

Universal Stainless Reports 2007 Fourth Quarter, Full Year Results

Fourth Quarter Diluted EPS is \$0.65 On Sales of \$50 Million Full Year Sales of \$230 Million and EPS of \$3.32 Set New Company Records Cash Flow From Operations Reaches Record \$33.6 Million

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., Jan. 22, 2008 -- Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdaq:USAP) reported today that sales for the fourth quarter of 2007 were \$49.6 million compared with \$55.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Net income for the 2007 fourth quarter was \$4.4 million, or \$0.65 per diluted share, compared with \$6.3 million, or \$0.94 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2006. For the full year 2007, sales rose to a record \$229.9 million and net income increased to a record \$22.5 million, or \$3.32 per diluted share, compared to sales of \$203.9 million and net income of \$20.6 million, or \$3.11 per diluted share in 2006.

The Company had forecasted sales in the range of \$45 to \$50 million and diluted EPS in the range of \$0.60 to \$0.65 for the fourth quarter of 2007.

Results for the fourth quarter of 2007 included \$586,000 of other income, equivalent to \$0.06 per diluted share, from the receipt of import duties, compared with \$465,000, equivalent to \$0.05 per diluted share, in the 2006 fourth quarter.

Nickel costs continued to decline in the fourth quarter of 2007. The impact from the change in nickel costs on the Company's Dunkirk segment reduced gross margins by an estimated \$53,000 (FIFO charge) compared with an increase (FIFO benefit) of \$1.1 million, equivalent to \$0.11 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2006. The swing in the FIFO effect combined with lower total shipment volume reduced company-wide gross margin dollars in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with the same period of 2006.

The Company's tax rate for 2007 was 32.7% compared to 35.2% in 2006 due to adjustments to state income tax provisions. The impact of this rate change in comparison to the 2006 fourth quarter and full year was equivalent to \$0.05 and \$0.12 per diluted share, respectively. Net income for the 2006 fourth quarter has been adjusted for the retrospective application of an accounting pronouncement as detailed in the financial tables.

For the full-year 2007, cash flow from operations reached a record \$33.6 million and free cash flow (cash from operations minus capital expenditures) rose to \$24.8 million, equivalent to \$3.67 per diluted share. This was due to lower levels of receivables and inventories. The strong cash flow enabled the Company to retire the \$7.5 million outstanding balance on its PNC term loan.

President and CEO Dennis Oates commented: "Our fourth quarter sales reached the high end of our forecast which recognized volatile raw material costs and economic uncertainty as well as normal conservative year-end order patterns. While we expected nickel to be the most volatile of our costs, the magnitude of its decline in December impacted our profitability for the quarter. Nickel prices have moved higher since then and we expect their volatility to continue.

"While there is caution in our marketplace due to ongoing concern about the U.S. economy, the end markets we serve are global in scope and have solid backlogs going out for several years. Although our direct customers will continue to make periodic inventory adjustments, we expect to see improving trends through the balance of the year. We also expect our cash flow to remain strong."

Mr. Oates added: "We have entered 2008 with a high level of optimism about our prospects. To generate further growth, we are focused on quickly developing new business opportunities. Additionally, we are accelerating efforts to eliminate waste in our operations and enhance customer satisfaction."

Segment Review

In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Universal Stainless & Alloy Products segment had sales of \$43.4 million and operating income of \$3.2 million, yielding an operating margin of 7%. That compares with sales of \$47.1 million and operating income of \$4.6 million, or 10% of sales, in the fourth quarter of 2006. In the third quarter of 2007, sales were \$55.9 million and operating income was \$4.3 million, or 8% of sales, and included a charge of \$772,000 to the LCM (Lower of Cost or Market) reserve attributable to the segment.

Segment sales declined 8% compared with the fourth quarter of 2006 despite a 50% increase in sales of tool steel plate to service centers and a 12% increase in reroll product sales to the Dunkirk operation and other customers. These sales

increases did not fully offset a 43% decrease in sales to forgers and a 22% decrease in sales of bar products to service centers, which continued to restrain orders due in part to volatile nickel pricing and excess inventories. Operating margins were lower due to a 15% decrease in shipment volume as well as product mix.

The Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment reported sales of \$18.7 million and operating income of \$2.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2007, resulting in an operating margin of 12%, which included the FIFO charge of \$53,000. That compares with sales of \$20.3 million and operating income of \$3.9 million, or 19% of sales, in the fourth quarter of 2006, which included the estimated FIFO benefit of \$1.1 million. In the third quarter of 2007, sales were \$21.3 million and operating income was \$3.0 million or 14% of sales and included a charge of \$635,000 to the LCM reserve attributable to the segment, offset by an estimated \$1.5 million FIFO benefit due to the timing of surcharges and the changing price of nickel.

