



Universal Stainless Reports Strong 2005 Second Quarter Results

Quarterly earnings per share reach \$0.50 on sales of \$42 million

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., July 20, 2005 -- Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: USAP) reported today that sales for the second quarter of 2005 rose 44% to \$41.9 million compared with the same period of 2004. Second quarter 2005 net income more than doubled to \$3.3 million, or \$0.50 per diluted share, versus \$1.6 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, in the year-ago period.

The Company's second quarter 2005 sales were in line with its forecasted range of \$40 to \$45 million and diluted EPS exceeded the projected range of \$0.40 to \$0.45.

President and CEO Mac McAninch commented: "Our second quarter results demonstrate the benefit of improved pricing and a favorable product mix due to very strong demand in our aerospace, power generation and petrochemical markets. In fact, sales to all end markets and customer categories increased substantially over the 2004 second quarter. Capacity limitations on remelted products prevented us from achieving even higher levels of sales. The scheduled addition of a sixth vacuum arc remelt furnace later this year should enable us to respond to the increased requirements of the aerospace and power generation markets."

Mr. McAninch continued: "In contrast to the strength in our main markets, the automotive market has weakened. While not a niche market that we focus on, it reduced demand for our tool steel in the second quarter compared to the first quarter of this year. However, heavy truck and industrial equipment production remains high and our tool steel backlog is at more normal levels."

Mr. McAninch added: "We are very pleased with the improvement in the operating margin at both our Universal Stainless and Dunkirk segments, which led to an overall company operating margin of 13% in the second quarter. We are continuing to realize the payback from our 2004 capital investments, on-going process improvement efforts and cost recovery pricing initiatives."

Mr. McAninch concluded: "We are entering the second half of 2005 with a high level of confidence based on the outlook for our niche markets, and on the size and quality of our backlog that extends into 2007. We remain committed to reinvest in our company to meet the needs of our customers and realize further value for our shareholders."

Segment Review

In the second quarter of 2005, the Universal Stainless & Alloy Products segment had sales of \$37.2 million and operating income of \$3.6 million, yielding an operating margin of 10%, a level not achieved since the first quarter of 2002. In the second quarter of 2004, sales were \$25.5 million and operating income was \$1.9 million, or 7% of sales. In the first quarter of 2005, sales were \$38.4 million and operating income was \$2.7 million, including a write-off of \$342,000 of fixed assets in Bridgeville. This resulted in an operating margin of 7%.

The 46% increase in sales compared with the 2004 second quarter reflected substantial growth in sales to all customer categories. Second quarter 2005 sales were slightly lower than the prior quarter, reflecting the lower shipments of tool steel products to service centers, partially offset by increased bar shipments to them. The increase in operating income compared to both prior periods reflects stronger pricing and product mix.

The Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment reported sales of \$12.4 million and operating income of \$1.8 million, resulting in a record operating margin of 15%. These results compare with sales of \$8.0 million and operating income of \$651,000, or 8% of sales, in the second quarter of 2004. In the first quarter of 2005, sales were \$13.7 million and operating income was \$1.9 million, or 14% of sales, and included a \$184,000 asset write-off.

Dunkirk's sales increased 54% over the 2004 second quarter due to substantial growth in shipments to all customer categories. Operating income increased 182% over the second quarter of 2004 on improvements in pricing, efficiency from higher volume and product mix. Dunkirk's sales were 9% lower than the 2005 first quarter mainly because of management's decision to allocate shipments of remelted feedstock from Bridgeville. Operating income was 2% lower than the prior quarter of 2005 due to the lower volume.

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 third quarter 2005 sales will range from \$40 to \$45 million and that diluted EPS will range from \$0.45 to \$0.50. This compares with sales of \$33.3 million and diluted EPS of \$0.43 in the third quarter of 2004.

The following factors were considered in developing these estimates:

- The Company's total backlog at June 30, 2005 approximated \$105 million compared to \$88 million at March 31, 2005, reflecting strong aerospace, power generation and petrochemical markets. The Company noted that a portion of the backlog is for shipments scheduled in 2006 and 2007, as customers take into account future needs and current remelt capacity constraints industry-wide.
- Tool steel sales are expected to remain at 2005 second quarter levels for the balance of the year as continued strength in the industrial manufacturing sector is offset by lower automotive requirements.
- Sales from the Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment are expected to approximate \$13 million.

Webcast

A simultaneous Webcast of the Company's conference call discussing the second quarter of 2005 and the third 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 July 27th. It can be accessed by dialing 706-645-9291, passcode 7308195. 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 original equipment manufacturers, service centers, forgers, rerollers 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.

