



Universal Stainless Reports Strong 2005 Third Quarter Results

- Quarterly earnings per share reach \$0.51 on sales of \$43 million -
- Full year sales to reach new company record -

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., Oct. 20, 2005 -- Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdaq:USAP) reported today that sales for the third quarter of 2005 rose 29% to \$43.1 million compared with \$33.3 million in the same period of 2004. Third quarter 2005 net income rose 20% to \$3.3 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share. This compares with \$2.7 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share, reported in the third quarter of 2004, which included other income of \$565,000, or \$0.06 per diluted share related to the delayed receipt of prior year import duties. Third quarter 2005 net income rose 38% from the 2004 third quarter before including the other income in that quarter.

The Company's third quarter 2005 results were in line with its forecast of sales in the range of \$40 to \$45 million and exceeded the diluted EPS forecasted range of \$0.45 to \$0.50.

President and CEO Mac McAninch commented: "We are very pleased with our continued progress which brought year-to-date sales to \$128 million, 6% ahead of total sales for all of 2004, which was a record year for our Company. This progress has been driven by strong demand in our aerospace, power generation, petrochemical and tool steel markets. Customer acceptance of our pricing initiatives, which have been necessary in the current cost environment, has allowed us to maintain our margins. As a result, the operating income we have achieved year to date is 49% ahead of the total operating income we realized for full year 2004."

Mr. McAninch continued: "We are progressing with our current capital investment commitments. The new vacuum arc remelt (VAR) furnace in our Bridgeville, PA facility should be operational in November."

Segment Review

In the third quarter of 2005, the Universal Stainless & Alloy Products segment had sales of \$40.0 million and operating income of \$4.0 million, yielding an operating margin of 10%. This included a write-off of \$363,000 mainly for the retirement of fixed assets replaced or being replaced. The operating margin is in line with the level achieved in the 2005 second quarter when sales were \$37.2 million and operating income was \$3.6 million. In the third quarter of 2004, sales were \$31.2 million and operating income was \$2.9 million, or 9% of sales.

The 28% increase in sales compared with the 2004 third quarter reflects higher product prices, offset by lower shipments of low margin products to rerollers and lower revenues generated from conversion services. Third quarter 2005 sales were 8% higher than the prior quarter. The increase in operating income compared to both prior periods reflects the improved mix of product shipped.

The Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment reported record sales of \$14.0 million. Operating income was \$1.8 million, resulting in an operating margin of 13%. These results compare with sales of \$9.5 million and operating income of \$1.2 million, or 12% of sales, in the third quarter of 2004. In the second quarter of 2005, sales were \$12.4 million and operating income was \$1.8 million, or 15% of sales.

Dunkirk's sales, which increased 48% over the 2004 third quarter, also benefited from higher selling prices on a 9% increase in shipments. Operating income increased 51% over the third quarter of 2004 on increased shipments, improvements in pricing and the elimination of products and product lines that did not meet the Company's profitability criteria. Dunkirk's sales were 13% higher than the 2005 second quarter mainly due to higher selling prices resulting from higher material costs. Operating income was 4% lower than the prior quarter of 2005 due to the mix of products shipped.

Business Outlook

The following statements are based on the Company's current expectations. These statements are forward-looking, and actual results may differ materially.

The Company estimates that fourth quarter 2005 sales will range from \$33 to \$38 million and that diluted EPS will range from \$0.37 to \$0.42. This compares with sales of \$37.0 million and diluted EPS of \$0.40 in the fourth quarter of 2004, which included other income of \$0.05 per diluted share from 2004 import duties and a bad debt charge equivalent to \$0.03 per diluted share. The 2005 fourth quarter EPS estimate does not include any income from import duties that may be received by the Company

related to the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Act of 2000 for the current year.

