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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

OR

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

Commission file number 1-14368

Titanium Metals Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-5630895
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75240-2697
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(972) 233-1700

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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. 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 (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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

Number of shares of common stock outstanding on April 30, 2008: 181,023,421

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TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions)

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008 (unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 90.0	\$ 50.0
Accounts and other receivables	209.9	206.8
Inventories	562.7	574.1
Refundable income taxes	14.5	7.3
Prepaid expenses and other	6.1	5.1
Deferred income taxes	14.6	14.4
Total current assets	897.8	857.7
Marketable securities	2.7	21.1
Note receivable from affiliate	50.5	49.3
Property and equipment, net	382.0	407.2
Pension asset	23.3	24.5
Deferred income taxes	2.6	3.5
Other	61.0	62.7
Total assets	\$ 1,419.9	\$ 1,426.0

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)
(In millions)

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008 (unaudited)
LIABILITIES, MINORITY INTEREST AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 72.6	\$ 82.6
Accrued and other current liabilities	87.7	74.5
Customer advances	17.4	13.8
Income taxes payable	-	8.1
Total current liabilities	177.7	179.0
Accrued OPEB cost	29.3	29.5
Accrued pension cost	36.0	34.9
Deferred income taxes	11.3	9.2
Other	9.0	9.1
Total liabilities	263.3	261.7
Minority interest	23.9	28.4
Stockholders' equity:		
Series A Preferred Stock	4.1	3.2
Common stock	1.8	1.8
Additional paid-in capital	558.2	523.3
Retained earnings	589.0	615.6
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(20.4)	(8.0)
Total stockholders' equity	1,132.7	1,135.9
Total liabilities, minority interest and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,419.9	\$ 1,426.0
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In millions, except per share data)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(unaudited)	
Net sales	\$ 341.7	\$ 293.7
Cost of sales	208.3	212.6
Gross margin	133.4	81.1
Selling, general, administrative and development expense	17.3	17.2
Other income (expense), net	0.1	(1.1)
Operating income	116.2	62.8
Other non-operating expense, net	0.2	2.1
Income before income taxes and minority interest	116.0	60.7
Provision for income taxes	36.4	17.9
Minority interest in after-tax earnings	3.2	2.4
Net income	76.4	40.4
Dividends on Series A Preferred Stock	1.4	0.1
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 75.0	\$ 40.3
Earnings per share attributable to common stockholders:		
Basic	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.22
Diluted	0.41	0.22
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	161.7	182.6
Diluted	184.2	183.9
Cash dividend per common share	\$ -	\$ 0.075

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 76.4	\$ 40.4
Depreciation and amortization	8.9	11.4
Deferred income taxes	(0.8)	(3.1)
Minority interest	3.2	2.4
Other, net	0.5	0.4
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(9.2)	7.6
Inventories	(15.7)	(4.6)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(20.1)	(6.5)
Income taxes	20.0	15.9
Other, net	(3.3)	(4.9)
Net cash provided by operating activities	59.9	59.0
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(13.3)	(35.6)
Purchases of marketable securities	-	(14.8)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13.3)	(50.4)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Dividends paid:		
Common Stock	-	(13.7)
Series A Preferred Stock	(1.4)	(0.1)
Treasury stock purchases	-	(36.2)
Other, net	0.6	0.3
Net cash used in financing activities	(0.8)	(49.7)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities	45.8	(41.1)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	0.4	1.1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	46.2	(40.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	29.4	90.0
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid for:		
Interest	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.2
Income taxes	17.5	5.3

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2008
(In millions)

	Series A Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Total	Comprehensive Income
(unaudited)								
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 4.1	\$ 1.8	\$ 558.2	\$ 589.0	\$ (20.4)	\$ -	\$ 1,132.7	
Net income	-	-	-	40.4	-	-	40.4	\$ 40.4
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	12.4	-	12.4	12.4
Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock	(0.9)	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-
Treasury stock purchases	-	-	-	-	-	(36.2)	(36.2)	-
Treasury stock retirement	-	-	(36.2)	-	-	36.2	-	-
Dividends declared:								
Series A Preferred Stock	-	-	-	(0.1)	-	-	(0.1)	-
Common Stock	-	-	-	(13.7)	-	-	(13.7)	-
Other	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.4	-
Balance at March 31, 2008	\$ 3.2	\$ 1.8	\$ 523.3	\$ 615.6	\$ (8.0)	\$ -	\$ 1,135.9	
Comprehensive income								\$ 52.8

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2008
(Unaudited)

