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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____ .

Commission File Number 001-34735

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

26-1251524

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**227 W. Monroe St., 27 th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(312) 292-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Emerging growth company

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of May 1, 2017, there were 37,176,861 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)
(In millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net sales	\$ 814.5	\$ 702.6
Cost of materials sold	653.9	555.0
Gross profit	160.6	147.6
Warehousing, delivery, selling, general and administrative	117.3	109.3
Operating profit	43.3	38.3
Other income and (expense), net	0.3	5.3
Interest and other expense on debt	(21.8)	(22.0)
Income before income taxes	21.8	21.6
Provision for income taxes	6.8	8.1
Net income	15.0	13.5
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.2	—
Net income attributable to Ryerson Holding Corporation	\$ 14.8	\$ 13.5
Comprehensive income	\$ 16.3	\$ 21.9
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.5	—
Comprehensive income attributable to Ryerson Holding Corporation	\$ 15.8	\$ 21.9
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.42

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
(In millions)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 15.0	\$ 13.5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	10.7	10.9
Stock-based compensation	0.3	0.2
Deferred income taxes	6.6	8.4
Provision for allowances, claims and doubtful accounts	0.3	0.9
Gain on retirement of debt	—	(8.2)
Non-cash (gain) loss from derivatives	0.1	(3.2)
Other items	(0.2)	(0.1)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(81.9)	(36.0)
Inventories	(52.8)	(12.6)
Other assets	1.0	9.2
Accounts payable	60.1	54.6
Accrued liabilities	16.4	16.9
Accrued taxes payable/receivable	(1.2)	0.2
Deferred employee benefit costs	(6.9)	(7.7)
Net adjustments	(47.5)	33.5
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(32.5)	47.0
Investing activities:		
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(49.4)	—
Increase in restricted cash	(0.2)	(0.9)
Capital expenditures	(4.0)	(5.4)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1.7	1.2
Net cash used in investing activities	(51.9)	(5.1)
Financing activities:		
Repayment of debt	—	(16.9)
Net proceeds (repayments) of short-term borrowings	26.8	(23.5)
Net increase in book overdrafts	41.8	4.4
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(3.0)	(1.3)
Proceeds from sale leaseback transactions	9.7	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	75.3	(37.3)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(9.1)	4.6
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	0.5	2.7
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(8.6)	7.3
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period	80.7	63.2
Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$ 72.1	\$ 70.5
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest paid to third parties	\$ 2.3	\$ 3.5
Income taxes, net	0.7	0.4
Noncash investing activities:		
Asset additions under capital leases and sale-leasebacks	\$ 15.2	\$ 0.5

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In millions, except shares)

	March 31, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72.1	\$ 80.7
Restricted cash	1.2	1.0
Receivables less provision for allowances, claims and doubtful accounts of \$5.9 in 2017 and \$4.6 in 2016	413.7	326.0
Inventories	624.1	563.4
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	26.4	26.7
Total current assets	1,137.5	997.8
Property, plant, and equipment, at cost	708.0	668.7
Less: Accumulated depreciation	289.9	280.5
Property, plant and equipment, net	418.1	388.2
Deferred income taxes	12.6	24.4
Other intangible assets	50.8	40.8
Goodwill	115.7	103.2
Deferred charges and other assets	4.2	4.3
Total assets	\$ 1,738.9	\$ 1,558.7
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 337.0	\$ 230.4
Salaries, wages and commissions	32.6	36.8
Other accrued liabilities	59.6	37.7
Short-term debt	23.8	19.2
Current portion of deferred employee benefits	8.3	8.3
Total current liabilities	461.3	332.4
Long-term debt	968.7	944.3
Deferred employee benefits	291.5	298.8
Taxes and other credits	50.1	32.5
Total liabilities	1,771.6	1,608.0
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity		
Ryerson Holding Corporation stockholders' equity (deficit):		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 7,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued at 2017 and 2016	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 37,345,117 shares issued at 2017 and 2016	0.4	0.4
Capital in excess of par value	375.7	375.4
Accumulated deficit	(97.4)	(112.2)
Treasury stock at cost – Common stock of 212,500 shares in 2017 and 2016	(6.6)	(6.6)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(306.8)	(307.8)
Total Ryerson Holding Corporation stockholders' equity (deficit)	(34.7)	(50.8)
Noncontrolling interest	2.0	1.5
Total equity (deficit)	(32.7)	(49.3)
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,738.9	\$ 1,558.7

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

NOTE 1: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ryerson Holding Corporation (“Ryerson Holding”), a Delaware corporation, is the parent company of Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc. (“JT Ryerson”), a Delaware corporation. Affiliates of Platinum Equity, LLC (“Platinum”) own approximately 21,037,500 shares of our common stock, which is approximately 57% of our issued and outstanding common stock.

We are a metals service center, with operations in the United States through JT Ryerson, in Canada through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Ryerson Canada, Inc., a Canadian corporation (“Ryerson Canada”) and in Mexico through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Ryerson Metals de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V., a Mexican corporation (“Ryerson Mexico”). In addition to our North American operations, we conduct materials distribution operations in China through Ryerson China Limited (“Ryerson China”). Unless the context indicates otherwise, Ryerson Holding, JT Ryerson, Ryerson Canada, Ryerson China, and Ryerson Mexico together with their subsidiaries, are collectively referred to herein as “Ryerson,” “we,” “us,” “our,” or the “Company.”

The following table shows our percentage of sales by major product lines for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively:

Product Line	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Carbon Steel Flat	27%	25%
Carbon Steel Plate	10	10
Carbon Steel Long	13	16
Stainless Steel Flat	19	16
Stainless Steel Plate	4	4
Stainless Steel Long	4	3
Aluminum Flat	15	16
Aluminum Plate	3	3
Aluminum Long	4	5
Other	1	2
Total	100%	100%

Results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results of any other periods or for the year. The condensed consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2017 and for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 are unaudited, but in the opinion of management include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data contained in this report was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

NOTE 2: RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Standards—Adopted

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) 2016-07, “*Investments – Equity Method and Joint Ventures: Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting*.” The amendment eliminates the retroactive adjustments to an investment upon it qualifying for the equity method of accounting as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence by the investor. ASU 2016-07 requires that the equity method investor add the cost of acquiring the additional interest in the investee to the current basis of the investor's previously held interest and adopt the equity method of accounting as of the date the investment qualifies for equity method accounting. The update was effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We adopted this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, “ *Clarifying the Definition of a Business* ”. The guidance in ASU 2017-01 was issued to provide clarity of the definition of a business with the objective to assist entities in the evaluation of whether a transaction should be accounted for as an acquisition of assets or a business. The update is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and is to be applied on a prospective basis. Early adoption is permitted. We adopted this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, “ *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment* ”. The objective of the guidance in ASU 2017-04 is to simplify how an entity is required to test goodwill for impairment by eliminating Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. To test goodwill under this amendment, an entity should perform its annual impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An impairment charge is recognized in the amount the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit’s fair value; however, the loss should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The update is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, and is to be applied on a prospective basis. Early adoption is permitted. We adopted this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Standards—Not Yet Adopted

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, ” which creates Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 606 “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ” and supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC 605 “ *Revenue Recognition*. ” The guidance in ASU 2014-09 and subsequently issued amendments (including ASU 2016-08, “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)* ” and ASU 2016-10, “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* ” outlines a comprehensive model for all entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers as well as required disclosures. Entities have the option of using either a full retrospective or modified approach to adopt the new guidance. The new revenue standard is effective for interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We have established a project management team to analyze the impact of this standard by reviewing our current accounting policies and practices to identify potential differences that would result from the application of this standard. We anticipate minimal changes are going to be required to our business process, systems and controls to effectively report revenue recognition and disclosures under the new standard. As such, even though we are evaluating the impact of the adoption of the new standard, we do not expect this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. We have not yet made a decision with respect to the method of adoption of these accounting changes.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, “ *Financial Instruments – Overall: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. ” The amendments in ASU 2016-01 change the accounting for non-consolidated equity investments that are not accounted for under the equity method of accounting by requiring changes in fair value to be recognized in net income. Under current guidance, changes in fair value for investments of this nature are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income as a component of stockholders’ equity. Additionally, ASU 2016-01 simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values; requires entities to use the exit price when estimating the fair value of financial instruments; and modifies various presentation disclosure requirements for financial instruments. The amendments should be applied by means of a cumulative-effect adjustment to the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The amendments related to equity securities without readily determinable fair values (including disclosure requirements) should be applied prospectively to equity investments that exist as of the date of adoption. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. We are still assessing the impact of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, “ *Leases* ” codified in ASC 842, “ *Leases*. ” The guidance requires that lessees will be required to recognize assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for the rights and obligations created by all leases with terms of more than 12 months. The amendment also will require disclosures designed to give financial statement users information on the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. These disclosures include qualitative and quantitative information. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Entities are required to use a modified retrospective approach for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the financial statements, and have the option to use certain relief. Full retrospective application is prohibited. Early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019. We are still assessing the impact of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, “ *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. ” The amendment requires financial assets measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount

