

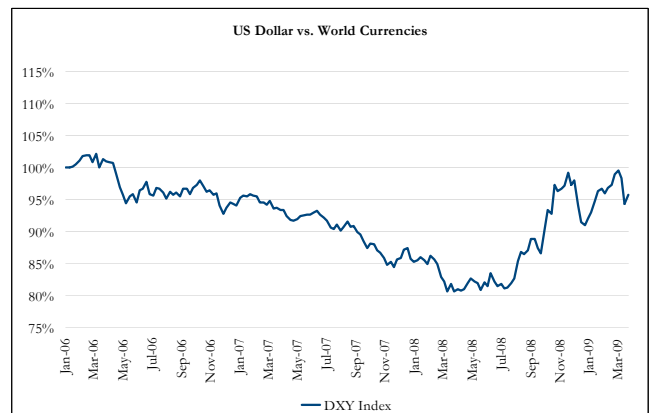
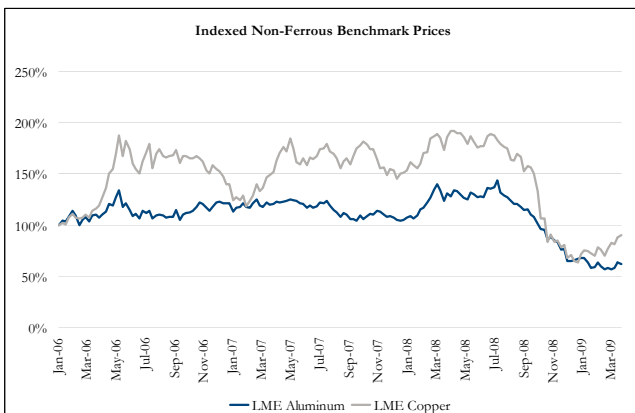
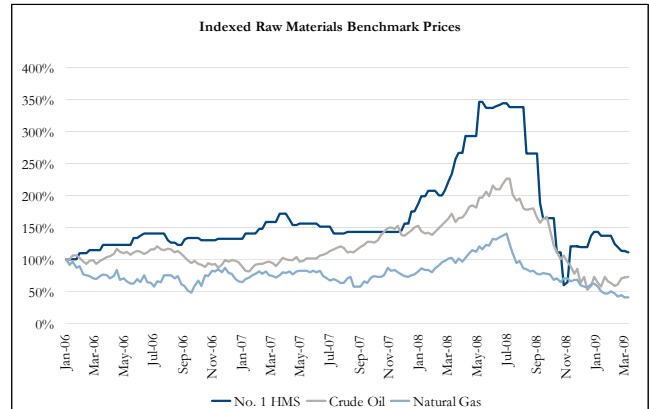
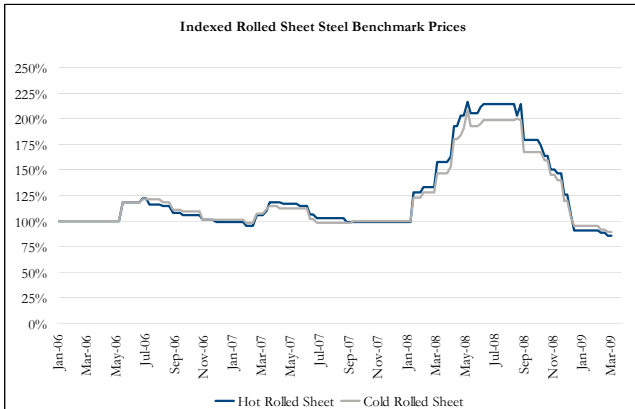
March 31, 2009: Metals Industry Trends

