Steel Dynamics Reports Fourth Quarter and Annual 2024 Results

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Annual 2024 Performance Highlights:

- Second highest steel shipments of 12.7 million tons
- Net sales of \$17.5 billion, operating income of \$1.9 billion, and net income of \$1.5 billion
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$2.5 billion and cash flow from operations of \$1.8 billion
- Strong liquidity of \$2.2 billion as of December 31, 2024
- Share repurchases of \$1.2 billion of the company's common stock, representing six percent of its outstanding shares
- Strong after-tax return-on-invested-capital of 23 percent for the three-year period ended December 31, 2024

Steel Dynamics, Inc. (NASDAQ/GS: STLD) today announced fourth quarter and annual 2024 financial results. The company reported fourth quarter 2024 net sales of \$3.9 billion and net income of \$207 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share. Comparatively, the company's sequential third quarter 2024 net income was \$318 million, or \$2.05 per diluted share, and prior year fourth quarter net income was \$424 million, or \$2.61 per diluted share.

"The teams achieved solid operational and financial performance across our operating platforms during 2024, resulting in annual net sales of \$17.5 billion, operating income of \$1.9 billion, and adjusted EBITDA of \$2.5 billion," said Mark D. Millett, Co-founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer. "Based on the team's performance, we demonstrated the strength and consistency of our cash generation with annual cash flow from operations of \$1.8 billion and liquidity of \$2.2 billion. All while continuing to grow our business with significant organic growth investments, coupled with strong shareholder distributions through our positive dividend growth profile and meaningful share repurchases. We have a



firm foundation for our continued long-term growth and ongoing value creation strategy.

"Underlying domestic steel demand was stable throughout 2024 supported by the construction, automotive, industrial, and energy sectors," continued Millett. "However, steel imports of certain products, most notably coated flat rolled steels, increased significantly in 2024, negatively impacting the supply / demand balance, causing pricing pressure for flat rolled steel products. We do expect to see unfairly traded steel imports decline in 2025, based on the recent CORE trade case we initiated in late 2024. Declining steel imports, coupled with steady to increasing North American steel demand, provides a positive commercial environment for 2025. We have experienced strong order activity for flat rolled steel so far in 2025, and prices have stabilized with continued positive customer outlook.

"Despite some headwinds in 2024, our steel operations achieved near-record annual shipments of 12.7 million tons and historically strong operating income of \$1.6 billion," stated Millett. "Our steel fabrication business also achieved historically strong earnings with operating income of \$667 million. Despite a challenging pricing environment throughout much of the year, our metals recycling team achieved operating income of \$77 million. The strength of our diversified, value-added circular manufacturing model was certainly demonstrated in 2024."

Fourth Quarter 2024 Comments

Fourth quarter 2024 operating income for the company's steel operations was \$165 million, representing a 46 percent sequential decline, based on seasonally lower steel shipments and metal spread compression, as average realized steel selling values declined. The company also experienced an unplanned outage at its Butler Flat Roll Division further reducing quarterly volume by an estimated 50,000 tons. The fourth quarter 2024 average external product selling price for the company's steel operations decreased \$48 per ton sequentially to \$1,011 per ton. The average ferrous scrap cost per ton melted at the company's steel mills increased to \$370 per ton, or \$3 per ton. Additionally, the company's Sinton Texas Flat Roll Steel Division operated at levels in excess of 80 percent during November and December, while also improving product quality and cost efficiency. However, there are still additional operating costs in the system, which elicited an operating loss of \$58 million in the fourth quarter 2024 related to



these operations. The company expects these extra costs to dissipate throughout the first quarter resulting in positive operating income contributions beginning in the first half of 2025 and increasing throughout the year.

Fourth quarter 2024 operating income from the company's metals recycling operations was \$23 million, representing a \$13 million increase compared to sequential third quarter results, as metal spread improvement and continued cost efficiencies more than offset lower seasonal shipments.

The company's steel fabrication operations achieved strong operating income of \$142 million in the fourth quarter 2024, below sequential third quarter results, based on seasonally lower shipments and slight metal spread compression, as realized selling values declined modestly. Seasonal order inquiry in the fourth quarter was constructive, and the steel fabrication order backlog extends deep into the first half of 2025 at attractive pricing levels. The company believes that the continued onshoring of manufacturing, coupled with the robust U.S. infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Act programs will drive industrial construction activity, and provide an environment for strong steel joist and deck demand, as well as flat rolled and long product steel demand.

Annual 2024 Comparison

Annual 2024 net income was \$1.5 billion, or \$9.84 per diluted share, with net sales of \$17.5 billion, as compared to net income of \$2.5 billion, or \$14.64 per diluted share, with net sales of \$18.8 billion for the same period in 2023.

Annual 2024, net sales decreased seven percent to \$17.5 billion and operating income declined 38 percent to \$1.9 billion, when compared to the same period of 2023. The decline in earnings was driven by lower shipments and metal spread contraction within the company's steel and steel fabrication operations, as lower realized product pricing outpaced lower primary raw material costs. Annual 2024 operating income from the company's steel operations declined \$309 million and steel fabrication operations declined \$926 million, when compared to prior year's earnings. The average 2024 external selling price for the company's steel operations decreased \$48 per ton to \$1,104 per ton compared to the same period of 2023, and the average ferrous scrap cost per ton melted at the company's steel mills decreased \$28 per ton to \$386 per ton. Additionally, the company's Sinton Texas Flat Roll Steel Division incurred operating losses of \$182 million during 2024, compared to operating losses of \$241 million in 2023.



Based on the company's differentiated circular business model and highly-variable cost structure, the company generated strong cash flow from operations of \$1.8 billion during 2024. The company also invested \$1.9 billion in organic growth investments, paid cash dividends of \$283 million, and repurchased \$1.2 billion of its outstanding common stock, representing six percent of its outstanding shares, all while maintaining strong liquidity of \$2.2 billion as of December 31, 2024.

Outlook

"We believe the market dynamics are in place to support increased demand across our operating platforms in 2025," said Millett. "Steel pricing has stabilized, and customer optimism continues to be solid across our steel operations, as demand continues to be steady. In addition, we believe demand for lower-carbon emission, U.S. produced steel products will also support future domestic steel pricing. The continued onshoring of manufacturing businesses, combined with the expectation of significant fixed asset investment to be derived from public funding related to the U.S. Infrastructure, Inflation Reduction Act, and Department of Energy programs, will competitively position the domestic steel industry. We believe current trade actions could also reduce volumes of unfairly traded steel imports into the United States, especially for coated flat rolled steel, which could have a significant positive impact for us, as we are the largest non-automotive flat rolled steel coater in the United States. We believe these broader dynamics will benefit all of our operating platforms, especially our steel and steel fabrication businesses.

"Our four new value-added flat rolled steel coating lines that began operating in the first half of 2024 continue to increase volume. The teams produced prime quality galvanized and painted products on all four lines in record time. We have had limited benefit from these new lines as production ramped but expect to realize the full run-rate earnings potential in 2025. Value-added product investments such as these enhance our differentiated supply-chain capabilities, while also increasing our higher-margin product offerings, which already represent over 65 percent of our steel revenues.

"Our aluminum team is executing exceptionally well. The team successfully cast their first industrial and beverage can ingots on Cast Complex #1 in Columbus, Mississippi, on January 12, 2025," said Millett. "We plan to continue commissioning throughout the facility during the coming months, and to



produce commercially viable products before mid-year 2025. This represents a meaningful growth opportunity for us, which is aligned with our existing business and operational expertise. We have intentionally grown with our customers' needs, providing efficient sustainable supply chain solutions for the highest quality products. We are pleased to further diversify our end markets with plans to supply aluminum flat rolled products with high recycled content to the countercyclical sustainable beverage can and packaging industry, in addition to the automotive, industrial, and construction sectors. Our customers and our people are incredibly excited for this growth opportunity.

"Our commitment is to the health and safety of our teams, families, and communities, while meeting the current and future needs of our customers. Our culture and business model continue to positively differentiate our performance compared to others. We continue to strengthen our financial position through strong cash flow generation and the execution of our long-term strategy," concluded Millett.

Conference Call and Webcast

Steel Dynamics, Inc. will hold a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and annual 2024 operating and financial results on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. You may access the call and find dial-in information on the Investors section of the company's website at . A replay of the call will be available on our website until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 30, 2025.

About Steel Dynamics, Inc.

Steel Dynamics is one of the largest domestic steel producers and metals recyclers in North America, based on estimated annual steelmaking and metals recycling capability, with facilities located throughout the United States, and in Mexico. Steel Dynamics produces steel products, including hot roll, cold roll, and coated sheet steel, structural steel beams and shapes, rail, engineered special-bar-quality steel, cold finished steel, merchant bar products, specialty steel sections, and steel joists and deck. In addition, the company produces liquid pig iron and processes and sells ferrous and nonferrous scrap.