The following factors were considered in developing these estimates:

- The Company's total backlog at September 30, 2005 approximated \$106 million compared to \$105 million at June 30, 2005, reflecting continued strong aerospace, power generation, petrochemical and tool steel markets. The Company noted that this continued high backlog level is mainly comprised of electro-slag and vacuum-arc remelted products scheduled for shipment beyond 2005, as customers take into account future needs and current remelt capacity constraints industry-wide.
- The Company expects that shipments to its reroller customers in the 2005 fourth quarter will continue to decline, as anticipated, due to the Company's expanded focus on supplying value-added products.
- The Company expects fourth quarter 2005 sales of special shape products to be slightly lower than normal due to the previously announced hourly employee work stoppage at its Titusville, PA facility. Salaried employees have restored partial operation of the facility, including the five vacuum-arc remelt (VAR) furnaces located there. The interrupted operation of the VAR furnaces is not expected to have a material effect on 2005 fourth quarter results.
- Sales from the Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment are expected to approximate \$13 to \$14 million. Additional sales are dependent upon the level of inventory management initiatives implemented by the service center industry near the end of the year.

Mr. McAninch concluded: "We have made substantial progress this year in meeting our commitments to customers, employees and shareholders, and are committed to continuing that progress."

Webcast

A simultaneous Webcast of the Company's conference call discussing the third quarter of 2005 and the fourth quarter outlook, scheduled at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) today, will be available on the Company's website at www.univstainless.com, and thereafter archived on the website. A telephone replay of the conference call will be available beginning at 12:00 noon (Eastern) today and continuing through October 27th. It can be accessed by dialing 706-645-9291, passcode 1153927. This is a toll call.

About Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.

Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc., headquartered in Bridgeville, Pa., manufactures and markets a broad line of semi-finished and finished specialty steels, including stainless steel, tool steel and certain other alloyed steels. The Company's products are sold to rerollers, forgers, service centers, original equipment manufacturers and wire redrawers.

Forward-Looking Information Safe Harbor

Except for historical information contained herein, the statements in this release are forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Those risks include, among others, risks associated with the resolution of the labor issues at the Titusville, PA facility, risks associated with the receipt, pricing and timing of future customer orders, risks associated with significant fluctuations that may occur in raw material and energy prices, risks associated with the manufacturing process and production yields, risks related to property, plant and equipment and risks related to the ultimate outcome of the Company's current and future litigation and regulatory matters. Certain of these risks and other risks are described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over the last 12 months, copies of which are available from the SEC or may be obtained upon request from the Company.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share information)
(Unaudited)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	For the Quarter Ended September 30,		For the Nine-Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----
Stainless steel	\$ 35,573	\$ 26,529	\$ 103,397	\$ 65,586
Tool steel	4,805	4,277	15,181	11,185
High-strength low alloy steel	1,506	1,160	4,270	3,085
High-temperature alloy steel	587	473	2,323	1,795
Conversion services	569	707	2,533	1,635
Other	57	151	275	344
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Total net sales	43,097	33,297	127,979	83,630
Cost of products sold	35,692	27,701	106,299	71,576
Selling and administrative expenses	2,043	1,873	6,335	5,348
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Operating income	5,362	3,723	15,345	6,706
Interest expense	(223)	(108)	(595)	(302)
Other income	--	566	63	577
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Income before taxes	5,139	4,181	14,813	6,981
Income tax provision	1,850	1,436	5,333	2,443
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Net income	\$ 3,289	\$ 2,745	\$ 9,480	\$ 4,538
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Earnings per share				
- Basic	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.49	\$ 0.72
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Earnings per share				
- Diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.43	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.71
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Weighted average shares of Common Stock outstanding				
Basic	6,383,464	6,305,456	6,365,947	6,300,229
Diluted	6,490,056	6,400,188	6,469,953	6,363,656

