

ALGOMA STEEL INC.

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Algoma to Make a Prepayment Under Term Loan Agreement

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO - Algoma Steel Inc. announced today that it has notified UBS AG of its intention to make a prepayment under its term loan agreement on December 28, 2007 in the amount of \$130 million. The company does not intend to make any further announcement upon such prepayment.

A member of the Essar Group, Algoma Steel Inc. is based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. As a fully integrated steel producer, Algoma's 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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