

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

OR

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 0-27918

Century Aluminum Company

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Delaware | 13-3070826 |
| (State of Incorporation) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 2511 Garden Road | 93940 |
| Building A, Suite 200 | (Zip Code) |
| Monterey, California | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (831) 642-9300

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 definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large Accelerated Filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated Filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-Accelerated Filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smaller Reporting Company | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(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 Exchange Act). Yes No

The registrant had 41,134,927 shares of common stock outstanding at April 30, 2008.



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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETSMarch 31,
2008December 31,
2007

(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

| ASSETS | (UNAUDITED) | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash | \$ 105,550 | \$ 60,962 |
| Restricted cash equivalents | 873 | 873 |
| Short-term investments | 261,255 | 280,169 |
| Accounts receivable — net | 99,807 | 93,451 |
| Due from affiliates | 35,206 | 26,693 |
| Inventories | 187,939 | 175,101 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 50,130 | 40,091 |
| Deferred taxes — current portion | 99,246 | 69,858 |
| Total current assets | 840,006 | 747,198 |
| Property, plant and equipment — net | 1,260,687 | 1,260,040 |
| Intangible asset — net | 43,834 | 47,603 |
| Goodwill | 94,844 | 94,844 |
| Deferred taxes – less current portion | 456,136 | 321,068 |
| Other assets | 112,670 | 107,518 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,808,177 | \$ 2,578,271 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY | | |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable, trade | \$ 93,272 | \$ 79,482 |
| Due to affiliates | 336,992 | 216,754 |
| Accrued and other current liabilities | 56,357 | 60,482 |
| Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion | 11,997 | 11,997 |
| Convertible senior notes | 175,000 | 175,000 |
| Industrial revenue bonds | 7,815 | 7,815 |
| Total current liabilities | 681,433 | 551,530 |
| Senior unsecured notes payable | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Accrued pension benefits costs — less current portion | 14,561 | 14,427 |
| Accrued postretirement benefits costs — less current portion | 187,958 | 184,853 |
| Due to affiliates – less current portion | 1,206,756 | 913,683 |

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| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Other liabilities | 56,788 | 39,643 |
| Deferred taxes | 69,744 | 62,931 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 1,785,807 | 1,465,537 |
| CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (NOTE 8) | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Common stock (one cent par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 41,131,221 and 40,988,058 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively) | 411 | 410 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 864,797 | 857,787 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (46,013) | (51,531) |
| Accumulated deficit | (478,258) | (245,462) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 340,937 | 561,204 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,808,177 | \$ 2,578,271 |

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

(Unaudited)

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| NET SALES: | | |
| Third-party customers | \$ 356,893 | \$ 380,853 |
| Related parties | 114,249 | 66,804 |
| | 471,142 | 447,657 |
| Cost of goods sold | 375,147 | 337,005 |
| Gross profit | 95,995 | 110,652 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 18,866 | 12,967 |
| Operating income | 77,129 | 97,685 |
| Interest expense | (6,243) | (11,043) |
| Interest income | 2,523 | 2,013 |
| Net gain (loss) on forward contracts | (448,308) | 390 |
| Other expense - net | (533) | (156) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures | (375,432) | 88,889 |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | 138,243 | (28,087) |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures | (237,189) | 60,802 |
| Equity in earnings of joint ventures | 4,393 | 3,447 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (232,796) | \$ 64,249 |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE: | | |
| Basic | \$ (5.67) | \$ 1.98 |
| Diluted | \$ (5.67) | \$ 1.87 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING: | | |
| Basic | 41,040 | 32,508 |
| Diluted | 41,040 | 34,426 |

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in Thousands)

(Unaudited)

Three months ended March 31,

2008

2007

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING
ACTIVITIES:

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Net income (loss) | \$ (232,796) | \$ 64,249 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Unrealized net (gain) loss on forward contracts | 395,930 | (27,399) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,785 | 18,905 |
| Deferred income taxes | (143,682) | 8,087 |
| Pension and other post retirement benefits | 4,177 | 5,143 |
| Stock-based compensation | 8,470 | 1,521 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation | (499) | (330) |
| Purchase of short-term trading securities | (108,536) | — |
| Sale of short-term trading securities | 127,450 | — |
| Undistributed earnings of joint ventures | (4,393) | (3,447) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable – net | (6,356) | 447 |
| Due from affiliates | (8,513) | 15,074 |
| Inventories | (12,802) | (18,433) |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 2,710 | (1,217) |
| Accounts payable – trade | 12,797 | 24,429 |
| Due to affiliates | 24,542 | 5,381 |
| Accrued and other current liabilities | (18,974) | (4,611) |
| Other – net | (1,460) | 10,319 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 58,850 | 98,118 |

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING
ACTIVITIES:

| | | |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (8,915) | (2,438) |
| Nordural expansion | (7,389) | (29,175) |

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|--|---------------|---------------|
| Restricted and other cash deposits | — | 2,600 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (16,304) | (29,013) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | — | 30,000 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | — | (29,649) |
| Excess tax benefits from shared-based compensation | 499 | 330 |
| Issuance of common stock | 1,543 | 1,973 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 2,042 | 2,654 |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH | 44,588 | 71,759 |
| Cash, beginning of the period | 60,962 | 96,365 |
| Cash, end of the period | \$ 105,550 | \$ 168,124 |

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the
Three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)
(UNAUDITED)

1. General

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Century Aluminum Company should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. In management's opinion, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, that are necessary for a fair presentation of financial results for the interim periods presented. Operating results for the first three months of 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2008. Throughout this Form 10-Q, and unless expressly stated otherwise or as the context otherwise requires, "Century Aluminum," "Century," "we," "us," "our" and "ours" refer to Century Aluminum Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

2. Adoption of SFAS No. 157

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This pronouncement applies to a broad range of other existing accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date." Under SFAS No. 157, fair value is an exit price and that exit price should reflect all the assumptions that market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

SFAS No. 157 recognizes three different valuation techniques; the market approach, income approach, and/or cost approach. Primarily, we use the market and income approach. We use the income approach to value our derivative contracts. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value under SFAS No. 157 are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our internal market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market.
- Level 2 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations for which all significant inputs are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 – Assets or liabilities whose significant inputs are unobservable. Valuations are determined using pricing models and discounted cash flow models and include management judgment and estimation which may be significant.

SFAS No. 157 requires consideration of market risks in our valuations that other market participants might consider, specifically non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk. Consideration of the non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk could result in changes to the discount rates used in our fair value measurements. We considered the effects of our credit risk (non-performance risk) and we reviewed the credit standing of our

counterparties to develop appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates used in our fair value measurements.

The following section describes the valuation methodology used to measure financial instruments at fair value.

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Short-term Investments. Our short-term investments consist of variable rate demand notes (“VRDN”). These VRDNs are tax-exempt municipal bonds that are purchased from a remarketing agent. The underlying securities are long-term municipal bonds. The market value of these investments is based upon their quoted market price. However they are traded in markets that are not active.

Derivatives. Our derivative contracts include natural gas forward financial purchase contracts, foreign currency forward contracts and primary aluminum financial sales contracts. We measure the fair value of these contracts based on the quoted future market prices at the reporting date in their respective principal markets for all available periods. We discount the expected cash flows from these contracts using a risk-adjusted discount rate. The term of one of our primary aluminum financial sales contracts extends beyond the quoted LME futures market. We estimate the fair value of that contract by making certain assumptions about future market prices of primary aluminum beyond the current quoted LME market prices in 2013. These future market assumptions are significant to the fair value measurements.

Fluctuations in the market prices for our primary aluminum financial sales contracts can have a significant impact on gains and losses included in our financial statements from period to period. Unrealized gains and losses for these primary aluminum financial sales contracts are included in net gain (loss) on forward contracts. Our other derivative contracts in natural gas forward financial purchase contracts and foreign currency forward contracts qualify for cash flow hedge treatment under SFAS No. 133. The effective portion of these contracts is recorded in other comprehensive income; realized gains or losses and ineffective portions of these hedges are recorded in the statement of operations in cost of goods sold.

The following table sets forth by level within the SFAS No. 157 fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of January 1, 2008. As required by SFAS No. 157, financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement with the fair value hierarchy levels.

| Recurring Fair Value Measurements | March 31, 2008 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| ASSETS: | | | | |
| Short-term investments | | \$ 261,255 | | \$ 261,255 |
| Derivative assets | \$ 2,067 | | | 2,067 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,067 | \$ 261,255 | \$ — | \$ 263,322 |
| LIABILITIES: | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities | \$ (650) | | \$ (1,477,113) | \$ (1,477,763) |

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Change in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements during the three month period ended March 31, 2008

| | Beginning balance | Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized) included in earnings | Settlements | Ending balance | Amount of total gains or losses included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets and liabilities held at March 31, 2008 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|---|
| LIABILITIES: | | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities | \$ (1,070,290) | \$ (448,238) | \$ 41,415 | \$ (1,477,113) | \$ (396,006) |

The net gains and losses on our derivative liabilities are recorded in our statement of operations in the Net gain (loss) on forward contracts. Derivative liabilities are included in our Due to affiliates and Due to affiliates – less current portion line items of our consolidated balance sheets.