expected to be collected, thus eliminating the probable initial recognition threshold and instead reflecting the current estimate of all expected credit losses. The amendment also requires that credit losses relating to available-for-sale debt securities be recorded through an allowance for credit losses rather than a write-down, thus enabling the ability to record reversals of credit losses in current period net income. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. An entity will apply the amendment through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective (that is, a modified-retrospective approach). A prospective transition approach is required for debt securities for which an other-than-temporary impairment had been recognized before the effective date. The effect of a prospective transition approach is to maintain the same amortized cost basis before and after the effective date of this Update. Early adoption is permitted only for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020. We are still assessing the impact of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, “*Statement of Cash Flows – Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Certain Cash Payments.*” The amendments address the diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The amendments should be applied using a retrospective transition method to each period presented. If it is impracticable to apply the amendments retrospectively for some of the issues, the amendments for those issues would be applied prospectively as of the earliest date practicable. Early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, “*Income Taxes – Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory.*” The amendment requires an entity to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The amendments should be applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment directly to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. Early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. We are still assessing the impact of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18 “*Statement of Cash Flows – Restricted Cash.*” The amendment requires entities to include in their cash and cash-equivalent balances in the statement of cash flows those amounts that are deemed to be restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents. The ASU does not define the terms “restricted cash” and “restricted cash equivalents.” The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The amendments should be applied using a retrospective transition method to each period presented. Early adoption is permitted. We will adopt this guidance for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3: INVENTORIES

The Company primarily uses the last-in, first-out (“LIFO”) method of valuing inventory. Interim LIFO calculations are based on actual inventory levels.

Inventories, at stated LIFO value, were classified at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 as follows:

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
In process and finished products	\$ 624.1	\$ 563.4

If current cost had been used to value inventories, such inventories would have been \$92 million and \$115 million lower than reported at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Approximately 90% of inventories are accounted for under the LIFO method at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. Non-LIFO inventories consist primarily of inventory at our foreign facilities using the weighted-average cost and the specific cost methods. Substantially all of our inventories consist of finished products.

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. We record amounts required, if any, to reduce the carrying value of inventory to its lower of cost or market as a charge to cost of materials sold. The lower of cost or market reserve totaled zero and \$23.9 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

The Company has consignment inventory at certain customer locations, which totaled \$10.3 million and \$11.1 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

NOTE 4: GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill, which represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired, amounted to \$115.7 and \$103.2 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. We recognized \$12.5 million of goodwill during the first quarter of 2017 related to the acquisitions discussed in Note 5: Acquisitions. Pursuant to ASC 350, “*Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*,” we review the recoverability of goodwill annually as of October 1 or whenever significant events or changes occur which might impair the recovery of recorded amounts. The most recently completed impairment test of goodwill was performed as of October 1, 2016, and it was determined that no impairment existed in 2016.

Other intangible assets with finite useful lives continue to be amortized over their useful lives. During the first quarter of 2017 we recognized \$11.5 million in intangibles related to the acquisitions discussed in Note 5: Acquisitions. We review the recoverability of our long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable.

Purchase accounting for the two acquisitions in the first quarter of 2017 is preliminary as of March 31, 2017.

NOTE 5: ACQUISITIONS

On January 19, 2017, Ryerson Holding acquired The Laserflex Corporation (“Laserflex”), a privately owned metal fabricator specializing in laser fabrication metal processing and welding with locations in Columbus, Ohio and Wellford, South Carolina. The acquisition is not material to our consolidated financial statements.

On February 15, 2017, Ryerson Holding acquired Guy Metals, Inc. (“Guy Metals”), a privately owned metal service center company located in Hammond, Wisconsin. The acquisition is not material to our consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 6: LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Ryerson Credit Facility	\$ 334.3	\$ 312.0
11.00% Senior Secured Notes due 2022	650.0	650.0
Foreign debt	23.8	19.2
Other debt	1.0	—
Unamortized debt issuance costs and discounts	(16.6)	(17.7)
Total debt	992.5	963.5
Less: Short-term foreign debt	23.8	19.2
Total long-term debt	\$ 968.7	\$ 944.3

Ryerson Credit Facility

On November 16, 2016, Ryerson entered into an amendment with respect to its \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility agreement (as amended, the “Ryerson Credit Facility”), to reduce the total facility size from \$1.0 billion (the “Old Credit Facility”) to \$750 million, reduce the interest rate on outstanding borrowings by 25 basis points, reduce commitment fees on amounts not borrowed by 2.5 basis points, and to extend the maturity date to November 16, 2021.

At March 31, 2017, Ryerson had \$334.3 million of outstanding borrowings, \$16 million of letters of credit issued and \$250 million available under the Ryerson Credit Facility compared to \$312.0 million of outstanding borrowings, \$16 million of letters of credit issued and \$225 million available at December 31, 2016. Total credit availability is limited by the amount of eligible accounts receivable, inventory, and qualified cash pledged as collateral under the agreement insofar as Ryerson is subject to a borrowing base comprised of the aggregate of these three amounts, less applicable reserves. Eligible accounts receivable, at any date of determination, is comprised of the aggregate value of all accounts directly created by a borrower (and in the case of Canadian accounts, a Canadian guarantor) in the ordinary course of business arising out of the sale of goods or the rendering of services, each of which has been invoiced, with such receivables adjusted to exclude various ineligible accounts, including, among other things, those to which a borrower (or guarantor, as applicable) does not have sole and absolute title and accounts arising out of a sale to an employee, officer, director, or affiliate of a borrower (or guarantor, as applicable). Eligible inventory, at any date of determination, is comprised of the

net orderly liquidation value of all inventory owned by a borrower (and in the case of Canadian accounts, a Canadian guarantor). Qualified cash consists of cash in an eligible deposit account that is subject to customary restrictions and liens in favor of the lenders.

The Ryerson Credit Facility has an allocation of \$660 million to the Company's subsidiaries in the United States and an allocation of \$90 million to Ryerson Holding's Canadian subsidiary that is a borrower. Amounts outstanding under the Ryerson Credit Facility bear interest at (i) a rate determined by reference to (A) the base rate (the highest of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, Bank of America, N.A.'s prime rate and the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.00%) or (B) a LIBOR rate or, (ii) for Ryerson Holding's Canadian subsidiary that is a borrower, (A) a rate determined by reference to the Canadian base rate (the greatest of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, Bank of America-Canada Branch's "base rate" for commercial loans in U.S. Dollars made at its "base rate" and the 30 day LIBOR rate plus 1.00%), (B) the prime rate (the greater of Bank of America-Canada Branch's "prime rate" for commercial loans made by it in Canada in Canadian Dollars and the one-month Canadian bankers' acceptance rate plus 1.00%) or (C) the bankers' acceptance rate. The spread over the base rate and prime rate is between 0.25% and 0.50% and the spread over the LIBOR and for the bankers' acceptances is between 1.25% and 1.50%, depending on the amount available to be borrowed under the Ryerson Credit Facility. Overdue amounts and all amounts owed during the existence of a default bear interest at 2% above the rate otherwise applicable thereto. Ryerson also pays commitment fees on amounts not borrowed at a rate of 0.23%.

We attempt to minimize interest risk exposure through the utilization of interest rate swaps, which are derivative financial instruments. On March 3, 2017 we entered into an interest rate swap to fix interest on \$150 million of our floating rate debt under the Ryerson Credit Facility at a rate of 1.658% through March 2020. The swap has reset dates and critical terms that match our existing debt and the anticipated critical terms of future debt. The weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility including the interest rate swap was 2.7 percent and 2.2 percent at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility are secured by first-priority liens on all of the inventory, accounts receivables, lockbox accounts and related assets of the borrowers and the guarantors.

The Ryerson Credit Facility also contains covenants that, among other things, restrict Ryerson Holding and its restricted subsidiaries with respect to the incurrence of debt, the creation of liens, transactions with affiliates, mergers and consolidations, sales of assets and acquisitions. The Ryerson Credit Facility also requires that, if availability under the Ryerson Credit Facility declines to a certain level, Ryerson maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio as of the end of each fiscal quarter, and includes defaults upon (among other things) the occurrence of a change of control of Ryerson and a cross-default to other financing arrangements.

