
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
January 24, 2005

United States Steel Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2800
------(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(412) 433-1121

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 24, 2005, United States Steel Corporation issued a press release titled "United States Steel Corporation Reports Record 2004 Fourth Quarter and Full-year Results." The full text of the press release, together with related unaudited financial information and statistics, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated January 24, 2005, titled "United States Steel Corporation Reports Record 2004 Fourth Quarter and Full-year Results," together with related unaudited financial information and statistics.

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SIGNATURE

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

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

Larry G. Schultz Vice President & Controller

Dated: January 25, 2005

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TO BUSINESS EDITOR:

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION REPORTS RECORD 2004 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR RESULTS

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ --

Earnings Highlights (Dollars in millions except per share data)

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	4	Q 2004	3	Q 2004	4	Q 2003		2004		2003	
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Revenues and other income	\$	3,932	\$	3,729	\$	2,681	\$	14,108	\$	9,458	
Segment income (loss) from operations											
Flat-rolled Products	\$	376	\$	362	\$	23	\$	1,186	\$	(54)	
U. S. Steel Europe		136		146		37		398		203	
Tubular Products		113		55		(6)		196		(25)	
Real Estate		8		5		10		30		50	
Straightline						(18)				(70)	
Other Businesses		19		2		3		28		(35)	
Total segment income from											
operations	\$	652	\$	570	\$	49	\$	1,838	\$	69	
Retiree benefit expenses		(76)		(72)		(47)		(257)		(107)	
Other items not allocated											
to segments		(25)		(4)		(36)		3		(692)	
Income (loss) from											
operations	\$	551	\$	494	\$	(34)	\$	1,584	\$	(730)	
Net income (loss)	\$	462	\$	354	\$	(22)	\$	1,085	\$	(463)	
- Per basic share	\$	4.02	\$	3.08	\$	(0.26)	\$	9.55	\$	(4.64)	
- Per diluted share	\$	3.55	\$	2.72	\$	(0.26)	\$	8.44	\$	(4.64)	

 | | | | | | | | | |United States Steel Corporation (NYSE: X) reported fourth quarter 2004 net income of \$462 million, or \$3.55 per diluted share, compared to third quarter 2004 net income of \$354 million, or \$2.72 per diluted share, and a fourth quarter 2003 net loss of \$22 million, or 26 cents per diluted share.

For full-year 2004, U. S. Steel reported net income of \$1,085\$ million, or \$8.44 per diluted share, compared to a 2003 net loss of \$463\$ million, or \$4.64 per diluted share, which included after-tax workforce reduction charges of \$404\$ million.

Commenting on results, U. S. Steel President and CEO John P. Surma said, "Favorable global steel markets coupled with our acquisitions and ongoing cost reduction efforts resulted in record income for U. S. Steel for both the fourth quarter and full year. Noteworthy accomplishments during 2004 included successful integration of the National and Serbian facilities we acquired in 2003, and substantial cash generation, which enabled us to strengthen our balance sheet and our financial capability to support future growth initiatives."

The company reported fourth quarter 2004 income from operations of \$551 million, compared with income from operations of \$494 million in the third quarter of 2004 and a loss from operations of \$34 million in the fourth quarter of 2003. For the year 2004, the company reported income from operations of \$1,584 million versus a full-year 2003 loss from operations of \$730 million.

Net income in fourth quarter 2004 included previously disclosed tax benefits totaling \$30 million related to prior year research and development credits and U. S. Steel Kosice debt repayment. These benefits and other items not allocated to segments increased fourth quarter 2004 net income by \$14 million, or 11 cents per diluted share. Net income in third quarter 2004 included a \$24 million favorable effect related to the settlements of prior years' income tax audits. These settlements and other items not allocated to segments increased third quarter 2004 net income by \$21 million, or 16 cents per diluted share. Other

items not allocated to segments reduced fourth quarter 2003 net income by \$23\$ million, or 23 cents per diluted share.

Net interest and other financial income of \$23 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 included a foreign currency translation gain of \$46 million, which exceeded ongoing interest expense. The foreign currency translation gain included a \$16 million favorable effect, which was offset in cost of revenues. This reclassification related to a refinement of inventory accounting policies for European operations.

Reportable Segments and Other Businesses

Management uses segment income from operations to evaluate company performance because it believes this to be a key measure of ongoing operating results. U. S. Steel's reportable segments and Other Businesses reported segment income from operations of \$652 million, or \$121 per ton, in the fourth quarter of 2004, compared with \$570 million, or \$108 per ton, in the third quarter of 2004 and \$49 million, or \$9 per ton, in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Segment income from operations for full-year 2004 was \$1,838 million, or \$84 per ton, compared with \$69 million, or \$4 per ton, for 2003.

