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PROSPECTUS

## **Aleris International, Inc.**

**Exchange Offer For**

**\$600,000,000 9%/9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2014**

**\$400,000,000 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016**

We are offering to exchange up to \$600,000,000 of our new 9%/9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2014, which we refer to as the senior exchange notes, for up to \$600,000,000 of our outstanding 9%/9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2014, which we refer to as the outstanding senior notes. We are also offering to exchange up to \$400,000,000 of our new 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016, which we refer to as the senior subordinated exchange notes, for up to \$400,000,000 of our currently outstanding 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016, which we refer to as the outstanding senior subordinated notes. We refer to the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes collectively as the outstanding notes, the senior exchange notes and the senior subordinated exchange notes collectively as the exchange notes, and the outstanding notes and the exchange notes collectively as the notes. The exchange notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except that the exchange notes have been registered under the federal securities laws, are not subject to transfer restrictions and are not entitled to certain registration rights relating to the outstanding notes. The exchange notes will represent the same debt as the outstanding notes and we will issue the exchange notes under the same indenture as the outstanding notes.

There is no existing public market for the outstanding notes or the exchange notes offered hereby. We do not intend to list the exchange notes on any securities exchange or seek approval for quotation through any automated trading system.

The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 a.m., New York City time on August 21, 2007, unless we extend it.

Broker-dealers receiving exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes acquired for their own account through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that they will deliver this prospectus in any resale of the exchange notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of the exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the expiration date of the exchange offer, we will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See Plan of Distribution.

**You should consider carefully the Risk Factors beginning on page 17 of this prospectus.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus is July 23, 2007.**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

As used in this prospectus, unless the context indicates otherwise:

the terms Aleris, we, our, us and the Company refer to Aleris International, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries;

references to Corus Aluminum are to Corus Aluminium Rolled Products BV, Corus Aluminium NV, Corus Aluminium GmbH, Corus Aluminium Corp., Corus Hylite BV and Hoogovens Aluminium Europe Inc. and certain of their subsidiaries, Corus LP, Corus Aluminum Inc. and a 61% shareholding in Corus Aluminium Extrusions Tianjin Company Limited, which collectively comprised the downstream aluminum business of Corus, and which are referred to as the Fabricator Group in the related historical condensed combined financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus;

references to Corus are to Corus Group plc and its subsidiaries, from whom we purchased Corus Aluminum on August 1, 2006;

the term Acquisition means the merger of Merger Sub with and into Aleris through which we became a wholly owned subsidiary of Holdings;

references to Holdings are to Aurora Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a company formed by TPG for the purposes of acquiring us;

references to Merger Sub are to Aurora Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., a company formed by TPG for the purposes of acquiring us;

references to the Sponsor are to the investment funds affiliated with TPG Advisors IV, Inc. and TPG Advisors V, Inc. that made the equity investment to fund a portion of the cash consideration paid as part of the merger;

references to TPG are to the Texas Pacific Group;

references to the 9% notes are to the \$125.0 million principal amount of 9% senior unsecured notes due 2014, for which we completed a cash tender offer and consent solicitation on August 1, 2006 and effected a legal defeasance on August 2, 2006 that resulted in the discharge of our obligations under the 9% notes and the indenture governing the 9% notes;

references to the 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% notes are to the \$210.0 million principal amount of 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior secured notes due 2010, for which we completed a cash tender offer and consent solicitation on August 1, 2006, effected a covenant defeasance on August 2, 2006 that terminated our obligations with respect to substantially all of the remaining restrictive covenants on the 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% notes and effected the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture governing the 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% notes on October 20, 2006, including the release of all liens on the collateral securing the 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% notes;

the term old credit facilities refers to (i) the \$750.0 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility (the old revolving credit facility), (ii) the \$650.0 million senior secured term loan facility (the old term loan facility) and (iii) the \$505.0 million senior unsecured credit facility (the old senior unsecured facility), each as entered into on August 1, 2006 in conjunction with the acquisition of Corus Aluminum;

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the term Transactions refers to (i) the Acquisition, (ii) the equity investments made as part of the merger funding, (iii) the offering of the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes, (iv) the execution of the \$750.0 million amended and restated senior secured asset based revolving credit facility (the revolving credit facility ), (v) the execution of the amended and restated senior secured term loan facility (the term loan facility and together with the revolving credit facility, the 2006 credit facilities ) and (vi) the payment of costs related to these transactions; and

the term 2005 Acquisitions refers to the acquisition of (i) ALSCO Holdings, Inc. ( ALSCO ) on October 3, 2005 (a manufacturer and fabricator of aluminum sheet products for the building and

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construction industry), (ii) Alumitech, Inc. ( Alumitech ) on December 12, 2005 (an aluminum recycler and salt cake processor), (iii) Tomra Latasa Reciclagem ( Tomra Latasa ) on August 23, 2005 (a Brazilian aluminum recycler) and (iv) certain assets of Ormet Corporation ( Ormet ) on December 20, 2005 (including rolling mill assets, a recycling operation and an aluminum blanking operation).

The financial statements contained in this prospectus include the accounts of Aleris and all of its majority-owned subsidiaries. On December 19, 2006 we were acquired by affiliates of TPG. On December 9, 2004, we acquired Commonwealth Industries, Inc., ( Commonwealth ) when it merged with one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, and changed our name from IMCO Recycling Inc. to Aleris International, Inc. This acquisition resulted in the inclusion of the financial condition and results of operations of Commonwealth with ours effective December 9, 2004.

In this prospectus, when we refer to 2004 shipment or financial information presented on a pro forma basis, we are giving pro forma effect to the acquisition of Commonwealth and the financing transactions related thereto as if they had occurred on January 1, 2004, and are including the results of operations of Commonwealth (excluding that of its Alflex subsidiary, which was sold in July 2004) with ours for all of 2004.

When we refer to 2006 shipment or financial information presented on a pro forma basis, we are giving pro forma effect to the Transactions and the acquisition of Corus Aluminum as if they had occurred on January 1, 2006 and are including the results of Corus Aluminum with ours for all of 2006.

Information in this prospectus concerning processing volumes, production capacity, rankings and other industry information, including our general expectations concerning the rolled aluminum products and aluminum and zinc recycling industries, are based on estimates prepared by us using certain assumptions and our knowledge of these industries as well as data from third party sources. This data includes, but is not limited to, data from The Aluminum Association and U.S. Geological Surveys. Such sources generally state that the information contained therein is believed to be reliable, but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of included information. We have not independently verified any of the data from third party sources, nor have we ascertained the underlying economic assumptions relied upon therein.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the cautionary statements and other important factors included in this prospectus under Summary, Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Business, which include descriptions of important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith, and we believe we have a reasonable basis to make these statements through our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties, but there can be no assurance that our management's expectations, beliefs or projections will result or be achieved.

The discussions of our financial condition and results of operations may include various forward-looking statements about future costs and prices of commodities, production volumes, market trends, demand for our products and services and projected results of operations. Statements contained in this prospectus that are not historical in nature are considered to be forward-looking statements. They include statements regarding our expectations, hopes, beliefs, estimates, intentions or strategies regarding the future. The words believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, will, look forward to and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements set forth in this prospectus regarding, among other things, achievement of anticipated cost savings and synergies, estimates of volumes, revenues, profitability and net income in future quarters, future prices and demand for our products, and estimated cash flows and sufficiency of cash flows to fund capital expenditures, reflect only our expectations regarding these matters. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

our success in (and the costs of) integrating acquired businesses into Aleris;

our ability to successfully implement our business strategy;

the cyclical nature of the metals industry, our end-use segments and our customers' industries;

our ability to retain the services of certain members of our management;

our ability to continue to generate positive operating results;

our ability to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures;

increases in the cost of raw material and energy;

our ability to manage effectively our exposure to commodity price fluctuations and changes in the pricing of metals;

the loss of order volumes from any of our largest customers;

our ability to retain customers, a substantial number of which do not have long-term contractual arrangements with us;

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our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to fund our capital expenditure requirements and to meet our debt service obligations;

our ability to fulfill our substantial capital investment requirements;

competitor pricing activity, competition of aluminum with alternative materials and the general impact of competition in the industry segments we serve;

risks of investing in and conducting operations in international countries, including political, social, economic, currency and regulatory factors;

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current environmental liabilities and the cost of compliance with and liabilities under health and safety laws;

labor relations (i.e., disruptions, strikes or work stoppages) and labor costs;

any impairment of goodwill or asset values;

our substantial leverage and debt service obligations;

the possibility that we may incur additional indebtedness in the future;

limitations on operating our business as a result of covenant restrictions under our indebtedness, and our ability to pay amounts due under the notes; and

our ability to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

Additional risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be different from those expressed or implied in our written or oral forward-looking statements may be found under **Risk Factors** contained in this prospectus.

