



ALGOMA STEEL INC.

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ALGOMA STEEL ADVANCES DATE OF ITS ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO – Algoma Steel Inc. today announced that it has advanced the date of its Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders to June 11, 2007 from June 21, 2007 (the “Meeting”). The record date of May 3, 2007 is unchanged.

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to approve an arrangement involving the acquisition by a subsidiary of Essar Steel Holdings Limited (“Essar”) of all of Algoma’s outstanding common shares for all cash consideration of \$56 per share (the “Arrangement”). On May 8, the Competition Bureau of Canada issued an Advance Ruling Certificate in respect of the Arrangement. Algoma, Essar and their advisors expect that the balance of the preconditions to the closing of the Arrangement are likely to be satisfied in early June 2007. As a result, advancing the date of the Meeting to June 11th provides the potential, if the Arrangement is approved, for a closing and payment to Algoma shareholders earlier than was previously contemplated. Depending on various factors, the closing of the Arrangement could occur as early as June 15, 2007.

The Meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. on June 11th and will be held at the Hilton Toronto, Toronto III Room, 145 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Algoma Steel Inc. is an integrated steel producer based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Revenues are derived primarily from the manufacture and sale of rolled steel products including hot and cold rolled sheet and plate.

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