Compared to the third quarter, segment results for the fourth quarter of 2004 increased by \$82 million. Domestic operations benefited from increased prices for tubular products and lower purchased coke costs, while costs increased for natural gas, scrap and coal. European operating results reflected improved prices and volumes, as well as unfavorable effects resulting from a refinement of inventory accounting policies for these operations.

Outlook

First quarter 2005 average realized prices for the Flat-rolled segment are expected to remain in line with fourth quarter levels; however, results will be negatively affected by higher costs for raw materials and natural gas, as well as slightly lower shipments. For full-year 2005, Flat-rolled shipments are expected to be about 15.4 million tons, reflecting the planned outage at the Gary No. 13 blast furnace.

For U. S. Steel Europe (USSE), first quarter average realized prices are expected to be moderately higher than in the fourth quarter of 2004, with shipments remaining about the same and costs for raw materials increasing significantly. USSE shipments for full-year 2005 are projected to increase by about 15 percent to approximately 5.8 million net tons due mainly to higher

operating levels at the Serbian facilities following the planned mid-year startup of a second blast furnace.

Shipments for the Tubular segment in the first quarter of 2005 are expected to be at about the same level as in 2004's fourth quarter, while average realized prices are expected to continue to increase. Tubular announced price increases for certain products ranging from \$50 to \$250 per ton effective in January 2005. Full-year shipments are expected to increase to 1.2 million tons. Costs will increase as a result of annual transfer price adjustments for semi-finished steel, which comprehend raw material cost escalation, and higher costs for purchased rounds.

First quarter 2005 results for Other Businesses will decline compared to the fourth quarter of 2004 due to normal seasonal effects at iron ore operations in Minnesota.

Capital expenditures for 2005 are expected to total approximately \$755 million, reflecting domestic spending of approximately \$475 million and European spending of approximately \$280 million. Domestic expenditures include the rebuild of the Gary No. 13 blast furnace, scheduled for the third quarter. European expenditures include initial outlays for a new hot-dip galvanizing line to support U. S. Steel's European automotive strategy.

In accordance with the previously announced settlement agreement with the City of Gary, Lake County and the state of Indiana regarding past years' Gary Works personal property taxes, a Lake County appeals board is expected to consider a motion to resolve the appeals in accordance with the proposed settlement. If the settlement is approved and becomes final as submitted, U. S. Steel would pay \$44 million and would recognize a favorable income effect reflecting liabilities accrued in excess of the settlement amount. In the event the settlement is approved and becomes final as submitted before the 2004 financial statements are filed, the settlement would be recorded as an adjustment to 2004 results.

Pensions and Benefits

During 2004, U. S. Steel contributed \$295 million (\$175 million in the fourth quarter) to its main defined benefit pension plan and \$30 million (all in the fourth quarter) to a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association trust.

At year-end 2004, U. S. Steel's main defined benefit pension plan was measured and it was determined that an additional minimum liability is no longer necessary for this plan. The reversal of this liability net of associated tax effects resulted in a net credit to equity of approximately \$1.45 billion and had no effect on income or cash flow.

Total costs in 2005 for domestic defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefits are expected to be approximately the same as in 2004.

This release contains forward-looking statements with respect to market conditions, operating costs, shipments, prices, tax settlements and employee benefit costs. Some factors, among others, that could affect market conditions, costs, shipments and prices for both domestic operations and USSE include global product demand, prices and mix; global and company steel production levels; plant operating performance; the timing and completion of facility projects; natural gas prices and usage; raw materials availability and prices; changes in environmental, tax and other laws; employee strikes; power outages; legal

proceedings regarding the proposed tax settlement; and U.S. and global economic performance and political developments. Domestic steel shipments and prices could be affected by import levels and actions taken by the U.S. Government and its agencies. Economic conditions and political factors in Europe that may affect USSE's results include, but are not limited to, taxation, nationalization, inflation, currency fluctuations, increased regulation, export quotas, tariffs, and other protectionist measures. Factors that may affect the amount of net periodic benefit costs include, among others, pension fund investment performance, liability changes and interest rates. In accordance with "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, cautionary statements identifying important factors, but not necessarily all factors, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements have been included in the Form 10-K of U. S. Steel for the year ended December 31, 2003, and in subsequent filings for U. S. Steel.

A Statement of Operations (Unaudited), Other Financial Data (Unaudited) and Preliminary Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited) for U. S. Steel are attached.

The company will conduct a conference call on fourth quarter earnings on Tuesday, January 25, at 2 p.m. EST. To listen to the webcast of the conference call, visit the U. S. Steel web site, http://www.ussteel.com, and click on the "Investors" button.

For more information on U. S. Steel, visit its web site at http://www.ussteel.com.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

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(Dollars in millions)	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Dec. 31 2003			
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REVENUES AND OTHER INCOME:						
Revenues	\$ 3,890	\$ 3 , 707	\$ 2,613	\$ 13 , 969	\$ 9 , 328	
Income (loss) from						
investees	20	18	(1)	57	(11)	
Net gains on disposal						
of assets	11	2	58	57	85	
Other income	11	2	11	25	56	
Total revenues						
and other income	3,932	3,729	2,681	14,108	9,458	
COSTS AND EXPENSES: Cost of revenues (excludes items						
shown below) Selling, general and	3,069	2,967	2,352	11,404	8,469	
administrative expenses Depreciation, depletion	217	172	252	738	673	
and amortization	95	96	92	382	363	
Restructuring charges			19		683	
Total costs and						
expenses	3,381	3,235	2,715	12,524	•	
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS Net interest and other				1,584		

financial (income) costs		(23)		4		24		119		130
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTERESTS, EXTRAORDINARY LOSS AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING										
PRINCIPLES Income tax provision		574		490		(58)		1,465		(860)
(benefit)		98		126		(36)		361		(454)
Minority interests		14		10				33		
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY LOSS AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING										
PRINCIPLES		462		354		(22)		1,071		(406)
Extraordinary loss,						, ,		,		, , ,
net of tax Cumulative effects of changes in accounting										(52)
principles, net of tax								14		(5)
NET INCOME (LOSS) Dividends on preferred stock		462 (5)		354 (4)		(22) (5)		1,085		(463) (16)
NET INCOME (LOSS) APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$	457	\$	350	\$	(27)	\$	1,067	\$	(479)
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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (Continued)

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COMMON STOCK DATA:	Dec. 31 2004 		Sept. 30 2004 		Dec. 31 2003 		2004 		2003 	
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Per share:										
<pre>Income (loss) before extraordinary loss and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles:</pre>										
-Basic	\$	4.02	\$	3.08	\$	(.26)	\$	9.42	\$	(4.09)
-Diluted	Ś	3.55		2.72	\$	(.26)	\$		\$	(4.09)
Extraordinary loss, net of tax:	т	0.00	*	2.72	т	(120)		0.00		(1.00)
-Basic	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	(.50)
-Diluted	Ś		Ś		\$		\$		\$	(.50)
Cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, net of tax:	Ÿ		Ÿ		Ÿ		Ÿ		Y	(.50)
-Basic	\$		\$		\$		\$.13	\$	(.05)
-Diluted	\$		\$		\$		\$.11	\$	(.05)
Net income (loss):										
-Basic	\$	4.02	\$	3.08	\$	(.26)	\$	9.55	\$	(4.64)
-Diluted	\$	3.55	\$	2.72	\$	(.26)	\$	8.44	\$	(4.64)
Weighted average shares, in thousands										
- Basic	1	13,853	1	13,523	1	03,423	1	11,838	1	03,179
- Diluted	1	30,322	13	30,021	1	03,423	1	28,643	1	03,179
Dividends paid per										
common share	\$.05	\$.05	\$.05	\$.20	\$.20

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION OTHER FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

Year Ended December 31

Cash Flow Data (In millions)	2004	2003
Cash provided from (used in) operating activities: Net income (loss) Depreciation, depletion and amortization	\$ 1,085 382	\$ (463) 363

Pensions and other postretirement benefits	(215)	184
Deferred income taxes	365	(445)
Restructuring charges		594
Working capital changes	(60)	433
Other operating activities	(89)	(89)
Total	1,468	577
Cash used in investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(581)	(316)
Acquisitions		(905)
Other investing activities	103	91
Total	(478)	
Cash (used in) provided from financing activities:		
Issuance of long-term debt, net of financing costs	(3)	427
Repayment of long-term debt	(569)	
Preferred stock issued		242
Common stock issued	361	23
Dividends paid	(39)	(35)
Other financing activities	(19)	(1)
Total	(269)	626
Total net cash flow	721	73
Cash at beginning of the year	316	243
Cash at end of the period	\$ 1,037 ======	\$ 316 ======
	Dec. 31	
Balance Sheet Data (In millions)	2004	2003
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,037	\$ 316
Other current assets	3,199	2,790
Property, plant and equipment - net	3 , 635	3,414
Pension Asset	2,538	8
Other assets	541	1,309
Total assets	\$ 10,950	\$ 7,837
Current liabilities	\$ 2,525	
Long-term debt	1,363	1,890
Employee benefits	2,125	2,382
Other long-term liabilities	941	343
Minority interests	28	2
Stockholders' equity	3 , 968	1,093
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 10,950	\$ 7,837
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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION PRELIMINARY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS (Unaudited)