These factors and other risk factors disclosed in this prospectus and elsewhere are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus. Except to the extent required by law, we do not undertake, and specifically decline any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of such statements to reflect future events or developments.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We and our guarantor subsidiaries have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act with respect to the exchange notes. This prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the exchange notes, reference is made to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. We file reports and other information with the SEC. The registration statement, such reports and other information can be read and copied at the Public Reference Room of the SEC located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. Copies of such materials, including copies of all or any portion of the registration statement, can be obtained from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 to obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Such materials may also be accessed electronically by means of the SEC's home page on the Internet (<http://www.sec.gov>).

**You may also request copies of these documents, at no cost to you, by contacting us at the following address: Aleris International, Inc., 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400, Beachwood, OH 44122-7392, Attn: General Counsel, (216) 910-3500. To obtain timely delivery, holders of original notes must request the information no later than five business days before August 20, 2007, the date they must make their investment decision.**

We have agreed that, even if we are not required under the Exchange Act to furnish reports to the SEC, we will nonetheless continue to furnish information that would be required to be furnished by us on Forms 10-Q, 10-K and 8-K if we were subject to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. See **Description of Senior Exchange Notes** and **Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes**.





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### **SUMMARY**

*This summary provides a brief overview of certain information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is abbreviated, this summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before participating in the exchange offer. We encourage you to read the entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors section, the historical and pro forma financial statements and notes to those financial statements before participating in the exchange offer.*

*Unless otherwise stated, references to pro forma results of operations and cash flow data give pro forma effect to the Transactions and the acquisition of Corus Aluminum on a combined basis as if they occurred on January 1, 2006.*

### **The Company**

#### **Overview**

We are a global leader in aluminum rolled and extruded products, aluminum recycling and specification alloy production. We are also a recycler of zinc and a leading U.S. manufacturer of zinc metal and value-added zinc products that include zinc oxide and zinc dust. We generate substantially all of our revenues from the manufacture and sale of these products. We operate 50 production facilities in North America, Europe, South America and Asia. We possess a combination of low-cost, flexible and technically advanced manufacturing operations supported by an industry-leading research and development platform. Our facilities are strategically located and well positioned to service our customers, which include a number of the world's largest companies in the aerospace, building and construction, containers and packaging, metal distribution and transportation industries. On a pro forma basis, we generated revenues of \$6.0 billion in the year ended December 31, 2006, of which approximately 58% were derived from North America and the remaining 42% were derived from the rest of the world.

Since the end of 2004, we have increased revenues and profitability through a combination of internal growth and productivity initiatives for our existing operations and strategic acquisitions. We have grown significantly through the successful completion of five strategic acquisitions targeted at broadening product offerings and geographic presence, diversifying our end-use customer base and increasing our scale and scope. We focus on acquisitions that are accretive to earnings and from which we expect to be able to realize significant operational efficiencies within 12 to 24 months through the integration process. While we have already achieved substantial savings from our acquisition activity, we believe additional significant synergies remain to be realized, including synergies from our recent acquisition of Corus Aluminum completed on August 1, 2006.

We operate our business in the following global segments: global rolled and extruded products; global recycling; and global zinc.

#### ***Global Rolled and Extruded Products***

We are a producer of rolled aluminum products with leading positions in technically sophisticated applications, including aerospace plate and sheet, brazing sheet and demanding automotive sheet end-uses as well as high-volume applications used in building and construction and general distribution. We produce aluminum sheet, plate and fabricated products using direct-chill and continuous-cast processes. We believe that many of our facilities are state-of-the-art and provide us with proprietary manufacturing processes and a competitive advantage in servicing high-margin, growing end-uses, such as aerospace and heat transfer applications. We compete successfully in these highly technical applications based on our industry-leading research and development capabilities, which have developed over 130 process and alloy patent families. We

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have 20 production facilities that provide rolled and extruded aluminum products to the major aluminum consuming regions worldwide.

Substantially all of our rolled aluminum products are produced in response to specific customer orders. Our more technically advanced products require the use of primary-based alloys for which we have secured long-term supply agreements for approximately 42% of our expected needs through 2010. Our continuous-cast and common alloy sheet production can utilize primary or scrap aluminum, which allows us to optimize input costs and maximize margins. In addition, to further mitigate the impact of metal prices on our profitability, aluminum costs are passed through to customers for approximately 81% of our rolled product sales, and we strive to manage the remaining key commodity risks through our hedging programs.

We are also a leading producer of soft and hard alloy extruded aluminum profiles targeted at end-uses such as the building and construction, electrical, mechanical engineering and transportation sectors. We have four separate product categories which reflect our customers' needs, including industrial extrusions, building systems, hard alloys and rail and transport projects. We currently operate one of the largest extrusion presses in the world, which provides us with the capability to produce high-end, value-added products such as larger profiles in addition to the production of hard alloy extrusions for transportation applications. We operate five extrusion product facilities in Europe and China.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, shipments of aluminum rolled and extruded products totaled 2.3 billion pounds, establishing us as the number four producer globally based on volume, which accounted for approximately \$4.0 billion of revenues.

### ***Global Recycling***

We are a leading recycler of aluminum and manufacturer of specification alloys serving customers in North America, Europe and South America. Our global recycling operations primarily convert aluminum scrap, dross (a by-product of the melting process) and other alloying agents as needed and deliver the recycled metal and specification alloys in molten or ingot form to our customers. Our recycling operations typically service other aluminum producers and manufacturers, generally under tolling arrangements, where we convert customer-owned scrap and dross and return the recycled metal to our customers for a fee. Our specification alloy operations principally service customers in the automotive industry. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 71% of the total pounds shipped by our recycling and specification alloy operations were under tolling arrangements. Tolling arrangements eliminate our metal commodity exposure and reduce our overall working capital requirements. As we only charge our customers a fee for processing the metal, revenues generated from shipments of tolled material are less than for shipments of owned material. Our global recycling network operates 24 strategically located production plants, with 17 in the United States, two in Brazil, three in Germany, and one in each of Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, we shipped 2.9 billion pounds of recycled metal and specification alloys, which accounted for approximately \$1.5 billion of our revenues.

### ***Global Zinc***

We process and recycle zinc metal for use in the manufacture of galvanized steel and produce value-added zinc products, primarily zinc oxide and zinc dust, which are used in the vulcanization of rubber products, the production of corrosion-resistant paint and in other specialty chemical applications. We operate six zinc facilities in the United States and are in the process of constructing a zinc recycling facility outside of Shanghai, China.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, we shipped 384.1 million pounds of zinc products, which accounted for approximately \$553.2 million of our revenues.

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### **Our Sponsor**

Texas Pacific Group ( TPG ), founded in 1992, is a global private investment firm with \$30 billion under management with offices in San Francisco, New York, London and throughout Asia. TPG seeks to invest in world-class franchises across a range of industries, including significant industrial-related investments as well as retail businesses, technology, consumer products, airlines and healthcare. Significant investments include investments in leading industrial-related businesses (Texas Genco, Altivity Packaging, Kraton Polymers, British Vita), retailers (Neiman Marcus, J. Crew, Debenhams (UK), Petco), technology companies (Lenovo, SunGard Data Systems, MEMC Electronic Materials, ON Semiconductor, Seagate Technology), branded consumer franchises (Beringer, Burger King, Del Monte, Ducati Motorcycles, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), airlines (Continental, America West), and healthcare companies (IASIS, Oxford Health Plans, Quintiles Transnational).

