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Steel Dynamics Reports Strong Sequential Earnings, Revenue and Volume Growth

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, October 16, 2007— Steel Dynamics, Inc. (NASDAQ-GS: STLD) today announced third quarter earnings of \$101 million, or \$1.06 per diluted share, after purchase accounting adjustments related to the company's recent acquisition of The Techs in July of approximately \$0.01 per diluted share. Diluted earnings per share increased 12 percent sequentially from \$0.95 in the second quarter of 2007, but were 2 percent lower than \$1.09 in the third quarter of 2006. SDI's third quarter diluted earnings per share of \$1.06 are within the company's range of \$1.02 to \$1.07 per diluted share updated on August 30, 2007.

Third quarter revenues increased to \$1.2 billion, 27 percent higher than both the year-ago quarter and the second quarter of 2007. Third quarter consolidated shipments of 1.6 million tons increased 26 percent as compared to the year-ago quarter. The sequential volume increase from the second quarter of approximately 336,000 tons, or 27%, was due primarily to increased shipments of 335,000 tons from the company's steel operations, of which 231,000 tons were from The Techs and 110,000 tons were from increased shipments by the Flat Roll Division.

During the first nine months of 2007, net income grew to \$297 million on revenues of \$2.9 billion. Year-to-date diluted earnings per share were \$3.02, 11 percent ahead of last year. Consolidated shipments for the first nine months grew 15 percent to 4.1 million tons, compared to 3.5 million tons in the first nine months of 2006. The company's steel operations showed increased year-over-year nine-month shipments of nearly 513,000 tons, or 14 percent.

"Overall, Steel Dynamics is experiencing another strong year," said Keith Busse, Chairman and CEO. "From an operating standpoint, we saw sequential improvement from the second quarter, in spite of continued softness in flat-rolled steels and some spotty slowness in merchant and specialty bar steels.

"The integration of The Techs is proceeding well. The Techs represents an increase in steel operating revenues and volumes. The product mix sold by The Techs generally elicits higher average selling values, but the resulting operating margins are somewhat lower than traditionally experienced at SDI as The Techs do not currently produce their own substrate as does our Flat Roll Division. Consequently, as the operations exist, consolidating The Techs operating results will generally increase cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales; however, we hope to internally provide The Techs with more substrate at some point. At this time we expect The Techs acquisition to be accretive for the fourth quarter of 2007."

In the third quarter, the company's operating income was \$111 per ton shipped with an operating margin of 15 percent, compared with second quarter operating income of \$136 per ton shipped and an operating margin of 18 percent. The third quarter's average consolidated selling price per ton decreased to \$737 from \$739 in the second quarter of 2007 but increased \$4 from the year-ago quarter. The average scrap cost per net ton charged decreased \$21 compared to the second quarter, which had seen an increase of \$44 from the first quarter.

"The outlook for the fourth quarter is positive," Busse said. "The costs of ferrous resources have trended down and we expect them to remain relatively stable going into winter. We expect selling prices to remain steady or increase slightly. Market demand for flat-rolled steel should improve in the fourth quarter due to inventory de-stocking and limited imports. We expect continued strength in our long products mills, particularly structural steel that is used in the non-residential construction markets. We currently expect fourth quarter earnings will be in a range of \$1.02 to \$1.07 per diluted share, excluding any impact from the planned acquisition of OmniSource Corporation. This early guidance closely parallels our third quarter, as improved market conditions will be offset by scheduled outages for upgrades at three of our five mills. We will provide updated guidance to reflect the effect of the acquisition of OmniSource, which we believe could be accretive, after the transaction closes in early November.

“During the third quarter, we made two important announcements that have strong implications for our future,” Busse continued. “The acquisition of OmniSource helps anchor our supply of domestic ferrous scrap resources and the commencement of the Mesabi Nugget project develops future self-sufficiency in pig-iron supply, both of which are critical steps in providing a strong platform for future growth initiatives.