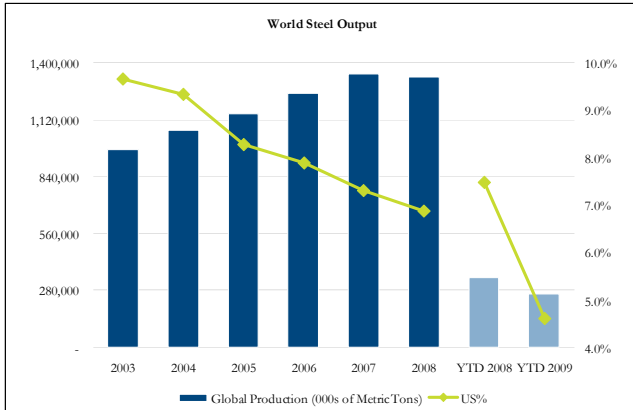
The global metals industries continued to face strong headwinds in the first quarter of 2009 amidst a worldwide economic recession, unprecedented liquidity pressures, and deflated commodity prices. Industry analysts expect steel capacity to operate between 60%-75% throughout the rest of 2009, while some expect utilization to remain below 75% through 2012; operating rates in the recent period of peaked demand were as high as 85%-90%. With such low utilization rates present in the current environment, steel producers are focused on cost reduction strategies. As such, many anticipate mini-mills, with their superior production flexibility, to outperform integrated mills in the near term. Additionally, recovery in the metals sectors will depend upon recovery in the end markets (i.e., construction, automotive, etc.) of both developing and developed economies.

The stock prices of public companies in the metals industries experienced continued weakness in Q1 2009; Aluminum and Other/Specialty Metals were the hardest hit for the YTD period. Many industry analysts believe price recovery will be short-lived, and a meaningful turnaround remains difficult given current market conditions including demand trends in key end markets, sustained pricing pressure worldwide, falling input costs, inventory destocking, and high excess capacity rates. Recent bankruptcy announcements in the domestic automotive industry further cloud the outlook for the remainder of 2009 and beyond.

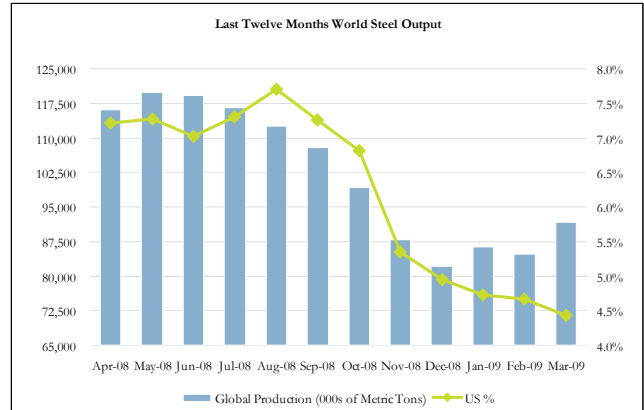
M&A activity halted in Q1 2009 as liquidity pressures rose and valuations fell. Recent opportunities for distressed investments are opening up across all industries, especially in the hard hit automotive and building products segments.