### **The Acquisition of Aleris by TPG**

On August 7, 2006, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Merger Sub and its parent company, Holdings, pursuant to which each share of our common stock (other than shares held in treasury or owned by Holdings, Merger Sub or any direct or indirect subsidiary of us or Holdings, and other than shares held by stockholders who properly demanded appraisal rights) was converted into the right to receive \$52.50 in cash, without interest and less any required withholding taxes. As a result of the merger, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Holdings is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Investors (as defined below). The merger was structured as a reverse subsidiary merger, under which Merger Sub was merged with and into us at the closing on December 19, 2006, and we are the surviving corporation. As the surviving corporation in the merger, we assumed by operation of law all of the rights and obligations of Merger Sub, including under the notes and related indentures. We refer to the merger of Merger Sub with and into Aleris through which we became a wholly owned subsidiary of Holdings as the Acquisition.

The amount of equity contributions made as part of the Acquisition funding was \$848.8 million, consisting of amounts contributed by (i) investment funds associated with TPG (collectively, the Sponsor Funds ) and (ii) certain of our executive officers and members of our senior management (the Management Participants ). We refer to the Sponsor Funds and the Management Participants collectively as the Investors.

TPG financed the purchase of Aleris through application of the proceeds from the outstanding notes, initial borrowings under the 2006 credit facilities, the equity investments described above and our cash on hand. The closing of the Acquisition occurred simultaneously with the closing of the offering of the outstanding notes, the closing of the 2006 credit facilities and the equity investments described above.

As a result of the Acquisition, we are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings and the Investors directly or indirectly own all of our equity interests. Holdings is an entity that was formed in connection with the Transactions and has no assets or liabilities other than the shares of Aleris.

We refer to these transactions, including the Acquisition and our payment of the costs related to these transactions, collectively as the Transactions. In connection with the Transactions, we incurred significant indebtedness and became highly leveraged. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Highlights of the Year Ended December 31, 2006 and Liquidity and Capital Resources December 2006 Refinancing and Note B and Note K of our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the Acquisition, the 2006 credit facilities and the outstanding notes.

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**The Acquisition of Corus Aluminum by Aleris**

On August 1, 2006, we consummated the acquisition of Corus Aluminum, which included Corus's aluminum rolling and extrusion businesses but not Corus's primary aluminum smelters. Aggregate net cash consideration for the acquisition was 695.5 million (approximately \$885.7 million), subject to adjustment based on the finalization of the working capital delivered and net debt assumed. We currently estimate that the purchase price adjustment will be approximately \$65.0 million (approximately 49.0 million) and have included this amount in our determination of the purchase price allocation and as a current accrued liability in our audited consolidated balance sheet included elsewhere in this prospectus. Corus Aluminum generated revenues of \$1,850.0 million in 2005.

The acquisition of Corus Aluminum expanded our product offering, increased our participation in high-growth industry segments and strengthened our technology platform. Corus Aluminum's aircraft plate and sheet and heat exchanger materials introduced new, higher-margin products to our product mix while Corus Aluminum's automotive body sheet and brazing sheet product offering complemented our existing rolled products capabilities. Additionally, we gained the capability to produce high-quality specialized hard alloy extruded products used in the automotive and aerospace sectors, as well as soft alloy extrusions. While the acquisition of Corus Aluminum strengthened our cross-selling opportunities within our existing automotive, building and construction and packaging end-use applications, it also diversified our business into the heavy transportation, aerospace and engineering industries, which are sectors that have demonstrated strong growth characteristics. The acquisition of Corus Aluminum also increased our participation in important international industry segments. For example, we expanded our presence in existing European sectors, such as the German automotive sector, and gained access to the high-growth economy of China.

**Recent Developments**

On July 3, 2007, we entered into a definitive purchase agreement to (a) acquire all of the issued and outstanding limited or unlimited company interests, shares or other equity interests of Wabash Alloys, L.L.C., Connell Industries Canada Company and Aluminum Recycling Services, S. de R.L. de C.V., (b) acquire all of the assets, properties, rights, privileges, franchises, operations, goodwill and business of Wabash Alloys, S. de R.L. de C.V. (which we refer to as Wabash Mexico and, together with the aforementioned entities, Wabash Alloys), and (c) assume substantially all of the liabilities and obligations of Wabash Mexico, for approximately \$194 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments. Wabash Alloys produces aluminum casting alloys and molten metal at its seven facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico, with 2006 revenues of over \$900 million. We refer to this transaction as the Wabash Alloys Acquisition. We currently intend to finance the Wabash Alloys Acquisition from a combination of either cash flows from operations, additional drawdowns of our revolving credit facility or additional debt, which may include term loan credit facilities and bonds.

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**Corporate Structure**

A simplified overview of our corporate structure is shown in the diagram below. See The Transactions, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters and Capitalization.

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- (1) Our revolving credit facility provides up to \$750.0 million of senior secured financing, subject to borrowing base limitations. We and certain of our domestic and Canadian subsidiaries, as well as Aleris Switzerland GmbH (referred to in the diagram above as Swiss HoldCo), are borrowers under the revolving credit facility. See Description of Other Indebtedness.
  - (2) Our term loan facility provides senior secured financing, and permits \$825.0 million in borrowings by us and 303.0 million in borrowings by Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH (referred to in the diagram above as German HoldCo). See Description of Other Indebtedness.
  - (3) All borrowings by foreign subsidiaries under our revolving credit facility and our term loan facility are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by us and substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and certain of our other foreign subsidiaries. All borrowings by us and each domestic subsidiary borrower under our revolving credit facility and our term loan facility are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. Aleris International, Inc. also guarantees the borrowings of each domestic subsidiary borrower under our revolving credit facility. The 2006 credit facilities are secured, subject to certain exceptions, by substantially all of our assets and the assets of our guarantors located in the United States, Canada and Europe and the equity of certain of our foreign and domestic direct and indirect subsidiaries. See Description of Other Indebtedness.
  - (4) The outstanding senior notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of our restricted subsidiaries that is a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary and that guarantees our obligations under our 2006 credit facilities.
  - (5) The outstanding senior subordinated notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated unsecured basis by each of our restricted subsidiaries that is a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary and that guarantees our obligations under our 2006 credit facilities.

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**Corporate Information**

Aleris is incorporated in the state of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400, Beachwood, Ohio. Our telephone number is (216) 910-3400.

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**The Exchange Offer**

*On December 19, 2006, we completed a private offering of our outstanding senior notes and our outstanding senior subordinated notes, which we refer to collectively as the outstanding notes. We entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers in the private offering in which we agreed, among other things, to file the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and to complete an exchange offer for the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes. The following is a summary of the exchange offer.*

Outstanding Notes

On December 19, 2006, we issued:

\$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9%/9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% senior notes due 2014; and

\$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016.

Exchange Notes

\$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9%/9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% senior notes due 2014, which we refer to as the senior exchange notes. We refer to the senior exchange notes and the outstanding senior notes collectively as the senior notes.

\$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016, which we refer to as the senior subordinated exchange notes. We refer to the senior subordinated exchange notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes collectively as the senior subordinated notes.

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The terms of each series of exchange notes are substantially identical to those terms of the applicable series of outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions for additional interest relating to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

Exchange Offer

We are offering exchange notes in exchange for a like principal amount of our outstanding notes. You may tender your outstanding notes for exchange notes by following the procedures described under the heading The Exchange Offer.

Tenders; Expiration Date; Withdrawal

The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 a.m., New York City time, on August 21, 2007, unless we extend it. You may withdraw any outstanding notes that you tender for exchange at any time prior to the expiration of this exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer for a more complete description of the tender and withdrawal period.