“The acquisition of OmniSource creates an environment that allows us to capture margins at every step of the value chain. We believe that scrap resources in the future could become scarce at times due to increasing global demand and a softer U.S. dollar. Given these assumptions, we anticipate scrap margins could increase in the future and we hope to continue to grow this arm of our business. OmniSource can, at times, provide SDI with a more dependable, nearby supply of high-quality steel scrap and affords SDI a measure of protection from supply chain shortages under certain market conditions.

“Our plan to develop iron resources on the Mesabi Range in Minnesota promises to provide a consistent future supply of high-quality, lower-cost iron nuggets (i.e., pig iron) for use in our mini mills. We expect ultimately to control the entire process from mining, concentrating, and then direct reduction of the concentrate into pig iron. We believe that the economics of production will make these resources attractive compared to imported pig iron today and even more attractive as global demand grows and the cost of iron units continues to increase. We have demonstrated that the use of these resources in our electric-arc furnaces result in numerous operating advantages, including better management of residuals, lower electrode utilization, improved yields, and increased output by reducing tap-to-tap times.”

During the third quarter, the company continued its share repurchase program. A total of 4.9 million shares were repurchased during the quarter for approximately \$198 million. At the end of the quarter, the company had 5.0 million shares authorized for repurchase. At September 30, 2007, the company had approximately 87.2 million shares of common stock outstanding.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains some predictive statements about future events, including statements related to conditions in the steel marketplace, Steel Dynamics' revenue growth, costs of raw materials, future profitability and earnings, and the operation of new or existing facilities. These statements are intended to be made as “forward-looking,” subject to many risks and uncertainties, within the safe harbor protections of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such predictive statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results could differ materially from our current expectations.

Factors that could cause such predictive statements to turn out other than as anticipated or predicted include, among others: changes in economic conditions affecting steel consumption; increased foreign imports; increased price competition; difficulties in integrating acquired businesses; risks and uncertainties involving new products or new technologies; changes in the availability or cost of steel scrap or substitute materials; increases in energy costs; occurrence of unanticipated equipment failures and plant outages; labor unrest; and the effect of the elements on production or consumption.

In addition, we refer you to SDI's detailed explanation of these and other factors and risks that may cause such predictive statements to turn out differently, as set forth in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other reports which we from time to time file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, available publicly on the SEC Web site, www.sec.gov, and on the Steel Dynamics Web site, www.steeldynamics.com

Forward-looking or predictive statements we make are based on our knowledge of our businesses and the environment in which they operate as of the date on which the statements were made. Due to these risks and uncertainties, as well as matters beyond our control which can affect forward-looking statements, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these predictive statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. We undertake no duty to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Conference Call and Webcast

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 11:00 am EDT, Steel Dynamics will host a conference call in which Steel Dynamics' management will discuss third quarter 2007 results. You are invited to listen to the live audio broadcast of the conference call over the Internet, accessible from Steel Dynamics' Web site: www.steeldynamics.com

Dial-in information is available on our Web site. No telephone replay will be available. An audio replay of the Webcast will be available from the SDI Web site.

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Steel Dynamics, Inc.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(in thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | | Three |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | | Months |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | Ended |
| | | | | | June 30, |
| | | | | | 2007 |
| Net Sales | \$ 1,156,593 | \$ 911,862 | \$ 2,933,515 | \$ 2,398,987 | \$ 911,248 |
| Costs of goods sold | 928,142 | 667,058 | 2,272,079 | 1,798,141 | 694,666 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 54,524 | 46,224 | 148,538 | 117,006 | 48,922 |
| Operating Income | 173,927 | 198,580 | 512,898 | 483,840 | 167,660 |
| Interest expense | 14,602 | 7,445 | 29,048 | 23,606 | 7,198 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (602) | (974) | 10,205 | (2,930) | 11,523 |
| Income before income taxes | 159,927 | 192,109 | 473,645 | 463,164 | 148,939 |
| Income taxes | 59,336 | 73,386 | 176,949 | 171,523 | 54,997 |
| Net income | <u>\$ 100,591</u> | <u>\$ 118,723</u> | <u>\$ 296,696</u> | <u>\$ 291,641</u> | <u>\$ 93,942</u> |
| | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | <u>\$ 1.12</u> | <u>\$ 1.19</u> | <u>\$ 3.18</u> | <u>\$ 3.09</u> | <u>\$ 1.01</u> |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | <u>89,741</u> | <u>99,685</u> | <u>93,162</u> | <u>94,394</u> | <u>93,429</u> |
| | | | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share, | | | | | |
| including effect of assumed conversions | <u>\$ 1.06</u> | <u>\$ 1.09</u> | <u>\$ 3.02</u> | <u>\$ 2.73</u> | <u>\$.95</u> |
| Weighted average common shares and share equivalents outstanding | <u>94,929</u> | <u>109,785</u> | <u>98,449</u> | <u>106,932</u> | <u>98,781</u> |
| | | | | | |
| Dividends declared per share | <u>\$.15</u> | <u>\$.15</u> | <u>\$.45</u> | <u>\$.35</u> | <u>\$.15</u> |

