SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
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FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 20, 2006
Universal Stainless \& Alloy Products, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware | 000-25032 | 25-1724540 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission | (IRS Employer |
| of incorporation) | File Number) | Identification No.) |


| 600 Mayer Street, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania | 15017 |
| :---: | :---: |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip code) |
| gistrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) $257-7600$ |  |

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I_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
On April 20, 2006, Universal Stainless and Alloy Products, Inc. issued a press release regarding its earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto.

The information in this Current Report on Form $8-K$, including the attached press release, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

## SIGNATURE

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

UNIVERSAL STAINLESS \& ALLOY PRODUCTS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard M. Ubinger

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Vice President of Finance,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
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Dated: April 20, 2006

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UNIVERSAL STAINLESS REPORTS RECORD FIRST QUARTER 2006 RESULTS

- EPS reaches $\$ 0.59$ on sales of $\$ 45$ million -
- Backlog rises to $\$ 118$ million -


#### Abstract

BRIDGEVILLE, PA, April 20, 2006 -- Universal Stainless \& Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: USAP) reported today that net income for the first quarter of 2006 rose $33 \%$ to a record $\$ 3.9$ million, or $\$ 0.59$ per diluted share, on a $4 \%$ increase in sales, which reached a record $\$ 44.9$ million. This is in comparison to net income of $\$ 2.9$ million, or $\$ 0.45$ per diluted share, and sales of $\$ 43.0$ million reported in the 2005 first quarter.

First quarter 2006 sales were at the high end of the company's forecasted range of $\$ 40$ to $\$ 45$ million and diluted EPS exceeded the expected range of $\$ 0.50$ to \$0.55.


President and CEO Mac McAninch commented: "Our record first quarter results reflected the continued strength of our niche markets, particularly aerospace. Our base price and surcharge initiatives enabled us to cope successfully with volatile raw material costs. Process improvements and our strategic shift to higher value products over the past year also contributed to our earnings growth."

Mr. McAninch continued: "We expect our markets to remain strong, which poses our greatest challenge - to meet the needs of our customers and respond to developing market opportunities. To do so, we have added a sixth vacuum-arc remelt (VAR) furnace that is now fully operational and announced plans to add a seventh in September, as well as to expand further our production of the high quality grades of steel required for aerospace and other applications. We also added two milling machines in the first quarter to increase finished bar production in Bridgeville. Installation of a plate flattener later in the current quarter will increase our tool steel and stainless steel plate production capability. In Dunkirk, we are adding employees to increase our production of finished bar products.

Mr. McAninch concluded: "Beyond these improvements underway, we will continue to review our manufacturing facilities to identify investments that will increase our sales potential, lower our production costs and meet the needs of our customers."

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Segment Review
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In the first quarter of 2006, the Universal Stainless \& Alloy Products segment had sales of $\$ 39.1$ million and operating income of $\$ 4.9$ million, yielding an operating margin of $13 \%$. This compares with first quarter 2005 sales of $\$ 38.4$ million and operating income of $\$ 2.7$ million, or $7 \%$ of sales, which
included a $\$ 342,000$ write-off of fixed assets and a $\$ 110,000$ reduction in the bad debt reserve. In the 2005 fourth quarter, sales were $\$ 37.7$ million and operating income was $\$ 4.7$ million, or $12 \%$ of sales.

The 2 \% increase in sales compared with the 2005 first quarter was achieved despite a $23 \%$ reduction in tons shipped, although tons shipped were up $9 \%$ from the 2005 fourth quarter. The sales increase over the prior year first quarter was due to higher product prices and a continued favorable product mix, including strong growth in shipments of bar products to service centers and oEMs and of special shape products, which offset lower shipments to rerollers. The addition of two milling machines also benefited the most recent quarter. First quarter 2006 sales were $4 \%$ higher than the 2005 fourth quarter mainly due to increased shipments to rerollers, forgers and service centers, which offset lower OEM shipments. Operating income rose $85 \%$ from the 2005 first quarter and was up 6\% from the 2005 fourth quarter due to the improved pricing and mix of products shipped.

The Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment reported first quarter 2006 sales of $\$ 14.0$ million and operating income of $\$ 1.5$ million, resulting in an operating margin of $10 \%$. This compares with sales of $\$ 13.7$ million and operating income of $\$ 1.9$ million, or $14 \%$ of sales, in the first quarter of 2005 . In the 2005 fourth quarter, sales were $\$ 13.0$ million and operating income was $\$ 1.3$ million, or $10 \%$ of sales.

Dunkirk's sales increased $2 \%$ over the 2005 first quarter and $8 \%$ over the 2005 fourth quarter due to higher selling prices and increased shipments of bar products to service centers and OEMs. Rod and wire product shipments were substantially lower than 2005 levels as the Company determined that the market pricing for certain rod and wire products did not meet its margin requirements. Operating income declined 21\% from the first quarter of 2005 due to the higher cost of raw materials at the time of feedstock procurement. Operating income increased $16 \%$ over the fourth quarter of 2005 due to the improved pricing and product mix.