The Ryerson Credit Facility contains events of default with respect to, among other things, default in the payment of principal when due or the payment of interest, fees and other amounts due thereunder after a specified grace period, material misrepresentations, failure to perform certain specified covenants, certain bankruptcy events, the invalidity of certain security agreements or guarantees, material judgments and the occurrence of a change of control of Ryerson. If such an event of default occurs, the lenders under the Ryerson Credit Facility will be entitled to various remedies, including acceleration of amounts outstanding under the Ryerson Credit Facility and all other actions permitted to be taken by secured creditors.

The lenders under the Ryerson Credit Facility have the ability to reject a borrowing request if any event, circumstance or development has occurred that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company. If Ryerson Holding, JT Ryerson, any of the other borrowers or any restricted subsidiaries of JT Ryerson becomes insolvent or commences bankruptcy proceedings, all amounts borrowed under the Ryerson Credit Facility will become immediately due and payable.

Proceeds from borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility and repayments of borrowings thereunder that are reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows represent borrowings under the Company's revolving credit agreement with original maturities greater than three months. Net proceeds (repayments) under the Ryerson Credit Facility represent borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility with original maturities less than three months.

2022 Notes

On May 24, 2016, JT Ryerson issued \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2022 Notes (the "2022 Notes"). The 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 11.00% per annum. The 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior secured basis by all of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that are co-borrowers or that have guarantee obligations under the Ryerson Credit Facility.

The 2022 Notes and the related guarantees are secured by a first-priority security interest in substantially all of JT Ryerson's and each guarantor's present and future assets located in the United States (other than receivables, inventory, money, deposit accounts and related general intangibles, certain other assets and proceeds thereof), subject to certain exceptions and customary permitted liens. The 2022 Notes and the related guarantees are also secured on a second-priority basis by a lien on the assets that secure JT Ryerson's and the Company's obligations under the Ryerson Credit Facility.

The 2022 Notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 15, 2019 at certain redemption prices. The redemption price for the 2022 Notes if redeemed during the twelve months beginning (i) May 15, 2019 is 105.50%, (ii) May 15, 2020 is 102.75%, and (iii) May 15, 2021 and thereafter is 100.00%. JT Ryerson may redeem some or all of the 2022 Notes before May 15, 2019 at a redemption price of 100.00% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a “make-whole” premium. In addition, JT Ryerson may redeem up to 35% of the 2022 Notes before May 15, 2019 with respect to the 2022 Notes with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at a price equal to 111.00%, with respect to the 2022 Notes, of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, if any. JT Ryerson may be required to make an offer to purchase the 2022 Notes upon the sale of assets or upon a change of control.

The 2022 Notes contain customary covenants that, among other things, limit, subject to certain exceptions, our ability, and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries, to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock, make investments, sell assets, engage in acquisitions, mergers or consolidations or create liens or use assets as security in other transactions. Subject to certain exceptions, JT Ryerson may only pay dividends to Ryerson Holding to the extent of 50% of future net income, once prior losses are offset.

During the first three months of 2016, a principal amount of \$25.1 million of the 11.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2018 (the “2018 Notes”) were repurchased for \$16.9 million and retired, resulting in the recognition of a \$8.2 million gain within other income and (expense), net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign Debt

At March 31, 2017, Ryerson China’s foreign borrowings were \$23.8 million, which were owed to banks in Asia at a weighted average interest rate of 4.1% per annum and secured by its inventory and property, plant and equipment. At December 31, 2016, Ryerson China’s foreign borrowings were \$19.2 million, which were owed to banks in Asia at a weighted average interest rate of 4.4% per annum and secured by its inventory and property, plant and equipment.

Availability under the Ryerson China credit facility was \$21 million and \$26 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Letters of credit issued by our foreign subsidiaries were \$1 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The following table summarizes the components of net periodic benefit (credit) cost for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 for the Ryerson pension plans and postretirement benefits other than pension:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In millions)			
Components of net periodic benefit (credit) cost				
Interest cost	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 1
Expected return on assets	(10)	(11)	—	—
Recognized actuarial (gain) loss	3	3	(2)	(2)
Amortization of prior service credit	—	—	(1)	(1)
Net periodic benefit credit	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ (2)	\$ (2)

The Company has contributed \$3 million to the pension plan fund through the three months ended March 31, 2017 and anticipates that it will have a minimum required pension contribution funding of approximately \$19 million for the remaining nine months of 2017.

NOTE 8: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In October 2011, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) named us as one of more than 100 businesses that may be a potentially responsible party for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site (the “PHS Site”). On January 6, 2017, the EPA issued its Record of Decision (“ROD”) regarding the site. The ROD includes a combination of dredging, capping and enhanced natural recovery that would take approximately thirteen years to construct plus additional time for monitored natural recovery, at an estimated present value cost of \$1.05 billion. The EPA has not yet allocated responsibility for the contamination among the potentially responsible parties, including JT Ryerson. We do not currently have sufficient information available to us to determine whether the ROD will be executed as currently stated, whether and to what extent JT Ryerson may be held responsible for any of the identified contamination, and how much (if any) of the final plan’s costs might ultimately be allocated to JT Ryerson. Therefore, management cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this matter or estimate a range of potential loss at this time.

There are various other claims and pending actions against the Company. The amount of liability, if any, for those claims and actions at March 31, 2017 is not determinable but, in the opinion of management, such liability, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We maintain liability insurance cover age to assist in protecting our assets from losses arising from or related to activities associated with business operations.

NOTE 9: DERIVATIVES AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Derivatives

The Company is exposed to certain risks relating to its ongoing business operations. The primary risks managed by using derivative instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, and commodity price risk. Interest rate swaps are entered into to manage interest rate risk associated with the Company's floating-rate borrowings. We use foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge our Canadian subsidiaries' variability in cash flows from the forecasted payment of currencies other than the functional currency. From time to time, we may enter into fixed price sales contracts with our customers for certain of our inventory components. We may enter into metal commodity futures and options contracts periodically to reduce volatility in the price of metals. We may also enter into natural gas and diesel fuel price swaps to manage the price risk of forecasted purchases of natural gas and diesel fuel.

The Company currently does not account for its commodity contracts and foreign exchange derivative contracts as hedges but rather marks them to market with a corresponding offset to current earnings. The Company accounts for its interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge of floating-rate borrowings with changes in fair value being recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.

We have a receive variable, pay fixed interest rate swap to manage the exposure to variable interest rates of our credit facility. On March 3, 2017, we entered into a forward agreement for \$150 million of "pay fixed" interest at 1.658%, "receive variable" interest rate swap to manage the risk of increasing variable interest rates. The interest rate reset dates and critical terms match the terms of our existing debt and anticipated critical terms of future debt under the Ryerson Credit Facility. The fair value of the interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2017 was zero. Total gains or losses recognized on the hedge for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was zero.

The Company regularly reviews the creditworthiness of its derivative counterparties and does not expect to incur a significant loss from the failure of any counterparties to perform under any agreements.

The following table summarizes the location and fair value amount of our derivative instruments reported in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Balance Sheet Location	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives		
		March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Balance Sheet Location	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
(In millions)						
Commodity contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2.7	2.0	Other accrued liabilities	1.0	0.2
Total derivatives		\$ 2.7	\$ 2.0		\$ 1.0	\$ 0.2

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's foreign currency exchange contracts had a U.S. dollar notional amount of \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had 286 tons and 296 tons, respectively, of nickel futures or option contracts related to forecasted purchases. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had 8,841 tons and 11,998 tons, respectively, of hot roll coil option contracts related to forecasted purchases and sales. The Company has aluminum price swaps related to forecasted purchases, which had a notional amount of 1,477 tons and 8,466 tons as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had zero gallons and 39,000 gallons, respectively, of diesel fuel hedge contracts related to forecasted purchases. The Company had 60,000 tons and zero tons of iron ore contracts as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of March 31, 2017, the Company had a notional amount of \$150 million of the Ryerson Credit Facility hedged by an interest rate swap.

The following table summarizes the location and amount of gains and losses reported in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 :

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Location of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	
		Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2017	2016
		(In millions)	
Metal commodity contracts	Cost of materials sold	\$ 1.3	\$ 2.2
Foreign exchange contracts	Other income and (expense), net	—	(0.2)
Total		\$ 1.3	\$ 2.0

Fair Value Measurements

To increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels as follows:

1. Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access as of the reporting date.
2. Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are directly observable for the asset or liability or indirectly observable through corroboration with observable market data.
3. Level 3 – unobservable inputs, such as internally-developed pricing models for the asset or liability due to little or no market activity for the asset or liability.