Note: All prior period share data has been adjusted to include the company's two-for-one stock split effective November 20, 2006.

Steel Dynamics, Inc.
UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING INFORMATION

| Shipments and Production Data (tons) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | First Quarter | Second Quarter |
|---|---|-------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Shipments | | | | | | |
| Steel Operations* | | | | | | |
| Flat Roll Division | 689,762 | 644,164 | 1,881,361 | 1,960,284 | 612,109 | 579,490 |
| Structural and Rail Division | 302,141 | 261,725 | 895,618 | 751,485 | 283,876 | 309,601 |
| Engineered Bar Products Division | 133,795 | 130,531 | 408,130 | 380,013 | 142,359 | 131,976 |
| Roanoke Bar Division | 142,243 | 166,428 | 453,253 | 312,688 | 170,611 | 140,399 |
| Steel of West Virginia | 69,024 | 85,906 | 214,457 | 166,318 | 74,487 | 70,946 |
| The Techs | 230,691 | - | 230,691 | - | - | - |
| | 1,567,656 | 1,288,754 | 4,083,510 | 3,570,788 | 1,283,442 | 1,232,412 |
| Steel Fabrication Operations** | 70,005 | 66,205 | 205,376 | 167,756 | 66,507 | 68,864 |
| Steel Scrap and Scrap Substitute *** | 167,174 | 93,197 | 442,254 | 234,841 | 98,234 | 176,846 |
| Other Operations**** | 34,107 | 16,138 | 93,576 | 70,285 | 33,113 | 26,356 |
| Intercompany | (270,492) | (220,033) | (767,538) | (522,082) | (225,095) | (271,951) |
| Consolidated shipments | 1,568,450 | 1,244,261 | 4,057,178 | 3,521,588 | 1,256,201 | 1,232,527 |
| Steel Operations* production | 1,510,644 | 1,263,098 | 4,007,269 | 3,494,201 | 1,250,387 | 1,246,238 |
| Average Selling Price Per Ton | | | | | | |
| Steel Operations* | \$ 699 | \$ 693 | \$ 682 | \$ 650 | \$ 646 | \$ 696 |
| Consolidated | 737 | 733 | 723 | 681 | 689 | 739 |

* Steel Operations include the company's Flat Roll Division, Structural and Rail Division, Engineered Bar Products Division, Roanoke Bar Division, Steel of West Virginia, and The Techs operations.

** Steel Fabrication Operations include the company's five joist and deck fabrication plants located in Indiana, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, and South Carolina.

*** Steel Scrap and Scrap Substitute Operations include Iron Dynamics and the company's scrap processing facilities, of which two were purchased April 1, 2007.

**** Other Operations include Paragon Steel Enterprises and Dynamic Composites operations.

Steel Dynamics, Inc.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands)

