

Vimetco N.V.

**Interim Financial Results for the Six Months Ended
30 June 2009**

Amsterdam/Zurich, 27 August 2009: Vimetco NV (LSE: VICO), the global producer of primary and processed aluminium products, today announces interim financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2009.

Financial Highlights:

	H1 2009	H1 2008	Change
Primary aluminium production (tonnes)	278000	356000	-22.00%
Processed aluminium production (tonnes)	48000	50000	-4.00%
Primary aluminium sales (tonnes)	299000	285000	+5.00%
Processed aluminium sales (tonnes)	38000	49000	-22.00%
Revenue (USD millions)	639	949	-33.00%
EBITDA (USD millions)	114	209	-45.00%
Net profit (USD millions)	15	127	-88.00%
Earnings per share (USD)	0.027	0.452	-94.00%

Operational Highlights:

- Increased focus on added value products both in Romania and China
- Capacity increase with a cast house in China completed and commissioned
- Further progress in vertical integration in China with a new 300 MW power plant

Frank Müller, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

“We are pleased with the results of the decisions taken at the end of 2008 and during the first part of 2009 that led to a much tighter cost control and reduced inventories. We remain confident that our strategy of further integration and focus on added value products is the right one. We continued developing our production capacities for both primary and processed products. As a result, we are now in a better position to respond to the market demand.”

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[There will be a conference call for analysts today at 9.30am UK time. Please contact Jennifer Kelly at Hogarth PR on +44 (0) 20 7357 9477 for details.]

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About Vimetco

Vimetco N.V. is a global, vertically integrated producer of primary and processed aluminium products with major production assets in Romania, Sierra Leone and China, a holding company in The Netherlands and a management unit located in Switzerland. Vimetco NV controls an aluminium production capacity of 930,000 tonnes pa and employs some 10,000 staff. Vimetco's shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE:VICO). www.vimetco.com

Overview

During the first 6 months of 2009, Vimetco has continued to develop its businesses in Romania, China and Sierra Leone in line with its longer term strategy of increasing vertical integration, whilst simultaneously ensuring a tight control of costs and production to address the difficult market conditions which continued throughout the period.

Aluminium pricing went from USD 1,460 in early January down to USD 1,253 in February and finished at USD 1,615 in June, which is still substantially below the averages for 2007 and 2008. Costs for raw materials including coal, bauxite and alumina continued to decline during the period. Cash cost /t in June was over 20% lower than average cost in 2008 (local currency).

Vimetco's performance was impacted by a significant decrease in worldwide demand for aluminium combined with high levels of inventory recorded at the beginning of the period. The Company's strategy is focused on expanding added value areas of the business as well as securing its raw materials and energy needs. In the half-year there has been further focus on reducing the inventories and increasing the sales of the added value products both in Romania and in China. As a result, the inventories in Vimetco Romanian operation decreased from 35,000 tonnes as of 31 December 2008 to 8,000 tonnes as of 30 June 2009.

The Group continues to build capacity and optimise its production operations, with a casthouse in China completed and commissioned in the period for production of intermediate products such as billets, slabs and wire rod. Vertical integration has seen further progress in China with a new 300 MW power plant coming on stream in June.

The quality of Vimetco's processed products particularly in Romania has been recognised in a number of industries, the Company receiving the NADCAP certification for the aerospace industry. A stable, slightly increasing market share for the Romanian processed products in Europe is the best proof of progress in this area.

Meanwhile Vimetco has continued to quickly respond to market conditions, by adjusting production and renegotiating raw materials supply contracts to ensure a tighter cost control. Production in Romania was reduced by 25%, both as a response to weak demand as well as to avoid purchasing energy from spot market at inflated prices. The Romanian operations benefit from a medium-term contract for energy at a competitive price, which covers completely the energy needs at the current production levels. Additional cost cutting measures involved reducing headcount by 592 people at group level between January and June 2009.

