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Ormet Releases Financial Results
Third Quarter 2008 and Nine Months Ending September 30, 2008

Hannibal, Ohio – November 12, 2008 – Ormet Corporation, an independent U.S. producer of aluminum, announced its third quarter 2008 and nine months ending September 30, 2008 results realizing a net loss of $7.6 million and $3.3 million, respectively.

Third Quarter 2008 Results

Net sales from continuing operations for the three month period ended September 30, 2008 were $127.6 million compared to $ 122.0 million for the same period in 2007. Overall aluminum/tolling revenue was $127.6 million in the 2008 quarter, of which $125.3 million related to toll sales under Ormet's tolling agreement with Glencore. Aluminum revenue in the 2007 quarter, none of which was tolling revenue, was $ 101.7 million. In the 2008 quarter, toll sales volume was 66,675 metric tons and non-toll sales volume was 831 metric tons. Sales volume in the 2007 quarter consisted of 40,188 non-toll metric tons. Revenue in the 2007 quarter also included billet sales of $19.1 million; Ormet curtailed billet production in October 2007. The tolling fee is fixed for 2008 and 2009, and will not vary based on the LME pricing. Under the tolling agreement, the tolling fee for 2009 will be higher than the tolling fee for 2008.

The Company's tolling arrangement ensures a committed outlet for aluminum production during the remainder of 2008 and during 2009. Market prices for aluminum have decreased from levels existing at the time the Company entered into its pre-pricing agreements for its 2008 and 2009 aluminum production. The Company's tolling fees incorporate the pricing that was reflected in these pre-pricing agreements. As a result, the Company is not penalized by decreases in market prices from the pricing levels incorporated in the tolling agreement. Similarly, during the term of the tolling agreement the Company does not benefit if there are increases in aluminum market prices above the pricing incorporated in the tolling fees.

Gross profit in the third quarter of 2008 as $1.6 million as compared to a loss of $8.1 million for the 2007 quarter. The gross profit increase of $9.7 million was principally due to the absence in 2008 of a $12.7 million VEBA contribution, Hannibal restart expenses of $1.2 million incurred in 2007 and lower refinery idle costs in 2008 of $0.9 million. These factors were offset by an increase in anode costs of $7.3 million (43%) and the absence of favorable billet margin $2.0 million in 2008.

Operating expenses for the three month period ended September 30, 2008 totaled $5.1 million, a $1.0 million improvement compared to $4.1 million in the same period in 2007, due to a decrease in 2008 in allowance for doubtful accounts of $0.2 million, amortization of loan fees of $0.4 million and salary expense of $0.2 million.

For the three month period ended September 30, 2008 the Company reported a $3.5 million operating loss compared to an operating loss of $14.3 million in the same period of 2007. Net loss in the 2008 quarter was $7.6 million compared to a net loss in the 2007 quarter of S19.6 million.

The average number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding during the three month period ended September 30, 2008 was 18,458,612 shares. The resulting net loss from continuing operations for the period was $.40 per share compared to a loss for the same period in 2007 of $0.95 per share with 17,818,618 shares outstanding. Net loss per share for the period was $.41 per share compared to a net loss for the same period in 2007 of $1.10 per share.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 Results

Net sales from continuing operations for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 were $423.5 million compared to $313.3 million for the same period in 2007. A tolling agreement took effect on April 1, 2008. Overall aluminum/ tolling revenues increased to $416.6 million versus $213.0 million in 2007.Non-toll volume was 66,069 metric tons in 2008 and toll volume was 130,098 metric tons vs. all non-toll volume of 81,443 metric tons in 2007. Non-toll sales decreased $41 million while toll sales totaled $244.8 million. This was offset by the absence of billet sales in 2008 of $77.9 million.

