Corrective Measure Implementation at Gary Works. Reports of field investigation findings for Phase I work plans have been submitted to EPA. Four self-implementing interim measures have been completed. Through June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel had spent approximately \$26.2 million for the studies, work plans, field investigations and self-implementing interim measures. U. S. Steel is preparing a final proposal to EPA seeking approval for perimeter groundwater monitoring and is developing a proposal for a corrective measure to address impacted sediments in the West Grand Calumet Lagoon. In addition, U. S. Steel has submitted a conceptual sampling and analysis plan for the Solid Waste Management Areas east of the Vessel Slip Turning Basin; is completing a pilot scale treatment study for groundwater contamination and finalizing the design of a full scale system; and continuing to operate a groundwater treatment system for the coke plant. The costs for the above mentioned activities, including operation and maintenance of the coke plant groundwater treatment

system for 2008 are estimated to be \$16.0 million. U. S. Steel has submitted a proposal to EPA seeking approval to implement Corrective Measures necessary to address soil contamination at Gary Works. U. S. Steel estimates the minimum cost of the Corrective Measures for soil contamination to be approximately \$3.5 million. Closure costs for the CAMU are estimated to be an additional \$6.1 million. Until the remaining Phase I work and Phase II field investigations are completed, it is impossible to assess what additional expenditures will be necessary for Corrective Action projects at Gary Works. In total, the accrued liability for the above projects was \$25.6 million at June 30, 2008, based on the estimated remaining costs.

In October 1996, U. S. Steel was notified by IDEM, acting as lead trustee, that IDEM and the U.S. Department of the Interior had concluded a preliminary investigation of potential injuries to natural resources related to releases of hazardous substances from various municipal and industrial sources along the east branch of the Grand Calumet River and Indiana Harbor Canal. U. S. Steel agreed to pay to the public trustees \$20.5 million over a five-year period for restoration costs, plus \$1.0 million in assessment costs. A Consent Decree memorializing this settlement was entered on the record by the court and thereafter became effective April 1, 2005. U. S. Steel has paid our entire share of the assessment costs and \$16.5 million of our share of the restoration costs to the public trustees. A balance of \$4.0 million in restoration costs to complete our settlement obligations remains as an accrued liability as of June 30, 2008.

On November 26, 2007, IDEM issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) alleging three pushing violations and one door violation on the No. 2 Battery that were to have occurred on July 11, 2007. On December 20, 2007, IDEM made a verbal penalty demand of \$123,000 to resolve these alleged violations. U. S. Steel provided written responses to the NOVs. Negotiations regarding these NOVs are ongoing.

On October 3, 2007, November 26, 2007, March 2, 2008 and March 18, 2008, IDEM issued NOVs alleging opacity limitation violations from the coke plant and/or Blast Furnaces Nos. 4 and 8. To date, no penalty demand has been made by IDEM regarding these NOVs. U. S. Steel is currently negotiating resolution of these NOVs with IDEM.

On July 3, 2008, EPA Region V issued a Notice of Violation/Finding of Violation (NOV/FOV) alleging violations resulting from a multi-media inspection conducted in May 2007 and subsequent information collection requests pursuant to Section 114 of the Clean Air Act. These alleged violations include those currently being prosecuted by IDEM that are identified above. Other alleged violations include reline of No. 4 Blast Furnace in 1990 without a New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit; and opacity limit excursions from hot iron transfer cars, slag skimming, slag pits, and the blast furnace casting house. The NOV/FOV also alleges violations relating to hydrochloric acid pickling, blast furnace relief valves and blast furnace flares. While a penalty demand is expected, EPA Region V has not yet made such a demand. U. S. Steel is currently negotiating resolution of the NOV with EPA Region V.

#### **Midwest Plant**

A former disposal area located on the east side of the Midwest Plant was designated a SWMU (East Side SWMU) by IDEM before U. S. Steel acquired this plant from National Steel Corporation. After the acquisition, U. S. Steel conducted further investigations of the East Side SWMU. As a result, U. S. Steel has submitted a Closure Plan to IDEM recommending an in-place closure of the East Side SWMU. The cost to close the East Side SWMU is expected to be \$4.1 million and was recorded as an accrued liability as of June 30, 2008.