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Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions, other than that:

the exchange offer does not violate any applicable law or any interpretations of the staff of the SEC;

there is no action or proceeding instituted or threatened in any court or by any governmental agency that in our judgment would reasonably be expected to impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer or there is a material adverse development in any existing action or proceeding with respect to us; and

we obtain the governmental approvals we deem necessary to obtain for the consummation of the exchange offer.

The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes being tendered in the exchange.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

To participate in this exchange offer, you must properly complete and duly execute a letter of transmittal, which accompanies this prospectus, and transmit it, along with all other documents required by such letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent on or before the expiration date at the address provided on the cover page of the letter of transmittal.

In the alternative, you can tender your outstanding notes by book-entry delivery following the procedures described in this prospectus, whereby you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal and we may enforce the letter of transmittal against you.

If a holder of outstanding notes desires to tender such notes and the holder's outstanding notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit the holder's outstanding notes or other required documents to reach the exchange agent before the expiration date, or the procedure for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may be effected pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in this prospectus. See "The Exchange Offer - How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange."

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

Your exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes to be issued in the exchange offer will not result in any gain or loss to you for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" for a summary of U.S. federal tax consequences associated with the exchange of outstanding notes for the exchange notes and the ownership and disposition of those exchange notes.

Use of Proceeds

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer.

Exchange Agent

LaSalle Bank National Association, the trustee under the indentures governing the notes, is serving as exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are set forth under the heading "The Exchange Offer - The Exchange Agent."

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Consequences of Failure to Exchange Your  
Outstanding Notes

Outstanding notes not exchanged in the exchange offer will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer that are described in the legend on the outstanding notes. In general, you may offer or sell your outstanding notes only if they are registered under, or offered or sold under an exemption from, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the registration rights agreement, we do not currently intend to register the outstanding notes under the Securities Act. If your outstanding notes are not tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or transfer your outstanding notes.

Resales of the Exchange Notes

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we believe that you may offer for sale, resell or otherwise transfer the exchange notes that we issue in the exchange offer without complying with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act if:

you are not a broker-dealer tendering notes acquired directly from us;

you acquire the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer in the ordinary course of your business;

you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or undertaking with anyone to participate, in the distribution of the exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer; and

you are not an affiliate of our company, as that term is defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied and you transfer any exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer without delivering a proper prospectus or without qualifying for a registration exemption, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We will not be responsible for, or indemnify you against, any liability you incur.

Any broker-dealer that acquires exchange notes in the exchange offer for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes which it acquired through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that it will deliver this prospectus when it resells or transfers any exchange notes issued in the exchange offer. See [Plan of Distribution](#) for a description of the prospectus delivery obligations of broker-dealers.

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**The Exchange Notes**

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. A more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes is set forth in Description of Senior Exchange Notes and Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes.

Issuer	Aleris International, Inc.
Securities Offered	
Senior Exchange Notes	\$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 9%/9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % senior notes due 2014.
Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes	\$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016.
Maturity	The senior exchange notes will mature on December 15, 2014. The senior subordinated exchange notes will mature on December 15, 2016.
Interest Payment Dates	Interest on the senior exchange notes will be payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2007. Interest on the senior subordinated exchange notes will be payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing on June 15, 2007.
Form of Interest Payment	
Senior Exchange Notes	We will pay interest on the senior exchange notes for the initial interest period in cash. For any interest period thereafter through December 15, 2010, we may elect to pay interest on the senior exchange notes, at our option:  entirely in cash ( cash interest );  entirely by increasing the principal amount of the senior notes ( PIK interest ); or  50% cash interest and 50% PIK interest. Cash interest will accrue at a rate of 9% per annum, and PIK interest will accrue at a rate of 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % per annum. If we elect to pay PIK interest, we will increase the principal amount of the senior exchange notes in an amount equal to the amount of PIK interest for the applicable interest period (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 in the case of global notes and to the nearest whole dollar in the case of senior notes in certificated form) to holders of senior exchange notes on the relevant record date. The senior exchange notes will bear

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interest on the increased principal amount thereof from and after the applicable interest payment date on which a payment of PIK interest is made. We must elect the form of interest payment with respect to each interest period prior to the beginning of the applicable interest period. In the absence of such an election or proper notification of such election to the trustee, interest will be payable entirely in cash. After December 15, 2010, we must pay all interest on the senior notes entirely in cash.

Senior Subordinated Exchange                      In cash.

Ranking    The senior exchange notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and will:

rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior exchange notes, including the senior subordinated notes;

rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future debt and other obligations (including under our 2006 credit facilities) that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior exchange notes; and

be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future secured debt (including under our 2006 credit facilities), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and be structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries that is not a guarantor of the senior exchange notes.

Similarly, the senior exchange note guarantees will be unsecured senior obligations of the guarantors and will:

rank senior in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor s senior exchange note guarantee, including such guarantor s guarantee of the senior subordinated exchange notes;

rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future debt and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor s senior exchange note guarantee, including such guarantor s guarantee of our 2006 credit facilities; and

be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future secured debt (including such guarantor s guarantee under our 2006 credit facilities), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and be structurally subordinated to all existing and future

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debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of such guarantor's subsidiaries that do not guarantee the senior exchange notes.

The senior subordinated exchange notes will be our unsecured senior subordinated obligations and will:

be subordinated in right of payment to our existing and future senior debt, including the senior exchange notes and our 2006 credit facilities;

rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior subordinated debt;

be structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries that is not a guarantor of the senior subordinated exchange notes; and

rank senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior subordinated exchange notes.

Similarly, the senior subordinated exchange note guarantees are the unsecured senior subordinated obligations of the guarantors and:

are subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future senior debt, including such guarantor's guarantee of the senior exchange notes and our 2006 credit facilities;

rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future senior subordinated debt;

are structurally subordinated to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of such guarantor's subsidiaries that do not guarantee the senior subordinated exchange notes; and

rank senior in right of payment to all existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor's senior subordinated exchange note guarantee.

As of March 31, 2007, we had \$1,623.7 million of secured senior debt, including approximately \$23.3 million in respect of letters of credit, and excluding up to an additional \$388.7 million of unused commitments, net of outstanding letters of credit, that we were able to borrow under our 2006 credit facilities to which the exchange notes would be effectively subordinated, as well as an additional \$600.0 million of unsecured senior debt to which the senior subordinated exchange notes would be subordinated.



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Guarantees	All of our restricted subsidiaries that are domestic subsidiaries and that guarantee our obligations under the 2006 credit facilities unconditionally guarantee the exchange notes.
Mandatory Redemption	A portion of the senior notes is subject to mandatory redemption in the circumstances described, and at the redemption prices referred to, under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Mandatory Redemption; Offer to Purchase, Open Market Purchases.
Optional Redemption	<p>Prior to December 15, 2010, we may redeem some or all of the senior exchange notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the applicable premium set forth under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Optional Redemption. Beginning on December 15, 2010, we may redeem some or all of the senior exchange notes at the redemption prices listed under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.</p> <p>Prior to December 15, 2011, we may redeem some or all of the senior subordinated exchange notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the applicable premium set forth under Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes Optional Redemption. Beginning on December 15, 2011, we may redeem some or all of the senior subordinated exchange notes at the redemption prices listed under Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.</p>
Optional Redemption After Certain Equity Offerings	<p>At any time (which may be more than once) until December 15, 2009, we can choose to redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the exchange notes of either series (plus the aggregate principal amount of any additional notes of such series issued after the issue date) with money that we raise in certain equity offerings, so long as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">we pay 109% of the face amount of the senior exchange notes or 110% of the face amount of the senior subordinated exchange notes, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">we redeem the exchange notes within 180 days of completing such equity offering; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the applicable series of exchange notes originally issued (plus the aggregate principal amount of any additional notes of such series issued after the issue date) remains outstanding afterwards.</p>
Change of Control Offer	If we experience a change in control, we must give holders of the exchange notes the opportunity to sell us their exchange notes at 101% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.