UNIVERSAL STAINLESS & ALLOY PRODUCTS, INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share information)
(Unaudited)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Quarter Ended June 30,		For the Six-Months Ended June 30,	
2005	2004	2005	2004
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Net Sales

Stainless steel	\$ 34,205	\$ 22,889	\$ 67,824	\$ 39,057
Tool steel	4,359	3,742	10,376	6,908
High-strength low alloy steel	1,642	1,064	2,764	1,925
High-temperature alloy steel	711	613	1,736	1,322
Conversion services	850	596	1,964	928
Other	96	122	218	193
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Total net sales	41,863	29,026	84,882	50,333
Cost of products sold	34,197	24,531	70,607	43,875
Selling and administrative expenses	2,385	1,947	4,292	3,475
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Operating income	5,281	2,548	9,983	2,983
Interest expense	(200)	(106)	(372)	(194)
Other income	3	3	63	11
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Income before taxes	5,084	2,445	9,674	2,800
Income tax provision	1,831	879	3,483	1,007
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Net income	\$ 3,253	\$ 1,566	\$ 6,191	\$ 1,793
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Earnings per share - Basic	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.28
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Earnings per share - Diluted	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.28
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Weighted average shares of Common Stock outstanding				
Basic	6,363,831	6,299,579	6,357,189	6,297,816
Diluted	6,451,326	6,355,148	6,459,901	6,345,591

MARKET SEGMENT INFORMATION

	For the Quarter Ended June 30,		For the Six-Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
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Net Sales				
Service centers	\$ 17,050	\$ 12,267	\$ 35,357	\$ 22,173
Rerollers	11,250	8,187	23,278	12,257
Forgers	7,907	5,133	14,170	8,949
Original equipment manufacturers	2,597	1,904	4,921	3,838
Wire redrawers	2,113	843	4,985	2,039
Conversion services	851	596	1,965	928
Other	95	96	206	149
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Total net sales	\$ 41,863	\$ 29,026	\$ 84,882	\$ 50,333
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Tons shipped	13,383	12,131	28,613	21,197
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BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Segment

	For the Quarter Ended June 30,		For the Six-Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
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Net Sales				
Stainless steel	\$ 23,536	\$ 16,376	\$ 45,313	\$ 27,096
Tool steel	4,247	3,667	10,154	6,747
High-strength low alloy steel	920	399	1,313	812
High-temperature alloy steel	703	526	1,728	1,075
Conversion services	705	475	1,656	724
Other	43	106	160	152
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	30,154	21,549	60,324	36,606
Intersegment	7,003	3,933	15,258	7,721
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Total net sales	37,157	25,482	75,582	44,327
Material cost of sales	18,454	11,322	38,280	18,924
Operation cost of sales	13,304	10,932	28,083	20,743
Selling and administrative expenses	1,755	1,331	2,896	2,362
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Operating income	\$ 3,644	\$ 1,897	\$ 6,323	\$ 2,298
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Dunkirk Specialty Steel Segment

	For the Quarter Ended June 30,		For the Six-Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
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Net Sales				
Stainless steel	\$ 10,669	\$ 6,513	\$ 22,511	\$ 11,961
Tool steel	112	75	222	161
High-strength low alloy steel	722	665	1,451	1,113
High-temperature alloy steel	8	87	8	247
Conversion services	145	121	308	204
Other	53	16	58	41
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	11,709	7,477	24,558	13,727

Intersegment	663	558	1,481	1,053
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Total net sales	12,372	8,035	26,039	14,780
Material cost of sales	6,442	3,902	13,556	7,379
Operation cost of sales	3,465	2,866	7,389	5,603
Selling and administrative expenses	630	616	1,396	1,113
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Operating income	\$ 1,835	\$ 651	\$ 3,698	\$ 685
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
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Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,158	\$ 241
Accounts receivable, net	27,669	24,562
Inventory	48,273	38,318
Other current assets	2,589	3,418
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Total current assets	79,689	66,539
Property, plant & equipment, net	41,786	40,716
Other assets	568	585
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Total assets	\$122,043	\$107,840
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Accounts payable	\$ 16,397	\$ 11,666
Bank overdrafts	452	2,638
Accrued employment costs	2,875	1,830
Current portion of long-term debt	1,053	2,044
Other current liabilities	923	442
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Total current liabilities	21,700	18,620
Bank revolver	4,578	8,635
Long-term debt	11,978	3,555
Deferred taxes	10,232	10,093
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Total liabilities	48,488	40,903
Stockholders' equity	73,555	66,937
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$122,043	\$107,840
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW DATA

For the Six-Months Ended June 30,

	2005	2004
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Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 6,191	\$ 1,793
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,532	1,571
Deferred taxes	412	84
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	115	3
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(3,107)	(6,858)
Inventory	(9,955)	(8,297)
Trade accounts payable	4,731	4,147
Accrued employment costs	1,045	907
Other, net	1,383	1,720
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Cash flow from (due to) operating activities	2,347	(4,930)
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Cash flow from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(2,931)	(1,195)
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Cash flow due to investing activities	(2,931)	(1,195)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net borrowings under revolving line of credit	(4,057)	3,167
Proceeds from long-term debt	8,050	--
Repayments of long-term debt	(618)	(983)
Net change in bank overdrafts	(2,186)	(508)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	312	83
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Cash flow from financing activities	1,501	1,759
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Net cash flow	\$ 917	\$(4,366)
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