#### **Mon Valley Works**

On March 17, 2008, U. S. Steel entered a Consent Order and Agreement (COA) with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) to resolve alleged opacity limitation and pushing and traveling

violations from older coke oven batteries at its Clairton Plant and to resolve alleged opacity violations from its Edgar Thomson Plant. The COA required U. S. Steel to pay a civil penalty of \$301,800 to resolve past alleged violations addressed by the COA. U. S. Steel paid the civil penalty on March 25, 2008. The COA requires U. S. Steel to conduct interim repairs on existing batteries, and make improvements at the Ladle Metallurgical Facility and Steelmaking Shop at the Edgar Thomson Plant. In November 2007, U. S. Steel announced that it is considering plans to upgrade the Clairton Plant. These upgrades would be conducted in two phases and would address the alleged violations and improve coking performance. The first phase would include replacing Batteries 7 through 9 with a new six meter C Battery that would employ Best Available Control Technology (BACT); and the second phase would include replacing Batteries 1 through 3 with a new six meter D Battery, that would also employ BACT. In addition, U. S. Steel plans to upgrade its existing Batteries 19 and 20. U. S. Steel is currently discussing the permit requirements with ACHD. U. S. Steel estimates that these investments will exceed \$1 billion. U. S. Steel is also making upgrades at its Edgar Thomson Plant that would reduce emissions. In January 2008, U. S. Steel submitted an installation air permit application for C Battery. A draft installation air permit for C Battery was issued for public comment on May 7, 2008. The public comment period ended on June 19, 2008, at which time a public hearing was also held. ACHD is currently responding to public comments and anticipates issuing a final C Battery installation permit in July 2008. U. S. Steel anticipates submitting a permit application for D Battery in July 2008.

### **Fairless Plant**

In January 1992, U. S. Steel commenced negotiations with EPA regarding the terms of an Administrative Order on consent, pursuant to RCRA, under which U. S. Steel would perform a RFI and a CMS at our Fairless Plant. A Phase I RFI report was submitted during the third quarter of 1997. A Phase II/III RFI will be submitted following EPA approval of the Phase I report. While the RFI/CMS will determine whether there is a need for, and the scope of, any remedial activities at the Fairless Plant, U. S. Steel continues to maintain interim measures at the Fairless Plant and has completed investigation activities on specific parcels. No remedial activities are contemplated as a result of the investigations of these parcels. The cost to U. S. Steel to continue to maintain the interim measures and develop a Phase II/III RFI Work Plan is estimated to be \$134,000. It is reasonably possible that additional costs of up to \$35 million may be incurred at this site in combination with five other projects. See Note 20 to the Financial Statements Contingencies and Commitments Environmental Matters Remediation Projects Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development.

### **Fairfield Works**

A consent decree was signed by U. S. Steel, EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (United States of America v. USX Corporation) on December 11, 1997, under which U. S. Steel paid a civil penalty of \$1.0 million, completed two supplemental environmental projects at a cost of \$1.75 million and initiated a RCRA corrective action program at the facility. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) assumed primary responsibility for regulation and oversight of the RCRA corrective action program at Fairfield Works, with the approval of EPA. The first Phase I RFI work plan was approved and field sampling for the work plan was completed in 2004. U. S. Steel submitted a Phase I RFI Report to ADEM in February 2005. ADEM approved the Phase I RFI Report and is reviewing a Phase II RFI work plan. The remaining cost to develop and implement the Phase II RFI work plan is estimated to be \$700,000. U. S. Steel has completed the investigation and remediation of Lower Opossum Creek under a joint agreement with Beazer, Inc., whereby U. S. Steel has agreed to pay 30 percent of the costs. U. S. Steel's remaining share of the costs for sediment remediation is \$210,000. In January 1999, ADEM included the former Ensley facility site in Fairfield Corrective Action. Based on results from our Phase I facility investigation of Ensley, U. S. Steel identified approximately two acres of land at the former coke plant for remediation. As of June 30, 2008, costs to complete the remediation of this

area have amounted to \$1.3 million. An additional \$112,000 is accrued for project contingencies. In total, the accrued liability for the projects described above was \$1.0 million at June 30, 2008, based on estimated remaining costs. It is reasonably possible that additional costs of up to \$35 million may be incurred at this site in combination with five other projects. See Note 20 to the Financial Statements Contingencies and Commitments Environmental Matters Remediation Projects Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development.