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	Quarter Ended							Year Ended December 31			
(Dollars in millions)		2004		Sept. 30 2004		2003		2004		003	
<pre><s> INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS</s></pre>	<c></c>		<c></c>		<c></c>		<0	!>	<c></c>		
Flat-rolled Products (a) U. S. Steel Europe (b) Tubular Products Real Estate Straightline (a) Other Businesses (c)	\$	376 136 113 8	\$	362 146 55 5	\$	23 37 (6) 10 (18) 3	\$	1,186 398 196 30 28	\$	(54) 203 (25) 50 (70) (35)	
Segment Income (Loss) from Operations Retiree benefit expenses (d) Other items not allocated to		652 (76)		570 (72)		49 (47)		1,838		69 (107)	
segments: Stock appreciation rights Costs related to Straightline shutdown Workforce reduction		(8)		(4)		(72) (16)		(23)		(75) (16)	
charges (including pension settlements)		(17)				(3)		(17)		(621)	

Asset impairments Litigation items					(57) (25)
Timber contribution to pension plan			55		55
Income from sale of certain assets				43	47
Total Income (Loss)					
from Operations	\$ 551	\$ 494	\$ (34)	\$ 1,584	\$ (730)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES					
Flat-rolled Products	\$ 88	\$ 109	\$ 44	\$ 255	\$ 101
U. S. Steel Europe	87	57	49	223	121
Tubular Products		3	6	8	50
Real Estate	7			7	1
Straightline					2
Other Businesses	32	33	12	88	41
Total 					

 \$ 214 | \$ 202 | \$ 111 | \$ 581 | \$ 316 |- -----

- (a) The Flat-rolled segment includes the results of National flat-rolled facilities from May 20, 2003, the date of acquisition; the residual effects of Straightline from January 1, 2004; and the consolidated results of the Clairton 1314B partnership, which was accounted for under the equity method prior to January 1, 2004.
- (b) Includes U. S. Steel's Serbian operations from September 12, 2003, the date of acquisition. Prior to September 12, 2003, included effects of activities under certain agreements with the former owner of the Serbian operations.
- (c) Includes the coal mining business prior to June 30, 2003, the date of sale. Includes the results of the taconite pellet operations in Keewatin from May 20, 2003, the date of acquisition.
- (d) Includes certain profit-based expenses for U. S. Steel retirees and National retirees pursuant to provisions of the 2003 labor agreement with the United Steelworkers of America.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION PRELIMINARY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS (Unaudited)

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		Quarter End	Year Ended December 31			
(Dollars in millions)		2004	Dec. 31 2003	2004	2003	
<s> OPERATING STATISTICS</s>	<c></c>	<c></c>			<c></c>	
Average realized price: (\$/net ton) (c)						
Flat-rolled Products (a)	\$ 623	\$ 627	\$ 423	\$ 574	\$ 422	
Tubular Products	1,083	907		863		
U. S. Steel Europe (b)	619	573	372	529	358	
Steel Shipments: (c)(d)						
Flat-rolled Products (a)	3,747	•	•	15 , 635	•	
Tubular Products	285	266		1,092		
U. S. Steel Europe (b)	1,347	1,257	1,241	5,040	4,849	
Raw Steel-Production: (d)			4 005	40.000		
Domestic Facilities	•	•	4,285	•	,	
U. S. Steel Europe (b)	1,474	1,400	1,2/5	5,685	4,836	
Raw Steel-Capability Utilization: (g)						
Domestic Facilities	07 7%	07 0%	87.6%	00 00	88.3%	
U. S. Steel Europe (b)			68.2%			
Domestic iron ore	73.00	75.00	00.20	70.00	04.50	
production (d)	5.714	5,546	5.280	22,884	18.608	
Domestic iron ore	0,711	0,010	0,200	22,001	10,000	
shipments (d)(f)	6,600	6,930	5.342	24,289	18,238	
Domestic coke	-,	-,	-,	,	,	
production (d)(h)	1,670	1,659	1,714	6,644	6,835	
Domestic coke	,	,	,	,	.,	
shipments (d)(g)(h)	700	686	832	2,699	3,370	

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(a) The Flat-rolled segment includes the results of National flat-rolled facilities from May 20, 2003, the date of acquisition; the residual effects of Straightline from January 1, 2004; and the consolidated results of the Clairton 1314B Partnership, which was accounted for under the equity method prior to January 1, 2004.

- (b) Includes U. S. Steel's Serbian operations from September 12, 2003, the date of acquisition. Prior to September 12, 2003, included effects of activities under certain agreements with the former owner of the Serbian operations.
- (c) Excludes intersegment transfers.
- (d) Thousands of net tons.
- (e) Based on annual raw steel production capability for domestic facilities of $12.8 \ \text{million}$ net tons prior to May 20, 2003, and $19.4 \ \text{million}$ net tons thereafter; and annual raw steel production capability for U. S. Steel Europe of 5.0 million net tons prior to September 12, 2003, and 7.4 million net tons thereafter.
- (f) Includes trade shipments and intersegment transfers.
- (g) Includes trade shipments only.
- (h) Includes the Clairton 1314B Partnership.

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