The investments in China continued both in terms of production capacities for primary aluminium and added value products.

In Sierra Leone comprehensive cost cutting measures are being implemented.

As a result of the measures taken and continuing selective local initiatives the Group is well positioned for an upturn when it comes (see Outlook).

Financial Review

Sales for the period were USD 639.3 million (H1 2008: USD 949.3 million), down 33%. The decrease is due to an overall decline in global demand for aluminium as a result of the global financial crisis and the subsequent production reduction by Vimetco.

Costs of goods sold decreased by 27% to USD 541.5 million from USD 738.1 million. This was mainly due to decreasing raw material and particularly lower energy costs combined with cost-cutting measures taken last year and in this period. During the period headcount was reduced by 592 employees across the Group. Gross margin was 15.3%.

Operating profit decreased by 65% to USD 59.4 million from USD 168.9 million in H1 2008. General and administrative expenses decreased slightly. Net profit was down 88% at USD 15.0 million (H1 2008: USD 126.9 million) with losses on foreign exchange of USD 17.7 million as result of the depreciation of the RON vs. USD partially offset by a decrease in finance costs and a revenue from deferred taxes.

Net cash generated by operating activities decreased to USD 83.2 million from USD 249 million, down 67%. Net cash used in investing activities was USD 277.3 million (H1 2008 USD 439.3 million), mainly as a result of lower CAPEX expenses. Net cash from financing activities was USD 182.0 million (H1 2008: USD 183.2 million). On 30 June 2009, cash and cash equivalents were USD 89.6 million (31 December 2008: USD 101.6 million). Restricted cash within Chinese operations was USD 471.9 million (31 December 2008: USD 325.6 million).

On 30 June 2009 net debt increased to USD 1.32 billion, up from USD 1.12 billion at the end of 2008 as a result of increasing short term debt in China.

Operational Update

Romania

Sales of primary aluminium were 109,000 tonnes (H1 2008: 106,000 tonnes), while processed aluminium product sales were 17,000 tonnes (H1 2008: 19,000 tonnes). Production capacity at the smelter was running at 75% of total capacity throughout the period following the close down of one potline at the beginning of the year.

Revenues totaled USD 270.1 million (H1 2008: USD 419.0 million). The decrease in revenue of 36% in USD or 17% in RON was a result of this production cutback, as well as the impact of lower aluminium price and the deterioration of market conditions.

International sales of primary aluminium increased by 10.1% and now stand at 81% of the total, while the domestic market has declined to 19% (H1 2008: 25%). The sale of billets and slabs declined in the first half. As a result of the inventory reduction sales effort, the percentage of the sales of aluminium ingots increased in overall sales.

The main markets for aluminium processed products are international and during the period Alro exported 93% of its products. Sales of coils and sheets increased. However, sales of plates decreased significantly. This decline was caused by deterioration in key industrial markets including general engineering and machinery, transport and construction, especially in the US. Sales to other export markets in Europe could not compensate for this decline.

In response to market conditions, Alro implemented a rigorous plan at the end of 2008 to reduce production costs, focusing on its core activities and services, crucial business assets and on ensuring the highest levels of product quality and short delivery times. Alro's cost reduction programme continued during the first half of 2009, with reduction in raw material costs and a reduction in headcount. The average number of employees at Alro was of 3,080 in H1 2009. The Romanian operations have 3,173 employees, as of June 2009.

Alro has also successfully managed to reduce inventories from 35,000 tonnes as of 31 December 2008 to 8,000 tonnes as of 30 June 2009.

During the first half of 2009 a new sales organisation was put in place, with the objective of overall improvement of sales processes and customer service. Additional sales efforts were initiated in the US to reactivate former customers and acquire new ones. The sales efforts are expected to begin to have an impact in the second half of 2009. Marketing and promotional activities were also increased, including participation at the Paris Air Show, following the receipt of NADCAP certification (National Aerospace and Defence Contractor Accreditation Programme), recognising the compliance of Alro's processes to the strict international requirements of the aerospace industry.