3. Earnings Per Share

The following table provides a reconciliation of the computation of the basic and diluted earnings per share:

| | For the three months ended March 31, | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
| | Income | Shares | Per-Share | Income | Shares | Per-Share |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (232,796) | | | \$ 64,249 | | |
| Basic EPS: | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders | (232,796) | 41,040 | \$ (5.67) | 64,249 | 32,508 | \$ 1.98 |
| Effect of Dilutive Securities: | | | | | | |
| Plus: | | | | | | |
| Options | — | — | — | — | 53 | — |
| Service-based stock awards | — | — | — | — | 69 | — |
| Assumed conversion of convertible debt | — | — | — | — | 1,796 | — |
| Diluted EPS: | | | | | | |
| Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders with assumed conversion | \$ (232,796) | 41,040 | \$ (5.67) | \$ 64,249 | 34,426 | \$ 1.87 |

Options to purchase 445,843 and 443,697 shares of common stock were outstanding during the three month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. There were 42,835 and 83,334 unvested shares of service-based stock outstanding at March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively. Based on the average price for our common stock in the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, we would have been required to issue approximately 2,722,000 and 1,796,000 shares, respectively, upon an assumed conversion of our convertible debt. For the three months ended March 31, 2008, all options, service-based stock, and shares to be issued upon the assumed conversion of our convertible debt were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because of their antidilutive effect on earnings per share. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, 85,000 options were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock. Service-based stock for which vesting is based upon continued service is not considered issued and outstanding shares of common stock until vested. However, the service-based stock is considered a common stock equivalent and therefore is included, using the treasury stock method, in average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share computations, if they have a dilutive effect on earnings per share.

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In March 2008, we instituted changes to our performance share program. Under the amended performance share plan a portion of the performance share award will be granted in time-vested performance shares at the grant date. These shares will be awarded to the plan participant if the participant is still an employee of Century on the award date. Prior to the performance share plan amendments our goal-based performance share units are not considered common stock equivalents until it becomes probable that performance goals will be obtained. As a result of the amendment to the performance share plan, these time-vested performance share units are accounted for similar to the service-based share awards and they will be considered common stock equivalents and therefore included, using the treasury stock method, in average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share computations, if they have a dilutive effect on earnings per share.

4. Income Taxes

We adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48"), on January 1, 2007. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the total liability for unrecognized income tax benefits (including interest and net of federal benefit) was approximately \$24,900 and \$24,300, respectively. If recognized, approximately \$20,800 would favorably affect our effective income tax rate. As of December 31, 2007, the gross amount of unrecognized tax benefits (excluding interest) was \$40,600. Included in this amount was \$21,600 of tax positions whose tax characterization is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of tax return inclusion. As of March 31, 2008, the gross amount of unrecognized tax benefits (excluding interest) has not changed. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, other than interest and penalties, the timing would not impact the annual effective tax rate but could accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period.

We recognized interest related to liabilities for unrecognized income tax benefits in the income tax provision. As of March 31, 2008, and December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$11,800 and \$10,900, respectively, of accrued interest related to unrecognized income tax benefits included as a liability on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, of which \$900 was recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2008.

Century and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and local jurisdictions within the United States, and in Iceland. In connection with an audit conducted by Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the tax years 2000 through 2002, the IRS raised issues and proposed tax deficiencies. We filed an administrative appeal with the IRS with respect to these examinations. In April 2008, we received notification from the IRS Appeals Office that the Joint Committee had approved the settlement of all issues related to these examinations. The IRS Appeals Office has provided an estimated tax due and interest computation to settle the tax years 2000 through 2002. We do not expect a significant change in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months with the exception of reductions for payments to the IRS to settle the examination as noted above.

Our federal income tax returns beginning in 2003 are subject to examination. Material state and local income tax matters have been concluded for years through 2002. West Virginia income tax returns for 2003 through 2005 are currently under examination and the majority of other state returns beginning in 2003 are subject to examination. Our Icelandic tax returns are subject to examination and income tax matters have been concluded for years through 2001.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we recognized a \$2,900 tax expense for the quarter related to the decrease in the carrying amount of deferred tax assets as a result of a tax law change in West Virginia.

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5. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials | \$ 78,709 | \$ 73,926 |
| Work-in-process | 22,331 | 22,201 |
| Finished goods | 7,371 | 7,968 |
| Operating and other supplies | 79,528 | 71,006 |
| Inventories | \$ 187,939 | \$ 175,101 |

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out method.

6. Goodwill and Intangible Asset

We test our goodwill for impairment annually in the second quarter of the fiscal year and at other times whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may exceed its fair value. If the carrying value of goodwill exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss will be recognized. No impairment loss was recorded in 2008 or 2007. The fair value is estimated using market comparable information.

The intangible asset consists of the power contract acquired in connection with our acquisition of the Hawesville facility ("Hawesville"). The contract value is being amortized over its term using a method that results in annual amortization equal to the percentage of a given year's expected gross annual benefit to the total as applied to the total recorded value of the power contract. As of March 31, 2008, the gross carrying amount of the intangible asset was \$155,986 with accumulated amortization of \$112,152.

For the three month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, amortization expense for the intangible asset totaled \$3,769 and \$3,497, respectively. For the year ending December 31, 2008, the estimated aggregate amortization expense for the intangible asset will be approximately \$15,076. The estimated aggregate amortization expense for the intangible asset through the Hawesville power contract's term is as follows:

| | 2009 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Estimated Amortization Expense | \$ 16,149 | \$ 16,378 |

The intangible asset is reviewed for impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," whenever events or circumstances indicate that its net carrying amount may not be recoverable.

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7. Debt

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Debt classified as current liabilities: | | |
| 1.75% convertible senior notes due 2024, interest payable semiannually (1)(2)(3) | \$ 175,000 | \$ 175,000 |
| Hancock County industrial revenue bonds due 2028, interest payable quarterly (variable interest rates (not to exceed 12%))(1) | 7,815 | 7,815 |
| Debt classified as non-current liabilities: | | |
| 7.5% senior unsecured notes payable due 2014, interest payable semiannually (3)(4) | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Total Debt | \$ 432,815 | \$ 432,815 |

- (1) The convertible notes are classified as current because they are convertible at any time by the holder. The IRBs are classified as current liabilities because they are remarketed weekly and could be required to be repaid upon demand if there is a failed remarketing. The IRB interest rate at March 31, 2008 was 2.51%.
- (2) The convertible notes are convertible at any time by the holder at an initial conversion rate of 32.7430 shares of Century common stock per one thousand dollars of principal amount of convertible notes, subject to adjustments for certain events. The initial conversion rate is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$30.5409 per share of Century common stock. Upon conversion of a convertible note, the holder of such convertible note shall receive cash equal to the principal amount of the convertible note and, at our election, either cash or Century common stock, or a combination thereof, for the convertible note's conversion value in excess of such principal amount, if any.
- (3) The obligations of Century pursuant to the notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by all of our existing domestic restricted subsidiaries. The indentures governing these obligations contain customary covenants, including limitations on our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends, sell assets or stock of certain subsidiaries and purchase or redeem capital stock.
- (4) On or after August 15, 2009, we may redeem any of the senior notes, in whole or in part, at an initial redemption price equal to 103.75% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The redemption price will decline each year after 2009 and will be 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, beginning on August 15, 2012.

We have a \$100,000 senior secured revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility") with a syndicate of banks that will mature September 19, 2010. Our obligations under the Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by our domestic

subsidiaries (other than Century Aluminum Holdings, Inc., Century Louisiana, Inc., and Nordural US LLC) and secured by a first priority security interest in all accounts receivable and inventory belonging to Century and our subsidiary borrowers. The availability of funds under the Credit Facility is subject to a \$15,000 reserve and limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of certain eligible accounts receivable and inventory. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are, at our option, at the LIBOR rate or bank base rate, plus or minus in each case an applicable margin. The Credit Facility is subject to customary covenants, including limitations on capital expenditures, additional indebtedness, affiliate transactions, liens, guarantees, mergers and acquisitions, dividends, distributions, capital redemptions and investments. We could issue up to a maximum of \$25,000 in letters of credit under the Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2008, we have letters of credit totaling \$2,577 outstanding. Any outstanding letters of credit reduce our borrowing availability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. We had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility as of March 31, 2008. As of March 31, 2008, we had a borrowing availability of \$97,423 under the Credit Facility. We pay a commitment fee for the unused portion of the line.

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8. Contingencies and Commitments

Environmental Contingencies

We believe our current environmental liabilities do not have, and are not likely to have, a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, there can be no assurance that future requirements or conditions at currently or formerly owned or operated properties will not result in liabilities which may have a material adverse effect.

Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. (“CAWV”) continues to perform remedial measures at our Ravenswood, West Virginia facility (“Ravenswood”) pursuant to an order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) in 1994 (the “3008(h) Order”). CAWV also conducted a RCRA facility investigation (“RFI”) under the 3008(h) Order evaluating other areas at Ravenswood that may have contamination requiring remediation. The RFI has been approved by appropriate agencies. CAWV has completed interim remediation measures at two sites identified in the RFI, and we believe no further remediation will be required. A Corrective Measures Study, which will formally document the conclusion of these activities, is being completed with the EPA. We believe a significant portion of the contamination on the two sites identified in the RFI is attributable to the operations of third parties and is their financial responsibility.

Prior to our purchase of Hawesville, the EPA issued a final Record of Decision (“ROD”) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. By agreement, Southwire is to perform all obligations under the ROD. Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership (“Century Kentucky”) has agreed to operate and maintain the ground water treatment system required under the ROD on behalf of Southwire, and Southwire will reimburse Century Kentucky for any expense that exceeds \$400 annually.

Century is a party to an EPA Administrative Order on Consent (the “Order”) pursuant to which other past and present owners of an alumina refining facility at St. Croix, Virgin Islands have agreed to carry out a Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan to remove and manage hydrocarbons floating on groundwater underlying the facility. Pursuant to the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan, recovered hydrocarbons and groundwater are delivered to the adjacent petroleum refinery where they are received and managed. Lockheed Martin Corporation (“Lockheed”), which sold the facility to one of our affiliates, Virgin Islands Alumina Corporation (“Vialco”), in 1989, has tendered indemnity and defense of this matter to Vialco pursuant to the terms of the Lockheed–Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. Management does not believe Vialco’s liability under the Order or its indemnity to Lockheed will require material payments. Through March 31, 2008, we have expended approximately \$700 on the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan. Although there is no limit on the obligation to make indemnification payments, we expect the future potential payments under this indemnification to comply with the Order will be approximately \$500, which may be offset in part by sales of recoverable hydrocarbons.

In May 2005, Century and Vialco were among the defendants listed in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, in his capacity as Trustee for Natural Resources of the United States Virgin Islands. The complaint alleges damages to natural resources caused by alleged releases from the alumina refinery facility at St. Croix and the adjacent petroleum refinery. Lockheed has tendered indemnity and defense of the case to Vialco pursuant to the terms of the Lockheed-Vialco Asset Purchase Agreement. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees. Vialco and the other defendants have filed separate motions

to dismiss asserting certain affirmative defenses including the statute of limitations. No ruling on those motions has been rendered as of this date.

In December 2006, Vialco and the company that purchased the assets of Vialco in St. Croix in 1995 were named as defendants in a lawsuit filed by the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. The complaint alleges the defendants failed to take certain actions specified in a Coastal Zone management permit issued to Vialco in October 1994, and seeks statutory and other unspecified monetary penalties for the alleged violations. Vialco filed its answer to the complaint asserting factual and affirmative defenses.

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In July 2006, Century was named as a defendant, together with certain affiliates of Alcan Inc., in a lawsuit brought by Alcoa Inc. seeking to determine responsibility for certain environmental indemnity obligations related to the sale of a cast aluminum plate manufacturing facility located in Vernon, California, which we purchased from Alcoa Inc. in December 1998, and sold to Alcan Rolled Products-Ravenswood LLC (formerly Pechiney Rolled Products, LLC) in July 1999. The complaint also seeks costs and attorney fees.

It is our policy to accrue for costs associated with environmental assessments and remedial efforts when it becomes probable that a liability has been incurred and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The aggregate environmental-related accrued liabilities were \$850 and \$790 at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. All accrued amounts have been recorded without giving effect to any possible future recoveries. With respect to cost for ongoing environmental compliance, including maintenance and monitoring, such costs are expensed as incurred.

Because of the issues and uncertainties described above, and our inability to predict the requirements of future environmental laws, there can be no assurance that future capital expenditures and costs for environmental compliance will not have a material adverse effect on our future financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity. Based upon all available information, management does not believe that the outcome of these environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity.

Legal Contingencies

We have pending against us or may be subject to various lawsuits, claims and proceedings related primarily to employment, commercial, environmental, safety and health matters. Although it is not presently possible to determine the outcome of these matters, management believes their ultimate disposition will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity.

Power Commitments

Hawesville purchases substantially all of its power from Kenergy Corp. ("Kenergy"), a retail electric member cooperative of the Big Rivers Electrical Corporation ("Big Rivers"), under a power supply contract that expires at the end of 2010. Under this contract, approximately 73% of this power is at fixed prices. In October 2007, Century acquired 22% of the 27% unpriced position of the power requirements for Hawesville for the first six months of 2008. The power was acquired through Kenergy from Big Rivers and Constellation Energy at fixed prices. Approximately five percent of Hawesville's power requirements for the first six months of 2008 and 15% for the balance of 2008 remain unpriced. Hawesville has unpriced power requirements of 126 MW or 27% of its power requirements from 2009 through 2010. Kenergy acquires most of the power it provides to Hawesville from a subsidiary of LG&E Energy Corporation ("LG&E"), with delivery guaranteed by LG&E.

We are working with Big Rivers and Kenergy on a proposal that would restructure and extend the existing power supply contract. The proposed new long-term power contract was filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in late December 2007. The contract would provide all of Hawesville's power requirements through 2023 at cost-based pricing. We expect the transaction to close in the second half of 2008.

Appalachian Power Company ("APCo") supplies all of Ravenswood's power requirements under an agreement at prices set forth in published tariffs, which are subject to change. In 2006, the Public Service Commission for the State of West Virginia ("PSC") approved an experimental rate design through June 30, 2009 in connection with an increase in

the applicable tariff rates. Under the experimental rate, Ravenswood may be excused from or may defer the payment of the increase in the tariff rate if aluminum prices as quoted on the LME fall below pre-determined levels. CAWV may terminate the agreement by providing 12 months notice of termination.

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Mt. Holly purchases all of its power from the South Carolina Public Service Authority at rates established by published schedules. Mt. Holly's current power contract expires December 31, 2015. Power delivered through 2010 will be priced as set forth in currently published schedules, subject to adjustments for fuel costs. Rates for the period 2011 through 2015 will be as provided under then-applicable schedules.

The Nordural facility at Grundartangi, Iceland ("Grundartangi") purchases power from Landsvirkjun, Hitaveita Suðurnesja hf. ("HS") and Orkuveita Reykjavíkur ("OR") under long-term contracts due to expire in 2019, 2026 and 2028. The power delivered to Grundartangi is priced at a rate based on the LME price for primary aluminum and is from hydroelectric and geothermal sources.

We completed an expansion of the Grundartangi facility from 220,000 metric tons per year ("mtpy") to 260,000 mtpy ("Phase V expansion") in the fourth quarter of 2007. OR has agreed to deliver the electrical power for the additional expansion capacity by late 2008. In July 2007, we formalized our agreement with Landsvirkjun to deliver electrical power for the start-up of the Phase V capacity on an interim basis, if available, until electrical power is available from OR in late 2008.

In April 2007 and June 2007, Nordural signed electrical power supply agreements with HS and OR, respectively, for the planned primary aluminum reduction facility in Helguvik, Iceland. Under the agreements, power will be supplied to the proposed Helguvik facility in stages, beginning with an initial phase of up to 250 megawatts ("MW"), which will support production capacity of up to 150,000 mtpy. HS will provide up to 150 MW in this initial stage, and OR will supply up to 100 MW. Electricity delivery for this first phase is targeted to begin in late 2010. The agreements provide for a total of 435 MW, which will ultimately provide power for a 250,000 mtpy facility. The agreements are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Labor Commitments

Approximately 81% of our U.S. based work force is represented by the United Steelworkers of America (the "USWA"). Our Hawesville, Kentucky, plant employees represented by the USWA are under a collective bargaining agreement that will expire on March 31, 2010. The agreement covers approximately 600 hourly workers at the Hawesville plant. Our Ravenswood plant employees represented by the USWA are under a labor agreement that will expire on May 31, 2009. The agreement covers approximately 570 hourly employees at the Ravenswood plant.

Approximately 90% of Grundartangi's work force is represented by five labor unions under an agreement that expires on December 31, 2009.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

Century's income tax returns are periodically examined by various tax authorities. We are currently under audit by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the tax years through 2002. In connection with such examinations, the IRS has raised issues and proposed tax deficiencies. We have reached a tentative agreement with the IRS which was approved by the Joint Committee on Taxation. We believe the settlement amount with interest from the IRS will be approximately \$15 million and we expect to pay that amount to the IRS by the end of the second quarter of 2008. See Note 4 Income Taxes for additional information.

9. Forward Delivery Contracts and Financial Instruments

As a producer of primary aluminum, we are exposed to fluctuating raw material and primary aluminum prices. We routinely enter into fixed and market priced contracts for the sale of primary aluminum and the purchase of raw materials in future periods.

