

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION
On January 30, 2006, United States Steel Corporation issued a press release titled "United States Steel Corporation Reports 2005 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
(d) Exhibits
99.1 Press Release dated January 30, 2006, titled "United States Steel Corporation Reports 2005 Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results," together with related unaudited financial information and statistics.

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.

By /s/ Larry G. Schultz
Larry G. Schultz
Vice President \& Controller

Dated: January 30, 2006

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION REPORTS 2005 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR RESULTS

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\section*{EARNINGS HIGHLIGHTS}
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\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{4Q 2005}} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{ADJUSTED *} & & & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{ADJUSTED} \\
\hline (Dollars in millions except per share data) & & & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{3Q 2005} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{4Q 2004} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2005} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{2004 *} \\
\hline <S> & <C & & <C & & <C & & & & & \\
\hline NET SALES & \$ & 3,470 & \$ & 3,200 & \$ & 3,890 & \$ & 14,039 & \$ & 13,975 \\
\hline \multicolumn{11}{|l|}{SEGMENT INCOME FROM OPERATIONS} \\
\hline Flat-rolled Products & \$ & 36 & \$ & 41 & \$ & 375 & \$ & 602 & \$ & 1,185 \\
\hline U. S. Steel Europe & & 112 & & 21 & & 128 & & 502 & & 439 \\
\hline Tubular Products & & 149 & & 124 & & 114 & & 528 & & 197 \\
\hline Other Businesses & & 16 & & 21 & & 27 & & 43 & & 58 \\
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\hline TOTAL SEGMENT INCOME FROM OPERATIONS & \$ & 313 & \$ & 207 & \$ & 644 & \$ & 1,675 & \$ & 1,879 \\
\hline Retiree benefit expenses & & (59) & & (55) & & (76) & & (267) & & (257) \\
\hline Other items not allocated to segments & & (32) & & (4) & & (25) & & 31 & & 3 \\
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\hline INCOME FROM OPERATIONS & \$ & 222 & \$ & 148 & \$ & 543 & \$ & 1,439 & \$ & 1,625 \\
\hline Interest and other financial costs & & 15 & & 17 & & 23 & & 47 & & 151 \\
\hline Foreign currency losses (gains) & & (1) & & 3 & & (36) & & 80 & & (36) \\
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\hline NET INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCIAL COSTS & & 14 & & 20 & & (13) & & 127 & & 115 \\
\hline INCOME TAX PROVISION & & 90 & & 27 & & 91 & & 365 & & 356 \\
\hline NET INCOME & \$ & 109 & \$ & 93 & \$ & 451 & \$ & 910 & \$ & 1,135 \\
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\hline - Per basic share & \$ & 0.94 & \$ & 0.77 & \$ & 3.92 & \$ & 7.87 & \$ & 10.00 \\
\hline - Per diluted share & \$ & 0.85 & \$ & 0.71 & \$ & 3.46 & \$ & 7.00 & \$ & 8.83 \\
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* See Footnote (a) to Statement of Operations

PITTSBURGH, January 30, 2005 - United States Steel Corporation (NYSE: X) reported fourth quarter 2005 net income of \(\$ 109\) million, or \(\$ 0.85\) per diluted share, compared to third quarter 2005 adjusted net income of \(\$ 93\) million, or \(\$ 0.71\) per diluted share, and fourth quarter 2004 adjusted net income of \(\$ 451\) million, or \(\$ 3.46\) per diluted share.
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For full-year 2005, U. S. Steel reported net income of \(\$ 910\) million or \(\$ 7.00\) per diluted share, compared to 2004 adjusted net income of \(\$ 1,135\) million, or \(\$ 8.83\) per diluted share. Prior period results have been adjusted retrospectively for a change in the method of accounting for inventories at U. S. Steel Kosice (USSK) as discussed later.

Commenting on results, U. S. Steel President and CEO John P. Surma said, "A strong fourth quarter operating performance contributed to making 2005 a very good year. Our annual earnings were the second highest on record and we had another year of solid return on capital employed. Importantly, our safety performance improved substantially, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our employees. Capital spending and repair and maintenance expenses were higher than anticipated primarily because we expanded the scope of work and experienced several delays related to the Gary No. 14 blast furnace project. We are proceeding through the start-up process and expect to be producing at full capacity of 9,200 tons of hot metal per day in a relatively short time."

The company reported fourth quarter 2005 income from operations of \(\$ 222\) million, compared with adjusted income from operations of \(\$ 148\) million in the third quarter of 2005 and \(\$ 543\) million in the fourth quarter of 2004 . For the year 2005, income from operations was \(\$ 1,439\) million versus adjusted income from operations of \(\$ 1,625\) million for the year 2004 .