#### **Lorain Tubular Operations**

In September 2006, U. S. Steel received a letter from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) inviting U. S. Steel to enter into discussions about RCRA Corrective Action at Lorain Tubular Operations. On December 15, 2006, U. S. Steel received a letter from Ohio EPA that requires U. S. Steel to complete an evaluation of human exposure and update the previous RCRA preliminary site assessment. We have accrued \$80,000 for the costs of additional studies at this site. It is reasonably possible that additional costs of up to \$35 million may be incurred at the Lorain Tubular Corrective Action program in combination with five other projects. See Note 20 to the Financial Statements Contingencies and Commitments Environmental Matters Remediation Projects Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development.

#### **Duluth Works**

At the former Duluth Works in Minnesota, U. S. Steel spent a total of approximately \$13.3 million for cleanup and agency oversight costs through June 30, 2008. The Duluth Works was listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) under the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act on its Permanent List of Priorities. EPA has consolidated and included the Duluth Works site with the St. Louis River Interlake Duluth Tar site on EPA's National Priorities List. The Duluth Works cleanup has proceeded since 1989. U. S. Steel has recently submitted an engineering study of the estuary sediments. Additionally, MPCA and its contractor have begun work on the second five-year review for the site. The method and extent of remediation at this site is presently unknown; therefore, future costs are indeterminable. Study and oversight costs are currently estimated at \$275,000. These costs include risk assessment, sampling, inspections and analytical work, and development of a work plan and cost estimate to implement EPA five-year review recommendations. It is reasonably possible that additional costs of up to \$35 million may be incurred at this site in combination with five other projects. See Note 20 to the Financial Statements Contingencies and Commitments Environmental Matters Remediation Projects Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development.

#### **Granite City Works**

Granite City Works received two NOVs, dated February 20, 2004 and March 25, 2004, for air violations at the coke batteries, the blast furnace and the steel shop. All of the issues have been resolved except for an issue relating to air emissions that occurs when coke is pushed out of the ovens, for which a compliance plan has been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). IEPA referred the two NOVs to the Illinois Attorney General's Office for enforcement. On September 14, 2005, the Illinois Attorney General filed a complaint in the Madison County Circuit Court, titled People of the State of Illinois ex. rel. Lisa Madigan vs. United States Steel Corporation, which included the issues raised in the two NOVs. In December 2006, IEPA added to its complaint by adding a release of coke oven gas in February 2006. In October 2007, the Court entered a Second Supplemental Complaint, in which IEPA added alleged violations regarding excessive opacity emissions from the Blast Furnace, and incorrect sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emission factors regarding Blast Furnace Gas emissions. On December 18, 2007, U. S. Steel entered into a Consent Order with the Illinois Attorney General and IEPA that resolved the Complaint, as supplemented. The Order required that U. S. Steel: (1) pay a penalty of \$300,000, which U. S. Steel paid on January 10, 2008; (2) demonstrate compliance with Coke Oven Pushing Operations in accordance with the compliance

schedule provided in the Order; (3) comply with the basic oxygen furnace (BOF) opacity emissions in accordance with the schedule provided in the Order; and (4) submit to IEPA a revised permit application, with the correct SO<sub>2</sub> emission factors, which U. S. Steel submitted in January 2008. On March 31, 2008, U. S. Steel submitted a revised BOF Compliance Schedule and request to modify the Order consistent with the revised BOF Compliance Schedule. U. S. Steel is currently negotiating with IEPA and the Illinois Attorney General as to what upgrades at the BOF will precede the compliance demonstration. Therefore, the compliance demonstration deadline for the BOF is indefinitely postponed by agreement of the parties.

Pursuant to an agreement with the Sierra Club and American Bottom Conservancy, Granite City Works, along with Gateway Energy & Coke Company, LLC (a subsidiary of SunCoke Energy, Inc.) have agreed to establish an Environmental Trust Fund (Trust) which requires the permittees (U. S. Steel and Gateway) to collectively deposit \$1.0 million annually by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, beginning September 30, 2008 and ending September 30, 2012. As grantors, U. S. Steel and Gateway have established the Trust as a part of the cost to construct a heat recovery coke plant adjacent to Granite City Works. The Capital Contribution and all net income of the Trust are to be used for the purposes of promoting energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reductions and PM2.5 emission reduction, to be implemented in the local community where the Granite City Works is located. The Trust can be used for projects at public buildings or property owned by the city, local schools, parks and library districts.