MARKET SEGMENT INFORMATION

	For the Quarter Ended September 30,		For the Nine-Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----
Service centers	\$ 18,039	\$ 13,443	\$ 53,396	\$ 35,616
Rerollers	9,762	9,208	33,040	21,465
Forgers	8,572	6,232	22,742	15,181
Original equipment				

manufacturers	3,149	2,263	8,070	6,101
Wire redrawers	2,949	1,307	7,934	3,346
Conversion services	568	707	2,533	1,635
Other	58	137	264	286
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Total net sales	\$ 43,097	\$ 33,297	\$127,979	\$ 83,630
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Tons shipped	11,952	13,470	40,565	34,667
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BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Segment

	For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2005 2004		For the Nine-Months Ended September 30, 2005 2004	
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Net Sales				
Stainless steel	\$ 23,551	\$ 18,373	\$ 68,864	\$ 45,469
Tool steel	4,569	4,155	14,723	10,902
High-strength low alloy steel	574	575	1,887	1,387
High-temperature alloy steel	507	451	2,235	1,526
Conversion services	466	632	2,122	1,356
Other	57	146	217	298
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	29,724	24,332	90,048	60,938
Intersegment	10,248	6,867	25,506	14,588
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Total net sales	39,972	31,199	115,554	75,526
Material cost of sales	20,876	14,999	59,156	33,923
Operation cost of sales	13,651	11,990	41,734	32,733
Selling and administrative expenses	1,428	1,310	4,324	3,672
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Operating income	\$ 4,017	\$ 2,900	\$ 10,340	\$ 5,198
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Dunkirk Specialty Steel Segment

	For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2005 2004		For the Nine-Months Ended September 30, 2005 2004	
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Net Sales				
Stainless steel	\$ 12,022	\$ 8,156	\$ 34,533	\$ 20,117
Tool steel	236	122	458	283
High-strength low alloy steel	932	585	2,383	1,698
High-temperature alloy steel	80	22	88	269
Conversion services	103	75	411	279
Other	--	5	58	46
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	13,373	8,965	37,931	22,692
Intersegment	617	519	2,098	1,572
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Total net sales	13,990	9,484	40,029	24,264
Material cost of sales	8,190	4,716	21,746	12,095
Operation cost of sales	3,428	3,042	10,817	8,645
Selling and administrative expenses	615	563	2,011	1,676
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Operating income	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,163	\$ 5,455	\$ 1,848
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
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Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,520	\$ 241
Accounts receivable, net	29,092	24,562
Inventory	51,207	38,318
Other current assets	2,374	3,418
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Total current assets	84,193	66,539
Property, plant & equipment, net	42,960	40,716
Other assets	618	585
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Total assets	\$127,771	\$107,840
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Accounts payable	\$ 11,634	\$ 11,666
Bank overdrafts	2,886	2,638
Accrued employment costs	3,296	1,830
Current portion of long-term debt	1,555	2,044
Other current liabilities	1,411	442
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Total current liabilities	20,782	18,620
Bank revolver	8,438	8,635
Long-term debt	11,339	3,555
Deferred taxes	10,068	10,093
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Total liabilities	50,627	40,903
Stockholders' equity	77,144	66,937
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$127,771	\$107,840
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW DATA

For the Nine-Months Ended September 30,

	2005	2004
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Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 9,480	\$ 4,538
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,301	2,336
Loss on retirement of fixed assets	705	--
Deferred taxes	193	480
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	173	8
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(4,530)	(9,939)

Inventory	(12,889)	(11,527)
Trade accounts payable	(32)	4,995
Accrued employment costs	1,466	1,985
Other, net	1,793	1,958
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Cash flow used in operating activities	(1,340)	(5,166)
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Cash flow from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(5,233)	(2,377)
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Cash flow used in investing activities	(5,233)	(2,377)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Deferred financing costs	(48)	--
Net borrowings under revolving line of credit	(197)	4,597
Proceeds from long-term debt	8,050	--
Repayments of long-term debt	(755)	(1,462)
Net change in bank overdrafts	248	126
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	554	96
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Cash flow provided by financing activities	7,852	3,357
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Net cash flow	\$ 1,279	\$ (4,186)
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