Pertinent Market Statistics



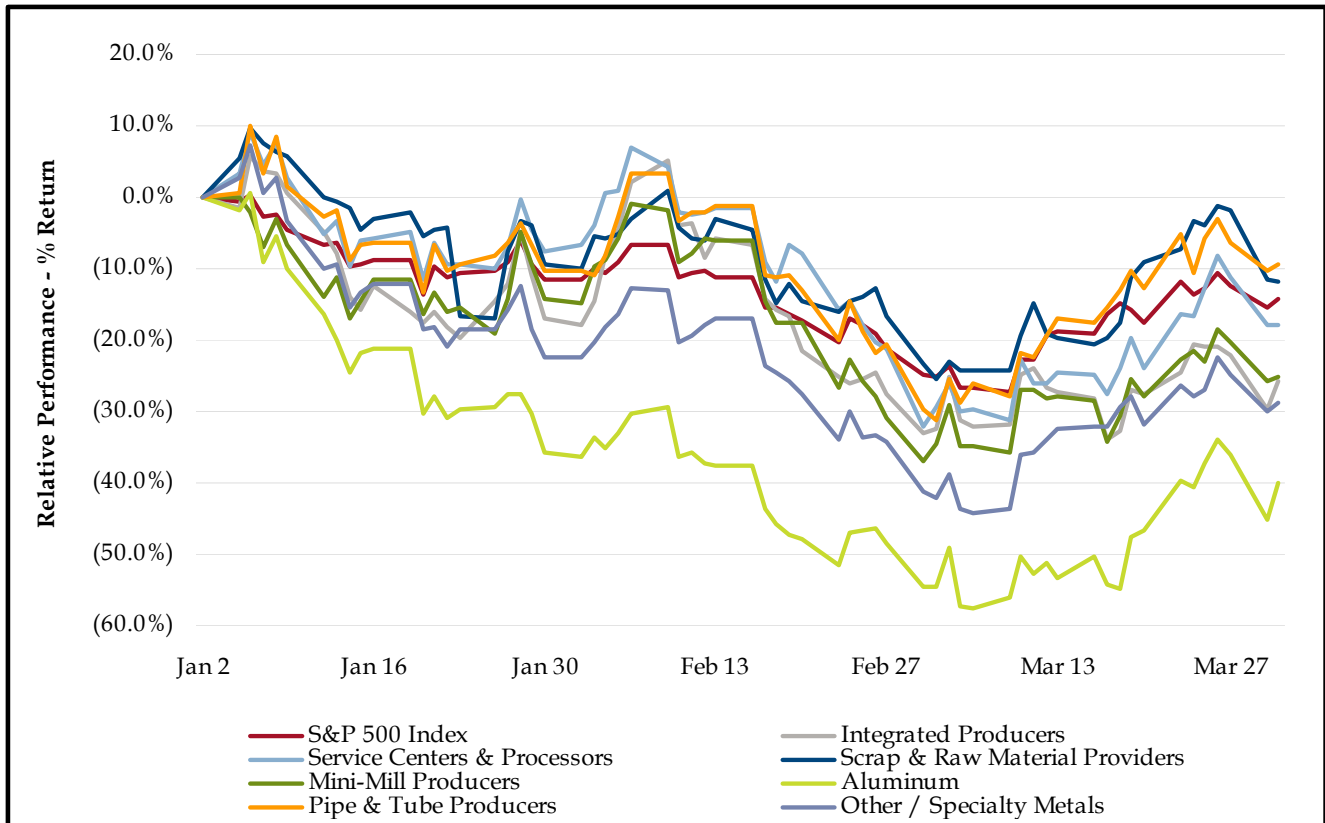


Source: World Steel Association as of 04/21/09.



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2009 YTD Stock Price Performance



Source: CapitalIQ, as of 03/31/09.

Metals Industry Trading Comparables

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Scrap and Raw Material Providers	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
Industrial Services of America Inc.	IDSA	\$ 4.30	22.05%	\$ 15.4	\$ 23.7	\$ 100.0	\$ 5.6	\$ 1.5	0.2 x	4.3 x	NM	NM	10.1 x	NM	1.2 x
Metalico Inc.	MEA	1.70	9.02%	61.9	183.7	818.2	32.1	(43.7)	0.2 x	5.7 x	0.7 x	5.7 x	NM	NM	0.5 x
Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc.	SCHN	31.39	26.48%	881.7	1,007.3	3,536.2	352.3	190.0	0.3 x	2.9 x	0.6 x	NM	4.6 x	NM	0.9 x
Sims Metal Management Limited	ASX:SGM	11.68	38.89%	2,124.9	2,162.2	7,333.2	463.1	149.4	0.3 x	4.7 x	0.3 x	8.5 x	14.2 x	23.4 x	0.9 x
Sector Median			24.26%						0.3 x	4.5 x	0.6 x	7.1 x	10.1 x	23.4 x	0.9 x