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Asset Sale Offer

If we or our restricted subsidiaries engage in asset sales, we generally must either invest the net cash proceeds from such sales in our business within a specified period of time, permanently reduce senior debt, permanently reduce senior subordinated debt, including the senior subordinated exchange notes (in the case of senior subordinated exchange notes), permanently reduce debt of a restricted subsidiary that is not a subsidiary guarantor or make an offer to purchase a principal amount of the exchange notes equal to the net cash proceeds, subject to certain exceptions. The purchase price of the notes will be 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Certain Covenants

The indentures governing the senior exchange notes and the senior subordinated exchange notes contain covenants limiting our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to, among other things:

incur additional debt;

pay dividends or distributions on our capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock or subordinated debt;

issue preferred stock of restricted subsidiaries;

make certain investments;

create liens on our or our subsidiary guarantors' assets to secure debt;

in the case of the senior exchange notes only, enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us from our restricted subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the notes;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

merge or consolidate with another company; and

sell assets, including capital stock of our subsidiaries.

These covenants are subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions.

Risk Factors

See **Risk Factors** and the other information in this prospectus for a discussion of some of the factors you should carefully consider before participating in the exchange offer.



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**Summary Historical Consolidated and Unaudited Pro Forma**

**Condensed Combined Financial and Other Data**

The following summary historical consolidated financial and other data for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2005, for the period from January 1, 2006 to December 19, 2006, and for the period from December 20, 2006 to December 31, 2006, and as of December 31, 2005 and 2006 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2004 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The summary historical consolidated financial and other data for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as our audited consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of our management, reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of these data. The acquisition of Corus Aluminum, the 2005 Acquisitions and our acquisition of Commonwealth in 2004 have all affected the comparability of our financial data between periods. The audited consolidated financial statements for each of the periods in the three-year period ended December 31, 2006 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm.

The following table also sets forth summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial and other data for the year ended December 31, 2006. The summary unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations give pro forma effect to the Transactions and the acquisition of Corus Aluminum on a combined basis as if they had occurred on January 1, 2006. Corus Aluminum's historical combined financial statements from which the summary pro forma condensed combined financial and other data are in part derived were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, or IFRS, which differ in certain material respects from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( U.S. GAAP ). See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information for a more detailed description of the assumptions made in preparing the following pro forma condensed combined financial data. In accordance with SEC rules, the summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information presented below does not give effect to the Wabash Alloys Acquisition for which we entered into a definitive purchase agreement on July 3, 2007, as the Wabash Alloys Acquisition is below the significance threshold contained in applicable SEC rules. See Recent Developments.

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The financial data set forth in this table are not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, our audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus as well as the audited and unaudited combined financial statements and accompanying notes thereto of Corus Aluminum included elsewhere in this prospectus. All numbers are in millions, except ratios.

	For the three months ended March 31,		For the period from December 20, 2006 to December 31,	For the period from January 1, 2006 to December 19,	For the year ended December 31,		Pro Forma For the year ended December 31,
	2007 (Successor) (unaudited)	2006 (Predecessor)	2006 (Successor)	2006	2005 (Predecessor)	2004	2006 (unaudited)
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>							
Revenues	\$ 1,599.1	\$ 847.6	\$ 111.8	\$ 4,637.0	\$ 2,429.0	\$ 1,226.6	\$ 6,027.7
Operating income	3.3	59.5	2.4	234.9	118.7	12.7	263.6
Net (loss) income	\$ (53.1)	\$ 28.2	\$ (3.4)	\$ 73.7	\$ 74.3	\$ (23.8)	9.3
<b>Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85.9	\$ 8.2	\$ 126.1		\$ 6.8	\$ 17.8	
Total assets	4,821.6	1,611.8	4,808.4		1,554.1	1,081.1	
Total debt	2,600.4	628.2	2,588.0		651.8	412.4	
Total stockholder's equity	801.4	420.1	845.4		393.8	282.7	
<b>Other Financial Data:</b>							
Net cash provided by (used in):							
Operating activities	\$ 2.8	\$ 35.4	\$ (147.1)	\$ 338.0	\$ 102.3	\$ 2.1	
Investing activities	(52.0)	(11.0)	(1,736.1)	(902.5)	(373.9)	(38.9)	
Financing activities	7.8	(23.2)	1,880.5	699.9	261.3	38.7	
Depreciation and amortization	40.1	15.7	5.4	103.7	55.0	30.6	\$ 183.8
Capital expenditures	44.7	11.0	10.7	113.2	62.1	44.8	161.0
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (a)		4.0x		2.3x	2.6x		1.0x

- (a) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consists of income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit) and minority interest, plus cash dividends received from equity interests less the equity income recorded. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, including amortization of debt issuance costs and capitalized interest and the interest portion of rental expense. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, the period from December 20, 2006 to December 31, 2006 and for the year ended December 31, 2004, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by approximately \$54.8 million, \$4.1 million and \$16.3 million, respectively.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in this prospectus before making an investment decision. The risks described below are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such a case, you may lose all or part of your original investment in the notes.*

**Risks Related to Our Business**

*The operations of Aleris, Corus Aluminum and the 2005 Acquisitions may not be integrated successfully.*

The integration of the operations of Corus Aluminum involves consolidating products, operations and administrative functions of two companies that previously operated separately. Achieving the anticipated benefits of the combination of Aleris and Corus Aluminum will depend in part upon our ability to integrate the two businesses in an efficient and effective manner. The integration of two businesses that have previously operated separately faces significant challenges, and we may be unable to accomplish the integration successfully. In addition, we will need to continue integrating the 2005 Acquisitions.

In particular, the need to coordinate geographically dispersed organizations and address possible differences in corporate cultures and management philosophies may increase the difficulties of the integration of Corus Aluminum. Additionally, we may incur substantial expense in our efforts to integrate the information technology systems of Aleris, Corus Aluminum and the 2005 Acquisitions, and these efforts may not prove successful. The integration of Aleris, Corus Aluminum and the 2005 Acquisitions may take longer than planned and may be subject to unanticipated difficulties and expenses. The integration of these acquisitions will require the dedication of significant management resources and may temporarily distract management's attention from the day-to-day businesses of our Company. Employee uncertainty and lack of focus during the integration process may also disrupt our businesses. We may lose key personnel from the acquired organizations and employees in the acquired organizations may be resistant to change and may not adapt well to our corporate structure. The process of integrating operations could cause an interruption of, or loss of momentum in, the activities of one or more of our businesses and the loss of key personnel.

Any inability of management to successfully integrate the operations of Corus Aluminum and the 2005 Acquisitions with Aleris could result in our not achieving the projected efficiencies, cost savings and synergies of these transactions and could adversely affect our businesses and financial condition.

We continue to consider strategic alternatives on an ongoing basis, including having discussions concerning potential acquisitions, which may be material.

*If we fail to implement our business strategy, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.*

Our future financial performance and success depend in large part on our ability to successfully implement our business strategy. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully implement our business strategy or be able to continue improving our operating results. In particular, we cannot assure you that we will be able to achieve all of the operating synergies targeted through focused integration of acquisitions, focused productivity improvements and capacity optimization, further enhancements of our business and product mix, expansion in selected international regions, opportunistic pursuit of strategic acquisitions and management of key commodity exposures.

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Furthermore, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in our growth efforts or that we will be able to effectively manage expanded or acquired operations. Our ability to achieve our expansion and acquisition objectives and to effectively manage our growth depends on a number of factors, including:

our ability to introduce new products and end-use applications;

our ability to identify appropriate acquisition targets and to negotiate acceptable terms for their acquisition;

our ability to integrate new businesses into our operations; and

the availability of capital on acceptable terms.

Implementation of our business strategy could be affected by a number of factors beyond our control, such as increased competition, legal and regulatory developments, general economic conditions or the increase of operating costs. Any failure to successfully implement our business strategy could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We may, in addition, decide to alter or discontinue certain aspects of our business strategy at any time.