Note 1 – Basis of presentation and organization

Basis of presentation. The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report have been prepared on the same basis as the audited Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on February 28, 2008 (“2007 Annual Report”). They include the accounts of Titanium Metals Corporation and its majority owned subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “TIMET”). Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to “we”, “us” or “our” refer to TIMET and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. All material intercompany transactions and balances with consolidated subsidiaries have been eliminated. In our opinion, we have made all necessary adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) in order to state fairly, in all material respects, our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of the dates and for the periods presented. We have condensed or omitted certain information and footnote disclosures (including those related to the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2007) normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our results of operations for the interim period ended March 31, 2008 may not be indicative of our operating results for the full year. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with the 2007 Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our 2007 Annual Report. Our first three fiscal quarters reported are the approximate 13-week periods ending on the Saturday generally nearest to March 31, June 30 and September 30. Our fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year always end on December 31. For presentation purposes, our financial statements and the accompanying notes have been presented as ended on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, as applicable.

Organization. At March 31, 2008, subsidiaries of Contran Corporation held 28.2% of our outstanding common stock. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons, of which Mr. Simmons is sole trustee, or is held by Mr. Simmons or persons or other entities related to Mr. Simmons. At March 31, 2008, Mr. Simmons and his spouse owned an aggregate of 15.7% of our common stock, and the Combined Master Retirement Trust (“CMRT”), a trust sponsored by Contran to permit the collective investment by trusts that maintain the assets of certain employee benefit plans adopted by Contran and certain related companies, held an additional 8.5% of our common stock. Mr. Simmons is the sole trustee of the CMRT and a member of the trust investment committee for the CMRT. Consequently, Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control each of Contran and us.

Recent accounting pronouncements. On January 1, 2008, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (“SFAS”) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. SFAS 157 generally provides a consistent, single fair value definition and measurement techniques for GAAP pronouncements. SFAS 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy for different measurement techniques based on the objective nature of the inputs in various valuation methods. In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 which will delay the provisions of SFAS 157 for one year for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). Beginning with this filing, all of our fair value measurements are in compliance with SFAS 157, except for such nonfinancial assets and liabilities for which we will be required to be in compliance with SFAS 157 prospectively beginning in the first quarter of 2009. In addition, in accordance with the new standard we have expanded our disclosures regarding the valuation methods and level of inputs we utilize beginning with this filing, except for such nonfinancial assets and liabilities, which will require disclosure in the first quarter of 2009. The adoption of this standard did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

On January 1, 2008 we adopted SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. SFAS 159 permits companies to choose, at specified election dates, to measure eligible items at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses included in the determination of net income. The decision to elect the fair value option is generally applied on an item-by-item basis, is irrevocable unless a new election date occurs and is applied to the entire item and not to only specified risks or cash flows or a portion of the instrument. Items eligible for the fair value option include recognized financial assets and liabilities, other than investments in a consolidated subsidiary, defined benefit pension plans, other post employment benefit plans, leases and financial instruments classified in equity. An investment accounted for by the equity method is an eligible item. The specified election dates include the date the company first recognizes the eligible item, the date the company enters into an eligible commitment, the date an investment first becomes eligible to be accounted for by the equity method and the date SFAS 159 first becomes effective for us. SFAS 159 became effective for us on January 1, 2008. We did not elect to measure any eligible items at fair value in accordance with this new standard either at the date we adopted the new standard or subsequently during the first quarter of 2008. Therefore, the adoption of this standard did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Note 2 – Inventories

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008
(In millions)		
Raw materials	\$ 121.8	\$ 121.2
Work-in-process	268.7	276.2
Finished products	125.8	132.6
Inventory consigned to customers	23.0	17.6
Supplies	23.4	26.5
Total inventories	\$ 562.7	\$ 574.1

Note 3 – Marketable securities

Our marketable securities consist of investments in the publically traded shares of related parties. NL Industries, Inc., Kronos Worldwide, Inc. and Valhi, Inc. are each majority owned subsidiaries of Contran. The aggregate cost basis of our marketable securities was \$2.7 million at December 31, 2007 and \$17.5 million at March 31, 2008. During the first quarter of 2008, we purchased 0.8 million shares of Valhi common stock in market transactions for an aggregate of \$14.8 million. All of our marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale, which are carried at fair value using quoted market prices, which are Level 1 inputs as defined by SFAS 157. The following table summarizes the market value of our marketable securities:

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008
(In millions)		
Valhi	\$ -	\$ 18.6
NL	2.5	2.4
Kronos	0.2	0.1
Total marketable securities	\$ 2.7	\$ 21.1