### **Geneva Works**

At U. S. Steel's former Geneva Works, liability for environmental remediation, including the closure of three hazardous waste impoundments and facility-wide corrective action, has been allocated between U. S. Steel and the current property owner pursuant to an asset sales agreement and a permit issued by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. U. S. Steel has reviewed environmental data concerning the site gathered by itself and third parties, developed work plans, continues to conduct field investigations and has begun remediation on some areas of the site for which U. S. Steel has responsibility. Remediation has been completed in some areas. U. S. Steel has recorded a liability of \$19.7 million as of June 30, 2008, for our estimated share of the remaining costs of remediation.

### **Other**

On December 20, 2002, U. S. Steel received a letter from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) requesting U. S. Steel's cooperation in cleaning up the National Zinc site located in Cherryvale, Kansas, a former zinc smelter operated by Edgar Zinc from 1898 to 1931. In April 2003, U. S. Steel and Salomon Smith Barney Holdings, Inc. (SSB), entered into a consent order to conduct an investigation and develop remediation alternatives. In 2004, a remedial action design report was submitted to and approved by KDHE. Implementation of the preferred remedy was completed in late 2007. The respondents are finalizing the Removal Action Summary report, deed restrictions and operating and maintenance plans for approval by KDHE. In 2005, KDHE and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service asserted a claim against U. S. Steel and SSB (now called CitiGroup Global Market Holdings, Inc.) for natural resource damages at the site and nearby creek. On September 12, 2007, U. S. Steel signed a consent decree to settle this claim for a cash payment with U. S. Steel's share at \$247,875. This consent decree was entered by the court, and U. S. Steel paid its share of the settlement on December 13, 2007. On August 17, 2006, both parties received a demand from DOJ for approximately \$1.7 million for past costs incurred by EPA in cleaning up the site and surrounding residential yards, U. S. Steel's share being 50 percent of the claim for past costs. Negotiations are pending with the DOJ. U. S. Steel and CitiGroup signed an agreement with EPA to suspend the running of the statute of limitations for filing of EPA's claims for the period between August 21, 2006 and July 31, 2008.

In January of 2004, U. S. Steel received notice of a claim from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and notice of claims from citizens of a cap failure at the Dayton Landfill.

U. S. Steel, Lubrizol and ExxonMobil are the largest PRPs at the site and have agreed to equally share costs for investigating the site, making U. S. Steel's share 33 1/3 percent. Phase I soil, waste and groundwater sampling was completed in December 2006. The Affected Property Assessment Report (APAR) was timely submitted to TCEQ on March 15, 2008. Additional sampling of soils and groundwater has been conducted in response to TCEQ's comments to APAR. The accrued liability to complete the site investigations and implement the remedial measure is \$2.0 million as of June 30, 2008.

#### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

As of June 30, 2008, U. S. Steel was a defendant in approximately 350 active cases involving approximately 2,950 plaintiffs (claims), including cases involving businesses acquired from Lone Star. At December 31, 2007, U. S. Steel was a defendant in approximately 325 active cases involving approximately 3,000 plaintiffs.

About 2,600, or approximately 88 percent, of these claims are currently pending in jurisdictions which permit filings with massive numbers of plaintiffs. Of these claims, approximately 1,550 are pending in Mississippi and about 1,075 are pending in Texas. Based upon U. S. Steel's experience in such cases, we believe that the actual number of plaintiffs who ultimately assert claims against U. S. Steel will likely be a small fraction of the total number of plaintiffs. Mississippi and Texas have amended their laws to curtail mass filings. As a consequence, most of the claims filed in 2008 and 2007 involved individual or small groups of claimants.

Historically, these claims against U. S. Steel fall into three major groups: (1) claims made by persons who allegedly were exposed to asbestos at U. S. Steel facilities (referred to as premises claims); (2) claims made by industrial workers allegedly exposed to products formerly manufactured by U. S. Steel and (3) claims made under certain federal and general maritime laws by employees of former operations of U. S. Steel. In general, the only insurance available to U. S. Steel with respect to asbestos claims is excess casualty insurance, which has multi-million dollar self-insured retentions. To date, U. S. Steel has received minimal payments under policies relating to asbestos claims.