***The cyclical nature of the metals industry, our end-use segments and our customers industries could limit our operating flexibility, which could negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.***

The metals industry in general is cyclical in nature. It tends to reflect and be amplified by changes in general and local economic conditions. These conditions include the level of economic growth, financing availability, the availability of affordable energy sources, employment levels, interest rates, consumer confidence and housing demand. Historically, in periods of recession or periods of minimal economic growth, metals companies have often tended to underperform other sectors. We are particularly sensitive to trends in the transportation and construction industries, which are both seasonal and highly cyclical in nature, and dependent on general economic conditions. For example, during recessions or periods of low growth, the transportation and construction industries typically experience major cutbacks in production, resulting in decreased demand for aluminum and zinc. This leads to significant fluctuations in demand and pricing for our products and services. Because we generally have high fixed costs, our profitability is significantly affected by decreased processing volume. Accordingly, reduced demand and pricing pressures may significantly reduce our profitability and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Economic downturns in regional and global economies or a prolonged recession in our principal industry segments have had a negative impact on our operations in the past, and could have a negative impact on our future financial condition or results of operations. In addition, in recent years global economic and commodity trends have been increasingly correlated. Although we continue to seek to diversify our business on a geographic and industry end-use basis, we cannot assure you that diversification will significantly mitigate the effect of cyclical downturns.

Changes in the market price of aluminum and zinc impact the selling prices of our products. Market prices of aluminum and zinc are dependent upon supply and demand and a variety of factors over which we have minimal or no control, including:

regional and global economic conditions;

availability and relative pricing of metal substitutes;

labor costs;

energy prices;

environmental and conservation regulations;

seasonal factors and weather; and

import and export restrictions.

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***The loss of certain members of our management may have an adverse effect on our operating results.***

Our success will depend, in part, on the efforts of our senior management and other key employees. These individuals possess sales, marketing, engineering, manufacturing, financial and administrative skills that are critical to the operation of our business. If we lose or suffer an extended interruption in the services of one or more of our senior officers, our financial condition and results of operations may be negatively affected. Moreover, the market for qualified individuals may be highly competitive and we may not be able to attract and retain qualified personnel to replace or succeed members of our senior management or other key employees, should the need arise.

***We had substantial historical net losses prior to 2005 and had a net loss in the first quarter of 2007, and any continuation of net losses in the future may reduce our ability to raise needed capital.***

We reported net losses for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, as well as for the first quarter of 2007. Our ability to continue operations may become increasingly constrained if we incur net losses in the future.

If we sustain net losses in future periods, our ability to raise needed financing, or to do so on favorable terms, may be limited if losses are taken into account by the organizations that issue investment ratings on our indebtedness. Our debt ratings would continue to remain below the investment grade category, which results in higher borrowing costs as well as a reduced pool of potential purchasers of our debt as some investors would not purchase debt securities that are not rated in an investment grade rating category. Also, any rating assigned may not remain in effect for any given period of time and could be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that rating agency's judgment, future circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes, so warrant. A lowering or withdrawal of a rating could further increase our borrowing costs. See Risks Related to the Exchange Notes and Our Indebtedness Our substantial leverage and debt service obligations could adversely affect our financial condition and restrict our operating flexibility below.

***Our internal controls for financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures may not prevent all possible errors that could occur.***

Each quarter, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer evaluate our internal controls for financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures, which includes a review of the objectives, design, implementation and effect of the controls relating to the information generated for use in our periodic reports. In the course of our controls evaluation, we seek to identify data errors, control problems and to confirm that appropriate corrective action, including process improvements, are being undertaken. The overall goals of these various evaluation activities are to monitor our internal controls for financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures and to make modifications as necessary. Our intent in this regard is that our internal controls for financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures will be maintained as dynamic systems that change (including with improvements and corrections) as conditions warrant. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be satisfied. These inherent limitations include the possibility that judgments in our decision-making could be faulty, and that isolated breakdowns could occur because of simple human error or mistake. We cannot provide absolute assurance that all possible control issues within our company have been detected. The design of our system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed absolutely in achieving our stated goals. Because of the inherent limitations in any control system, misstatements could occur and not be detected.

***We may encounter increases in the cost of raw materials and energy, which could cause our cost of goods sold to increase thereby reducing operating results and limiting our operating flexibility.***

We require substantial amounts of raw materials and energy in our business, consisting principally of primary-based aluminum, aluminum and zinc scrap, zinc metals and natural gas. Any substantial increases in raw



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materials or energy costs could cause our operating costs to increase and negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Aluminum scrap and primary aluminum metal prices are subject to significant cyclical price fluctuations. London Metal Exchange ( LME ) primary aluminum prices declined by approximately 47% between 1988 and 2002 and rose approximately 108% from December 2002 to March 2007. Metallics (primary aluminum metal, aluminum and zinc scrap and aluminum dross) represent the largest component of our costs of sales. We purchase scrap primarily from aluminum and zinc scrap dealers. We meet our remaining requirements with purchased primary-based aluminum and zinc. We have limited control over the price or availability of these supplies in the future.

The availability and price of aluminum scrap depend on a number of factors outside our control, including general economic conditions, international demand for metallics and internal recycling activities by primary aluminum producers. Increased regional and global demand for aluminum scrap can have the effect of increasing the prices that we pay for these raw materials thereby increasing our cost of sales. We often cannot adjust the selling prices for our products to recover the increases in scrap prices. If scrap and dross prices were to increase significantly without a commensurate increase in the market value of the primary metals, our future financial condition and results of operations could be affected by higher costs and lower profitability. In addition, a significant decrease in the pricing spread between aluminum scrap and primary aluminum could make recycling less attractive compared to primary production, and thereby reduce customer demand for our recycling business.

After raw material and labor costs, natural gas costs represent the third largest component of our cost of sales. The price of natural gas, and therefore the costs, can be particularly volatile. As a result, our natural gas costs may fluctuate dramatically, and we may not be able to mitigate the effect of higher natural gas costs on our cost of sales. If natural gas costs remain at current levels or increase further, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. Although we attempt to mitigate volatility in natural gas costs through the use of hedging and the inclusion of price escalators in certain of our long-term supply contracts, we may not be able to eliminate the effects of such cost volatility. Therefore, in an effort to offset the effect of increasing costs, we may have also limited our potential benefit from declining costs.

***We may be unable to manage effectively our exposure to commodity price fluctuations, and our hedging activities may affect profitability in a changing metals price environment and subject our earnings to greater volatility from period-to-period.***

Significant increases in the price of primary aluminum, zinc or aluminum scrap would cause our cost of goods sold to significantly increase and, if not offset by product price increases, would negatively impact our future financial condition and results of operations. Similarly, as we maintain large quantities of base inventory, significant decreases in the price of primary aluminum or zinc would reduce the realizable value of our inventory, negatively impacting our future financial condition and results of operations.

We purchase LME forward, futures and options contracts to reduce our exposure to changes in metal prices. Despite the use of LME forward and futures contracts, we remain exposed to the variability in prices of scrap metal. While scrap metal is priced in relation to prevailing LME prices, it is also priced at a premium or discount to LME metal (depending on the quality of the material supplied). This premium or discount is referred to in the industry as the scrap spread and fluctuates depending on market conditions. Furthermore, our global rolled and extruded products segment is exposed to variability in the market price of a premium differential (referred to as Midwest Premium in the United States and Duty Paid/Unpaid Rotterdam in Europe) charged by industry participants to deliver metal from the smelter to the manufacturing facility. This premium differential also fluctuates in relation to market and other conditions. Our global rolled and extruded products segment follows a pattern of increasing or decreasing its selling prices to customers in response to changes in the Midwest Premium and the Duty Paid/Unpaid Rotterdam.