Service Centers & Processors	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
AM Castle & Co.	CAS	\$ 8.92	26.08%	\$ 204.0	\$ 305.7	\$ 1,501.0	\$ 86.3	\$ (17.1)	0.2 x	3.5 x	0.3 x	7.3 x	NM	20.0 x	0.6 x
Barzel Industries Inc.	TPUT	0.35	6.94%	9.4	332.9	801.1	29.3	(54.6)	0.4 x	11.3 x	NM	NM	NM	NM	0.2 x
Friedman Industries Inc.	FRD	4.92	47.67%	33.5	24.0	235.9	24.7	15.3	0.1 x	1.0 x	NM	NM	2.2 x	NM	0.6 x
Gibraltar Industries, Inc.	ROCK	4.72	19.16%	141.4	486.4	1,232.3	122.7	24.1	0.4 x	4.0 x	0.5 x	12.7 x	5.9 x	NM	0.2 x
North American Galvanizing & Coatings Inc.	NGA	3.02	26.15%	49.0	39.7	86.1	22.9	11.9	0.5 x	1.7 x	NM	NM	4.1 x	NM	1.1 x
Olympic Steel Inc.	ZEUS	15.17	19.37%	164.8	204.1	1,227.2	119.0	67.7	0.2 x	1.7 x	0.4 x	NM	2.4 x	NM	0.5 x
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	RS	26.33	33.57%	1,930.3	3,652.0	8,718.8	950.9	482.8	0.4 x	3.8 x	0.6 x	11.2 x	4.0 x	17.6 x	0.8 x
Russel Metals Inc.	TSX:RUS	8.19	32.78%	488.7	683.4	2,742.8	312.6	186.2	0.2 x	2.2 x	0.4 x	15.6 x	2.6 x	NM	0.6 x
Samuel Manu-Tech Inc.	TSX:SMT	3.19	35.59%	102.4	271.8	806.4	53.5	(7.6)	0.3 x	5.1 x	0.3 x	6.2 x	NM	13.7 x	0.4 x
Shiloh Industries Inc.	SHLO	1.90	15.83%	31.1	97.8	436.1	35.0	(0.9)	0.2 x	2.8 x	0.3 x	6.1 x	NM	NM	0.3 x
Worthington Industries, Inc.	WOR	8.71	33.32%	686.8	1,069.7	3,253.1	133.9	(23.9)	0.3 x	8.0 x	0.4 x	NM	NM	NM	0.9 x
Sector Median			26.15%						0.3 x	3.5 x	0.4 x	9.3 x	3.3 x	17.6 x	0.6 x

Integrated Producers	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
AK Steel Holding Corp.	AKS	\$ 7.12	9.74%	\$ 789.7	\$ 860.3	\$ 7,644.3	\$ 941.4	\$ 4.0	0.1 x	0.9 x	0.2 x	12.8 x	NM	NM	0.8 x
Arcelor Mittal	MT	20.30	22.53%	27,736.5	58,268.5	124,936.0	18,336.0	9,399.0	0.5 x	3.2 x	0.8 x	7.8 x	3.0 x	15.5 x	0.5 x
Joint Stock Company Severstal	RTS:CHMF	3.75	13.46%	3,778.9	9,962.7	22,392.7	4,576.0	2,034.0	0.4 x	2.2 x	NM	NM	1.9 x	NM	0.4 x
Ternium S.A.	TX	6.85	14.89%	1,373.2	4,539.1	8,464.9	2,182.7	715.4	0.5 x	2.1 x	1.0 x	6.2 x	1.9 x	11.7 x	0.3 x
ThyssenKrupp AG	XTRA:TKA	17.51	28.21%	8,113.2	13,736.0	73,608.6	5,498.5	2,723.4	0.2 x	2.5 x	NM	NM	3.0 x	NM	0.6 x
United States Steel Corp.	X	21.13	10.78%	2,455.3	5,051.3	23,754.0	3,414.0	2,112.0	0.2 x	1.5 x	0.4 x	NM	1.2 x	NM	0.5 x
Sector Median			14.18%						0.3 x	2.1 x	0.6 x	7.8 x	1.9 x	13.6 x	0.5 x