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Forward Physical Delivery Agreements

Primary Aluminum Sales Contracts

| Contract | Customer | Volume | Term | Pricing |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Alcan Metal Agreement | Alcan | 19 million pounds per month in 2008. 14 million pounds per month in 2009 | Through August 31, 2009 | Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market |
| Glencore Metal Agreement I (1) | Glencore | 50,000 mtpy | Through December 31, 2009 | Variable, LME-based |
| Glencore Metal Agreement II (2) | Glencore | 20,400 mtpy | Through December 31, 2013 | Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market |
| Southwire Metal Agreement | Southwire | 240 million pounds per year (high purity molten aluminum) (3) | Through March 31, 2011 | Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market |
| Southwire Metal Agreement | Southwire | 60 million pounds per year (standard-grade molten aluminum) | Through December 31, 2010 | Variable, based on U.S. Midwest market |

- (1) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement I as a derivative instrument under SFAS No. 133. We have not designated the Glencore Metal Agreement I as “normal” because it replaced and substituted for a significant portion of a sales contract which did not qualify for this designation. Because the Glencore Metal Agreement I is variably priced, we do not expect significant variability in its fair value, other than changes that might result from the absence of the U.S. Midwest premium.
- (2) We account for the Glencore Metal Agreement II as a derivative instrument under SFAS No. 133. Under the Glencore Metal Agreement II, pricing is based on then-current market prices, adjusted by a negotiated

U.S. Midwest premium with a cap and a floor as applied to the current U.S. Midwest premium.

- (3) The Southwire Metal Agreement will automatically renew for additional five-year terms, unless either party provides 12 months notice that it has elected not to renew.

Tolling Contracts

| Contract | Customer | Volume | Term | Pricing |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Billiton Tolling Agreement (1) | BHP Billiton | 130,000 mtpy | Through December 31, 2013 | LME-based |
| Glencore Toll Agreement (1)(2) | Glencore | 90,000 mtpy | Through July 31, 2016 | LME-based |
| Glencore Toll Agreement (1) | Glencore | 40,000 mtpy | Through December 31, 2014 | LME-based |

- (1) Grundartangi’s tolling revenues include a premium based on the European Union (“EU”) import duty for primary aluminum. In May 2007, the EU members reduced the EU import duty for primary aluminum from six percent to three percent and agreed to review the new duty after three years. This decrease in the EU import duty for primary aluminum negatively impacts Grundartangi’s revenues and further decreases would also have a negative impact on Grundartangi’s revenues, but it is not expected to have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations.
- (2) Glencore assigned 50% of its tolling rights under this agreement to Hydro Aluminum through December 31, 2010.

Apart from the Alcan Metal Agreement, Glencore Metal Agreement I, Glencore Metal Agreement II and Southwire Metal Agreement, we had forward delivery contracts to sell 83,351 metric tons and 96,807 metric tons of primary aluminum at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. Of these forward delivery contracts, we had fixed price commitments to sell 1,024 metric tons and 2,818 metric tons of primary aluminum at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, of which 21 metric tons at March 31, 2008 and none at December 31, 2007 were with Glencore.

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Financial Sales Agreements

To mitigate the volatility in our unpriced forward delivery contracts, we enter into fixed price financial sales contracts, which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended delivery dates of the forward delivery contracts. Certain of these fixed price financial sales contracts were accounted for as cash flow hedges depending on our designation of each contract at its inception. Glencore is the counterparty for all of the contracts summarized below:

Primary Aluminum Financial Sales Contracts as of:

(Metric tons)

| | March 31, 2008 | | | December 31, 2007 | | |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| | Cash Flow Hedges | Derivatives | Total | Cash Flow Hedges | Derivatives | Total |
| 2008 | — | 75,150 | 75,150 | 9,000 | 100,200 | 109,200 |
| 2009 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| 2010 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| 2011 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| 2012 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| 2013-2015 | — | 225,000 | 225,000 | — | 225,000 | 225,000 |
| Total | — | 660,150 | 660,150 | 9,000 | 685,200 | 694,200 |

Our contracts accounted for as derivatives contain clauses that trigger additional sales volume when the market price for a contract month is above the contract ceiling price. If the market price exceeds the ceiling price for all contract months through 2015, the maximum additional sales volume would be 660,150 metric tons. These contracts will be settled monthly. We had no fixed price financial contracts to purchase aluminum at March 31, 2008 or December 31, 2007.

We are party to fixed price financial sales contracts for primary aluminum with Glencore. In the event of a material adverse change in our creditworthiness, Glencore has the option to require a letter of credit, or any other acceptable security or collateral, for outstanding balances on these contracts.

Additionally, to mitigate the volatility of the natural gas markets, we enter into financial purchase contracts, accounted for as cash flow hedges, which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended usage of natural gas.

Natural Gas Financial Purchase Contracts as of:

(Thousands of MMBTU)

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2008 | 540 | 1,150 |
| Total | 540 | 1,150 |

Based on the fair value of our financial sales contracts for primary aluminum, financial purchase contracts for natural gas and foreign currency forward contracts that qualify as cash flow hedges as of March 31, 2008, an accumulated other comprehensive gain of \$996 is expected to be reclassified to earnings over the next 12-month period.

In March 2008, we purchased foreign currency forward contracts to hedge our foreign currency risk in the Icelandic krona associated with a portion of the operating costs paid in Icelandic krona at Grundartangi. The forward contracts, which are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No.133, have maturities through March 2009. The critical terms of the contracts essentially match those of the underlying exposure. As of March 31, 2008, accumulated other comprehensive loss includes an unrealized loss, net of tax, of \$272 related to the foreign currency forward contracts.

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The foreign currency forward, primary aluminum forward financial sales and natural gas financial purchase contracts are subject to the risk of counterparty credit risk. However, we only enter into forward financial contracts with counterparties we determine to be creditworthy. If any counterparty failed to perform according to the terms of the contract, the accounting impact would be limited to the difference between the contract price and the market price applied to the contract volume on the date of settlement.

10. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Cash paid for: | | |
| Interest | \$ 10,981 | \$ 17,127 |
| Income tax | 505 | 17,640 |
| Cash received for: | | |
| Interest | 1,874 | 1,596 |
| Income tax refunds | — | — |

Non-cash Activities

In the first quarter of 2008, we issued 58,990 shares of common stock as part of our performance share program to satisfy a \$3,702 performance share liability to certain key employees.

In the first quarter of 2007, we issued 50,985 shares of common stock as part of our performance share program to satisfy a \$2,281 performance share liability to certain key employees. In addition, we recorded a \$7,900 noncash adjustment to the beginning balance of our retained earnings as part of the adoption of FIN 48.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2007, we capitalized interest costs incurred in the construction of equipment of \$1,216.

11. Asset Retirement Obligations

The reconciliation of the changes in the asset retirement obligation is as follows:

| | For the three months ended March 31, 2008 | For the year ended December 31, 2007 |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Beginning balance, ARO liability | \$ 13,586 | \$ 12,864 |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Additional ARO liability incurred | 535 | 2,038 |
| ARO liabilities settled | (616) | (2,348) |
| Accretion expense | 269 | 1,032 |
| Ending balance, ARO liability | \$ 13,774 | \$ 13,586 |

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

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12. Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Comprehensive Income (Loss):

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (232,796) | \$ 64,249 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Net unrealized loss on financial instruments, net of tax of \$2 and \$1,452, respectively | (190) | 1,178 |
| Net amount reclassified to income, net of tax of \$(2,522) and \$(19,234), respectively | 5,187 | 29,248 |
| Adjustment of pension and other postretirement benefit plan liabilities, net of tax of \$(200) and \$375, respectively | 521 | (570) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ (227,278) | \$ 94,105 |

Components of Accumulated Other
Comprehensive Loss:

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Unrealized gain/(loss) on financial instruments, net of \$(1,382) and \$1,443 tax benefit | \$ 4,523 | \$ (170) |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit plan liabilities, net of \$28,700 and \$28,581 tax benefit, respectively | (50,494) | (51,334) |
| Equity in investee other comprehensive income, net of \$272 and \$286 tax (1) | (42) | (27) |
| Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | \$ (46,013) | \$ (51,531) |

- (1) Includes our equity in the other comprehensive income of Gramercy Alumina LLC, St. Ann Bauxite Ltd and Mt. Holly Aluminum Company. Their other comprehensive income consists primarily of pension and other postretirement benefit obligations.

13. Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

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| | Pension Benefits | | Other Postretirement Benefits | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | Three months ended March 31, | | Three months ended March 31, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Service cost | \$ 1,028 | \$ 974 | \$ 1,642 | \$ 1,761 |
| Interest cost | 1,551 | 1,403 | 3,104 | 2,997 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1,893) | (1,695) | — | — |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 182 | 182 | (540) | (540) |
| Amortization of net gain | 128 | 280 | 950 | 1,369 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 996 | \$ 1,144 | \$ 5,156 | \$ 5,587 |

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14. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

SFAS No. 160. In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51.” SFAS No. 160 amends ARB No. 51, “Consolidated Financial Statements,” to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and the interim periods within those years. We are currently assessing the new pronouncement and have not determined what, if any, impact the adoption of SFAS No. 160 will have on our financial position and results of operations.