The 8% decline in Dunkirk's sales over the 2006 fourth quarter reflected a 46% decrease in sales of rod and wire products, which was partially offset by a 9% increase in sales of bar products to OEMs and service centers. The decline in the operating margin over the fourth quarter of 2006 mainly reflected a 15% decrease in shipment volume and the swing in the FIFO effect resulting from the impact of nickel price changes in the applicable periods.

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 first quarter 2008 sales will range from \$50 to \$55 million and that diluted EPS will range from \$0.60 to \$0.65. This compares with sales of \$56.2 million and diluted EPS of \$1.00, in the first quarter of 2007, which included a FIFO benefit estimated at approximately \$1.2 million, equivalent to \$0.12 per diluted share.

The following factors were considered in developing these estimates:

- * The Company's total backlog at December 31, 2007 was approximately \$85 million compared to \$88 million at September 30, 2007. The Company experienced improvement in order entry for its electro-slag remelt products for the power generation market and for its tool steel products, which are used in heavy equipment manufacturing.
- * Sales from the Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment are expected to approximate \$19 million in the first quarter of 2008, with volume growth limited by high temperature annealing capacity constraints. The Company expects its new high temperature annealing equipment to be operational in the 2008 second quarter.
- * The first quarter 2008 earnings forecast assumes that there will be no FIFO benefit at the Dunkirk operation. It also assumes lower interest expense due to the pay down of the PNC term loan. The estimated tax rate for 2008 is 34%.

Webcast

A simultaneous Webcast of the Company's conference call discussing the fourth quarter of 2007 and the first 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 January 29th. It can be accessed by dialing 706-645-9291, passcode 30027258. 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. More information is available at www.univstainless.com.

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, labor 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 For the Year Ended

		arter Ended	December 31,			
		er 31,		•		
	2007	2006	2007	2006		
Net Sales						
Stainless steel	\$ 34,020	\$ 41,474	\$ 164,228	\$ 151,633		
Tool steel	7,297	4,744	28,119	23,389		
	1,201	1,/11	20,117	23,309		
High-strength						
low alloy steel		6,145	25,892	16,467		
High-temperature						
alloy steel	1,580	2,792	9,317	9,837		
Conversion						
services	584	443	2,011	2,137		
Other	72	209	369	410		
Other				410		
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Total net						
sales	49,633	55,807	229,936	203,873		
Cost of						
products sold	41,154	44,001	184,491	160,722		
Selling and	•	,	•	•		
administrative						
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expenses	3,087	2,619	12,038	10,792		
Operating						
income	5,392	9,187	33,407	32,359		
Interest expense	(128)	(296)	(731)	(1,106)		
Other income	740	516	776	522		
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Income before	6 004	0 405	22 452	24 888		
taxes	6,004	9,407	33,452	31,775		
Income tax						
provision	1,616	3,133	10,948	11,185		
Net income	\$ 4,388	\$ 6,274	\$ 22,504	\$ 20,590		
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Earnings per						
	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.96	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.19		
share - Basic						
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Earnings per						
share - Diluted	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.94	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.11		
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Weighted average						
shares of						
Common Stock						
outstanding		c =1	c c	c 451 005		
Basic	6,656,783	6,516,880	6,644,374	6,451,037		

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Note: 2006 results have been adjusted to reflect the retrospective application of the January 1, 2007 change in accounting for major maintenance expenses from the accrue-in-advance method to the deferral method in accordance with the FASB Staff Position entitled "Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities," issued in September 2006. The effect of the change in accounting is summarized below:

	As	or the Qua December Reported	31, As	2006 Adjusted	As	December	31, As	2006 Adjusted
Operating income Universal Stainless & Alloy Products								
Segment Dunkirk Specialty	\$	4,850	\$	4,645	\$	19,690	\$	19,674
Steel Segment Intersegment		3,961		3,923		11,496		11,472
elimination		619		619		1,213		1,213
		9,430				32,399		32,359
Net income		6,428		•		·-		20,590
Diluted earnings per share		0.97	۲.	0 04	۲	3.12	ė.	3.11
her snare				0.94		3.12		3.11

BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Segment

		r the Quarter Ended December 31, 007 2006				Year Ended ber 31, 2006		
Net Sales								
Stainless steel	\$ 2	21,524	\$	28,019	\$	108,535	\$	102,372
Tool steel		6,620		4,281		25,638		21,747
High-strength								
low alloy steel		2,382		3,141		12,764		8,177
High-temperature								
alloy steel		714		1,097		4,067		3,787
Conversion								
services		448		287		1,405		1,530
Other		66		174		295		325
		31,754		36,999		152,704		137,938
Intersegment	-	L1,614		10,143		49,858		41,232
Total net								
sales	4	13,368		47,142		202,562		179,170

Material cost								
of sales		23,386		23,489		106,456		85,298
Operation cost								
of sales		14,730		17,295		67,286		66,806
Selling and								
administrative								
expenses		2,034		1,713		8,345		7,392
Operating								
income	\$	3,218	\$	4,645	\$	20,475	\$	19,674
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Dunkirk Specialty Steel Segment

	For the Quarter Ended December 31,				For the Year Ended December 31,			
	_	2007		2006		2007		2006
Net Sales								
Stainless steel Tool steel High-strength	\$	12,496 677	\$	13,455 463		55,693 2,481		49,261 1,642
low alloy steel High-temperature		3,698		3,004		13,128		8,290
alloy steel Conversion		866		1,695		5,250		6,050
services		136		156		606		607
Other		6		35		74		85
		17,879						65,935
Intersegment		817		1,446		4,493		4,320
Total net								
sales Material cost		18,696		20,254		81,725		70,255
of sales Operation cost		11,531		10,949		47,905		38,705
of sales Selling and administrative		3,953		4,476		17,404		16,678
expenses		1,053		906		3,693		3,400
Operating								
income	•	2,159		•		•		11,472
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MARKET SEGMENT INFORMATION

	For the Quarter Ended December 31,					For the Year Ended December 31,		
		2007		2006		2007		2006
Net Sales								
Service centers	\$	26,582	\$	25,760	\$	119,736	\$	101,510
Forgers		7,541		13,504		47,711		38,539
Rerollers Original equipment		8,957		8,193		35,006		33,273
manufacturers		4,418		4,392		18,287		18,368
Wire redrawers Conversion		1,506		3,330		6,843		9,660

services Other		584 45		443 185		2,011 342		2,137 386
Total net								
sales	\$	49,633	\$	55,807	\$	229,936	\$	203,873
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Tons shipped		9,788		12,064		43,644		50,485
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,648	\$ 2,909
Accounts receivable, net	27,501	33,308
Inventory	65,572	66,019
Deferred taxes	2,574	1,544
Other current assets	2,853	1,606
Total current assets Property, plant & equipment,	109,148	105,386
net	54,271	49,251
Other assets	767 	584
Total assets	\$ 164,186	
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Trade accounts payable Outstanding checks in excess	\$ 13,983	\$ 13,123
of bank balance	2,064	3,427
Accrued employment costs	5,307	4,121
Current portion of long-term		
debt	383	2,364
Other current liabilities	1,490	1,902
Total current liabilities	23,227	24,937
Bank revolver		8,392
Long-term debt	1,453	8,836
Deferred taxes	9,904	8,402
Total liabilities	34,584	50,567
Stockholders' equity	129,602	104,654
Total liabilities and		
stockholders' equity	\$ 164,186	\$ 155,221
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW DATA

For the Year Ended December 31,

2007
2006

Cash flows provided by operating activities:
Net income \$ 22,504 \$ 20,590
Adjustments to reconcile to

net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and		
amortization Loss on retirement of	3,731	3,337
fixed assets	40	911
Deferred tax increase (decrease)	252	(1,852)
Stock based compensation expense Tax benefit from share-based payment	427	273
arrangements Changes in assets and liabilities:	(958)	(1,073)
Accounts receivable, net	5,807	(5,345)
Inventory	447	(14,621)
Trade accounts payable	860	544
Accrued employment costs	1,186	1,163
Other, net	(673)	2,374
Cash flow provided by operating activities	33,623	6,301
Cash flow used in investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(8,782)	(7,716)
Cash flow used in investing		
activities	(8,782)	(7,716)
Cash flows used in financing activities: Revolving credit net		
repayments	(8,392)	2,275
Long-term debt repayments Net change in outstanding checks in excess of bank	(9,364)	(1,555)
balance	(1,363)	326
Proceeds from issuance of common stock Tax benefit from	1,059	1,585
share-based payment arrangements	958	1,073
Cash flow (used in) provided by financing activities	(17,102)	3,704
Net cash flow	\$ 7,739 ======	

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