Gross profit for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 was $27.6 million compared to a gross loss of $6.2 million for the same period in 2007. The $33.8 million improvement in gross profit in 2008 was principally due to a 240 percent increase in sow production volume, the absence in 2008 of the $13.6 million restart expense incurred in 2007, a non recurring $4.4 million business interruption insurance recovery realized in the second quarter of 2008 and $4.8 million in lower alumina refinery idle cost in 2008. These items were partially offset by a $21.5 million unfavorable anode price increase (30%) in the 2008 period and the absence in 2008 of $7.1 million of billet margin.

Operating expenses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 totaled $18.8 million, an $8.6 million improvement compared to the same period in 2007. Absence of the 2007 one-time employment-related expenses of $8.4 million offset by increased amortization of loan fees of $1.4 million, due to the early repayment of the term loan balance, were the main factors of the improvement.

For the nine month period ended September 30 2008, the Company reported an $8.7 million operating profit compared to an operating loss of $33.7 million in the same period of 2007. Net loss for the 2008 nine month period was $3.3 million compared to a net loss for the same period in 2007 of $47.5 million.

The average number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding during the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 was 18,245,982 shares. The resulting net loss from continuing operations for the period was $0.18 per share compared to a loss for the same period in 2007 of $2.81 per share with 16,928,999 average shares outstanding. Net loss per share for the period was $0.18 per share compared to a net loss for the same period in 2007 of $2.81 per share.

Year to Date Highlights

On May 5, 2008, the Company and Glencore, Ltd. (Glencore), an international trading company headquartered in Switzerland, entered into a tolling agreement for 2008 (retro-active to April 1, 2008) and 2009. Under the tolling agreement, the Company's smelting operation in Hannibal, Ohio is dedicated for the remainder of 2008 and for all of 2009 to producing aluminum sow from Glencore supplied alumina, for which the Company receives tolling fees. As part of the tolling arrangement, Glencore purchased, as of the effective date of the agreement, substantially all of the Company's then existing inventory for alumina, molten aluminum and finished goods. The agreement superseded prior contracts between the Company and Glencore associated with the Company's alumina supply for 2008 and the aluminum sales and pre-pricing agreements that were in place for 2008 and 2009. Glencore also agreed to purchase from the Company during the balance of 2008 all the alumina which the Company is currently under contract to purchase from a third party.

The Company spent $17.4 million on capital expenditures during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. These capital expenditures were incurred at the aluminum smelter in Hannibal, Ohio. The revolving credit agreement limits the Company’s ability to make capital expenditures at its facilities in the future based on the projected amounts in the credit agreement.

During first nine months of 2008, the Company used $1.1 million to make required contributions to the Hourly VEBA Benefit Trust for its retirees, and $.7 million to make discretionary payments to the Salary VEBA Trust.

The Company’s lenders and the PBGC agreed to terms of an appropriate subordination agreement providing for the subordination of the PBGC lien to the existing liens held by the lenders. The Inter-Creditor Agreement was concluded in January 2008.

The Company has made all required payments into the pension plans in accordance with the IRS pension funding waiver for the year 2008. These payments total $59.8 million since the date of the waiver application.

On September 3, 2008, the Company entered into a debt financing through the issuance of a $10 million Subordinated Term Note to a private investment fund, which fund is also a shareholder. The interest on the note accrues and is payable on the maturity date, which is November 30, 2010. In conjunction with the new Subordinated Term Note, the lender was issued warrants for up to 600,000 shares, exercisable anytime at $15 per share, on or before November 1, 2011, subject to anti-dilution provisions similar to those provided by the warrants issued by the Company in the company's $35 million November 2007 financing.

On August 29, 2008, the Company agreed to drop a pending regulatory filing where the Company had requested relief from a rate surcharge previously imposed by AEP in exchange for return of $15 million of the $22 million deposit held by AEP. The $15 million was received by the Company on August 29, 2008.

Mike Tanchuk, President and CEO commented, "Ormet has made significant progress in reaching operational and financial stability during very difficult times. With our substantially committed metal position for the remainder of this year and next, as well as the increased tolling fee for 2009, we can focus on our long term energy contract and reducing carbon costs."

For a complete review of Ormet's financial statements, please visit the Investor section of its website at www.ormet.com.

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