Note Regarding Financial Metrics

The company believes that after-tax return-on-invested capital (After-tax ROIC) provides an indication of the effectiveness of the company's invested capital and



is calculated as follows:

Note Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The company reports its financial results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA provide additional meaningful information regarding the company's performance and financial strength. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to and not as an alternative for the company's reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, not all companies use identical calculations for EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA; therefore, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA included in this release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains some predictive statements about future events, including statements related to conditions in domestic or global economies, conditions in steel, aluminum, and recycled metals market places, Steel Dynamics' revenues, costs of purchased materials, future profitability and earnings, and the operation of new, existing or planned facilities. These statements, which we generally precede or accompany by such typical conditional words as "anticipate", "intend", "believe", "estimate", "plan", "seek", "project", or "expect", or by the words "may", "will", or "should", are intended to be made as "forward-looking", subject to many risks and uncertainties, within the safe harbor protections of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements speak only as of this date and are based upon information and assumptions, which we consider reasonable as of this date, concerning our businesses and the environments in which they operate. Such predictive statements are not guarantees of future performance, and we undertake no duty to update or revise any such statements. Some factors that could cause such forward-looking statements to turn out differently than anticipated include: (1) domestic and global economic factors; (2) global steelmaking overcapacity and imports of steel, together with increased scrap prices; (3) pandemics, epidemics, widespread illness or other health issues; (4) the cyclical nature of the steel industry and the industries we serve; (5) volatility and major fluctuations in prices and availability of scrap metal, scrap substitutes



and supplies, and our potential inability to pass higher costs on to our customers; (6) cost and availability of electricity, natural gas, oil, and other energy resources are subject to volatile market conditions; (7) increased environmental, greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability considerations from our customers or related regulations; (8) compliance with and changes in environmental and remediation requirements; (9) significant price and other forms of competition from other steel and aluminum producers, scrap processors and alternative materials; (10) availability of an adequate source of supply of scrap for our metals recycling operations; (11) cybersecurity threats and risks to the security of our sensitive data and information technology; (12) the implementation of our growth strategy; (13) litigation and legal compliance; (14) unexpected equipment downtime or shutdowns; (15) governmental agencies may refuse to grant or renew some of our licenses and permits; (16) our senior unsecured credit facility contains, and any future financing agreements may contain, restrictive covenants that may limit our flexibility; and (17) the impacts of impairment charges.

More specifically, we refer you to our more detailed explanation of these and other factors and risks that may cause such predictive statements to turn out differently, as set forth in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K under the headings Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors, in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, or in other reports which we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports are available publicly on the Securities and Exchange Commission website, , and on our website, under "Investors – SEC Filings."

Steel Dynamics, Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended					Year I	Thr	ee Months		
	December 31,					Decem		Ended		
	2024			2023		2024		2023	Sep	ot. 30, 2024
Net sales	\$	3,872,138	\$	4,233,423	\$	17,540,390	\$	18,795,316	\$	4,341,615
Costs of goods sold		3,430,404		3,502,539		14,737,804		14,749,433		3,736,398
Gross profit		441,734		730,884		2,802,586		4,045,883		605,217
Selling, general and administrative expenses		176,904		157,207		664,119		588,621		167,692



Profit sharing		19,755	47,055	164,904		272,033		34,444
Amortization of intangible assets		7,573	8,086	30,526		34,048		7,644
Operating income		237,502	518,536	1,943,037		3,151,181		395,437
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		14,579	14,795	56,347		76,484		17,071
Other (income) expense, net		(21,040)	(38,498)	(96,191)		(144,246)		(29,659)
Income before income taxes		243,963	542,239	1,982,881		3,218,943		408,025
Income tax expense		34,091	115,199	432,925		751,611		87,131
Net income		209,872	427,040	1,549,956		2,467,332		320,894
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(2,579)	(2,770)	(12,822)		(16,450)		(3,092)
Net income attributable to Steel Dynamics, Inc.	\$	207,293	\$ 424,270	\$ \$ 1,537,134		\$ 2,450,882		317,802
Basic earnings per share attributable to								
Steel Dynamics, Inc. stockholders	\$	1.36	\$ 2.63	\$ 9.89	\$	14.72	\$	2.06
Weighted average common shares outstanding		152,096	 161,434	155,420		166,552		154,061
Diluted earnings per share attributable to								
Steel Dynamics, Inc. stockholders, including the								
effect of assumed conversions when dilutive	\$	1.36	\$ 2.61	\$ 9.84	\$	14.64	\$	2.05
Weighted average common shares								
and share equivalents outstanding		152,801	162,276	156,136		167,431		154,810
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.46	\$ 0.425	\$ 1.84	\$	1.70	\$	0.46