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2017:

	At March 31, 2017		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In millions)		
Assets			
Prepaid and other current assets:			
Common stock—available-for-sale investment	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ —
Mark-to-market derivatives:			
Commodity contracts	\$ —	\$ 2.7	\$ —
Liabilities			
Mark-to-market derivatives:			
Commodity contracts	\$ —	\$ 1.0	\$ —

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2016:

	At December 31, 2016		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In millions)		
Assets			
Prepaid and other current assets:			
Common stock – available-for-sale investment	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ —
Mark-to-market derivatives:			
Commodity contracts	\$ —	\$ 2.0	\$ —
Liabilities			
Mark-to-market derivatives:			
Commodity contracts	\$ —	\$ 0.2	\$ —

The fair value of each derivative contract is determined using Level 2 inputs and the market approach valuation technique, as described in ASC 820. The Company has various commodity derivatives to lock in nickel prices for varying time periods. The fair value of these derivatives is determined based on the spot price each individual contract was purchased at and compared with the one-month daily average actual spot price on the London Metals Exchange for nickel on the valuation date. The Company also has commodity derivatives to lock in hot roll coil, iron ore, and aluminum prices for varying time periods. The fair value of hot roll coil, iron ore, and aluminum derivatives is determined based on the spot price each individual contract was purchased at and compared with the one-month daily average actual spot price on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Singapore Exchange, and the London Metals Exchange, respectively, for the commodity on the valuation date. The Company has various commodity derivatives to lock in diesel prices for varying time periods. The fair value of these derivatives is determined based on the spot price each individual contract was purchased at and compared with the one-month daily average actual spot price of the Platts Index for Gulf Coast Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel on the valuation date. In addition, the Company has numerous foreign exchange contracts to hedge our Canadian subsidiaries' variability in cash flows from the forecasted payment of currencies other than the functional currency, the Canadian dollar. The Company defines the fair value of foreign exchange contracts as the amount of the difference between the contracted and current market value at the end of the period. The Company estimates the current market value of foreign exchange contracts by obtaining month-end market quotes of foreign exchange rates and forward rates for contracts with similar terms. The Company uses the exchange rates provided by Reuters. Each commodity and foreign exchange contract term varies in the number of months, but on average is between 3 to 12 months in length. The fair value of our interest rate swap is based on the sum of all future net present value cash flows for the fixed and floating leg of the swap. The future cash flows are derived based on the terms of our interest rate swap, as well as considering published discount factors, and projected forward London Interbank Offered Rates.

The carrying and estimated fair values of our financial instruments at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were as follows:

	At March 31, 2017		At December 31, 2016	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72.1	\$ 72.1	\$ 80.7	\$ 80.7
Restricted cash	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
Receivables less provision for allowances, claims and doubtful accounts	413.7	413.7	326.0	326.0
Accounts payable	337.0	337.0	230.4	230.4
Long-term debt, including current portion	992.5	1,074.5	963.5	1,034.2

The estimated fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, receivables less provision for allowances, claims and doubtful accounts and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments. The estimated fair value of the Company's long-term debt and the current portions thereof is determined by using quoted market prices of Company debt securities (Level 2 inputs).

Assets Held for Sale

The Company had \$1.6 million and \$3.6 million of assets held for sale, classified within "prepaid expenses and other current assets," as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The fair values less costs to sell of long-lived assets held for sale are assessed each reporting period that they remain classified as held for sale. Any increase or decrease in the held for sale long-lived asset's fair value less cost to sell is reported as an adjustment to its carrying amount, except that the adjusted carrying amount cannot exceed the carrying amount of the long-lived asset at the time it was initially classified as held for sale. The fair values of each property were determined based on appraisals obtained from a third-party, pending sales contracts, or recent listing agreements with third-party brokerage firms (Level 2 inputs).

The following table presents those assets that were measured at fair value on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a non-recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy at March 31, 2017:

	At March 31, 2017		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In millions)		
Assets			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets – assets held for sale	\$ —	\$ 1.6	\$ —

The following table presents those assets that were measured and recorded at fair value on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet on a non-recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2016 :

	At December 31, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In millions)			
Assets				
Prepaid expenses and other current assets – assets held for sale	\$ —	\$ 3.6	\$ —	\$ —

Available-For-Sale Investments

The Company has classified investments made during 2010 and 2012 as available-for-sale at the time of their purchase. Investments classified as available-for-sale are recorded at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income. Management evaluates investments in an unrealized loss position on whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred on a periodic basis. Factors considered by management in assessing whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred include: the nature of the investment; whether the decline in fair value is attributable to specific adverse conditions affecting the investment; the financial condition of the investee; the severity and the duration of the impairment; and whether we intend to sell the investment or will be required to sell the investment before recovery of its amortized cost basis. When it is determined that an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred, the investment is written down to its market value at the end of the period in which it is determined that an other-than-temporary decline has occurred.

As of March 31, 2017, the investment was in a breakeven position. Management does not currently intend to sell the investment before recovery of its adjusted cost basis. Realized gains and losses are recorded within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income upon sale of the security and are based on specific identification.

The Company's available-for-sale securities as of March 31, 2017 can be summarized as follows:

	At March 31, 2017			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Common stock	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.4

The Company's available-for-sale securities as of December 31, 2016 can be summarized as follows:

	At December 31, 2016			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Common stock	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.4

There is no maturity date for these investments and there have been no sales during the three months ended March 31, 2017.

NOTE 10: STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT), ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) AND REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST

The following table details changes in these accounts:

Ryerson Holding Corporation Stockholders											
		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)									
Common Stock		Treasury Stock		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Deficit	Foreign Currency Translation	Benefit Plan Liabilities	Available- For-Sale Investments	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity	
Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
(In millions, except shares in thousands)											
Balance at January 1, 2017	37,345	\$ 0.4	213	\$ (6.6)	\$ 375.4	\$ (112.2)	\$ (50.2)	\$ (258.7)	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.5	\$ (49.3)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	14.8	—	—	—	0.2	15.0
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.4	—	—	0.3	0.7
Gain on intra-entity foreign currency transactions	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.4	—	—	—	0.4
Changes in defined benefit pension and other post-retirement benefit plans, net of tax of \$0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2	—	—	0.2
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	0.3
Balance at March 31, 2017	37,345	\$ 0.4	213	\$ (6.6)	\$ 375.7	\$ (97.4)	\$ (49.4)	\$ (258.5)	\$ 1.1	\$ 2.0	\$ (32.7)

The following table details changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2017:

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) by Component				
		Foreign Currency Translation	Benefit Plan Liabilities	Available- For-Sale Investments
(In millions)				
Balance at January 1, 2017		\$ (50.2)	\$ (258.7)	\$ 1.1
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications		0.8	(0.3)	—
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		—	0.5	—
Net current-period other comprehensive income		0.8	0.2	—
Balance at March 31, 2017		\$ (49.4)	\$ (258.5)	\$ 1.1

The following table details the reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

Reclassifications Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
Amounts reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
		Three Months Ended		Affected line item in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of
Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Components	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016	Comprehensive Income	
(In millions)				
Amortization of defined benefit pension and other post-retirement benefit plan items				
Actuarial loss	\$ 1.6	\$ 1.1	Warehousing, delivery, selling, general and administrative	
Prior service credit	(0.8)	(0.7)	Warehousing, delivery, selling, general and administrative	
Total before tax	0.8	0.4		
Tax provision	0.3	0.1		
Net of tax	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.3		

NOTE 11 : INCOME TAXES

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$6.8 million compared to \$8.1 million in the prior year. The \$6.8 million tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2017 primarily represents taxes at local statutory rates where the Company operates, but generally excludes any tax benefit for losses in jurisdictions with historical losses .