SFAS No. 161. In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, “Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133.” This Statement changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosure about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under Statement No.133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity’s financial position, financial performance and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and the interim periods within those years. We are currently assessing the new pronouncement and have not determined what, if any, impact the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will have on our financial statement disclosures.

15. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Our 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014, and 1.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries, except for Nordural US LLC (collectively, the “Guarantor Subsidiaries”). The subsidiary guarantors are each 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional. All guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such subsidiaries and Nordural US LLC, collectively the “Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries”). Our policy for financial reporting purposes is to allocate corporate expenses or income to subsidiaries. For the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007, we allocated total corporate expense of \$5,104 and \$2,646 to our subsidiaries, respectively. Additionally, we charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating balance sheets as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, condensed consolidating statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 present separate results for Century, the Guarantor Subsidiaries and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries.

This summarized condensed consolidating financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the results of operations or financial position had Century, the Guarantor Subsidiaries or the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 2008

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ — | \$ 33,834 | \$ 71,716 | \$ — | \$ 105,550 |
| Restricted cash | 873 | — | — | — | 873 |
| Short-term investments | — | — | 261,255 | — | 261,255 |
| Accounts receivable — net | 86,051 | 13,774 | — | (18) | 99,807 |
| Due from affiliates | 144,104 | 8,287 | 1,344,686 | (1,461,871) | 35,206 |
| Inventories | 143,901 | 44,120 | — | (82) | 187,939 |
| Prepaid and other assets | 5,278 | 21,427 | 23,425 | — | 50,130 |
| Deferred taxes — current portion | 17,908 | — | — | 81,338 | 99,246 |
| Total current assets | 398,115 | 121,442 | 1,701,082 | (1,380,633) | 840,006 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 42,649 | — | (117,621) | 74,972 | — |
| Property, plant and equipment — net | 415,947 | 843,354 | 1,386 | — | 1,260,687 |
| Intangible asset — net | 43,834 | — | — | — | 43,834 |
| Goodwill | — | 94,844 | — | — | 94,844 |
| Deferred taxes — less current portion | — | — | 774,444 | (318,308) | 456,136 |
| Other assets | 63,579 | 17,121 | 19,349 | 12,621 | 112,670 |
| Total assets | \$ 964,124 | \$ 1,076,761 | \$ 2,378,640 | \$ (1,611,348) | \$ 2,808,177 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable – trade | \$ 55,752 | \$ 36,845 | \$ 675 | \$ — | \$ 93,272 |
| Due to affiliates | 811,862 | 95,657 | 298,416 | (868,943) | 336,992 |
| Accrued and other current liabilities | 16,429 | 7,776 | 32,152 | — | 56,357 |
| Accrued employee benefits costs — current | 10,653 | — | 1,344 | — | 11,997 |

portion

| | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Deferred taxes –current portion | — | — | 23,992 | (23,992) | — |
| Convertible senior notes | — | — | 175,000 | — | 175,000 |
| Industrial revenue bonds | 7,815 | — | — | — | 7,815 |
| Total current liabilities | 902,511 | 140,278 | 531,579 | (892,935) | 681,433 |
| Senior unsecured notes payable | — | — | 250,000 | — | 250,000 |
| Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion | — | — | 14,561 | — | 14,561 |
| Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion | 186,533 | — | 1,425 | — | 187,958 |
| Due to affiliates — less current portion | — | — | 1,206,756 | — | 1,206,756 |
| Other liabilities/intercompany loan | 25,545 | 582,840 | 33,382 | (584,979) | 56,788 |
| Deferred taxes — less current portion | 256,949 | 21,201 | — | (208,406) | 69,744 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 469,027 | 604,041 | 1,506,124 | (793,385) | 1,785,807 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | | | |
| Common stock | 60 | 12 | 411 | (72) | 411 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 292,434 | 136,797 | 864,797 | (429,231) | 864,797 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (47,693) | 5,214 | (46,013) | 42,479 | (46,013) |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) | (652,215) | 190,419 | (478,258) | 461,796 | (478,258) |
| Total shareholders' equity | (407,414) | 332,442 | 340,937 | 74,972 | 340,937 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 964,124 | \$ 1,076,761 | \$ 2,378,640 | \$ (1,611,348) | \$ 2,808,177 |

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As of December 31, 2007

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ — | \$ 11,128 | \$ 49,834 | \$ — | \$ 60,962 |
| Restricted cash | 873 | — | — | — | 873 |
| Short-term investments | — | — | 280,169 | — | 280,169 |
| Accounts receivable — net | 80,999 | 12,452 | — | — | 93,451 |
| Due from affiliates | 58,080 | 7,977 | 1,020,688 | (1,060,052) | 26,693 |
| Inventories | 136,766 | 38,937 | — | (602) | 175,101 |
| Prepaid and other assets | 4,667 | 21,884 | 13,540 | — | 40,091 |
| Deferred taxes — current portion | 17,867 | — | — | 51,991 | 69,858 |
| Total current assets | 299,252 | 92,378 | 1,364,231 | (1,008,663) | 747,198 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 39,718 | — | 110,866 | (150,584) | — |
| Property, plant and equipment — net | 421,416 | 837,496 | 1,128 | — | 1,260,040 |
| Intangible asset — net | 47,603 | — | — | — | 47,603 |
| Goodwill | — | 94,844 | — | — | 94,844 |
| Deferred taxes — less current portion | — | — | 589,557 | (268,489) | 321,068 |
| Other assets | 60,130 | 16,382 | 18,503 | 12,503 | 107,518 |
| Total assets | \$ 868,119 | \$ 1,041,100 | \$ 2,084,285 | \$ (1,415,233) | \$ 2,578,271 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable – trade | \$ 50,601 | \$ 28,303 | \$ 578 | \$ — | \$ 79,482 |
| Due to affiliates | 501,271 | 93,431 | 101,296 | (479,244) | 216,754 |
| Accrued and other current liabilities | 16,514 | 17,743 | 26,225 | — | 60,482 |
| Accrued employee benefits costs — current portion | 10,653 | — | 1,344 | — | 11,997 |
| Deferred taxes –current portion | — | — | 24,054 | (24,054) | — |
| Convertible senior notes | — | — | 175,000 | — | 175,000 |
| Industrial revenue bonds | 7,815 | — | — | — | 7,815 |
| Total current liabilities | 586,854 | 139,477 | 328,497 | (503,298) | 551,530 |
| Senior unsecured notes payable | — | — | 250,000 | — | 250,000 |
| Accrued pension benefit costs — less current portion | — | — | 14,427 | — | 14,427 |
| | 183,479 | — | 1,374 | — | 184,853 |

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|---|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Accrued postretirement benefit costs — less current portion | | | | | |
| Due to affiliates — less current portion | — | — | 913,683 | — | 913,683 |
| Other liabilities/intercompany loan | 26,419 | 571,368 | 15,100 | (573,244) | 39,643 |
| Deferred taxes — less current portion | 230,381 | 20,657 | — | (188,107) | 62,931 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 440,279 | 592,025 | 1,194,584 | (761,351) | 1,465,537 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | | | |
| Common stock | 60 | 12 | 410 | (72) | 410 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 292,434 | 136,797 | 857,787 | (429,231) | 857,787 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (52,674) | 5,524 | (51,531) | 47,150 | (51,531) |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) | (398,834) | 167,265 | (245,462) | 231,569 | (245,462) |
| Total shareholders' equity | (159,014) | 309,598 | 561,204 | (150,584) | 561,204 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 868,119 | \$ 1,041,100 | \$ 2,084,285 | \$ (1,415,233) | \$ 2,578,271 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2008

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|
| Net sales: | | | | | |
| Third-party customers | \$ 272,088 | \$ 84,805 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 356,893 |
| Related parties | 71,470 | 42,779 | — | — | 114,249 |
| | 343,558 | 127,584 | — | — | 471,142 |
| Cost of goods sold | 285,010 | 90,775 | — | (638) | 375,147 |
| Gross profit | 58,548 | 36,809 | — | 638 | 95,995 |
| Selling, general and admin expenses | 18,594 | 272 | — | — | 18,866 |
| Operating income | 39,954 | 36,537 | — | 638 | 77,129 |
| Interest expense – third party | (6,243) | — | — | — | (6,243) |
| Interest expense – affiliates | 13,160 | (13,160) | — | — | — |
| Interest income | 2,326 | 197 | — | — | 2,523 |
| Net loss on forward contracts | (448,308) | — | — | — | (448,308) |
| Other expense - net | (9) | (524) | — | — | (533) |
| Income (loss) before taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | (399,120) | 23,050 | — | 638 | (375,432) |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | 139,112 | (635) | — | (234) | 138,243 |
| Net income (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | (260,008) | 22,415 | — | 404 | (237,189) |
| Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | 6,624 | 739 | (232,796) | 229,826 | 4,393 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (253,384) | \$ 23,154 | \$ (232,796) | \$ 230,230 | \$ (232,796) |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2007