Note 4 – Property and equipment

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008
(In millions)		
Land and improvements	\$ 11.6	\$ 12.6
Buildings and improvements	55.0	57.7
Information technology systems	70.3	70.6
Manufacturing equipment and other	455.8	479.8
Construction in progress	88.7	88.8
Total property and equipment	681.4	709.5
Less accumulated depreciation	299.4	302.3
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 382.0	\$ 407.2

Note 5 – Other noncurrent assets

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008
(In millions)		
Prepaid conversion services	\$ 47.2	\$ 46.6
Other	13.8	16.1

Total other noncurrent assets	\$	61.0	\$	62.7
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Note 6 – Accrued and other current liabilities

	December 31, 2007	March 31, 2008
(In millions)		
Employee related	\$ 45.5	\$ 33.2
Deferred revenue	14.3	15.7
Other	27.9	25.6
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 87.7	\$ 74.5

Note 7 – Stockholder’s equity

During 2007, our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100 million of our common stock in open market transactions or in privately negotiated transactions, with the intention that any repurchased shares will be retired and cancelled. During the first quarter of 2008, we purchased 2.3 million shares of our common stock in open market transactions for an aggregate purchase price of \$36.2 million or an average of \$15.67 per share. All shares acquired under this repurchase program during the quarter ended March 31, 2008 were cancelled prior to the end of the period. At March 31, 2008, we could purchase an additional \$63.8 million of our common stock under our board of directors’ authorization.

Note 8 – Employee benefits

Defined benefit pension plans. The components of the net periodic pension expense are set forth below:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
(In millions)		
Service cost	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.2
Interest cost	4.2	4.4
Expected return on plan assets	(5.4)	(5.7)
Amortization of net losses	0.9	0.6
Amortization of prior service cost	0.1	0.1
Total pension expense	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.6

Postretirement benefits other than pensions (“OPEB”). The components of net periodic OPEB expense are set forth below:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
(In millions)		
Service cost	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.2
Interest cost	0.4	0.5
Amortization of net losses	0.2	0.2

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Amortization of prior service cost	(0.1)	(0.1)
Total OPEB expense	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.8

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Note 9 – Income taxes

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(In millions)	
Expected income tax expense, at 35%	\$ 40.6	\$ 21.3
Non-U.S. tax rates	(0.8)	(0.6)
U.S. state income taxes, net	2.0	1.2
Nontaxable income	(3.3)	(3.4)
Domestic manufacturing credit	(1.6)	(0.8)
Uncertain tax positions	-	0.6
Other, net	(0.5)	(0.4)
Total income tax expense	\$ 36.4	\$ 17.9

Note 10 – Commitments and contingencies

Environmental matters. We are continuing assessment work with respect to our plant site in Henderson, Nevada. As of March 31, 2008, we have \$1.9 million accrued which represents our current estimate of the probable costs of the remediation expected to be required at the site under the current order with the state department of environmental protection. We expect these accrued expenses to be paid over the remediation period of up to thirty years. We estimate the upper end of the range of reasonably possible costs related to this matter, including the current accrual, to be approximately \$4.0 million.

We accrue liabilities related to environmental remediation obligations when estimated future costs are probable and estimable. We evaluate and adjust our estimates as additional information becomes available or as circumstances change. We generally do not discount estimated future expenditures to their present value due to the uncertainty of the timing of the future payments. In the future, if the standards or requirements under environmental laws or regulations become more stringent, if our testing and analysis at our operating facilities identify additional environmental remediation, or if we determine that we are responsible for the remediation of hazardous substance contamination at other sites, then we may incur additional costs in excess of our current estimates. We do not know if actual costs will exceed our current estimates, if additional sites or matters will be identified which require remediation or if the estimated costs associated with previously identified sites requiring environmental remediation will become estimable in the future.

Legal proceedings. From time to time, we are involved in various employment, environmental, contractual, intellectual property, product liability, general liability and other claims, disputes and litigation relating to our business. In certain instances, we have insurance coverage for these items to eliminate or reduce our risk of loss (other than standard deductibles, which are generally \$1 million or less). We currently believe that the outcome of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity beyond any accruals for which we have already provided. However, all such matters are subject to inherent uncertainties, and were an unfavorable outcome to occur with respect to several of these matters in a given period, it is possible that it could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations or cash flows in that particular period.