In accordance with ASC 740, “ *Income Taxes* ,” the Company assesses the realizability of its deferred tax assets. The Company records a valuation allowance when, based upon the evaluation of all available evidence, it is more-likely-than-not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In making this determination, we analyze, among other things, our recent history of earnings, the nature and timing of reversing book-tax temporary differences, tax planning strategies and future income. The Company maintains a valuation allowance on certain foreign and U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets until such time as in management’s judgment, considering all available positive and negative evidence, the Company determines that these deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable. The valuation allowance is reviewed quarterly and will be maintained until sufficient positive evidence exists to support the reversal of some or all of the valuation allowance. The valuation allowance was \$19.6 million and \$20.0 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

NOTE 12: EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share attributable to Ryerson Holding’s common stock is determined based on earnings for the period divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share attributable to Ryerson Holding’s common stock considers the effect of potential common shares, unless inclusion of the potential common shares would have an antidilutive effect. Potentially dilutive securities whose effect would have been antidilutive were not significant for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

The following table sets forth the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

Basic and diluted earnings per share	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
	(In millions, except share and per share data)	
Numerator:		
Net income attributable to Ryerson Holding Corporation	\$ 14.8	\$ 13.5
Denominator:		
Weighted average shares outstanding	37,132,617	32,099,700
Dilutive effect of stock-based awards	153,643	—
Weighted average shares outstanding adjusted for dilutive securities	37,286,260	32,099,700
Earnings per share		
Basic	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.42
Diluted	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.42

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “estimates,” “will,” “should,” “plans” or “anticipates” or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and may involve significant risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may vary materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various factors, including those set forth under “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed on March 13, 2017 and the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Industry and Operating Trends” and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Moreover, we caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they were made. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Quarterly Report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes thereto in Item 1, “Financial Statements” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 13, 2017.

Industry and Operating Trends

We are a leading distributor and value-added processor of industrial metals with operations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and China. We purchase large quantities of metal products from primary producers and sell these materials in smaller quantities to a wide variety of metals-consuming industries. More than 75% of the metals products sold are processed by us by burning, sawing, slitting, blanking, cutting to length or other techniques.

The metals service center industry is cyclical in terms of both demand and pricing, as such, industrial metals prices are volatile and remain difficult to predict. In the first quarter of 2017, the metals service center industry experienced increases in both demand and pricing conditions. U.S. shipment volumes as measured by the Metals Service Center Institute increased by 5.9 percent in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the first quarter of 2016.

We sell our products and services to many industries, including commercial ground transportation manufacturing, metal fabrication and machine shops, industrial machinery and equipment manufacturing, consumer durable production, HVAC manufacturing, construction equipment manufacturing, food processing and agricultural equipment manufacturing and oil & gas. Regarding Ryerson’s shipment volumes to our end markets, oil & gas, construction equipment, food processing and agricultural equipment, and industrial machinery and equipment sectors grew volumes compared to the first quarter of 2016, offset by modest declines in metal fabrication and machine shops and HVAC industries.

Regarding first quarter of 2017 industrial metals pricing, the rise in metallurgical coal, iron ore, and steel scrap prices, combined with increased Chinese domestic steel consumption and positive U.S. industrial sentiment have supported higher carbon steel prices. Additionally, aluminum prices have steadily increased from September 2016 through April 2017 on better than expected supply and demand. For stainless steel, increases in first quarter 2017 chrome prices, driven by supply tightening, positively impacted prices.

Similar to other metals service centers, we maintain substantial inventories of metals to accommodate the short lead times and just-in-time delivery requirements of our customers. Accordingly, we purchase metals in an effort to maintain our inventory at levels that we believe to be appropriate to satisfy the anticipated needs of our customers based upon customer forecasts, historic buying practices, supply agreements with customers and market conditions. Our commitments to purchase metals are generally at prevailing market prices in effect at the time we place our orders. At the request of our customers, we have entered into swaps in order to mitigate our customers’ risk of volatility in the price of metals, and we have entered into metals hedges to mitigate our risk of volatility in the price of metals. We have no long-term, fixed-price metals purchase contracts. When metals prices decline, customer demands for lower prices and our competitors’ responses to those demands could result in lower sale prices and, consequently, lower gross profits and earnings as we use existing metals inventory. When metals prices increase, competitive conditions will influence how much of the price increase we can pass on to our customers.

Components of Results of Operations

We generate substantially all of our revenue from sales of our metals products. Revenue is recognized upon delivery of product to customers. The timing of shipment is substantially the same as the timing of delivery to customers given the proximity of our distribution sites to our customers.

Sales, cost of materials sold, gross profit and operating expense control are the principal factors that impact our profitability:

Net sales . Our sales volume and pricing is driven by market demand, which is largely determined by overall industrial production and conditions in specific industries in which our customers operate. Sales prices are also primarily driven by market factors such as overall demand and availability of product. Our net sales include revenue from product sales, net of returns, allowances, customer discounts and incentives.

Cost of materials sold . Cost of materials sold includes metal purchase and in-bound freight costs, third-party processing costs and direct and indirect internal processing costs. The cost of materials sold fluctuates with our sales volume and our ability to purchase metals at competitive prices. Increases in sales volume generally enable us both to improve purchasing leverage with suppliers, as we buy larger quantities of metals inventories, and to reduce operating expenses per ton sold.

Gross profit . Gross profit is the difference between net sales and the cost of materials sold. Our sales prices to our customers are subject to market competition. Achieving acceptable levels of gross profit is dependent on our acquiring metals at competitive prices, our ability to manage the impact of changing prices and efficiently managing our internal and external processing costs.

Operating expenses . Optimizing business processes and asset utilization to lower fixed expenses such as employee, facility and truck fleet costs which cannot be rapidly reduced in times of declining volume, and maintaining a low fixed cost structure in times of increasing sales volume, have a significant impact on our profitability. Operating expenses include costs related to warehousing and distributing our products as well as selling, general and administrative expenses.

Results of Operations—Comparison of First Quarter 2017 to First Quarter 2016

The following table sets forth our condensed consolidated statements of income data:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2017	% of Net Sales	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	% of Net Sales
	(\$ in millions)			
Net sales	\$ 814.5	100.0%	\$ 702.6	100.0%
Cost of materials sold	653.9	80.3	555.0	79.0
Gross profit	160.6	19.7	147.6	21.0
Warehousing, delivery, selling, general and administrative expenses	117.3	14.4	109.3	15.5
Operating profit	43.3	5.3	38.3	5.5
Other expenses	(21.5)	(2.6)	(16.7)	(2.4)
Income before income taxes	21.8	2.7	21.6	3.1
Provision for income taxes	6.8	0.9	8.1	1.2
Net income	15.0	1.8	13.5	1.9
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.2	—	—	—
Net income attributable to Ryerson Holding Corporation	\$ 14.8	1.8%	\$ 13.5	1.9%
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.40		\$ 0.42	

The following table shows our percentage of sales revenue by major product lines for the first quarter of 2017 and 2016:

Product Line	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Carbon Steel Flat	27%	25%
Carbon Steel Plate	10	10
Carbon Steel Long	13	16
Stainless Steel Flat	19	16
Stainless Steel Plate	4	4
Stainless Steel Long	4	3
Aluminum Flat	15	16
Aluminum Plate	3	3
Aluminum Long	4	5
Other	1	2
Total	100%	100%

Net sales . Revenue for the first quarter of 2017 increased 15.9% from the same period a year ago to \$814.5 million. Average selling price increased 11.5% from the price levels in the first quarter of 2016 reflecting improving economic conditions in the metals market. Average selling price increased for most of our product lines with the largest increases in our carbon flat, stainless flat and stainless plate products. Tons sold increased 4.0% in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the first quarter of 2016 with increases in shipments of stainless flat, stainless long and carbon plate product lines partially offset by decreases in our aluminum plate, carbon long and stainless plate products.

Cost of materials sold . Cost of materials sold increased 17.8% to \$653.9 million in the first quarter of 2017 compared to \$555.0 million in the first quarter of 2016. The increase in cost of materials sold in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the same period a year ago is primarily due to an increase in average cost of materials sold per ton in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the year ago period in addition to the increase in tons sold. The average cost of materials sold per ton increased to \$1,316 in the first quarter of 2017 from \$1,161 in the first quarter of 2016. The average cost of materials sold for our carbon flat, stainless flat, carbon plate and stainless plate product lines increased more than our other products, in line with the change in average selling price per ton for these products. During the first quarter of 2017, LIFO expense was \$ 23.2 million compared to LIFO income of \$26.6 million in the first quarter of 2016. LIFO expense in the first quarter of 2017 was offset by a \$23.9 million credit to reverse the lower of cost or market inventory reserve. LIFO income in the first quarter of 2016 was partially offset by a \$11.8 million charge to record inventory at the lower of cost or market.

Gross profit . Gross profit increased by \$13.0 million to \$160.6 million in the first quarter of 2017. Gross profit as a percent of sales in the first quarter of 2017 decreased to 19.7% from 21.0% in the first quarter of 2016. While our revenue per ton increased in the first quarter of 2017 as compared to the first quarter of 2016, cost of materials sold per ton increased at a faster pace resulting in lower gross margins.