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|
| Net sales: | | | | | |
| Third-party customers | \$ 293,748 | \$ 87,105 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 380,853 |
| Related parties | 39,413 | 27,391 | — | — | 66,804 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | 333,161 | 114,496 | — | — | 447,657 |
| Cost of goods sold | 262,490 | 74,869 | — | (354) | 337,005 |
| Gross profit | 70,671 | 39,627 | — | 354 | 110,652 |
| Selling, general and admin expenses | 11,103 | 1,864 | — | — | 12,967 |
| Operating income | 59,568 | 37,763 | — | 354 | 97,685 |
| Interest expense – third party | (6,019) | (5,024) | — | — | (11,043) |
| Interest expense – affiliates | 8,061 | (8,061) | — | — | — |
| Interest income | 1,599 | 414 | — | — | 2,013 |
| Net gain on forward contracts | 390 | — | — | — | 390 |
| Other income (expense) - net | 91 | (247) | — | — | (156) |
| Income before taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | 63,690 | 24,845 | — | 354 | 88,889 |
| Income tax expense | (24,730) | (3,230) | — | (127) | (28,087) |
| Net income before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | 38,960 | 21,615 | — | 227 | 60,802 |
| Equity earnings (loss) of subsidiaries and joint ventures | 5,551 | 768 | 64,249 | (67,121) | 3,447 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 44,511 | \$ 22,383 | \$ 64,249 | \$ (66,894) | \$ 64,249 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended March 31, 2008

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 41,449 | \$ 17,401 | \$ — | \$ 58,850 |
| Investing activities: | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (2,779) | (5,771) | (365) | (8,915) |
| Nordural expansion | — | (7,389) | — | (7,389) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2,779) | (13,160) | (365) | (16,304) |
| Financing activities: | | | | |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation | — | — | 499 | 499 |
| Intercompany transactions | (38,670) | 18,465 | 20,205 | — |
| Issuance of common stock | — | — | 1,543 | 1,543 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (38,670) | 18,465 | 22,247 | 2,042 |
| Net change in cash | — | 22,706 | 21,882 | 44,588 |
| Beginning cash | — | 11,128 | 49,834 | 60,962 |
| Ending cash | \$ — | \$ 33,834 | \$ 71,716 | \$ 105,550 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended March 31, 2007

| | Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries | Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | The Company | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 65,420 | \$ 32,698 | \$ — | \$ 98,118 |
| Investing activities: | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (1,410) | (899) | (129) | (2,438) |
| Nordural expansion | — | (29,175) | — | (29,175) |
| Restricted cash deposits | 2,600 | — | — | 2,600 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 1,190 | (30,074) | (129) | (29,013) |
| Financing activities: | | | | |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | — | 30,000 | — | 30,000 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | — | (29,649) | — | (29,649) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation | — | — | 330 | 330 |
| Intercompany transactions | (66,610) | 19,578 | 47,032 | — |
| Issuance of common stock | — | — | 1,973 | 1,973 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (66,610) | 19,929 | 49,335 | 2,654 |
| Net change in cash | — | 22,553 | 49,206 | 71,759 |

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|----------------|----|-----|--------|------------|------------|
| Beginning cash | | — | 11,866 | 84,499 | 96,365 |
| Ending cash | \$ | —\$ | 34,419 | \$ 133,705 | \$ 168,124 |

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16. Subsequent Event

Century enters Joint Venture for Chinese Carbon Facility. On April 1, 2008, we entered into a joint venture agreement with Pingguo Qiangqiang Carbon Co., Ltd. ("PQQ") to acquire a 40 percent stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. ("BHH"), which owns a newly constructed carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. Century will use the output from this plant to secure carbon supplies for its worldwide smelter operations. This is our first investment in China.

IRS Settlement approved by Joint Committee. In April 2008, we reached a tentative agreement with the IRS which was approved by the Joint Committee on Taxation. We recently received a draft of the settlement calculation with interest from the IRS. The proposed settlement amount of approximately \$15 million is expected to be paid to the IRS by the end of the second quarter 2008. We have included a reserve for the expected settlement amount in our FIN 48 reserve. For additional information see Note 4 Income Taxes.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS – CAUTIONARY STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES REFORM ACT OF 1995.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on current expectations and projections about future events. Many of these statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “believes,” “projects,” “estimates,” “intends,” “could,” “would,” and “potential” and similar words. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, among other things, those discussed under Part I, Item 2, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and Part I, Item 1, “Financial Statements,” and:

- The cyclical nature of the aluminum industry causes variability in our earnings and cash flows;
- The loss of a customer to whom we deliver molten aluminum would increase our production costs and potentially our sales and marketing costs;
- Glencore International AG (“Glencore”) owns a large percentage of our common stock and has the ability to influence matters requiring shareholder approval;
- We enter into forward sales and hedging contracts with Glencore that help us manage our exposure to fluctuating aluminum prices. Because Glencore is our sole metal hedge counterparty, a material change in our relationship with Glencore could affect how we hedge our exposure to metal price risk;
- We could suffer losses due to a temporary or prolonged interruption of the supply of electrical power to one or more of our facilities, which can be caused by unusually high demand, blackouts, equipment failure, natural disasters or other catastrophic events;
- Due to volatile prices for alumina and electrical power, the principal cost components of primary aluminum production, our production costs could be materially impacted if we experience changes to or disruptions in our current alumina or electrical power supply arrangements, production costs at our alumina refining operation increase significantly, or if we are unable to obtain economic replacement contracts for our alumina supply or electrical power as those contracts expire;
- Changes in the relative cost of certain raw materials and electrical power compared to the price of primary aluminum could affect our margins;
- By expanding our geographic presence and diversifying our operations through the acquisition of bauxite mining, alumina refining, additional aluminum reduction assets and carbon anode and cathode facilities, we are exposed to new risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect the overall profitability of our business;
- We may not realize the expected benefits of our growth strategy if we are unable to successfully integrate the businesses we acquire or establish;
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Most of our employees are unionized and any labor dispute could materially impair our ability to conduct our production operations at our unionized facilities;

- We are subject to a variety of existing environmental laws and regulations that could result in unanticipated costs or liabilities and our planned environmental spending over the next three years may be inadequate to meet our requirements;
- We may not be able to renew or renegotiate existing long-term supply and sale contracts on terms that are favorable to us, or at all;
- Our Helguvik project and other projects could be subject to cost over-runs and other unanticipated expenses and delays;
- Operating in foreign countries exposes us to political, regulatory, currency and other related risks;
- Our indebtedness reduces cash available for other purposes and limits our ability to incur additional debt and pursue our growth strategy;
- We are party to fixed price financial sales contracts for primary aluminum with Glencore. In the event of a material adverse change in our creditworthiness, Glencore has the option to require a letter of credit, or any other acceptable security or collateral for outstanding balances on these contracts.

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- Our proposed Helgøyvik project is subject to various conditions and risks that may affect our ability to complete the project;
- Continued consolidation of the metals industry may limit our ability to implement our strategic goals effectively; and
- Any further reduction in the duty on primary aluminum imports into the European Union would further decrease our revenue at Grundartangi.

We believe the expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, based on information available to us on the date of this filing. However, given the described uncertainties and risks, we cannot guarantee our future performance or results of operations and you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. When reading any forward-looking statements in this filing, the reader should consider the risks described above and elsewhere in this report as well as those described under the headings “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Given these uncertainties and risks, the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Recent Developments

Century enters joint venture for Chinese carbon facility

On April 1, 2008, we entered into a joint venture agreement with Pingguo Qiangqiang Carbon Co., Ltd. (“PQQ”) to acquire a 40 percent stake in Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. (“BHH”), which owns a newly constructed carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. The investment remains subject to government approvals and other conditions. Century will use the output from this plant to secure carbon supplies for its worldwide smelter operations. This is our first investment in China.

Glencore alumina agreement signed

We signed a long-term agreement to buy alumina from Glencore in April 2008. The terms of this alumina contract were previously agreed to in November 2007. Glencore has agreed to supply Century with 290,000 metric tons of alumina in 2010, 365,000 metric tons in 2011, 450,000 metric tons in 2012, 450,000 metric tons in 2013, and 730,000 metric tons in 2014. The alumina price will be indexed to the LME price of primary aluminum.

APCo requests an increase in electrical power tariff rates in West Virginia

In February 2008, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo”) requested adjustments to the tariff rates paid by purchasers of electrical power from the West Virginia Public Service Commission (“PSC”). APCo supplies all the electrical power requirements for our Ravenswood smelter. If the proposed adjustments are approved the special contract rate for Century Aluminum of West Virginia will increase by approximately 17 percent.

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Site preparation initiated for Helguvik greenfield smelter

In March 2008, Nordural Helguvik sf, a wholly owned subsidiary, received construction license and building permits and started the initial site preparation for a 250,000 metric ton greenfield primary aluminum smelter to be constructed near Helguvik, Iceland. This new facility will be constructed in stages, with the first stage of approximately 150,000 to 180,000 metric tons expected to be online by late 2010. The site preparation now underway at the Helguvik smelter site includes the construction of access roads, fencing and a temporary project office. We anticipate that major construction work will begin in the near future. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Results of Operations

The following discussion reflects our historical results of operations.