Results in fourth quarter 2005 included an income tax charge of \(\$ 16\) million resulting from the repatriation of \(\$ 300\) million of foreign earnings pursuant to the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, a pre-tax charge of \(\$ 20\) million for environmental remediation related to a former steel production site that was sold years ago, and a pre-tax charge of \(\$ 11\) million for special termination benefits under the voluntary early retirement program at USSK. These items and another small item not allocated to segments reduced fourth quarter 2005 net income by \(\$ 39\) million, or 30 cents per diluted share. Other items not allocated to segments reduced third quarter 2005 net income by \(\$ 4\) million, or 3 cents per diluted share. Net income in fourth quarter 2004 included tax benefits totaling \(\$ 30\) million related to prior year research and development credits and USSK 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.

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Foreign currency gains in the fourth quarter of 2005 were \(\$ 1\) million, compared to losses of \(\$ 3\) million in the third quarter of 2005 and gains of \(\$ 36\) million in the fourth quarter of 2004. The losses for the full-year 2005 primarily reflect accounting remeasurement losses from the appreciation of the U.S. dollar functional currency versus the euro and other local currencies. Effective January 1, 2006, the functional currency for our European operations was changed to the euro, which should reduce future period remeasurement gains and losses.

\section*{REPORTABLE SEGMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES}

\begin{abstract}
Management believes segment income from operations is a key measure to evaluate ongoing operating results and performance. U. S. Steel's reportable segments and Other Businesses reported segment income from operations of \(\$ 313\) million, or \(\$ 63\) per ton, in the fourth quarter of 2005 , compared with \(\$ 207\) million, or \(\$ 44\) per ton, in the third quarter of 2005 and \(\$ 644\) million, or \(\$ 120\) per ton, in the fourth quarter of 2004.
\end{abstract}

Segment income from operations for full-year 2005 was \(\$ 1,675\) million, or \(\$ 85\) per ton, compared with \(\$ 1,879\) million, or \(\$ 86\) per ton for 2004 .

The increase in fourth quarter 2005 European income from operations compared to the third quarter primarily reflected lower raw material and outage costs and operating efficiencies due to higher operating levels. The improvement in fourth quarter versus third quarter Tubular results was largely due to higher prices and shipment volumes. Flat-rolled's fourth quarter results were in line with the third quarter as higher prices and shipment volumes were offset by increased costs for natural gas and electricity and higher project costs related to the Gary No. 14 blast furnace.

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\section*{OUTLOOK}

Commenting on U. S. Steel's outlook, Surma said, "The first quarter of 2006 looks good for our domestic and European markets. Service center and end customer inventories are balanced and we expect continued strength in the energy markets served by our Tubular segment."

For Flat-rolled, first quarter 2006 shipments are expected to improve compared to the fourth quarter of 2005 due to the restart of the Gary No. 14 blast furnace, and prices should remain at about the fourth quarter level. We expect higher raw material costs to be partially offset by reduced outage costs.

For U. S. Steel Europe (USSE), first quarter shipments are expected to increase and average realized prices and costs should be consistent with fourth quarter levels; however, the effect of natural gas supply disruptions that have recently curtailed Serbian operations is uncertain.

Shipments and average realized prices for the Tubular segment in the first quarter of 2006 are expected to be in line with the fourth quarter.

First quarter 2006 results for Other Businesses should decline from the fourth quarter due primarily to normal seasonal variations at our iron ore operations in Minnesota.

Capital expenditures for 2006 are expected to total approximately \(\$ 700\) million, reflecting domestic spending of approximately \(\$ 440\) million and European spending of approximately \(\$ 260\) million.

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\section*{PENSIONS AND BENEFITS}

During 2005, U. S. Steel made a first quarter voluntary cash contribution of \(\$ 130\) million to its main defined benefit pension plan and a fourth quarter voluntary cash contribution of \(\$ 50\) million to a qualified trust for payment of future retiree medical expenses.

At year-end 2005, U. S. Steel's main defined benefit pension plan was measured and it was again determined that an additional minimum liability is required for this plan. The reestablishment of this liability net of associated tax effects resulted in a net charge to equity of approximately \(\$ 1.4\) billion and had no effect on income or cash flow.

Total costs for pension plans and other postretirement benefits are expected to be approximately \(\$ 300\) million in 2006 , compared to \(\$ 390\) million in 2005.