China

During the first half year, China achieved sales of primary aluminium of 190,000 tonnes compared to 212,000 tonnes in the first half of 2008. Sales of processed aluminium were at 22,000 tonnes compared with 32,000 tonnes in the first half of 2008. Inventories in China grew by 4.4% compared to 31 December 2008, mainly as a result of stocking material for the increased production capacity. As a result of deteriorating market conditions, in January Vimetco took action to cut production in its China operations by another 50,000 tpa, resulting in operating at 360,000 tonnes capacity out of a potential 660,000 tpa.

Sales revenues were of USD 290.4 million for primary aluminium and USD 38.9 million for processed aluminium. The primary aluminium market is still dominated by ingots sales. The management is currently evaluating Chinese market potential and aligned investment programs targeting to significantly increase Flat Rolled Products (FRP) sales. An increase of FRPs achieves higher premiums and ensures an optimized product mix between Primary and Processed products. As part of this process, the new cast house in China's Henan Province, for high quality primary products, wire rods, billets and slabs, came on stream in Q2 2009.

A third 300MW power plant was commissioned during the period.

Sierra Leone

Production of bauxite reached 514,000 tonnes in the first half of 2009.

Sales of bauxite (incl. moisture) were 275,000 tonnes and revenues totaled USD 6.96 million. Production at the mine was running at 50% of total capacity throughout the period.

As a consequence of the heavily deteriorating market conditions in 2008 and early 2009 an extensive cost savings plan is being implemented. Negotiations are ongoing with the subcontractor in order to reduce current mining prices. Production costs are targeted to be reduced by at least 20%.

Outlook

The latest market data and trends suggest that the industry is now past the worst and that we may see a gradual improvement in demand in the second half of 2009 and into 2010. We remain cautiously optimistic.

Vimetco N.V.**Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for six months ended 30 June 2009****Unaudited**

in USD '000, except per share data

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2009	Six months ended 30 June 2008*
Sales	4	639,346	949,316
Cost of goods sold	5	(541,498)	(738,083)
Gross profit		97,848	211,233
General and administrative expenses		(46,169)	(47,114)
Restructuring charge	6	(2,481)	(4,745)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment		(2,691)	510
Share of result of associates		(2,397)	2,026
Other income	7	26,073	17,037
Other expenses	7	(10,777)	(10,031)
Operating profit		59,406	168,916
Finance costs, net		(30,968)	(34,025)
Foreign exchange (loss) / gain		(17,726)	22,603
Profit before income taxes		10,712	157,494
Income tax income (expense)		4,257	(30,576)
Profit for the year		14,969	126,918
Other comprehensive income:			
Translation adjustment		(21,233)	67,739
Gain / (loss) on cash flow hedges		5,732	(50,167)
Related income tax		(917)	9,243
Amounts of cash flow hedges recycled in income statement		(36,762)	(5,615)
Related income tax		5,882	897
Other comprehensive income / (expense) for the period, net of tax		(47,298)	22,097
Total comprehensive income for the period		(32,329)	149,015
Profit attributable to:			
Shareholders of Vimetco N.V.		5,998	99,122
Non-controlling interests		8,971	27,796
		14,969	126,918
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Shareholders of Vimetco N.V.		(35,283)	108,272
Non-controlling interests		2,954	40,743
		(32,329)	149,015
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted (USD)	8	0.027	0.452