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We do not account for our metal LME forward, futures and options contracts as hedges of the underlying risks. As a result, unrealized gains and losses on our metal derivative financial instruments must be reported in our consolidated results of operations. The inclusion of such unrealized gains and losses in earnings may produce significant period-to-period earnings volatility that is not necessarily reflective of our underlying operating performance. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

*If we were to lose order volumes from any of our largest customers, our sales volumes and revenues could be reduced and our cash flows lessened.*

Our business is exposed to risks related to customer concentration. In 2006, our ten largest customers were responsible for 23% of our consolidated revenues. No one customer accounted for more than 4% of our revenues in 2006. A loss of order volumes from, or a loss of industry share by, any major customer could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations by lowering sales volumes, increasing costs and lowering profitability. In addition, our strategy of having dedicated facilities and dedicated arrangements with customers where appropriate carries the inherent risk of increased dependence on a single or a few customers with respect to a particular facility of ours. In such cases, the loss of such a customer, or the reduction of that customer's business at one or more of our facilities, could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations, and any timely replacement of volumes could prove difficult. In addition, several of our customers have become involved in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings and have defaulted on their obligations to us in recent years. We currently provide no significant reserves for sales to our U.S. automotive customers as we believe amounts currently included in our consolidated balance sheet to be collectible. However, should the recent poor financial performance and economic conditions experienced by the U.S. automotive industry continue, we may be required to record significant additional reserves which may have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. At March 31, 2007, we estimate that \$91.5 million of our accounts receivable were payable by U.S. automobile manufacturers or their direct suppliers.

*We do not have long-term contractual arrangements with a substantial number of our customers, and our sales volumes and revenues could be reduced if our customers switch their suppliers.*

Approximately 76% of our revenues for the year ended December 31, 2006, were generated from customers who do not have long-term contractual arrangements with us. These customers purchase products and services from us on a purchase order basis and may choose not to continue to purchase our products and services. The loss of these customers or a significant reduction in their purchase orders could have a material negative impact on our sales volume and business.

*We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flows to fund our capital expenditure requirements or to meet our debt service obligations.*

In recent periods prior to 2006, we did not generate sufficient cash flows from operations to fund our capital expenditure requirements. Our operations may not be able to generate sufficient cash flows to service our indebtedness, fund our capital expenditures or provide the ability to raise needed financing on terms favorable to us. If we are not able to reduce our high leverage through the generation of cash flows from our business, we would have to do one or more of the following:

raise additional capital through debt or equity issuances or both;

cancel or scale back current and future business initiatives; or

sell businesses or properties.

We may be unable to raise additional capital on favorable terms or at all. In addition, any failure to pursue business initiatives could adversely affect our ability to compete effectively. Further, any of the actions above could provide only temporary assistance with the cash flows of the business.

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### ***Our business requires substantial capital investments that we may be unable to fulfill.***

Our operations are capital intensive. Our total capital expenditures were approximately \$123.9 million, \$62.1 million and \$44.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

We may not generate sufficient operating cash flows and our external financing sources may not be available in an amount sufficient to enable us to make anticipated capital expenditures, service or refinance our indebtedness or fund other liquidity needs. If we are unable to make upgrades or purchase new plant and equipment, our financial condition and results of operations could be affected by higher maintenance costs, lower sales volumes due to the impact of reduced product quality, and other competitive influences.

### ***We may not be able to compete successfully in the industry segments we serve and aluminum may become less competitive with alternative materials, which could reduce our share of industry sales, lower our selling prices and reduce our sales volumes.***

Aluminum competes with other materials such as steel, plastic and composite materials and glass for various applications. Higher aluminum prices tend to make aluminum products less competitive with these alternative materials.

We compete in the production and sale of rolled aluminum products with a number of other aluminum rolling mills, including large, single-purpose sheet mills, continuous casters and other multi-purpose mills, some of which are larger and have greater financial and technical resources than we do. We compete with other rolled products suppliers, principally multi-purpose mills, on the basis of quality, price, timeliness of delivery, technological innovation and customer service.

We also compete with other aluminum recyclers in segments that are highly fragmented and characterized by smaller, regional operators. The principal factors of competition in our aluminum and zinc recycling business include price, metal recovery rates, proximity to customers, customer service, molten metal delivery capability, environmental and safety regulatory compliance, and types of services offered.

Additional competition could result in a reduced share of industry sales or reduced prices for our products and services, which could decrease revenues or reduce volumes, either of which could have a negative effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***As a result of the acquisition of Corus Aluminum, a growing portion of our sales is expected to be derived from our international operations, which exposes us to certain risks inherent in doing business abroad.***

We have aluminum recycling operations in Germany, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Brazil and magnesium recycling operations in Germany. As a result of the acquisition of Corus Aluminum, we also have rolled products and extrusions operations in Germany, Belgium, Canada and China. In addition, we are in the process of constructing a zinc recycling facility in China. We plan to continue to explore opportunities to expand our international operations. Our international operations generally are subject to risks, including:

changes in U.S. and international governmental regulations, trade restrictions and laws, including tax laws and regulations;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

tariffs and other trade barriers;

the potential for nationalization of enterprises;

interest rate fluctuations;

high rates of inflation;

currency restrictions and limitations on repatriation of profits;

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divergent environmental laws and regulations; and

political, economic and social instability.

The occurrence of any of these events could cause our costs to rise, limit growth opportunities or have a negative effect on our operations and our ability to plan for future periods, and subject us to risks not generally prevalent in the United States.

The financial condition and results of operations of some of our operating entities are reported in various currencies and then translated into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate for inclusion in our consolidated financial statements. As a result, generally speaking, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against these currencies will have a negative impact on reported revenues and operating profit while depreciation of the U.S. dollar against these currencies will have a positive effect on reported revenues and operating profit.

***Current environmental liabilities, as well as the cost of compliance with and liabilities under health and safety laws, could increase our operating costs, negatively impacting our financial condition and results of operations.***

Our operations are subject to environmental laws and regulations, which govern, among other things, air emissions, wastewater discharges, the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, the remediation of contaminated sites, and employee health and safety. Future environmental regulations could impose stricter compliance requirements on the industries in which we operate. Additional equipment or process changes at some of our facilities may be needed to meet future requirements.

Processing and manufacturing activities at current and formerly owned and operated properties and adjacent areas have resulted in environmental impacts requiring remediation. We are subject to indemnification obligations to third parties for certain of these properties. Financial responsibility for the remediation of contaminated property or for the amelioration of damage to natural resources can be imposed on us where current or prior operations have had an environmental impact. Such liability can include the cost of investigating and cleaning up contaminated soil or ground water, fines and penalties sought by environmental authorities, and damages arising out of personal injury, contaminated property, and other toxic tort claims, as well as lost or impaired natural resources. In addition Corus has agreed to indemnify us for certain known environmental liabilities relating to the facilities of Corus Aluminum. However, if Corus becomes unable to, or otherwise does not, comply with its indemnity obligations in the future, we could become subject to significant liabilities. Certain environmental laws impose strict, and in certain circumstances joint and several, liability for some of these matters, meaning that a person can be held liable without regard to fault for all costs even though others were also involved in causing them. These costs have not been material to net income (loss) for any accounting period since January 1, 2002. However, future remedial requirements at current and formerly owned or operated properties or adjacent areas, or identification of previously unknown conditions, could result in liabilities significantly in excess of this amount.

Currently and from time to time, we are a party to notices of violation brought by environmental agencies concerning the laws governing air emissions. In connection with certain pending proceedings, we are in discussions with government authorities for the purpose of resolving similar issues that have arisen at a number of our facilities in different states. At present, discussions are not sufficiently advanced to determine the scope of relief or the amount of penalties. However, with respect to these pending proceedings, we do not anticipate that the amount of penalties would have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Changes in environmental requirements or changes in their enforcement could materially increase our costs. For example, if salt cake, a by-product from some of our recycling operations, were to become classified as a hazardous waste in the United States, the costs to manage and dispose of it would increase and could result in significant increased expenditures.

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### ***We could experience labor disputes that could disrupt our business.***

Approximately 45% of our U.S. employees and substantially all of our non-U.S. employees, located primarily in Europe where union membership is common, are represented by unions or equivalent bodies and are covered by collective bargaining or similar agreements which are subject to periodic renegotiation. Although we believe that we will successfully negotiate new collective bargaining agreements when the current agreements expire, these negotiations:

may not prove successful;

may result in a significant increase in the cost of labor; or

may break down and result in the disruption of our operations.

Labor negotiations may not conclude successfully and, in that case, work stoppages or labor disturbances may occur. Any such stoppages or disturbances may have a negative impact on our financial condition and results of operations by limiting plant production, sales volumes and profitability.