Note 11 – Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of unrestricted common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per share attributable to common stockholders reflects the dilutive effect of common stock options and the assumed conversion of our Series A Preferred Stock. A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is presented in the following table:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(In millions)	
Numerator:		
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 75.0	\$ 40.3
Dividends on Series A Preferred Stock	1.4	0.1
Diluted net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 76.4	\$ 40.4
Denominator:		
Average common shares outstanding	161.7	182.6
Average dilutive stock options and restricted stock	0.1	0.1
Series A Preferred Stock	22.4	1.2
Diluted shares	184.2	183.9

Note 12 – Business segment information

Our production facilities are located in the United States, United Kingdom, France and Italy, and our products are sold throughout the world. Our Chief Executive Officer functions as our chief operating decision maker (“CODM”), and the CODM receives consolidated financial information about us. He makes decisions concerning resource utilization and performance analysis on a consolidated and global basis. We have one reportable segment, our worldwide “Titanium melted and mill products” segment. The following table provides segment information supplemental to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(In millions, except product shipment data)	
Titanium melted and mill products:		
Melted product net sales	\$ 59.1	\$ 33.6
Mill product net sales	250.0	229.6
Other titanium product sales	32.6	30.5
Total net sales	\$ 341.7	\$ 293.7
Melted product shipments:		
Volume (metric tons)	1,330	1,095
Average selling price (per kilogram)	\$ 44.45	\$ 30.70
Mill product shipments:		
Volume (metric tons)	3,720	3,570
Average selling price (per kilogram)	\$ 67.20	\$ 64.30

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report") that are not historical facts, including, but not limited to, statements found in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A"), are forward-looking statements that represent management's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "will," "looks," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expects" or comparable terminology or discussions of strategies or trends. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know if these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results. Actual future results could differ materially from those described in such forward-looking statements, and we disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the risks and uncertainties discussed in this Quarterly Report, including risks and uncertainties in those portions referenced above and those described from time to time in our other filings with the SEC which include, but are not limited to:

- the cyclical nature of the commercial aerospace industry;
- the performance of aerospace manufacturers and us under our long-term agreements;
- the existence or renewal of certain long-term agreements;
- the difficulty in forecasting demand for titanium products;
 - global economic and political conditions;
 - global production capacity for titanium;
 - changes in product pricing and costs;
- the impact of long-term contracts with vendors on our ability to reduce or increase supply;
 - the possibility of labor disruptions;
 - fluctuations in currency exchange rates;
- fluctuations in the market price of marketable securities;
- uncertainties associated with new product or new market development;
 - the availability of raw materials and services;
- changes in raw material prices and other operating costs (including energy costs);
- possible disruption of business or increases in the cost of doing business resulting from terrorist activities or global conflicts;
 - competitive products and strategies; and
 - other risks and uncertainties.

Should one or more of these risks materialize (or the consequences of such a development worsen), or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those forecasted or expected.

SUMMARY

General overview. We are a vertically integrated producer of titanium sponge, melted products and a variety of mill products for commercial aerospace, military, industrial and other applications. We are one of the world's leading producers of titanium melted products (ingot, electrodes and slab) and mill products (billet, bar, sheet and strip). We are the only producer with major titanium production facilities in both the United States and Europe, the world's principal markets for titanium.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report and with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the information under the heading “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” which are included in our 2007 Annual Report.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Quarter ended March 31, 2008 compared to quarter ended March 31, 2007

Summarized financial information. The following table summarizes certain information regarding our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2008. Our reported average selling prices are a reflection of actual selling prices after the effects of currency exchange rates, customer and product mix and other related factors throughout the periods presented.

	Three months ended March 31,			
	2007	% of Total Net Sales	2008	% of Total Net Sales
	(In millions, except product shipment data)			
Net sales:				
Melted products	\$ 59.1	17%	\$ 33.6	12%
Mill products	250.0	73%	229.6	78%
Other titanium products	32.6	10%	30.5	10%
Total net sales	341.7	100%	293.7	100%
Cost of sales	(208.3)	61%	(212.6)	72%
Gross margin	133.4	39%	81.1	28%
Selling, general, administrative and development expense	(17.3)	5%	(17.2)	6%
Other income (expense), net	0.1	-	(1.1)	-
Operating income	\$ 116.2	34%	\$ 62.8	21%
Melted product shipments:				
Volume (metric tons)	1,330		1,095	
Average selling price (perkilogram)	\$ 44.45		\$ 30.70	
Mill product shipments:				
Volume (metric tons)	3,720		3,570	
Average selling price (perkilogram)	\$ 67.20		\$ 64.30	

Net sales. Our net sales were \$293.7 million during the first quarter of 2008 compared to \$341.7 million during the first quarter of 2007. Although overall industry fundamentals and outlook continue to support a long-term favorable trend in demand for titanium across all major market sectors, average selling prices for melted and mill products decreased 31% and 4%, respectively, from the first quarter of 2007 to the first quarter of 2008.

