



Essar Steel Algoma Inc.
105 West Street
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Canada P6A 7B4

T +1 - 705 - 945 2351
F +1 - 705 - 945 2203
www.essarsteelalgoma.com

NEWS RELEASE
February 13, 2010

Essar Steel Algoma Inc. Reports Positive EBITDA in Third Quarter Fiscal 2010

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO: Essar Steel Algoma Inc. reported a net loss of \$64.7 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. The loss was primarily attributable to ongoing weakness in steel prices and low shipments due to damage in Blast Furnace #7 caused by failure of the bustle main.

The Company reported EBITDA earnings, excluding exceptional items, of \$16.7 million. EBITDA is a meaningful indicator of the Company's profitability.

Shipments for the quarter were 471,343 tons; down 28% from the prior quarter. Sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2010 were \$308.0 million as compared to \$388.3 million for the prior quarter ended September 30, 2009.

-30-

A member of the Essar Group, Essar Steel Algoma Inc. is based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. As a fully integrated steel producer, the Company derives its revenues primarily from the manufacture and sale of hot and cold rolled steel products including sheet and plate.

COMPANY CONTACT:
Brenda Stenta
Manager Corporate Communications
Phone: +1.705.945.2209
E-mail: brenda.stenta@essar.com