Century's financial highlights include:

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| Net sales: | | |
| Third-party customers | \$ 356,893 | \$ 380,853 |
| Related party customers | 114,249 | 66,804 |
| Total | \$ 471,142 | \$ 447,657 |
| Gross profit | \$ 95,995 | \$ 110,652 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (232,796) | \$ 64,249 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share: | | |
| Basic | \$ (5.67) | \$ 1.98 |
| Diluted | \$ (5.67) | \$ 1.87 |
| Shipments – primary aluminum (thousands of pounds): | | |
| Direct | 293,223 | 290,057 |
| Toll | 147,086 | 116,964 |
| Total | 440,309 | 407,021 |
| Shipments – primary aluminum (metric tons): | | |
| Direct | 133,004 | 131,568 |
| Toll | 66,717 | 53,054 |
| Total | 199,721 | 184,622 |

| Net Sales (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | \$ Difference | % Difference |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ 471.2 | \$ 447.6 | \$ 23.4 | 5.2 % |

Lower price realizations for primary aluminum in the first quarter of 2008, due to reduced LME prices for primary aluminum, resulted in a \$9.9 million sales decrease. The lower price realizations were offset by increased net sales volume, which contributed \$33.5 million to the net sales increase. Direct shipments increased 3.1 million pounds from the same period in 2007. Toll shipments increased 30.1 million pounds from the same period in 2007 due to the additional Grundartangi expansion capacity that came on-stream during 2007.

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| | | | \$ | % |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|------------|------------|
| Gross Profit (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | Difference | Difference |
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ 96.0 | \$ 110.7 | \$ (14.7) | (13.3)% |

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, decreased price realizations, along with LME-based alumina cost and LME-based power cost increases, decreased gross profit by \$20.3 million. The LME-based alumina costs were higher in the three months ended March 31, 2008 due to changes in LME-based rates and delivery costs. Increased shipment volume contributed \$13.1 million in additional gross profit. In addition, we experienced \$7.5 million in net cost increases comprised of: increased power and natural gas costs at our U.S. smelters, \$4.8 million; increased costs for maintenance, materials and supplies, \$4.3 million; increased net amortization and depreciation charges, primarily at Grundartangi, \$1.8 million; lower costs associated with Gramercy supplied alumina, \$3.8 million; and other spending increases, \$0.4 million.

| | | | \$ | % |
|--|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| Selling, general and administrative expenses (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | Difference | Difference |
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ 18.9 | \$ 13.0 | \$ 5.9 | 45.4 % |

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was primarily due to increased costs associated with our long term incentive program. The increase in our common stock price, change in estimate of future costs and changes in plan design contributed to the increased expenses.

| | | | \$ | % |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Interest expense (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | Difference | Difference |
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ (6.2) | \$ (11.0) | 4.8 | 43.6 % |

The decrease in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2008 from the same period in 2007 was due to the repayment of the Nordural debt in 2007.

| | | | \$ | % |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| Interest income (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | Difference | Difference |
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ 2.5 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 0.5 | 25.0 % |

The increase in interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 from the same period in 2007 results from higher average cash and short-term investment balances during 2008.

| | | | \$ | % |
|--|-------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| Net gain (loss) on forward contracts (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | Difference | Difference |
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ (448.3) | \$ 0.4 | \$ (448.7) | — |

The gains and losses on forward contracts for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were a result of mark-to-market adjustments associated with our long term financial sales contracts that do not qualify for cash flow

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hedge accounting. Cash settlements of primary aluminum forward financial sales contracts that do not qualify for cash flow hedge treatment for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$52.3 million and \$27.1 million, respectively.

| Income tax benefit (expense) (in millions) | 2008 | 2007 | \$ Difference | % Difference |
|---|----------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Three months ended March 31, | \$ 138.2 | \$ (28.1) | \$ 166.3 | 591.8 % |

The changes in the income tax provision were primarily a result of the changes in pre-tax income.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 are summarized below:

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (dollars in thousands) | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 58,850 | \$ 98,118 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (16,304) | (29,013) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 2,042 | 2,654 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 44,588 | \$ 71,759 |

Net cash from operating activities in the first three months of 2008 was \$58.9 million primarily due to additional shipment volume from Grundartangi.

Net cash from operating activities in the first three months of 2007 was \$98.1 million due to improved market conditions, additional shipment volume from Grundartangi and decreases in our working capital.

Our net cash used in investing activities for the three month period ended March 31, 2008 was \$16.3 million. The net cash used in investing activities consisted of capital expenditures to maintain and improve plant operations of \$8.9 million, and \$7.4 million for the Helguvik facility project.

Our net cash used in investing activities for the three month period ended March 31, 2007 was \$29.0 million, primarily a result of the ongoing Phase V expansion of the Grundartangi facility. The remaining net cash used in investing activities consisted of capital expenditures to maintain and improve plant operations and the return of cash placed on deposit for energy purchases.

Net cash provided by financing activities during the first three months of 2008 was \$2.0 million. We received proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$1.5 million related to the exercise of stock options and excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$0.5 million.

Net cash provided by financing activities during the first three months of 2007 was \$2.7 million. We increased our borrowings under Nordural's \$365.0 million senior term loan facility by \$30.0 million, which was offset by principal payments of \$29.6 million on Nordural debt. We received proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$2.0 million related to the exercise of stock options and excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$0.3 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash flow from operations and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We believe these sources of cash will be sufficient to meet our near-term working capital needs. We have not determined the sources of funding for our long-term capital and debt repayment requirements; however, we believe that our cash flow from operations, available borrowing under our revolving credit facility and, to the extent

necessary and/or economically attractive, future financial market activities will be adequate to address our long-term liquidity requirements. Our principal uses of cash are operating costs, settlement of our primary aluminum financial sales contracts, payments of principal and interest on our outstanding debt, the funding of capital expenditures and investments in related businesses, working capital and other general corporate requirements.

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As of March 31, 2008, we had a borrowing availability of \$97.4 million under our revolving credit facility. We could issue up to a maximum of \$25.0 million in letters of credit under the revolving credit facility. Any outstanding letters of credit reduce our borrowing availability on a dollar for dollar basis. We have issued letters of credit totaling \$2.6 million and had no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility as of March 31, 2008.

As of March 31, 2008, we had \$432.8 million of indebtedness outstanding, including \$175.0 million under our 1.75% convertible senior notes, \$250.0 million under our 7.5% senior notes and \$7.8 million under our industrial revenue bonds. More information concerning the various debt instruments and our borrowing arrangements is available in Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

In March 2008, we purchased foreign currency forward contracts to hedge our foreign currency risk in the Icelandic krona associated with a portion of the operating costs paid in Icelandic krona at Grundartangi. The forward contracts, which are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No.133, have maturities through March 2009. The critical terms of the contracts essentially match those of the underlying exposure. As of March 31, 2008, accumulated other comprehensive loss includes an unrealized loss, net of tax, of \$0.3 million related to the foreign currency forward contracts.

We are party to primary aluminum financial sales contracts with Glencore. In the event of a material adverse change in our creditworthiness, Glencore has the option to require a letter of credit, or any other acceptable security or collateral, for the outstanding balances on these contracts.

Capital Resources

Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2008 were \$16.3 million, of which \$7.4 million was related to the Helguvik project, with the balance principally related to maintaining production equipment, improving facilities and complying with environmental requirements. We anticipate capital expenditures of approximately \$75.0 million in 2008. In addition, we expect to incur approximately \$200.0 million in capital expenditures for the proposed Helguvik greenfield project in 2008. We expect the cost for completing the first phase of the Helguvik greenfield smelter to 150,000 to 180,000 mtpy capacity to be approximately \$1.2 billion.

We believe that we have access to financing adequate to complete the first two phases (to a minimum capacity of 250,000 mtpy) of the proposed Helguvik plant through a combination of cash on hand, short-term investments, Grundartangi's cash from operations and borrowings under a new debt facility in Iceland which we are presently negotiating. Our cost commitments for the proposed Helguvik project may materially change depending on the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and certain foreign currencies, principally the euro and the Icelandic krona. In the past, we purchased foreign currency options to hedge our foreign currency risk in the Icelandic krona associated with a portion of the capital expenditures from the Grundartangi expansion project. Currently, we have cash flow hedges for our exposure to foreign currency risk associated with Grundartangi's operational costs paid in Icelandic krona. We may hedge our foreign currency exposure associated with the Helguvik project in the future.

