

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

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COMPANY #

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

8:00 a.m.

Multnomah Athletic Club

1849 SW Salmon Street

Portland, Oregon 97205

If you would like to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, bring your proxy card, along with appropriate identification, to the Multnomah Athletic Club on the day of the meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. will be held at 1849 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to be Held on January 28, 2009.**

- 1. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**
- 2. The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at www.ematerials.com/schn**
- 3. If you want to receive a paper copy or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side of this notice on or before January 16, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.**

Matters intended to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR all nominees in Item 1 and FOR the proposal in Item 2:

1. Election of five Directors
 - 01 Robert S. Ball
 - 02 John D. Carter
 - 03 Kenneth M. Novack
 - 04 Jean S. Reynolds
 - 05 Tamara L. Lundgren
2. Approval of proposed amendment to the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan.

You may immediately

vote your proxy

on the Internet at:

www.eproxy.com/schn

Use the Internet to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 12:00 p.m. (CT) on January 27, 2009.

Please have this Notice and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available. Follow the instructions to vote your proxy.

Your Internet vote authorizes the Named Proxies

to vote your shares in the same manner as if you

marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

**To request paper copies of the proxy materials, which include the proxy card,
proxy statement and annual report, please contact us via:**

Internet Access the Internet and go to www.ematerials.com/schn . Follow the instructions to log in, and order copies.

Telephone Call us free of charge at 866-697-9377 in the U.S. or Canada, using a touch-tone phone, and follow the instructions to log in and order copies.

Email Send us an email at ep@ematerials.com with Schn Materials Request in the subject line.
The email must include:

The 3-digit company # and the 11-digit control # located in the box in the upper right hand corner on the front of this notice.

Your preference to receive printed materials via mail ~~-or-~~ to receive an email with links to the electronic materials.

If you choose email delivery you must include the email address.

If you would like this election to apply to delivery of material for all future meetings, write the word Permanent and include the last 4 digits of your Tax ID number in the email.