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

December 31, December 31,

Assets		2024	2023				
	(ur	naudited)					
Current assets							
Cash and equivalents	\$	589,464	\$	1,400,887			
Short-term investments		147,811		721,210			
Accounts receivable, net		1,417,199		1,608,307			
Inventories		3,113,733		2,894,632			
Other current assets		163,131		162,790			
Total current assets		5,431,338		6,787,826			
Property, plant and equipment, net		8,117,988		6,734,218			



Intangible assets, net	227,234	257,759
Goodwill	477,471	477,471
Other assets	681,202	651,146
Total assets	\$ 14,935,233	\$ 14,908,420
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 979,912	\$ 1,088,330
Income taxes payable	3,783	5,524
Accrued expenses	739,898	778,455
Current maturities of long-term debt	426,990	459,987
Total current liabilities	2,150,583	2,332,296
Long-term debt	2,804,017	2,611,069
Deferred income taxes	902,186	944,768
Other liabilities	133,201	180,760
Total liabilities	5,989,987	6,068,893
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	171,212	171,212
Equity		
Common stock	652	651
Treasury stock, at cost	(7,094,266)	(5,897,606)
Additional paid-in capital	1,229,819	1,217,610
Retained earnings	14,798,082	13,545,590
Accumulated other comprehensive income	_	421
Total Steel Dynamics, Inc. equity	8,934,287	8,866,666
Noncontrolling interests	(160,253)	(198,351)
Total equity	8,774,034	8,668,315
Total liabilities and equity		\$ 14,908,420

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

Three Mor	ths Ended	Year Ended								
Decem	nber 31,	December 31,								
2024	2023	2024	2023							



Operating activities:

Net income	\$ 209,872	\$ 427,040	\$ 1,549,956	\$ 2,467,332
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by				
operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	125,550	111,722	478,907	437,804
Equity-based compensation	25,136	21,944	66,589	61,744
Deferred income taxes	(40,968)	(16,348)	(42,583)	55,665
Other adjustments	(7,286)	912	(5,507)	(19,716)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	147,758	273,743	191,108	446,765
Inventories	(69,535)	43,952	(221,036)	232,282
Other assets	8,336	(13,273)	(13,718)	(23,777)
Accounts payable	(55,757)	24,085	(67,361)	(30,148)
Income taxes receivable/payable	3,166	(39,900)	10,183	56,756
Accrued expenses	600	30,763	(102,035)	(164,779)
Net cash provided by operating activities	346,872	864,640	1,844,503	3,519,928
Investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(453,175)	(514,945)	(1,868,006)	(1,657,905)
Purchases of short-term investments	(39,461)	(452,777)	(739,340)	(1,145,493)
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments	536,443	233,074	1,312,294	1,054,742
Other investing activities	7,348	(140)	(8,308)	(221,593)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	51,155	(734,788)	(1,303,360)	(1,970,249)
Financing activities:				
Issuance of current and long-term debt	337,381	299,059	2,482,919	1,365,664
Repayment of current and long-term debt	(792,089)	(324,620)	(2,324,058)	(1,367,553)
Dividends paid	(70,400)	(69,483)	(282,616)	(271,317)
Purchase of treasury stock	(295,140)	(386,682)	(1,212,164)	(1,452,203)
Other financing activities	(3,525)	(12,650)	(16,678)	(51,725)
Net cash used in financing activities	(823,773)	(494,376)	(1,352,597)	(1,777,134)
Decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(425,746)	(364,524)	(811,454)	(227,455)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of peri	od 1,020,756	1,770,988	1,406,464	1,633,919
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 595,010	\$ 1,406,464	\$ 595,010	\$ 1,406,464
Supplemental disclosure information:				
Cash paid for interest	\$ 41,512	\$ 41,940	\$ 100,978	\$ 103,165



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(dollars in thousands)