| | <u>September 30,</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>December 31,</u> <u>2006</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | (unaudited) | |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 10,811 | \$ 29,373 |
| Accounts receivable | 491,457 | 408,376 |
| Inventories | 744,534 | 569,317 |
| Deferred income taxes | 16,080 | 13,964 |
| Other current assets | 27,264 | 15,167 |
| Total current assets | <u>1,290,146</u> | <u>1,036,197</u> |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 1,358,204 | 1,136,703 |
| Restricted cash | 6,643 | 5,702 |
| Intangible assets | 198,678 | 12,226 |
| Goodwill | 200,637 | 30,966 |
| Other assets | 40,993 | 25,223 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 3,095,301</u> | <u>\$ 2,247,017</u> |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 325,564 | \$ 147,942 |
| Income taxes payable | 31,739 | 30,497 |
| Accrued expenses | 120,429 | 94,024 |
| Accrued profit sharing | 42,363 | 46,341 |
| Senior secured revolving credit facility | 97,000 | 80,000 |
| Senior secured Term Loan A facility | 55,000 | - |
| Other current maturities of long-term debt | 683 | 686 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>672,778</u> | <u>399,490</u> |
| Long-term debt | | |
| Senior secured Term Loan A facility | 495,000 | - |
| 9½% senior unsecured notes, due 2009 | - | 300,000 |
| 6¾% senior notes, due 2015 | 500,000 | - |
| Convertible subordinated 4.0% notes due 2012 | 37,250 | 37,500 |
| Other long-term debt | 16,536 | 16,920 |
| Unamortized bond premium | - | 3,772 |
| Total long-term debt | <u>1,048,786</u> | <u>358,192</u> |
| Deferred income taxes | 292,802 | 256,803 |
| Minority interest | 976 | 1,424 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Common stock | 541 | 537 |
| Treasury stock, at cost | (661,427) | (230,472) |
| Additional paid-in capital | 392,269 | 367,772 |
| Retained earnings | 1,348,576 | 1,093,271 |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>1,079,959</u> | <u>1,231,108</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$ 3,095,301</u> | <u>\$ 2,247,017</u> |

Steel Dynamics, Inc.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Operating activities: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 100,591 | \$ 118,723 | \$ 296,696 | \$ 291,641 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 33,853 | 30,616 | 96,096 | 87,293 |
| Unamortized bond premium | - | - | (3,350) | - |
| Equity-based compensation | 1,817 | - | 6,218 | - |
| Deferred income taxes | (562) | (2,997) | (1,679) | (8,731) |
| Minority interest | 107 | 68 | (448) | 696 |
| Changes in certain assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 12,544 | (48,907) | (21,204) | (78,891) |
| Inventories | 35,212 | (29,043) | (118,514) | (42,857) |
| Accounts payable | 29,784 | 44,230 | 100,594 | 36,847 |
| Income taxes payable | 5,374 | 10,160 | 1,242 | 17,323 |
| Other working capital | 31,479 | 16,706 | (7,284) | (6,473) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 250,199 | 139,556 | 348,367 | 296,848 |
| Investing activities: | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (99,935) | (35,645) | (255,845) | (84,354) |
| Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired | (373,407) | - | (411,626) | (89,106) |
| Purchase of short-term investments | - | - | - | (14,075) |
| Maturities of short-term investments | - | - | - | 14,075 |
| Other investing activities | 169 | - | 7 | 242 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (473,173) | (35,645) | (667,464) | (173,218) |
| Financing activities: | | | | |
| Issuance of long-term debt | 798,000 | 65,000 | 1,795,000 | 65,000 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (366,230) | (35,395) | (1,028,387) | (81,698) |
| Issuance of common stock (net of expenses) and proceeds and tax benefits from exercise of stock options | 4,113 | 4,638 | 20,260 | 31,995 |
| Issuance (purchase) of treasury stock | (197,867) | (161,148) | (433,183) | (160,360) |
| Dividends paid | (13,840) | (10,111) | (42,564) | (23,242) |
| Debt issuance costs | (2,603) | - | (10,591) | - |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | 221,573 | (137,016) | 300,535 | (168,305) |
| Decrease in cash and equivalents | (1,401) | (33,105) | (18,562) | (44,675) |
| Cash and equivalents at beginning of period | 12,212 | 53,948 | 29,373 | 65,518 |
| Cash and equivalents at end of period | \$ 10,811 | \$ 20,843 | \$ 10,811 | \$ 20,843 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: | | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 4,563 | \$ 15,016 | \$ 22,921 | \$ 31,455 |
| Cash paid for federal and state income taxes | \$ 51,236 | \$ 60,421 | \$ 183,521 | \$ 155,962 |