These asbestos cases allege a variety of respiratory and other diseases based on alleged exposure to asbestos. U. S. Steel is currently a defendant in cases in which a total of approximately 170 plaintiffs allege that they are suffering from mesothelioma. The potential for damages against defendants may be greater in cases in which the plaintiffs can prove mesothelioma.

In many cases in which claims have been asserted against U. S. Steel, the plaintiffs have been unable to establish any causal relationship to U. S. Steel or our products or premises; however, with the decline in mass plaintiff cases the incidence of claimants actually alleging a claim against U. S. Steel is increasing. In addition, in many asbestos cases, the plaintiffs have been unable to demonstrate that they have suffered any identifiable injury or compensable loss at all; that any injuries that they have incurred did in fact result from alleged exposure to asbestos; or that such alleged exposure was in any way related to U. S. Steel or our products or premises.

In every asbestos case in which U. S. Steel is named as a party, the complaints are filed against numerous named defendants and generally do not contain allegations regarding specific monetary damages sought. To the extent that any specific amount of damages is sought, the amount applies to claims against all named defendants and in no case is there any allegation of monetary damages against U. S. Steel. Historically, approximately 89 percent of the cases against U. S. Steel did not specify any damage amount or stated that the damages sought exceeded the amount required to establish jurisdiction of the court in which the case was filed. (Jurisdictional amounts generally range from \$25,000 to \$75,000.) U. S. Steel does not consider the amount of damages alleged, if any, in a

complaint to be relevant in assessing our potential exposure to asbestos liabilities. The ultimate outcome of any claim depends upon a myriad of legal and factual issues, including whether the plaintiff can prove actual disease, if any; actual exposure, if any, to U. S. Steel products; or the duration of exposure to asbestos, if any, on U. S. Steel's premises. U. S. Steel has noted over the years that the form of complaint including its allegations, if any, concerning damages often depends upon the form of complaint filed by particular law firms and attorneys. Often the same damage allegation will be in multiple complaints regardless of the number of plaintiffs, the number of defendants, or any specific diseases or conditions alleged.

U. S. Steel aggressively pursues grounds for the dismissal of U. S. Steel from pending cases and litigates cases to verdict where we believe litigation is appropriate. U. S. Steel also makes efforts to settle appropriate cases, especially mesothelioma cases, for reasonable, and frequently nominal, amounts.

The following table shows activity with respect to asbestos litigation:

| <b>Period ended</b> | <b>Opening Number of Claims</b> | <b>Claims Dismissed, Settled and Resolved</b> | <b>New Claims</b> | <b>Closing Number of Claims</b> | <b>Amounts Paid to Resolve Claims (in millions)</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| December 31, 2005   | 11,000                          | 3,800   | 1,200             | 8,400                           | \$ 11   |
| December 31, 2006   | 8,400                           | 5,150   | 450               | 3,700                           | \$ 8  |
| December 31, 2007   | 3,700                           | 1,230   | 530               | 3,000                           | \$ 9  |
| June 30, 2008       | 3,000                           | 350   | 300               | 2,950                           | \$ 4  |

The amount U. S. Steel has accrued for pending asbestos claims is not material to U. S. Steel's financial position. U. S. Steel does not accrue for unasserted asbestos claims because it is not possible to determine whether any loss is probable with respect to such claims or even to estimate the amount or range of any possible losses. The vast majority of pending claims against us allege so-called premises liability-based exposure on U. S. Steel's current or former premises. These claims are made by an indeterminable number of people such as truck drivers, railroad workers, salespersons, contractors and their employees, government inspectors, customers, visitors and even trespassers. In most cases, the claimant also was exposed to asbestos in non-U. S. Steel settings; the relative periods of exposure between U. S. Steel and non-U. S. Steel settings vary with each claimant; and the strength or weakness of the causal link between U. S. Steel exposure and any injury vary widely.

It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of asbestos-related lawsuits, claims and proceedings due to the unpredictable nature of personal injury litigation. Despite this uncertainty, management believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, although the resolution of such matters could significantly impact results of operations for a particular quarter. Among the factors considered in reaching this conclusion are: (1) that over the last several years, the total number of pending claims has declined; (2) that it has been many years since U. S. Steel employed maritime workers or manufactured or sold asbestos containing products; and (3) U. S. Steel's history of trial outcomes, settlements and dismissals.