Operating expenses . Total operating expenses increased by \$8.0 million to \$117.3 million in the first quarter of 2017 from \$109.3 million in the first quarter of 2016. The increase was primarily due to higher incentive compensation plan expense of \$3.5 million, higher salaries and wages of \$1.7 million, higher employee benefit costs of \$1.5 million resulting mainly from an increase in net periodic benefit cost for pensions and higher delivery expenses of \$1.2 million. On a per ton basis, first quarter of 2017 operating expenses increased to \$236 per ton from \$229 per ton in the first quarter of 2016 .

Operating profit . For the first quarter of 2017, we reported an operating profit of \$43.3 million, or \$87 per ton , compared to an operating profit of \$38.3 million, or \$80 per ton, for the first quarter of 2016, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Other expenses . Interest and other expense on debt decreased to \$ 21.8 million in the first quarter of 2017 from \$22.0 million in the first quarter of 2016, as a reduction in the amount of our outstanding Notes and lower amortization of debt issuance costs expense was offset by an increase in the interest rate on a portion of our outstanding Notes after we redeemed the \$569.9 million outstanding balance of our 9.00% Senior Notes due 2017 (the “2017 Notes”), repurchased \$121.9 million and thereafter redeemed the remaining outstanding \$48.5 million of our 11.25% Senior Notes due 2018 (the “2018 Notes”) and issued \$650.0 million of new 11.00% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “2022 Notes”) in 2016. Other income and (expense), net was income of \$0.3 million in the first quarter of 2017 as compared to income of \$5.3 million in the same period a year ago. The first quarter of 2016 included an \$8.2 million gain on the early repurchase of \$25.1 million of principal amount of our 2018 Notes, which was partially offset by \$2.9 million of foreign exchange losses related to our foreign operations.

Provision for income taxes . In the first quarter of 2017, we recorded income tax expense of \$6.8 million compared to an income tax expense of \$8.1 million in the first quarter of 2016. The income tax expense in the first quarter of 2017 and 2016 primarily represents taxes at local statutory rates where we operate, but generally excludes any tax benefit for losses in jurisdictions with historical losses.

Earnings per share . Basic and diluted earnings per share was \$0.40 in the first quarter of 2017 compared to earnings per share of \$0.42 in the first quarter of 2016. The changes in earnings per share are due to the results of operations discussed above as well as an increase in the weighted average number of shares outstanding due to the issuance of an additional 5 million shares of common stock in an underwritten public offering completed in July 2016.

Liquidity

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations and borrowing availability under the \$750 million revolving credit facility (the “Ryerson Credit Facility”) that matures on November 16, 2021. Its principal source of operating cash is from the sale of metals and other materials. Its principal uses of cash are for payments associated with the procurement and processing of metals and other materials inventories, costs incurred for the warehousing and delivery of inventories and the selling and administrative costs of the business, capital expenditures, and for interest payments on debt.

The following table summarizes our cash flows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
	(In millions)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (32.5)	\$ 47.0
Net cash used in investing activities	(51.9)	(5.1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	75.3	(37.3)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	0.5	2.7
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (8.6)	\$ 7.3

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$72.1 million at March 31, 2017, compared to \$80.7 million at December 31, 2016. We had \$41 million and \$31 million of qualified cash pledged as collateral at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. We had \$993 million and \$964 million of total debt outstanding at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and a debt-to-capitalization ratio of 103% at March 31, 2017 and 105% at December 31, 2016. We had total liquidity (defined as cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and availability under the Ryerson Credit Facility and foreign debt facilities, less qualified cash pledged as collateral) of \$302 million at March 31, 2017 versus \$301 million at December 31, 2016. Total liquidity is not a U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) financial measure. We believe that total liquidity provides additional information for measuring our ability to fund our operations. Total liquidity does not represent, and should not be used as a substitute for, net income or cash flows from operations as determined in accordance with GAAP and total liquidity is not necessarily an indication of whether cash flow will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements.

Below is a reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to total liquidity:

	March 31,	December 31,
	2017	2016
	(In millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72	\$ 81
Less: Qualified cash pledged as collateral	(41)	(31)
Availability under Ryerson Credit Facility and foreign debt facilities	271	251
Total liquidity	\$ 302	\$ 301

Of the total cash and cash equivalents, as of March 31, 2017, \$ 65.8 million was held in subsidiaries outside the United States which is deemed to be permanently reinvested. Ryerson does not currently foresee a need to repatriate funds from its non-U.S. subsidiaries. Although Ryerson has historically satisfied needs for more capital in the U.S. through debt or equity issuances, Ryerson could elect to repatriate funds held in foreign jurisdictions, which could result in higher effective tax rates. We have not recorded a deferred tax liability for the effect of a possible repatriation of these assets as management intends to permanently reinvest these assets outside of the U.S. Specific plans for reinvestment include funding for future international acquisitions and funding of existing international operations.

Operating activities. Net cash used in operating activities of \$32.5 million in the first three months of 2017 was primarily due to an increase in accounts receivable of \$81.9 million resulting from higher sales levels in the first three months of 2017 compared to year-end 2016 and an increase in inventory of \$52.8 million as the value of inventory and the tons in inventory both increased as economic conditions in the metals market improved in the first three months of 2017. Partially offsetting the cash outflows was an increase in accounts payable of \$60.1 million due to a higher level of material purchases at the end of the first quarter of 2017 compared to year-end 2016, an increase in accrued liabilities of \$16.4 million, net income of \$15.0 million and non-cash depreciation and amortization expense of \$10.7 million. Net cash provided by operating activities of \$47.0 million in the first three months of 2016 was primarily due to an increase in accounts payable of \$54.6 million resulting from a higher level of material purchases at the end of the first quarter of 2016 compared to year-end 2015, an increase in accrued liabilities of \$16.9 million, net income of \$13.5 million and non-cash depreciation and amortization expense of \$10.9 million. Partially offsetting the cash inflows were an increase in accounts receivable of \$36.0 million resulting from higher sales levels in the first three months of 2016 compared to year-end 2015 and an increase of \$12.6 million in inventory.

Investing activities. On January 19, 2017, we paid \$26.7 million, net of cash acquired, to acquire all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of The Laserflex Corporation. On February 15, 2017, we paid \$22.7 million, net of cash acquired, to acquire all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Guy Metals, Inc. Capital expenditures during the first three months of 2017 totaled \$4.0 million

compared to \$ 5 . 4 million in the first three months of 2016 . We sold property, plant and equipment and assets held for sale generating cash proceeds of \$ 1.7 million and \$ 1. 2 million during the first three months of 2017 and 2016 , respectively.

Financing activities. Net cash provided by financing activities in the first three months of 2017 was \$ 75.3 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$37.3 million in the first three months of 2016. Net cash provided by financing activities in the first three months of 2017 was primarily related to an increase in book overdrafts of \$41.8 million, an increase in credit facility borrowings of \$26.8 and proceeds of \$9.7 million from sale leaseback transactions. Net cash used in financing activities in the first three months of 2016 was primarily related to the early redemption of \$25.1 million principal amount of the 2018 Notes repurchased for \$16.9 million and \$23.5 million of repayments of credit facility borrowings with cash provided by operations discussed above, partially offset by an increase in book overdrafts of \$4.4 million.

Capital Resources

We believe that cash flow from operations and proceeds from the Ryerson Credit Facility will provide sufficient funds to meet our contractual obligations and operating requirements in the normal course of business.

As a result of the acquisitions and net cash used in operating activities in the first quarter of 2017, total debt in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets increased to \$ 992.5 million at March 31, 2017 from \$ 963.5 million at December 31, 2016.

Total debt outstanding as of March 31, 2017 consisted of the following amounts: \$ 334.3 million borrowing under the Ryerson Credit Facility, \$650.0 million under the 2022 Notes, \$23.8 million of foreign debt, and \$1.0 million of other debt, less \$16.6 million of unamortized debt issuance costs. Discussion of each of these borrowings follows.

Ryerson Credit Facility

On November 16, 2016, Ryerson entered into an amendment with respect to its \$1.0 billion revolving Credit Facility agreement, to reduce the total facility size from \$1.0 billion (the “Old Credit Facility”) to \$750 million, reduce the interest rate on outstanding borrowings by 25 basis points, reduce commitment fees on amounts not borrowed by 2.5 basis points, and to extend the maturity date to November 16, 2021.