* Certain items in the prior period figures have been reclassified to facilitate comparison with the current period figures, see Notes 4, 5 and 7.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Vimetco N.V.**Condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2009****Unaudited**

in USD '000

	Notes	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,892,516	1,836,909
Intangible assets		10,607	12,297
Goodwill	11	93,331	95,296
Land use rights		56,259	55,483
Investments	12	44,654	38,205
Deferred tax asset		39,298	31,919
Total non-current assets		2,136,665	2,070,109
Current assets			
Inventories	13	272,366	326,831
Trade receivables, net		64,120	57,158
Accounts receivable from related parties	16	546	1,277
Current income tax receivable		1,525	295
Other current assets		145,086	149,670
Derivative financial instruments		24,161	53,706
Restricted cash	14	477,084	330,009
Cash and cash equivalents		89,621	101,561
Total current assets		1,074,509	1,020,507
Total assets		3,211,174	3,090,616
Shareholders' Equity and Liabilities			
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital		27,917	27,917
Share premium		366,126	366,126
Other reserves		43,596	84,877
Retained earnings		184,680	351,999
Profit / (loss) for the year		5,998	(165,268)
Equity attributable to shareholders of Vimetco N.V.		628,317	665,651
Non-controlling interests		247,397	281,374
Total shareholders' equity		875,714	947,025
Non-current liabilities			
Bank and other loans	15	548,633	460,379
Loans from related parties	15	172,981	171,388
Finance leases	15	4,896	5,756
Provisions		7,364	7,068
Post-employment benefit obligations		7,107	7,135
Other non-current liabilities		225	523
Derivative financial instruments		46,000	60,317
Deferred tax liabilities		15,281	18,955
Total non-current liabilities		802,487	731,521

Current liabilities			
Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans	15	673,673	580,498
Loans from related parties	15	3,571	314
Finance leases	15	2,548	3,013
Trade and other payables		831,789	793,336
Trade and other payables to related parties	16	740	1,419
Provisions		-	5,538
Current income taxes payable		3,050	12,742
Derivative financial instruments		17,602	15,210
Total current liabilities		1,532,973	1,412,070
Total liabilities		2,335,460	2,143,591
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities		3,211,174	3,090,616

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Consolidated statement of cash flows for six months period ended 30 June 2009

Unaudited

in USD '000

	Six months ended 30 June 2009	Six months ended 30 June 2008*
Cash flow from operating activities		
Profit before income tax	10,712	157,494
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	52,354	46,065
Interest and guarantee income	(12,560)	(5,693)
Net foreign exchange losses / (gains)	5,489	(10,101)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,469	1,729
Charge/(reversal) of impairment of property, plant and equipment	2,691	(510)
(Increase) / decrease in provisions	(4,368)	102
Interest and guarantee expense	41,706	40,345
Share of result of associates	2,397	(2,026)
Effect of derivative financial instruments*	(13,520)	-
Changes in working capital:		
(Increase) / decrease in inventories	38,616	(53,959)
Increase in trade receivables and other assets	(11,776)	(7,121)
Increase in trade and other payables	24,419	154,916
Income taxes paid	(13,051)	(34,465)
Interest paid	(41,396)	(37,769)
Net cash generated by operating activities	83,182	249,007
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, net	(103,226)	(284,916)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	268	165
Acquisition of consolidated investments (net of cash acquired)	(29,365)	(13,271)
Acquisition of other investments	(7,852)	-
Disposal of subsidiaries (net of cash disposed)	(617)	-
Proceeds from sales of available for sale investments	4,983	1,890
Increase in restricted cash	(146,931)	(148,587)

Interest received	5,414	5,469
Net cash used in investing activities	(277,326)	(439,250)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Proceeds from loans	632,590	687,163
Repayment of loans	(448,122)	(499,326)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(2,420)	(4,632)
Net cash provided by financing activities	182,048	183,205
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(12,096)	(7,038)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	101,561	137,081
Effect of exchange rate differences on cash and cash equivalents	156	6,986
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	89,621	137,029

* "Settlement of derivative instruments" which was included in the "net cash used in investing activities" in the prior year figures has now been reported as "effect of derivative financial instruments" within "net cash generated by operating activities".

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements. The full version including notes is available as separate file on the website www.vimetco.com.