Over the past year, increases in global titanium sponge capacity and manufacturing activity for titanium products have increased availability of titanium sponge and scrap, which has resulted in declining costs for these raw materials. This recent decline in raw material costs, in turn, has contributed to lower selling prices for our products due in part to raw

material indexed pricing adjustments under certain of our long-term agreements, as well as contributing to lower selling prices for our non-contract sales volume.

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Various adjustments and delays in the build-out schedules of certain commercial aircraft have also contributed to near-term demand changes, impacting sales volumes and selling prices for titanium products during the first quarter of 2008 compared to the first quarter of 2007. We continue to emphasize selling higher grades of melted and mill products, which are generally less susceptible to pricing pressures resulting from demand fluctuations. As a result of these factors, our net sales volume for melted products declined 18% for the first quarter of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007, whereas our net sales volume for mill products only declined 4% over the same periods. Although we believe long-term demand trends continue to be favorable, recently announced changes in the production schedule for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner™ are expected to impact customer inventory levels and product mix and contribute to additional fluctuations in demand over the near term.

Cost of sales. Our cost of sales was \$212.6 million during the first quarter of 2008, a 2% increase from the first quarter of 2007 despite decreased sales volumes, primarily due to certain raw material costs. As previously stated, our cost of purchased titanium sponge and scrap declined during the latter part of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008 due to the increase in availability over the same periods and the resulting downward cost pressure. Despite these recent trends in titanium sponge and scrap costs, the majority of the products sold during the first quarter of 2008 included higher cost raw materials, including alloys, acquired during prior periods due to the length of the manufacturing cycle for the production of melted and mill products.

Gross margin. During the first quarter of 2008, our gross margin decreased 39% to \$81.1 million as compared to the same period in 2007. Our gross margin percentage decreased from 39% in the first quarter of 2007 to 28% in the first quarter of 2008. Decreases in the average selling prices and sales volume for our products each contributed to the decline in gross margin in the first quarter of 2008 compared to the first quarter of 2007, as did increases in costs of sales in the first quarter of 2008 associated with our higher raw material costs. Although our cost of purchased titanium sponge and scrap declined during the latter part of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008, as discussed above, indexed pricing adjustments in certain long-term customer supply agreements typically precede the realization of lower product cost of sales due to the length of the manufacturing cycle for the production of melted and mill products.

Operating income. Our operating income for the first quarter of 2008 was \$62.8 million compared to \$116.2 million during the same period in 2007 primarily due to the decline in gross margin.

Income taxes. Our effective income tax rate was 29% in the first three months of 2008 compared to 31% in the first three months of 2007. Our effective income tax rates for the first three months of 2008 and 2007 were lower than the U.S. statutory rate primarily due to our mix of pre-tax earnings, with a higher percentage of earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions primarily as a result of the implementation of an internal corporate reorganization in 2007. See Note 9 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a tabular reconciliation of our statutory income tax expense to our actual tax expense.

European operations

We have substantial operations located in the United Kingdom, France and Italy. Approximately 35% of our sales originated in Europe for the three months ended March 31, 2008, of which approximately 58% were denominated in the British pound sterling or the euro. Certain raw materials costs, principally purchases of titanium sponge and alloys for our European operations, are denominated in U.S. dollars, while labor and other production costs are primarily denominated in local currencies. The functional currencies of our European subsidiaries are those of their respective countries, and our European subsidiaries are subject to exchange rate fluctuations that may impact reported earnings and may affect the comparability of period-to-period operating results. Borrowings of our European operations may be in U.S. dollars or in their respective functional currencies. Our export sales from the U.S. are denominated in U.S. dollars and are not subject to currency exchange rate fluctuations. We do not use currency contracts to hedge our currency exposures.

Outlook

While our results of operations in the first quarter of 2008 were below the record levels achieved in 2007, the long-term outlook for our business and the industry as a whole remain strong, and we expect that future demand in all major market sectors will accelerate. We also believe the global commercial aerospace market will continue its long-term upward trend with the manufacture of new generation aircraft which require the use of significantly higher percentages of titanium. Our backlog remains strong at \$0.9 billion as of March 31, 2008 compared to \$1.0 billion at December 31, 2007.