At March 31, 2017, Ryerson had \$334.3 million of outstanding borrowings, \$16 million of letters of credit issued and \$250 million available under the Ryerson Credit Facility compared to \$312.0 million of outstanding borrowings, \$16 million of letters of credit issued and \$225 million available at December 31, 2016. Total credit availability is limited by the amount of eligible accounts receivable, inventory, and qualified cash pledged as collateral under the agreement insofar as Ryerson is subject to a borrowing base comprised of the aggregate of these three amounts, less applicable reserves. Eligible accounts receivable, at any date of determination, is comprised of the aggregate value of all accounts directly created by a borrower (and in the case of Canadian accounts, a Canadian guarantor) in the ordinary course of business arising out of the sale of goods or the rendering of services, each of which has been invoiced, with such receivables adjusted to exclude various ineligible accounts, including, among other things, those to which a borrower (or guarantor, as applicable) does not have sole and absolute title and accounts arising out of a sale to an employee, officer, director, or affiliate of a borrower (or guarantor, as applicable). Eligible inventory, at any date of determination, is comprised of the net orderly liquidation value of all inventory owned by a borrower (and in the case of Canadian accounts, a Canadian guarantor). Qualified cash consists of cash in an eligible deposit account that is subject to customary restrictions and liens in favor of the lenders.

The Ryerson Credit Facility has an allocation of \$660 million to the Company’s subsidiaries in the United States and an allocation of \$90 million to Ryerson Holding’s Canadian subsidiary that is a borrower. Amounts outstanding under the Ryerson Credit Facility bear interest at (i) a rate determined by reference to (A) the base rate (the highest of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, Bank of America, N.A.’s prime rate and the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.00%) or (B) a LIBOR rate or, (ii) for Ryerson Holding’s Canadian subsidiary that is a borrower, (A) a rate determined by reference to the Canadian base rate (the greatest of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, Bank of America-Canada Branch’s “base rate” for commercial loans in U.S. Dollars made at its “base rate” and the 30 day LIBOR rate plus 1.00%), (B) the prime rate (the greater of Bank of America-Canada Branch’s “prime rate” for commercial loans made by it in Canada in Canadian Dollars and the one-month Canadian bankers’ acceptance rate plus 1.00%) or (C) the bankers’ acceptance rate. The spread over the base rate and prime rate is between 0.25% and 0.50% and the spread over the LIBOR and for the bankers’ acceptances is between 1.25% and 1.50%, depending on the amount available to be borrowed under the Ryerson Credit Facility. Overdue amounts and all amounts owed during the existence of a default bear interest at 2% above the rate otherwise applicable thereto. Ryerson also pays commitment fees on amounts not borrowed at a rate of 0.23%.

We attempt to minimize interest risk exposure through the utilization of interest rate swaps, which are derivative financial instruments. On March 3, 2017 we entered into an interest rate swap to fix interest on \$150 million of our floating rate debt under the Ryerson Credit Facility at a rate of 1.658% through March 2020. The swap has reset dates and critical terms that match our existing debt and the anticipated critical terms of future debt. The weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings under the Ryerson

Credit Facility including the interest rate swap was 2.7 percent and 2.2 percent at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility are secured by first-priority liens on all of the inventory, accounts receivables, lockbox accounts and related assets of the borrowers and the guarantors.

The Ryerson Credit Facility also contains covenants that, among other things, restrict Ryerson Holding and its restricted subsidiaries with respect to the incurrence of debt, the creation of liens, transactions with affiliates, mergers and consolidations, sales of assets and acquisitions. The Ryerson Credit Facility also requires that, if availability under the Ryerson Credit Facility declines to a certain level, Ryerson maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio as of the end of each fiscal quarter, and includes defaults upon (among other things) the occurrence of a change of control of Ryerson and a cross-default to other financing arrangements.

The Ryerson Credit Facility contains events of default with respect to, among other things, default in the payment of principal when due or the payment of interest, fees and other amounts due thereunder after a specified grace period, material misrepresentations, failure to perform certain specified covenants, certain bankruptcy events, the invalidity of certain security agreements or guarantees, material judgments and the occurrence of a change of control of Ryerson. If such an event of default occurs, the lenders under the Ryerson Credit Facility will be entitled to various remedies, including acceleration of amounts outstanding under the Ryerson Credit Facility and all other actions permitted to be taken by secured creditors.

The lenders under the Ryerson Credit Facility have the ability to reject a borrowing request if any event, circumstance or development has occurred that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company. If Ryerson Holding, JT Ryerson, any of the other borrowers or any restricted subsidiaries of JT Ryerson becomes insolvent or commences bankruptcy proceedings, all amounts borrowed under the Ryerson Credit Facility will become immediately due and payable.

Proceeds from borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility and repayments of borrowings thereunder that are reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows represent borrowings under the Company's revolving credit agreement with original maturities greater than three months. Net proceeds (repayments) under the Ryerson Credit Facility represent borrowings under the Ryerson Credit Facility with original maturities less than three months.

2022 Notes

On May 24, 2016, JT Ryerson issued \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2022 Notes. The 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 11.00% per annum. The 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior secured basis by all of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that are co-borrowers or that have guarantee obligations under the Ryerson Credit Facility.

The 2022 Notes and the related guarantees are secured by a first-priority security interest in substantially all of JT Ryerson's and each guarantor's present and future assets located in the United States (other than receivables, inventory, money, deposit accounts and related general intangibles, certain other assets and proceeds thereof), subject to certain exceptions and customary permitted liens. The 2022 Notes and the related guarantees are also secured on a second-priority basis by a lien on the assets that secure JT Ryerson's and the Company's obligations under the Ryerson Credit Facility.

The 2022 Notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 15, 2019 at certain redemption prices. The redemption price for the 2022 Notes if redeemed during the twelve months beginning (i) May 15, 2019 is 105.50%, (ii) May 15, 2020 is 102.75%, and (iii) May 15, 2021 and thereafter is 100.00%. JT Ryerson may redeem some or all of the 2022 Notes before May 15, 2019 at a redemption price of 100.00% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a "make-whole" premium. In addition, JT Ryerson may redeem up to 35% of the 2022 Notes before May 15, 2019 with respect to the 2022 Notes with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at a price equal to 111.00%, with respect to the 2022 Notes, of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, if any. JT Ryerson may be required to make an offer to purchase the 2022 Notes upon the sale of assets or upon a change of control.

The 2022 Notes contain customary covenants that, among other things, limit, subject to certain exceptions, our ability, and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries, to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock, make investments, sell assets, engage in acquisitions, mergers or consolidations or create liens or use assets as security in other transactions. Subject to certain exceptions, JT Ryerson may only pay dividends to Ryerson Holding to the extent of 50% of future net income, once prior losses are offset.

During the first three months of 2016, a principal amount of \$25.1 million of the 2018 Notes were repurchased for \$16.9 million and retired, resulting in the recognition of a \$8.2 million gain within other income and (expense), net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign Debt

At March 31, 2017, Ryerson China's foreign borrowings were \$23.8 million, which were owed to banks in Asia at a weighted average interest rate of 4.1% per annum and secured by its inventory and property, plant and equipment. At December 31, 2016,

Ryerson China's foreign borrowings were \$19.2 million, which were owed to banks in Asia at a weighted average interest rate of 4.4% per annum and secured by its inventory and property, plant and equipment.

Availability under the Ryerson China credit facility was \$21 million and \$26 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Letters of credit issued by our foreign subsidiaries were \$1 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

Pension Funding

At December 31, 2016, pension liabilities exceeded plan assets by \$216 million. We anticipate that we will have a total minimum required pension contribution of approximately \$22 million in 2017 under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and Pension Protection Act in the U.S and the Ontario Pension Benefits Act in Canada. Through the three months ended March 31, 2017, we have made \$3 million in pension contributions, and anticipate an additional \$19 million of contributions in the remaining nine months of 2017. Future contribution requirements depend on the investment returns on plan assets, the impact of discount rates on pension liabilities, and changes in regulatory requirements. We are unable to determine the amount or timing of any such contributions required by ERISA or whether any such contributions would have a material adverse effect on our financial position or cash flows. We believe that cash flow from operations and the Ryerson Credit Facility described above will provide sufficient funds to make the minimum required contribution in 2017.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business with customers, vendors and others, we have entered into off-balance sheet arrangements, such as letters of credit, which totaled \$17 million as of March 31, 2017. Additionally, other than normal course long-term operating leases included in the following Contractual Obligations table, we do not have any material off-balance sheet financing arrangements. None of these off-balance sheet arrangements are likely to have a material effect on our current or future financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or capital resources.