The foregoing statements of belief are forward-looking statements. Predictions as to the outcome of pending litigation are subject to substantial uncertainties with respect to (among other things) factual and judicial determinations, and actual results could differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements.

## **OTHER LITIGATION**

In March 2008, the Indiana Court of Appeals reversed a previous decision of the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission involving a rate escalation provision in U. S. Steel's electric power supply contract with Northern Indiana Public Service Company. U. S. Steel is seeking further judicial review of this decision, but a reserve of \$45 million related to prior year effects was established in the first quarter of 2008.

Before U. S. Steel's October 31, 2007 acquisition of USSC, Cleveland Cliffs Inc. (Cliffs) and USSC received and accepted a non-binding offer dated June 6, 2007 from Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Limited (Consolidated) to purchase USSC's 44.6 percent interest and Cliffs' 26.8 percent interest in Wabush for a purchase price of \$64.3 million plus two year warrants to purchase 3 million shares of Consolidated common stock. This offer stated: "The acceptance of this offer by Cliffs and Stelco [USSC] shall not create any legally enforceable rights, other than the provisions of section 5, 14 and 15 of the attached. (Those sections contained limited exclusivity, confidentiality and choice of law provisions.)" On August 30, 2007, ArcelorMittal Dofasco, Inc. (Dofasco) purported to exercise a right of first refusal under the Participants Agreement dated as of January 1, 1967 governing Wabush. On March 4, 2008, following several months of unsuccessful negotiations over many of the major terms of the purchase and sale, USSC and Cliffs informed Dofasco that they were withdrawing from further negotiations. On March 20, 2008, Dofasco served USSC with a statement of claim filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking a court order requiring Cliffs and USSC to sell their interests in Wabush to Dofasco and to pay C\$427 million (approximately \$419 million) or, alternatively, to pay damages of C\$1.80 billion (approximately \$1.77 billion). USSC is vigorously defending this action and does not believe it has any liability to Dofasco regarding this matter.

## **Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

During the second quarter of 2008, there were no material changes to the risk factors that were disclosed in Item 1A of U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.



**UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS (Unaudited)**

| (Dollars in millions)                               | Quarter Ended<br>June 30, |               | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |               |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2008                      | 2007          | 2008                         | 2007          |
| <b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>                       |                           |               |                              |               |
| Flat-rolled <sup>(a)</sup>                          | \$ 478                    | \$ 92         | \$ 598                       | \$ 167        |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 298                       | 244           | 459                          | 450           |
| Tubular <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 177                       | 97            | 228                          | 199           |
| Other Businesses <sup>(c)</sup>                     | 6                         | 1             | 1                            | 3             |
| Segment Income from Operations                      | 959                       | 434           | 1,286                        | 819           |
| Retiree benefit expenses                            | 1                         | (43)          | 2                            | (82)          |
| Other items not allocated to segments:              |                           |               |                              |               |
| Flat-rolled inventory transition effects            | (6)                       | -             | (23)                         | -             |
| Litigation reserve                                  | -                         | -             | (45)                         | -             |
| <b>Total Income from Operations</b>                 | <b>\$ 954</b>             | <b>\$ 391</b> | <b>\$ 1,220</b>              | <b>\$ 737</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                           |               |                              |               |
| Flat-rolled <sup>(a)</sup>                          | \$ 145                    | \$ 69         | \$ 228                       | \$ 119        |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 49                        | 47            | 81                           | 77            |
| Tubular <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 5                         | 1             | 9                            | 3             |
| Other Businesses <sup>(c)</sup>                     | 14                        | 25            | 22                           | 51            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 213</b>             | <b>\$ 142</b> | <b>\$ 340</b>                | <b>\$ 250</b> |
| <b>OPERATING STATISTICS</b>                         |                           |               |                              |               |
| Average realized price: (\$/net ton) <sup>(d)</sup> |                           |               |                              |               |
| Flat-rolled <sup>(a)</sup>                          | 777                       | 652           | 713                          | 651           |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 986                       | 726           | 890                          | 697           |
| Tubular <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 1,690                     | 1,389         | 1,508                        | 1,410         |
| Steel Shipments: <sup>(d)(e)</sup>                  |                           |               |                              |               |
| Flat-rolled <sup>(a)</sup>                          | 4,849                     | 3,599         | 9,550                        | 6,787         |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 1,696                     | 1,616         | 3,334                        | 3,268         |
| Tubular <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 500                       | 288           | 933                          | 535           |
| <b>Total Steel Shipments</b>                        | <b>7,045</b>              | <b>5,503</b>  | <b>13,817</b>                | <b>10,590</b> |
| Raw Steel-Production: <sup>(e)</sup>                |                           |               |                              |               |
| North American facilities <sup>(a)</sup>            |                           |               |                              |               |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 5,614                     | 4,116         | 11,172                       | 7,829         |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 1,925                     | 1,865         | 3,833                        | 3,664         |
| Raw Steel-Capability Utilization: <sup>(f)</sup>    |                           |               |                              |               |
| North American facilities <sup>(a)</sup>            |                           |               |                              |               |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 92.7%                     | 85.1%         | 92.2%                        | 81.4%         |
| U. S. Steel Europe                                  | 104.3%                    | 100.8%        | 103.9%                       | 99.5%         |