\section*{COMMON STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM}

On July 26, 2005, U. S. Steel announced that its Board of Directors had approved the repurchase of up to eight million shares of its common stock. During 2005, 5.8 million shares were repurchased under this program for a total cost of \(\$ 254\) million, including 4.6 million shares repurchased in the fourth quarter for a total cost of \(\$ 202\) million.

CHANGE TO FIFO METHOD FOR USSK
During the fourth quarter of 2005, U. S. Steel changed its method of determining the cost of USSK inventories from the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method to the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Management considers the FIFO method to be preferable to the LIFO method for USSK because it creates consistency of the valuation method used for inventories within the USSE reportable segment and provides for comparability of the USSE segment with major international competitors. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, prior period results have been adjusted to apply the new method retrospectively. This change had an unfavorable effect on fourth quarter and full-year 2005 USSE segment operating results of \(\$ 22\) million and \(\$ 17\) million, respectively. After including effects of foreign currency remeasurement and tax provisions, the unfavorable net income effect of this change on \(U\). S. Steel's fourth quarter and full-year 2005 results was \(\$ 35\) million and \(\$ 41\) million, respectively. See Appendix A.
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This release contains forward-looking statements with respect to market conditions, operating costs, shipments, prices, capital spending 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, including the start up of the recently completed blast furnace projects; the timing and completion of facility projects; natural gas prices, usage and supply disruptions such as are occurring in Serbia; raw materials availability and prices; changes in environmental, tax and other laws; employee strikes; power outages; 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. 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, changes to laws affecting benefits, 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 \(10-\mathrm{K}\) of U . S. Steel for the year ended December 31, 2004, and in subsequent filings for U. S. Steel.

A Statement of Operations (Unaudited), Cash Flow Statement (Unaudited), Condensed Balance Sheet (Unaudited) and Preliminary Supplemental Statistics (Unaudited) for U. S. Steel are attached. We have also attached Appendix A detailing the income effects in 2005 and 2004 of the change in the method of determining the cost of USSK inventories.

The company will conduct a conference call on fourth quarter earnings on Tuesday, January 31, at \(2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}\). EST. To listen to the webcast of the conference call, visit the U. S. Steel web site, www.ussteel.com, and click on the "Investors" button.

For more information on U. S. Steel, visit its web site at www.ussteel.com.
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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (Continued)
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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION
CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Unaudited)
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| Deferred income taxes |  | 43 |  | 360 |
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| Net gains on disposal of assets |  | (21) |  | (57) |
| Changes in: Current receivables |  | 164 |  | (550) |
| Inventories |  | (161) |  | 38 |
| Current accounts payable and accrued expenses |  | 50 |  | 311 |
| Other operating activities |  | 50 |  | (4) |
| Total |  | 1,220 |  | 1,400 |
| Cash used in investing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures |  | (741) |  | (579) |
| Disposal of assets |  | 31 |  | 95 |
| Other investing activities |  | 5 |  | - |
| Total |  | (705) |  | (484) |
| Cash used in financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| USSK credit facility, net |  | 231 |  | - |
| Borrowings and repayments of debt, net |  | (10) |  | (571) |
| Common stock issued |  | 28 |  | 361 |
| Common stock repurchased |  | (254) |  | - |
| Dividends paid |  | (60) |  | (39) |
| Change in bank checks outstanding |  | 37 |  | 73 |
| Other financing activities |  | (33) |  | (27) |
| Total |  | (61) |  | (203) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash |  | (7) |  | 8 |
| Total net cash flow |  | 447 |  | 721 |
| Cash at beginning of the year |  | 1,037 |  | 316 |
| Cash at end of the period | \$ | 1,484 | \$ | 1,037 |

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

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|  | Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjusted (a) | Year Ended |  |


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(b) Includes the results of the former Real Estate segment.
(c) 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.
(d) Reflects the portion of the Gary property tax settlement gain that is included in cost of sales, and excludes $\$ 25$ million that is included in net interest and other financial costs.
(e) Reflects special termination benefits for a USSK voluntary early retirement program.

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(a) Excludes intersegment transfers.
(b) Thousands of net tons.
(c) Based on annual raw steel production capability of 19.4 million net tons for domestic facilities and 7.4 million net tons for U. S. Steel Europe.
(d) Includes trade shipments and intersegment transfers.
(e) Includes the Clairton 1314B Partnership.
(f) Includes trade shipments only.
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APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION EFFECTS OF USSK CHANGE IN INVENTORY METHOD (\$ Millions)



* Reflects the adjustment for foreign currency remeasurement effects


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