### ***We may have to take further charges to earnings if our goodwill or asset values are impaired.***

We perform an annual goodwill impairment review to estimate the fair value of our reporting units. This valuation entails a discounted cash flow model using internal projections and budgets to determine a unit's fair value. In the event that we are not able to achieve expected cash flow levels, or other factors indicate that goodwill is impaired, we may need to write off all or part of our goodwill. The amount of the impairment would be charged as an expense in the period in which the impairment occurred. Any such goodwill or other asset impairment charges in the future would reduce our net income and could be a factor in causing future net losses.

In addition, our landfill assets are subject to charges for asset retirement obligations, which are adjusted over time to recognize the current fair market value of the obligations. We are also subject to charges for impairment or disposal of certain of our long-lived assets and facilities. For instance, over the past three years, we have closed two aluminum recycling facilities, one zinc recycling facility and one rolled products facility and reduced the number of furnaces we operate at other U.S. facilities. Underutilization of our facilities could result in additional write-downs and impairment charges. In addition, the carrying value of certain of our properties could be reduced in the future if the fair value of these assets were to decline in the future, resulting in additional asset impairment charges at that time.

## **Risks Related to the Exchange Notes and Our Indebtedness**

### ***Our substantial leverage and debt service obligations could adversely affect our financial condition and restrict our operating flexibility.***

We have substantial debt and, as a result, significant debt service obligations. As of March 31, 2007, our total indebtedness was \$2.6 billion. We also had approximately \$388.7 million of unused commitments, net of outstanding letters of credit, under our 2006 credit facilities. In March 2007, we entered into an interest rate swap to fix the base interest rate paid on \$700.0 million of the amount outstanding under the term loan facility. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we will receive interest based upon LIBOR and pay a base rate of 4.93%. The swap matures in March 2010. Our substantial level of debt and debt service obligations could have important consequences including the following:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, including the notes, which could result in an event of default under the indentures governing the notes and the agreements governing our other indebtedness;

limiting our ability to obtain additional financing on satisfactory terms to fund our working capital requirements, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments, debt service requirements and other general corporate requirements;



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increasing our vulnerability to general economic downturns, competition and industry conditions, which could place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that are less leveraged and therefore we may be unable to take advantage of opportunities that our leverage prevents us from exploiting;

exposing our cash flows to changes in floating rates of interest such that a 1% increase in floating rates will negatively impact our cash flows by approximately \$1.0 million;

imposing additional restrictions on the manner in which we conduct our business under financing documents, including restrictions on our ability to pay dividends, make investments, incur additional debt and sell assets; and

reducing the availability of our cash flows to fund our working capital requirements, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments, other debt obligations and other general corporate requirements, because we will be required to use a substantial portion of our cash flows to service debt obligations.

The occurrence of any one of these events could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, prospects and ability to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness.

In the future we may incur additional indebtedness which could exacerbate the impact of the foregoing.

***Despite current indebtedness levels, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial leverage.***

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness, in the future. Although the indentures governing the notes and the 2006 credit facilities contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of significant qualifications and exceptions, and any indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. For example, we have the right under our revolving credit facility to request up to \$100.0 million of additional commitments, although the lenders will not be under any obligation to provide any such additional commitments. Any increase in commitments will be subject to the absence of a default, and our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility remains limited by the amount of the borrowing base. In addition, our 2006 credit facilities and the notes allow us to incur a significant amount of indebtedness in connection with acquisitions and a significant amount of purchase money debt. If new debt is added to our and our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the related risks that we and they face would be increased.

***Covenant restrictions under our indebtedness may limit our ability to operate our business and, in such event, we may not have sufficient assets to pay amounts due under the notes.***

The terms of our 2006 credit facilities and the notes restrict us and our subsidiaries from taking various actions such as incurring additional debt under certain circumstances, paying dividends, making investments, entering into transactions with affiliates, merging or consolidating with other entities and selling all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, under certain circumstances, our revolving credit facility requires us to comply with a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and may require us to reduce our debt or take other actions in order to comply with this ratio. These restrictions could limit our ability to obtain future financings, make needed capital expenditures, withstand future downturns in our business or the economy in general or otherwise conduct necessary corporate activities. We may also be prevented from taking advantage of business opportunities that arise because of limitations imposed on us by the restrictive covenants under our 2006 credit facilities and the notes. A breach of any of these provisions could result in a default under our 2006 credit facilities or the notes, as the case may be, that would allow lenders or noteholders to declare our outstanding debt immediately due and payable. If we are unable to pay those amounts because we do not have sufficient cash on hand or are unable to obtain alternative financing on acceptable terms, the lenders or noteholders could initiate a



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bankruptcy proceeding or, in the case of the 2006 credit facilities, proceed against any assets that serve as collateral to secure such debt.

***To service our indebtedness, we will require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control, and any failure to meet our debt service obligations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 2.3x for the period from January 1, 2006 to December 19, 2006 (calculated as described under Selected Historical Financial and Operating Data ). For the three months ended March 31, 2007, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$54.8 million. Our ability to pay interest on and principal of the notes and to satisfy our other debt obligations will primarily depend upon our future operating performance. As a result, prevailing economic conditions and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control, will affect our ability to make these payments.

If we do not generate sufficient cash flow from operations to satisfy our debt service obligations, including payments on the notes, we may have to undertake alternative financing plans, such as refinancing or restructuring our indebtedness, selling assets, reducing or delaying capital investments or seeking to raise additional capital. Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments and the indentures governing the notes may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives, which in turn could exacerbate the effects of any failure to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt service obligations. In addition, any failure to make payments of interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness on a timely basis would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness on acceptable terms.

Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt service obligations, or to refinance our obligations at all or on commercially reasonable terms, would have an adverse effect, which could be material, on our business, financial condition and results of operations, as well as on our ability to satisfy our obligations in respect of the notes.

***The notes are not secured by our assets and the lenders under our 2006 credit facilities are entitled to remedies available to secured lenders, which gives them priority over holders of the notes and the notes are effectively subordinated to our and our subsidiary guarantors indebtedness under our 2006 credit facilities to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness.***

The senior notes and the senior subordinated notes and, in each case, the related guarantees are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our and our subsidiary guarantors secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including our 2006 credit facilities. In addition, the senior subordinated notes are contractually subordinated to all of our existing and future senior unsubordinated indebtedness. Loans under our 2006 credit facilities are secured by security interests in substantially all of our and the guarantors assets (subject to certain exceptions). See Description of Other Indebtedness. Under our 2006 credit facilities as of March 31, 2007, we had \$1,567.7 million of secured indebtedness outstanding, with approximately \$388.7 million of unused commitments, in each case excluding outstanding letters of credit. If we become insolvent or are liquidated, or if payment under the 2006 credit facilities or of any other secured indebtedness is accelerated, the lenders under our 2006 credit facilities and holders of other secured indebtedness (or an agent on their behalf) will be entitled to exercise the remedies available to secured lenders under applicable law (in addition to any remedies that may be available under documents pertaining to our 2006 credit facilities or other senior debt). For example, the secured lenders could foreclose and sell those assets in which they have been granted a security interest to the exclusion of the holders of the senior notes and the senior subordinated notes, even if an event of default exists under the indentures governing those notes at that time. As a result, upon the occurrence of any of these events, there may not be sufficient funds to pay amounts due on the

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senior notes and the senior subordinated notes. In addition, certain of our hedging obligations with respect to zinc, aluminum and natural gas will constitute secured indebtedness under the indentures governing our senior notes and senior subordinated notes. To the extent prices of these commodities increase, the amount of this secured indebtedness could increase significantly. We expect to incur additional secured hedging obligations as part of our ongoing commodity risk management activities.

*The notes will be structurally subordinated to the obligations of our foreign subsidiaries, and to the obligations of our domestic subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.*

None of our existing or future foreign subsidiaries guarantee the notes. The notes are structurally subordinated to the obligations of our foreign subsidiaries, and to the obligations of our domestic subsidiaries that