(a) Includes the results of the businesses acquired from Stelco Inc. as of October 31, 2007, excluding the iron ore and real estate interests.

(b) Includes the results of the businesses acquired from Lone Star Technologies, Inc. as of June 14, 2007.

(c) Includes the results of the iron ore and real estate interests acquired from Stelco Inc. as of October 31, 2007.

(d) Excludes intersegment transfers.

(e) Thousands of net tons.

(f) Based on annual raw steel production capability of 19.4 million net tons for North American facilities prior to October 31, 2007 and 24.3 million net tons thereafter, and 7.4 million net tons for U. S. Steel Europe.



**Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.**

U. S. Steel had no sales of unregistered securities during the period covered by this report.

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

The following table contains information about purchases by U. S. Steel of its equity securities during the period covered by this report.

| <b>Period</b>    | <b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b> | <b>Average Price Paid per Share</b> | <b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b> | <b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b> |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| April 1-30, 2008 | 110,000                                 | \$ 142.85                           | 110,000   | 6,046,300   |
| May 1-31, 2008   | 105,000                                 | \$ 168.14                           | 105,000   | 5,941,300   |
| June 1-30, 2008  | 105,000                                 | \$ 178.35                           | 105,000   | 5,836,300   |

**Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

The annual meeting of shareholders was held on April 29, 2008. The following matters were acted upon.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Richard A. Gephardt, Glenda G. McNeal, Patricia A. Tracey and Graham B. Spanier were elected to serve three-year terms as Class I directors by the following votes:

| <b>Nominee</b>      | <b>Votes For</b> | <b>Votes Withheld</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Richard A. Gephardt | 104,236,887      | 2,112,793             |
| Glenda G. McNeal    | 104,881,596      | 1,468,084             |
| Patricia A. Tracey  | 104,893,948      | 1,455,732             |
| Graham B. Spanier   | 104,829,877      | 1,519,803             |

Continuing as Class II directors for a term expiring in 2009 are J. Gary Cooper, Frank J. Lucchino, Seth E. Schofield and John P. Surma. Continuing as Class III directors for a term expiring in 2010 are Robert J. Darnall, John G. Drosdick, Charles R. Lee and Jeffrey M. Lipton.

**ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) was elected as the independent registered public accounting firm by the following votes:

| <b>Votes For</b> | <b>Votes Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 105,148,394      | 368,307              | 832,979        |

**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

- 10.1 EUR200,000,000 Credit Facility Agreement dated 2 July 2008 between U. S. Steel Košice, s.r.o. as borrower, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, pobočka zahraničnej banky, Bratislava, ING Bank N.V., pobočka zahraničnej banky and Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s. as mandated lead arrangers, Citibank N.A., Bahrain Branch and HSBC Bank plc, pobočka zahraničnej banky as lead arrangers, the financial institutions listed on Schedule 1 to the agreement as lenders and ING Bank N.V., London Branch as facility agent.
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends
- 12.2 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned chief accounting officer thereunto duly authorized.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By /s/ Larry G. Schultz

Larry G. Schultz

Senior Vice President and Controller  
July 29, 2008

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