Over the last two quarters, downward pressure on raw material costs resulting from increased capacity and availability of titanium sponge and scrap, together with near-term fluctuations in demand, have resulted in lower average selling prices for titanium products, particularly for standard and industrial grade melted products. In addition, the effect of industry capacity expansions currently underway, together with recently announced revisions to the production schedule for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner™ and adjustments and delays in certain other commercial aircraft build-out schedules, have contributed to near-term volatility in the overall market demand for aerospace products. This volatility is expected to continue to impact demand until uncertainties within the commercial aerospace production cycle are resolved and stabilized on a longer term basis. While we are unable to predict the timing and extent to which selling price fluctuations and raw material costs will impact our profitability in the future, we anticipate our selling prices in 2008 will remain below levels experienced during 2007, and we expect our cost of sales per unit in 2008 will be favorably impacted during the latter part of the year as we begin to realize the effects of the lower costs of purchased raw materials described above.

We continue to pursue strategic plans that focus on anticipated long-term favorable trends in demand by expanding our productive capacity, with a focus on opportunities to improve our operating flexibility, efficiency and cost structure. In particular, we continue to expand our operating capabilities in the demanding commercial aerospace market sector in order to enhance our ability to meet our current and prospective customers' needs and strengthen our position as a reliable supplier in markets where technical ability and precision are critical. These efforts include strategic initiatives to assure we have the necessary availability of raw materials, melt capacity and mill product processing capabilities, as well as long-term strategic relationships with key customers in our target markets, including our position in key sectors, such as the global aerospace jet engine market through previously announced long-term customer agreements. We have been successful over the last two years in establishing significant flexibility and cost advantages in our entire manufacturing process. With our continuing strong positive cash flow and no debt, we believe that we are well positioned to capitalize on future opportunities. Additionally, we believe that we are well positioned to respond to industry demand fluctuations in a timely and cost-efficient manner because we have assured and flexible availability of raw materials and conversion services that includes a balance of internal resources and committed long-term raw material supply and conversion services agreements.

Raw materials. Through internal expansions and long-term supply agreements, we now have total annual available sponge supply at levels ranging from 18,000 metric tons up to 28,000 metric tons through 2024. Additionally, we have increased our capacity to recycle scrap and apply electron beam ("EB") melt technology to efficiently utilize a combination of sponge and scrap to produce melted titanium products. With these sources and capabilities, we have greater flexibility with regard to our future raw material requirements, which affords us the ability to respond to industry demands in a timely and cost-efficient manner and assists us in controlling cost for the products we produce.

Melted products. We are continuing the expansion of our global melt capacity. A new EB melt furnace in Morgantown commenced commercial production in the first quarter of 2008, and this new furnace will provide 8,500 metric tons of EB melt capacity by the fourth quarter of 2008. The construction of an additional furnace with 8,500 metric tons of EB melt capacity at the same facility continues on schedule for initial commercial production in the second half of 2009. Further, new VAR furnaces in our Morgantown, Witton and Savoie locations are all expected to be completed and begin commercial production by mid-2008. These additions will significantly increase our overall melt capacity, and as we continue to adjust our long-term business plan in response to industry trends, we will consider more additions to our melt capacity based on our raw material sources and product mix.

Mill products and conversion services. We have numerous capital projects in process to improve and expand our production capacity for mill products. Also, under various conversion services agreements with third-party vendors, we have access to a dedicated annual capacity at certain of our vendors' facilities which provide us with a long-term secure source for processing round and flat products. The combination of our internal capacity and dedicated third-party rolling and forging allows us to assure our customers of our long-term ability to meet their needs.

Customer agreements. During 2007 and early 2008, we completed renewals, extensions and, in certain cases, expansions of our long-term supply agreements with several of our customers that supply components to the major aerospace jet engine manufacturers. As a result, we have enhanced our position as the major supplier of titanium to the aerospace jet engine market. Based on existing customer agreements and relationships, we currently estimate that we will supply approximately two thirds of the global commercial aerospace jet engine market requirements for titanium over the next five to ten years. We also have existing long-term supply agreements with other commercial aerospace and industrial customers and continue to explore opportunities to expand or renew these existing arrangements, as well as to enter into new long-term agreements in these and other industry segments.

General. The overall industry outlook continues to support a long-term favorable trend in demand for titanium across all major market sectors, including commercial aerospace, military, industrial and emerging markets. With a significant portion of our mill products sales volume and our overall revenue from shipments into commercial aerospace applications, the leading driver for long-term growth in industry demand, we are particularly impacted by demand trends in that market sector, and we anticipate that commercial aerospace requirements will continue to impact demand for our products for the foreseeable future. Both Boeing and Airbus, the primary manufacturers of commercial aircraft, have reported increased backlogs for their products thus far in 2008. Although the revised production schedule for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner™, adjustments and delays in certain other commercial aircraft build-out schedules and general economic conditions will contribute to near-term demand volatility, we will continue to execute on our strategic plan to improve and expand our production capacities to meet the long-term demand growth reflected in the titanium product volumes our customers have committed to purchase under long-term agreements and in market sector forecasts.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our consolidated cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2008 are presented below. The following should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto.