	Fourth Quarter				Year to	ate						
		2024		2023	2024	2023		1Q 2024	024 2Q 2024		3	Q 2024
Steel	\$	2,645,994	\$	2,915,325	\$ 12,061,484	\$	12,640,551	\$ 3,366,237	\$	3,132,232	\$	2,917,021
Steel Fabrication		396,226		520,573	1,763,502		2,798,934	447,179		472,832		447,265
Metals Recycling		482,081		439,351	2,005,134		1,936,457	507,270		517,167		498,616
Aluminum		60,099		48,719	258,547		248,200	62,203		69,265		66,980
Other		287,738		309,455	1,451,723		1,171,174	311,114		441,138		411,733
Consolidated Net Sales	\$	3,872,138	\$	4,233,423	\$ 17,540,390	\$	18,795,316	\$ 4,694,003	\$	4,632,634	\$	4,341,615
Steel	\$	164,989	\$	364,829	\$ 1,586,904	\$	1,895,983	\$ 674,648	\$	442,317	\$	304,950
Steel Fabrication		142,189		249,930	666,984		1,593,425	178,381		180,780		165,634
Metals Recycling		23,361		6,703	76,807		67,236	16,659		26,746		10,041
Aluminum		(28,896)		(11,043)	(72,331)		17,146	(7,555)		(13,862)		(22,018)
		301,643		610,419	2,258,364		3,573,790	862,133		635,981		458,607
Non-cash amortization of intangible assets		(7,573)		(8,086)	(30,526)		(34,048)	(7,664)		(7,645)		(7,644)
Profit sharing expense		(19,755)		(47,055)	(164,904)		(272,033)	(62,652)		(48,053)		(34,444)
Non-segment operations		(36,813)		(36,742)	(119,897)		(116,528)	(40,842)		(21,160)		(21,082)
Consolidated Operating Income	\$	237,502	\$	518,536	\$ 1,943,037	\$	3,151,181	\$ 750,975	\$	559,123	\$	395,437
Net income	\$	209,872	\$	427,040	\$ 1,549,956	\$	2,467,332	\$ 587,500	\$	431,690	\$	320,894
Income taxes		34,090		115,199	432,924		751,611	178,281		133,422		87,131
Net interest expense (income)		(3,481)		(16,830)	(33,738)		(35,404)	(14,327)		(7,867)		(8,063)
Depreciation		116,147		102,082	441,584		397,437	106,030		107,849		111,558
Amortization of intangible assets		7,573		8,086	30,526		34,048	7,664		7,645		7,644
EBITDA		364,201		635,577	2,421,252		3,615,024	865,148		672,739		519,164
Non-cash adjustments												
Unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives												
and currency remeasurement		(17,703)		461	6,882		(12,109)	(1,347)		818		25,114
Equity-based compensation		25,121		22,694	65,624		60,060	 14,825		12,855		12,823
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	371,619	\$	658,732	\$ 2,493,758	\$	3,662,975	\$ 878,626	\$	686,412	\$	557,101



Average external sales price	\$	1,011	\$ 1,090	\$	1,104	\$	1,152	\$ 1,201	\$	1,138	\$	1,059
Average ferrous cost (\$	370	\$ 393	\$	386	\$	414	\$ 417	\$	388	\$	367
Flat Roll shipments												
Butler, Columbus, and Sinton		1,841,745	1,841,701		7,702,731		7,459,023	1,993,305		1,943,583		1,924,098
Steel Processing divisions		460,162	423,690		1,779,429		1,731,911	418,547		429,279		471,441
Long Product shipments												
Structural and Rail Division		362,650	407,175		1,625,913		1,851,349	440,921		425,295		397,047
Engineered Bar Products Division		151,239	186,390		714,509		836,179	191,373		195,766		176,131
Roanoke Bar Division		123,133	117,244		516,258		564,776	124,920		130,109		138,096
Steel of West Virginia		81,387	 87,537		321,647		378,515	86,528		79,168		74,564
Total Shipments ()		3,020,316	3,063,737	_	12,660,487	_	12,821,753	3,255,594	_	3,203,200	_	3,181,377
External Shipments		2,617,914	2,674,396		10,929,453		10,976,707	2,803,569		2,753,117		2,754,853
Steel Mill Production)	:	2,663,444	2,755,778		11,242,676		11,376,309	2,992,018		2,802,086		2,785,128
Metals Recycling												
Nonferrous shipments ()		226,434	233,931		965,491		970,445	243,950		253,815		241,292
Ferrous shipments ()		1,421,021	1,365,956		5,850,544		5,792,484	1,457,789		1,509,924		1,461,810
External ferrous shipments ()												
Steel Fabrication												
Average sales price	\$	2,718	\$ 3,501	\$	2,917	\$	4,236	\$ 3,141	\$	2,978	\$	2,836
Shipments		145,901	150,002		607,407		662,539	143,842		159,069		158,595

Beginning the fourth quarter 2024, results from an entity previously included in Metals Recycling are presented within Aluminum. All prior periods presented have been recast to reflect the change.

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