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Business Outlook
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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 second quarter 2006 sales will range from $\$ 43$ to $\$ 48$ million and that diluted EPS will range from $\$ 0.60$ to $\$ 0.65$. This compares with sales of $\$ 41.9$ million and diluted EPS of $\$ 0.50$ in the second quarter of 2005 .

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The following factors were considered in developing these estimates:

- The Company's total backlog at March 31, 2005 approximated $\$ 118$ million compared to $\$ 116$ million at December 31, 2005, reflecting robust aerospace demand and continued strong power generation, petrochemical and tool steel markets.
o The second quarter is also expected to benefit from a full-quarter contribution of the new vacuum-arc remelt furnace installed in December 2005, from the two additional milling machines and from a new plate flattener to be added late in the current quarter.
- Sales from the Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment are expected to increase to $\$ 15$ million due to anticipated increases in bar shipments, partially offset by lower rod and wire shipments.

Webcast
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A simultaneous Webcast of the Company's conference call discussing the first quarter of 2006 and the second 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 April 27 th. It can be accessed by dialing 706-645-9291, passcode 7518654. 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 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 TABLES FOLLOW -

UNIVERSAL STAINLESS \& ALLOY PRODUCTS, INC.<br>FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS<br>(Dollars in thousands, except per share information)<br>(Unaudited)<br>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Quarter Ended
March 31,
2006
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Net Sales

| Stainless steel | \$ | 33,418 | \$ | 33,619 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tool steel |  | 5,827 |  | 6,017 |
| High-strength low alloy steel |  | 2,552 |  | 1,122 |
| High-temperature alloy steel |  | 2,369 |  | 1,025 |
| Conversion services |  | 729 |  | 1,114 |
| Other |  | 42 |  | 122 |
| Total net sales |  | 44,937 |  | 43,019 |
| Cost of products sold |  | 36,320 |  | 36,410 |
| Selling and administrative expenses |  | 2,256 |  | 1,907 |
| Operating income |  | 6,361 |  | 4,702 |
| Interest expense |  | (266) |  | (172) |
| Other income |  | 2 |  | 60 |
| Income before taxes |  | 6,097 |  | 4,590 |
| Income tax provision |  | 2,195 |  | 1,652 |
| Net income | \$ | 3,902 | \$ | 2,938 |



BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

Universal Stainless \& Alloy Products Segment
For the Quarter Ended
March 31,
$2006 \quad 2005$
$----\quad----$

Net Sales

| Stainless steel | \$ | 23,567 | \$ | 21,777 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tool steel |  | 5,360 |  | 5,907 |
| High-strength low alloy steel |  | 1,239 |  | 393 |
| High-temperature alloy steel |  | 1,041 |  | 1,025 |
| Conversion services |  | 538 |  | 951 |
| Other |  | 40 |  | 117 |
|  |  | 31,785 |  | 30,170 |
| Intersegment |  | 7,352 |  | 8,255 |
| Total net sales |  | 39,137 |  | 38,425 |
| Material cost of sales |  | 17,408 |  | 19,826 |
| Operation cost of sales |  | 15,251 |  | 14,779 |
| Selling and administrative expenses |  | 1,529 |  | 1,141 |
| Operating income | \$ | 4,949 | \$ | 2,679 |


|  |  | For the Quarter Ended March 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2006 |  | 2005 |
| Net Sales |  |  |  |  |
| Stainless steel | \$ | 9,851 | \$ | 11,842 |
| Tool steel |  | 467 |  | 110 |
| High-strength low alloy steel |  | 1,313 |  | 729 |
| High-temperature alloy steel |  | 1,328 |  | - |
| Conversion services |  | 191 |  | 163 |
| Other |  | 2 |  | 5 |
|  |  | 13,152 |  | 12,849 |
| Intersegment |  | 835 |  | 818 |
| Total net sales |  | 13,987 |  | 13,667 |
| Material cost of sales |  | 7,971 |  | 7,114 |
| Operation cost of sales |  | 3,822 |  | 3,924 |
| Selling and administrative expenses |  | 727 |  | 766 |
| Operating income | \$ | 1,467 | \$ | 1,863 |

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| March 31, | December 31, |
| :---: | ---: |
| 2006 | 2005 |
| ---- | ---- |

## Assets

| Cash | \$ | 487 | \$ | 620 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts receivable, net |  | 29,844 |  | 27,963 |
| Inventory |  | 55,693 |  | 51,398 |
| Deferred taxes |  | 1,247 |  | 1,084 |
| Other current assets |  | 1,380 |  | 1,706 |
| Total current assets |  | 88,651 |  | 82,771 |
| Property, plant \& equipment, net |  | 47,190 |  | 45,761 |
| Other assets |  | 491 |  | 495 |
| Total assets | \$ | 136,332 | \$ | 129,027 |

## Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity