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2007	2008
	(In millions)	
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 59.9	\$ 59.0
Investing activities	(13.3)	(50.4)
Financing activities	(0.8)	(49.7)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities	\$ 45.8	\$ (41.1)

Operating activities. Cash flow from operations is considered a primary source of our liquidity. Changes in pricing, production volume and customer demand, among other things, could significantly affect our liquidity. Cash provided by operating activities decreased \$0.9 million, from \$59.9 million for the first three months of 2007 to \$59.0 million for the first three months of 2008. The net effects of the following significant items contributed to the overall decrease in cash provided by operating activities:

- lower operating income of \$53.4 million in 2008;

- lower net cash used by changes in receivables, inventories, payables and accrued liabilities of \$41.5 million in 2008 in response to changing working capital requirements as sales volumes and purchased inventory costs per unit have declined; and
- lower net cash paid for income taxes in 2008 of \$12.2 million primarily due to the lower taxable income in 2008.

Investing activities. Cash flows used in our investing activities changed from \$13.3 million in the first three months of 2007 to \$50.4 million in the first three months of 2008. We purchased \$14.8 million of marketable securities during the first quarter of 2008, and our capital expenditures were \$35.6 million during the first quarter of 2008 as compared to \$13.3 million during the same period in 2007. Capital expenditures included the following:

- construction in progress in 2008 for the first and second phases of our EB melt capacity expansion at our facility in Morgantown and other capacity expansion projects in the U.S. and Europe; and
- construction in progress in 2007 for the first phase of our EB capacity expansion in Morgantown and for our sponge plant expansion in Henderson, which commenced commercial production in April 2007.

Financing activities. We had the following significant items included in our cash flows from financing activities:

- dividends paid on our common stock of \$13.7 million in the first quarter of 2008, as we began paying a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.075 per share in the fourth quarter of 2007; and
 - treasury stock purchases of \$36.2 million during the first quarter of 2008.

Future cash requirements

Liquidity. Our primary source of liquidity on an ongoing basis is our cash flows from operating activities and borrowings under various credit facilities. We generally use these amounts to (i) fund capital expenditures, (ii) repay indebtedness incurred primarily for working capital purposes and (iii) provide for the payment of dividends. From time-to-time we will incur indebtedness, generally to (i) fund short-term working capital needs, (ii) refinance existing indebtedness, (iii) make investments in marketable and other securities (including the acquisition of securities issued by our subsidiaries and affiliates) or (iv) fund major capital expenditures or the acquisition of other assets outside the ordinary course of business.

We routinely evaluate our liquidity requirements, capital needs and availability of resources in view of, among other things, our alternative uses of capital, debt service requirements, the cost of debt and equity capital and estimated future operating cash flows. As a result of this process, we have in the past, or in light of our current outlook, may in the future, seek to raise additional capital, modify our common and preferred dividend policies, restructure ownership interests, incur, refinance or restructure indebtedness, repurchase shares of common stock, purchase or redeem Series A Preferred Stock, sell assets, or take a combination of such steps or other steps to increase or manage our liquidity and capital resources. In the normal course of business, we investigate, evaluate, discuss and engage in acquisition, joint venture, strategic relationship and other business combination opportunities in the titanium, specialty metal and other industries. In the event of any future acquisition or joint venture opportunities, we may consider using then-available liquidity, issuing equity securities or incurring additional indebtedness.

At March 31, 2008, we had aggregate borrowing availability under our existing U.S. and European credit facilities of \$230.4 million, and we had an aggregate of \$50.0 million of cash and cash equivalents. Our U.S. credit facility matures in February 2011, and our U.K. credit facility matures in July 2010. Based upon our expectations of our operating performance, anticipated demands on our cash resources, borrowing availability under our existing credit facilities and anticipated borrowing capacity after the maturity of these credit facilities, we expect to have sufficient liquidity to meet our obligations for the short-term (defined as the next twelve-month period) and our long-term obligations, including our planned capacity expansion projects, some of which are discussed below. If actual developments differ from our expectations, our liquidity could be adversely affected.

Repurchases of common stock. At April 30, 2008, we had approximately \$63.5 million available for repurchase of our common stock under the authorizations described in Note 7 to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Capital expenditures. We currently estimate we will invest a total of approximately \$120 million to \$140 million for capital expenditures during 2008, primarily for improvements in and expansion of existing productive capacity. Of such estimated amount, we have spent \$35.6 million on capital expenditures as of March 31, 2008.

We are currently expanding our melt capacity at our Morgantown, Witton and Savoie locations in response to long-term industry demand trends, and we expect to complete these additions during 2008 and 2009.

We continue to evaluate additional opportunities to expand our production capacity including capital projects, acquisitions or other investments which, if consummated, any required funding would be provided by borrowings under our U.S. or European credit facilities.

Contractual commitments. Other than fixed asset and raw material purchase orders entered into in the normal course of business, there have been no material changes to our contractual commitments discussed in our 2007 Annual Report.

Off-balance sheet arrangements. Other than letters of credit and operating leases entered into in the normal course of business, there have been no material changes to our off-balance sheet arrangements discussed in our 2007 Annual Report.

Recent accounting pronouncements. See Note 1 to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical accounting policies. For a discussion of our critical accounting policies, refer to Part I, Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in our 2007 Annual Report. There have been no changes in our critical accounting policies during the first three months of 2008.

Affiliate transactions. Corporations that may be deemed to be controlled by or affiliated with Mr. Simmons sometimes engage in (i) intercorporate transactions such as guarantees, management and expense sharing arrangements, shared fee arrangements, joint ventures, partnerships, loans, options, advances of funds on open account, and sales, leases and exchanges of assets, including securities issued by both related and unrelated parties, and (ii) common investment and acquisition strategies, business combinations, reorganizations, recapitalizations, securities repurchases, and purchases and sales (and other acquisitions and dispositions) of subsidiaries, divisions or other business units, which transactions have involved both related and unrelated parties and have included transactions which resulted in the acquisition by one related party of a publicly-held minority equity interest in another related party. We continuously consider, review and evaluate such transactions, and understand that Contran and related entities consider, review and evaluate such transactions. Depending upon the business, tax and other objectives then relevant, it is possible that we might be a party to one or more such transactions in the future. See Note 3 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk, including foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and security prices. There have been no material changes in these market risks since we filed our 2007 Annual Report, and we refer you to the report for a complete description of these risks.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined by Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), means controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions to be made regarding required disclosure. Each of Steven L. Watson, our Chief Executive Officer, and James W. Brown, our Chief Financial Officer, have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2008. Based upon their evaluation, these executive officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2008.

Scope of management's report on internal control over financial reporting. We also maintain internal control over financial reporting. The term "internal control over financial reporting," as defined by rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act, means a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting. There have been no changes to our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2008 that have materially affected our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Refer to Note 10 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and to our 2007 Annual Report for descriptions of certain previously reported legal proceedings.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in the first three months of 2008 with respect to our risk factors presented in Item 1A. in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On November 12, 2007, our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100 million of our common stock in open market transactions, including block purchases, or in privately negotiated transactions, which may include transactions with our affiliates. We may repurchase our common stock from time to time as market conditions permit. The stock repurchase program does not include specific price targets or timetables and may be suspended at any time. Depending on market conditions, we may terminate the program prior to its completion. Repurchased shares will be retired and cancelled. See Note 7 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table discloses certain information regarding the shares of our common stock we purchased during the first quarter of 2008 (we made no purchases during February). All of these purchases were made under the repurchase program in open market transactions.

Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of the publicly announced plan	Maximum dollar value that may yet be purchased under the publicly announced plan (in millions)
January 1, 2008 to January 31, 2008	100,000	\$ 18.72	100,000	\$ 98.1
March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008	2,223,000	15.53	2,223,000	63.8
Total	2,323,000	\$ 15.67	2,323,000	\$ 63.8

Item 6. EXHIBITS

- 10.1* Consulting Agreement with Charles H. Entrekin, PhD, effective April 14, 2008, incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 16, 2008.
- 31.1 Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

* Management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement.

Note: We have retained a signed original of any exhibit listed above that contains signatures, and we will provide any such exhibit to the SEC or its staff upon request. Such request should be directed to the attention of our Corporate Secretary at our corporate offices located at 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75240.

SIGNATURES

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.

TITANIUM METALS CORPORATION

Date: May 6, 2008

By/s/ James W. Brown
James W. Brown
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2008

By/s/ Scott E. Sullivan
Scott E. Sullivan
Vice President and Controller
Principal Accounting Officer