Contractual Obligations

The following table presents contractual obligations at March 31, 2017:

Contractual Obligations (1)	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less than 1 year	1 – 3 years	4 – 5 years	After 5 years
(In millions)					
2022 Notes	650	—	—	—	650
Ryerson Credit Facility	334	—	—	334	—
Foreign Debt	24	24	—	—	—
Other Debt	1	—	1	—	—
Interest on 2022 Notes, Foreign Debt, Other Debt and Ryerson Credit Facility (2)	406	80	161	156	9
Purchase Obligations (3)	22	22	—	—	—
Operating Leases	95	23	33	21	18
Pension Withdrawal Liability	1	—	—	—	1
Capital Lease Obligations	20	7	10	3	—
Total	\$ 1,553	\$ 156	\$ 205	\$ 514	\$ 678

(1) The contractual obligations disclosed above do not include our potential future pension funding obligations (see discussion under "Pension Funding" caption). Due to uncertainty regarding the completion of tax audits and possible outcomes, we do not know the timing of when our obligations related to unrecognized tax benefits will occur, if at all.

(2) Interest payments related to the variable rate debt were estimated using the weighted average interest rate including the effect of interest rate swaps for the Ryerson Credit Facility.

(3) The purchase obligations with suppliers are entered into when we receive firm sales commitments with certain of our customers.

Income Taxes

We maintain a valuation allowance on certain foreign and U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets until such time as in management's judgment, considering all available positive and negative evidence and consistent with its past determinations, we determine that these deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable.

We anticipate that certain statutes of limitation will close within the next twelve months resulting in the reduction of its reserve for uncertain tax benefits related to various intercompany transactions, with a corresponding income tax benefit of approximately \$1.3 million.

Recent legislative proposals in the U.S. would repeal the use of the last-in-first-out method of accounting ("LIFO method") for inventory for U.S. tax purposes. If legislation repealing the use of the LIFO method for tax purposes becomes law, we would expect an increase in the cash taxes we will need to pay over a 10-year period.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest rate risk

We are exposed to market risk related to our fixed-rate and variable-rate long-term debt. Market risk is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as interest rates. Changes in interest rates may affect the market value of our fixed-rate debt. The estimated fair value of our long-term debt and the current portions thereof using quoted market prices of our debt securities recently traded and market-based prices of similar securities for those securities not recently traded was \$1,075 million at March 31, 2017 and \$1,034 million at December 31, 2016 as compared with the carrying value of \$993 million and \$964 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

On March 3, 2017, we entered into a forward agreement for \$150 million of "pay fixed" at 1.658%, "receive variable" interest rate swap to manage the risk of increasing variable interest rates. The interest rate reset dates and critical terms match the terms of our existing debt and anticipated critical terms of future debt under the Ryerson Credit Facility. The swap is accounted for as a cash flow hedge with unrealized gains and losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.

A hypothetical 1% increase in interest rates on variable rate debt would have increased interest expense for the first three months of 2017 by \$0.8 million.

Foreign exchange rate risk

We are subject to exposure from fluctuations in foreign currencies. We use foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge our Canadian subsidiaries' variability in cash flows from the forecasted payment of currencies other than the functional currency. The Canadian subsidiaries' foreign currency contracts were principally used to purchase U.S. dollars. We had foreign currency contracts with a U.S. dollar notional amount of \$2.4 million outstanding at March 31, 2017 and a net value of zero. We do not currently account for these contracts as hedges but rather mark these contracts to market with a corresponding offset to current earnings. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recognized zero gain or loss associated with its foreign currency contracts. A hypothetical strengthening or weakening of 10% in the foreign exchange rates underlying the foreign currency contracts from the market rate as of March 31, 2017 would increase or decrease the fair value of the foreign currency contracts by \$0.2 million.

The currency effects of translating the financial statements of our foreign subsidiaries are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss and will not be recognized in the statement of operations until there is a liquidation or sale of those foreign subsidiaries.

Commodity price risk

Metal prices can fluctuate significantly due to several factors including changes in foreign and domestic production capacity, raw material availability, metals consumption and foreign currency rates. Declining metal prices could reduce our revenues, gross profit and net income. From time to time, we may enter into fixed price sales contracts with our customers for certain of our inventory components. We may enter into metal commodity futures and options contracts to reduce volatility in the price of these metals.

As of March 31, 2017, we had 60,000 tons of iron ore futures or option contracts, 8,841 ton of hot roll coil option contracts, and 1,477 tons of aluminum price swaps outstanding with a net asset value of \$0.3 million, and \$1.2 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2017, we had 286 tons of nickel contracts with a net liability value of \$0.1 million. We do not currently account for these contracts as hedges, but rather mark these contracts to market with a corresponding offset to current earnings. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recognized a gain of \$1.3 million associated with its metal commodity derivatives.

A hypothetical strengthening or weakening of 10% in the commodity prices underlying the commodity derivative contracts from the market rate as of March 31, 2017 would increase or decrease the fair value of commodity derivative contracts by \$0.8 million.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As required by SEC Rule 15d-15(b), we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2017.

Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

In October 2011, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") named us as one of more than 100 businesses that may be a potentially responsible party for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site ("Portland Harbor"). On January 6, 2017, the EPA issued its Record of Decision ("ROD") regarding the site. The ROD includes a combination of dredging, capping and enhanced natural recovery that would take approximately thirteen years to construct plus additional time for monitored natural recovery, at an estimated present value cost of \$1.05 billion. The EPA has not yet allocated responsibility for the contamination among the potentially responsible parties, including JT Ryerson. We do not currently have sufficient information available to us to determine whether the ROD will be executed as currently stated, whether and to what extent JT Ryerson may be held responsible for any of the identified contamination, and how much (if any) of the final plan's costs might ultimately be allocated to JT Ryerson and therefore, management cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this matter or estimate a range of potential loss at this time.

There are various other claims and pending actions against the Company. The amount of liability, if any, for those other claims and actions at March 31, 2017 is not determinable but, in the opinion of management, such liability, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We maintain liability insurance coverage to assist in protecting our assets from losses arising from or related to activities associated with business operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Except for the risk factor below, there have been no material changes relating to this Item from those set forth in Item 1A on the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The right to receive payment on the 2022 Notes and the guarantees will be subordinated to the liabilities of non-guarantor subsidiaries.

The notes and related guarantees are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness of our subsidiaries that are note guarantors of the 2022 Senior Secured Notes (the "2022 Notes"). While the indenture governing the 2022 Notes limits the indebtedness and activities of these non-guarantor subsidiaries, holders of indebtedness of, and trade creditors of, non-guarantor subsidiaries, including lenders under bank financing agreements, are entitled to payments of their claims from the assets of such subsidiaries before those assets are made available for distribution to any guarantor, as direct or indirect shareholder. While the non-guarantor subsidiaries have agreed under the indenture not to pledge or encumber their assets (other than with respect to permitted liens) without equally and ratably securing the notes, they will not guarantee the 2022 Notes notwithstanding any such pledge or encumbrance in favor of the 2022 Notes.

The non-guarantor subsidiaries represented, respectively, 11.9% and 7.4% of our net sales and EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2017. In addition, these non-guarantor subsidiaries represented respectively, 14.5% and 9.1% of our assets and liabilities, as of March 31, 2017.

Accordingly, in the event that any of the non-guarantor subsidiaries or joint venture entities become insolvent, liquidates or otherwise reorganizes:

- the creditors of the guarantors (including the holders of the 2022 Notes) will have no right to proceed against such subsidiary's assets; and
- the creditors of such non-guarantor subsidiary, including trade creditors, will generally be entitled to payment in full from the sale or other disposal of assets of such subsidiary, as direct or indirect shareholder, and will be entitled to receive any distributions from such subsidiary.

Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 are not applicable and have been omitted.

Item 6. Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

SIGNATURE

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

RYERSON HOLDING CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Erich S. Schnauffer

Erich S. Schnauffer
Chief Financial Officer

(duly authorized signatory and principal
financial officer of the registrant)

Date: May 3, 2017

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
31.1	<u>Certificate of the Principal Executive Officer of the Company, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
31.2	<u>Certificate of the Principal Financial Officer of the Company, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.1*	<u>Written Statement of Edward J. Lehner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.2*	<u>Written Statement of Erich S. Schnauffer, Chief Financial Officer of the Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

* In accordance with SEC Release 33-8238, Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 are being furnished herewith and not filed.

**CERTIFICATE OF THE
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER**

I, Erich S. Schnauffer, as Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ryerson Holding Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 3, 2017

Signature: _____
/s/ Erich S. Schnauffer
Erich S. Schnauffer
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Written Statement of the Chief Executive Officer

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ryerson Holding Corporation, (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned officer of the Company certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to such officer’s knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

/s/ Edward J. Lehner

Edward J. Lehner
President & Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

May 3, 2017

Written Statement of the Chief Financial Officer

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ryerson Holding Corporation, (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned officer of the Company certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to such officer’s knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

/s/ Erich S. Schnaufer

Erich S. Schnaufer
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

May 3, 2017