Other Contingencies

Century's income tax returns are periodically examined by various tax authorities. In connection with an audit conducted by Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the tax years 2000 through 2002, the IRS raised issues and proposed tax deficiencies. We have reached an agreement with the IRS with respect to those issues which has been approved by the Joint Committee on Taxation. We believe the settlement amount with interest from the IRS will be approximately \$15 million and we expect to pay that amount to the IRS by the end of the second quarter of 2008. See Note 4 Income Taxes in the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Commodity Price Sensitivity

We are exposed to price risk for primary aluminum. We manage our exposure to fluctuations in the price of primary aluminum by selling aluminum at fixed prices for future delivery and through financial instruments, as well as by purchasing certain of our alumina and power requirements under supply contracts with prices tied to the same indices as our aluminum sales contracts (the LME price of primary aluminum). Our risk management activities do not include any trading or speculative transactions. The following table shows our forward priced sales as a percentage of our estimated production capacity.

Forward Priced Sales as of March 31, 2008

| | 2008 (1) (2) | 2009 (2) | 2010 (2) | 2011 (2) | 2012-2015 (2) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Base Volume: | | | | | |
| Pounds (000) | 167,888 | 231,485 | 231,485 | 165,347 | 661,386 |
| Metric tons | 76,153 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 75,000 | 300,000 |
| Percent of capacity | 12.7% | 13.0% | 12.8% | 9.1% | 9.1% |
| Potential additional volume (2): | | | | | |
| Pounds (000) | 165,677 | 231,485 | 231,485 | 165,347 | 661,386 |
| Metric tons | 75,150 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 75,000 | 300,000 |
| Percent of capacity | 12.5% | 13.0% | 12.8% | 9.1% | 9.1% |

- (1) The forward priced sales in 2008 exclude April 2008 shipments to customers that are priced based upon the prior month's market price.
- (2) Certain financial contracts included in the forward priced sales base volume for the period 2008 through 2015 contain clauses that trigger potential additional sales volume when the market price for a contract month is above the base contract ceiling price. These contracts will be settled monthly and, if the market price exceeds the ceiling price for all contract months through 2015, the potential sales volume would be equivalent to the amounts shown above.

Apart from the Alcan Metal Agreement, Glencore Metal Agreement I, Glencore Metal Agreement II and Southwire Metal Agreements, which are described in Primary Aluminum Sales Contract table in Note 9 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein, we had forward delivery contracts to sell 83,351 metric tons and 96,807 metric tons of primary aluminum at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. Of these forward delivery contracts, we had fixed price commitments to sell 1,024 metric tons and 2,818 metric tons of primary aluminum at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, of which 21 metric tons at March 31, 2008 were with Glencore

(none were with Glencore at December 31, 2007).

Primary Aluminum Financial Sales Contracts as of:

(Metric tons)

| | March 31, 2008 | | | December 31, 2007 | | |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Cash Flow Hedges | Derivatives | Total | Cash Flow Hedges | Derivatives | Total |
| 2008 | — | 75,150 | 75,150 | 9,000 | 100,200 | 109,200 |
| 2009 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| 2010 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 | — | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| 2011 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| 2012 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 | — | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| 2013-2015 | — | 225,000 | 225,000 | — | 225,000 | 225,000 |
| Total | — | 660,150 | 660,150 | 9,000 | 685,200 | 694,200 |

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Our contracts accounted for as derivatives contain clauses that trigger additional sales volume when the market price for a contract month is above the contract ceiling price. If the market price exceeds the ceiling price for all contract months through 2015, the maximum additional shipment volume would be 660,150 metric tons. These contracts will be settled monthly. We had no fixed price financial contracts to purchase aluminum at March 31, 2008 or December 31, 2007.

Additionally, to mitigate the volatility of the natural gas markets, we enter into fixed price financial purchase contracts, accounted for as cash flow hedges, which settle in cash in the period corresponding to the intended usage of natural gas.

Natural Gas Financial Purchase Contracts as of:

| | (Thousands of MMBTU) | |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
| 2008 | 540 | 1,150 |
| Total | 540 | 1,150 |

On a hypothetical basis, a \$200 per ton increase in the market price of primary aluminum is estimated to have an unfavorable impact of \$168.4 million on net income, for the period ended March 31, 2008 as a result of the forward primary aluminum financial sales contracts outstanding at March 31, 2008 and the additional shipment volume under the contract terms.

On a hypothetical basis, a \$1.00 per million British Thermal Units (“MMBTU”) decrease in the market price of natural gas is estimated to have an unfavorable impact of \$0.3 million after tax on accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as a result of the forward natural gas financial purchase contracts outstanding at March 31, 2008.

Our metals and natural gas risk management activities are subject to the control and direction of senior management. These activities are regularly reported to our board of directors.

This quantification of our exposure to the commodity price of aluminum is necessarily limited, as it does not take into consideration our inventory or forward delivery contracts, or the offsetting impact on the sales price of primary aluminum products. Because all of our alumina contracts, except Hawesville’s alumina contract with Gramercy, are indexed to the LME price for primary aluminum, they act as a natural hedge for approximately 10% of our production. As of March 31, 2008, approximately 50% (including 75,150 metric tons of potential additional volume under our derivative sales contracts) of our production for the remainder of 2008 is hedged by our LME-based alumina contracts, Grundartangi’s electrical power and tolling contracts, and by fixed price forward delivery and financial sales contracts.

Iceland. Substantially all of Grundartangi’s revenues are derived from toll conversion agreements with Glencore, Hydro and a subsidiary of BHP Billiton Ltd. whereby Grundartangi converts alumina provided by these companies into primary aluminum for a fee based on the LME price for primary aluminum. Grundartangi’s LME-based toll revenues are subject to the risk of decreases in the market price of primary aluminum; however, Grundartangi is not exposed to increases in the price for alumina, the principal raw material used in the production of primary

aluminum. In addition, under its power contract, Grundartangi purchases power at a rate which is a percentage of the LME price for primary aluminum, providing Grundartangi with a natural hedge against downswings in the market for primary aluminum. Grundartangi's tolling revenues include a premium based on the exemption available to Icelandic aluminum producers from the EU import duty for primary aluminum. In May 2007, the EU members reduced the EU import duty for primary aluminum from six percent to three percent and agreed to review the new duty after three years. This decrease in the EU import duty for primary aluminum negatively impacts Grundartangi's revenues and further decreases would also have a negative impact on Grundartangi's revenues.

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Grundartangi is exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the euro and the Icelandic krona. Grundartangi's revenues and power costs are based on the LME price for primary aluminum, which is denominated in U.S. dollars. There is no currency risk associated with these contracts. However, Grundartangi's labor costs are denominated in Icelandic krona and a portion of its anode costs are denominated in euros. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar would affect Grundartangi's operating margins.

During March 2008, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate a portion of our foreign currency exposure to the Icelandic krona for the operational costs denominated in Icelandic krona. The forward contracts, which are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No.133, have maturities through March 2009. The critical terms of the contracts essentially matched those of the underlying exposure. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for additional information concerning these foreign currency forward contracts.

We expect to incur capital expenditures for the construction of the Helguvik greenfield smelter (discussed in "Liquidity and Capital Resources"). We expect that significant portions of the capital expenditures for the Helguvik project will be denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. While we currently do not have hedges for these expected expenditures, we may hedge our foreign currency exposure associated with the Helguvik project in the future. Nordural does not currently have financial instruments to hedge commodity price risk, but may hedge such risks in the future.

Subprime and Related Risks

Recently, asset-backed securities related to subprime consumer mortgages experienced a significant increase in expected default rates, resulting in a dramatic reduction in asset prices and market liquidity. Our exposure to these instruments is limited, but we continue to review this exposure. At present, we believe our exposure is limited to assets in our pension plans that are invested in bond funds. We are working with our pension fund trustee and we believe that approximately 2.5% of our pension assets may be invested in various subprime investments. The approximate value of these assets at March 31, 2008 was \$2.0 million. We do not expect that any defaults would be material to our financial position or results of operations. Any defaults in these funds would lower our actual return on plan assets and increase the defined benefit plan net loss in other comprehensive income, and subsequently increase our pension expense as these losses are amortized over the service life of the participants.

At March 31, 2008, we had approximately \$261.3 million invested in variable rate demand notes ("VRDNs"). These VRDNs are tax-exempt municipal bonds that are purchased from a remarketing agent. We may tender the notes to the remarketing agent whenever the rates are reset, usually upon a seven-day notice. While the underlying securities are long-term municipal bonds, the ability to tender the notes to the remarketing agent upon short notice provides liquidity.

There are two main risks associated with investments in VRDNs. The primary risk is that the remarketing agent may not be able to repurchase the notes, in which case we would have investments in long-term municipal bonds and we would lose significant liquidity. The second risk is that the underlying securities default. We invest in highly rated municipal bonds (at March 31, 2008, our portfolio of investments was rated investment grade by Standard & Poor's) and we diversify our investment portfolio. A hypothetical default in our largest position at March 31, 2008 would result in a loss of approximately \$20 million.

Our other financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, including cash in bank accounts, other highly rated liquid money market investments and government securities which are classified as cash equivalents.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

a. Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of March 31, 2008, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2008.

b. Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

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SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Century Aluminum
Company

Date: May 12, 2008 By: /s/ Logan W. Kruger

Logan W. Kruger
President and Chief
Executive Officer

Date: May 12, 2008 By: /s/ Michael A. Bless

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