Mini-Mill Producers	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
Commercial Metals Co.	CMC	\$ 11.55	29.02%	\$ 1,297.3	\$ 2,703.2	\$ 10,684.2	\$ 541.3	\$ 224.8	0.3 x	5.0 x	0.4 x	8.1 x	5.8 x	28.8 x	0.9 x
Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.	GNA	3.07	15.51%	1,329.3	3,953.3	8,528.5	1,467.5	(587.4)	0.5 x	2.7 x	0.9 x	8.9 x	NM	53.9 x	0.5 x
Nucor Corporation	NUE	38.17	45.68%	11,994.9	13,304.6	23,663.3	3,849.0	1,831.0	0.6 x	3.5 x	1.2 x	NM	6.6 x	NM	1.5 x
Steel Dynamics Inc.	STLD	8.81	21.53%	1,603.4	4,245.9	8,080.5	1,064.0	463.4	0.5 x	4.0 x	1.3 x	14.3 x	3.5 x	NM	1.0 x
Sector Median			25.27%						0.5 x	3.7 x	1.1 x	8.9 x	5.8 x	41.3 x	0.9 x

Aluminum	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
Alcoa, Inc.	AA	\$ 7.34	16.39%	\$ 6,975.3	\$ 19,443.3	\$ 26,901.0	\$ 3,313.0	\$ (74.0)	0.7 x	5.9 x	1.2 x	NM	NM	NM	0.5 x
Century Aluminum Co.	CENX	2.11	2.62%	155.2	483.6	1,970.8	347.7	(898.3)	0.2 x	1.4 x	0.5 x	NM	NM	NM	0.1 x
Kaiser Aluminum Corporation	KALU	23.12	30.24%	463.4	510.2	1,508.2	(31.1)	(68.5)	0.3 x	NM	0.5 x	7.0 x	NM	11.5 x	0.6 x
Sector Median			16.39%						0.3 x	3.6 x	0.5 x	7.0 x	NM	11.5 x	0.5 x

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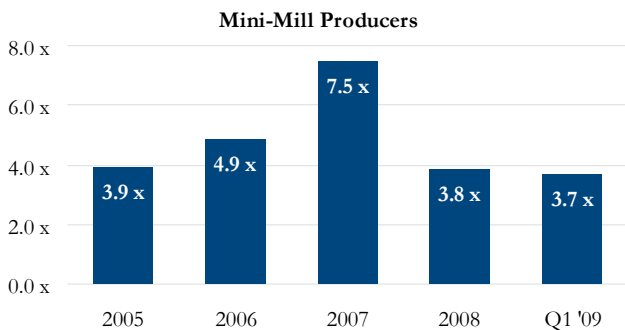
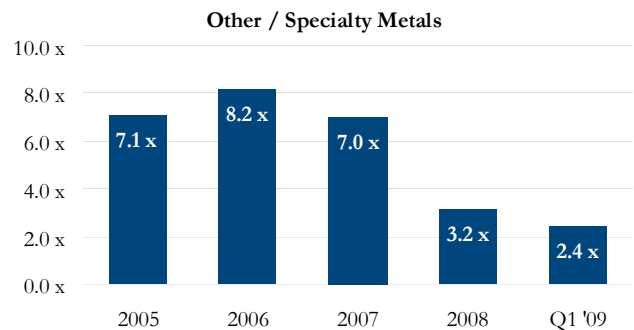
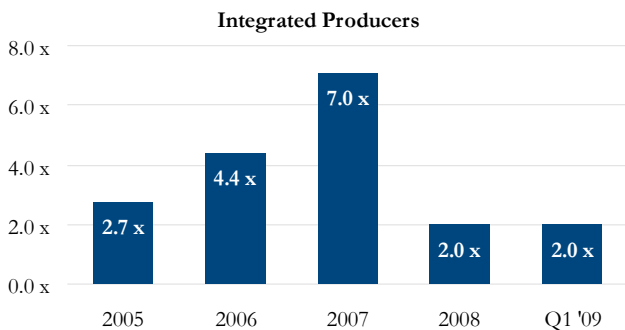
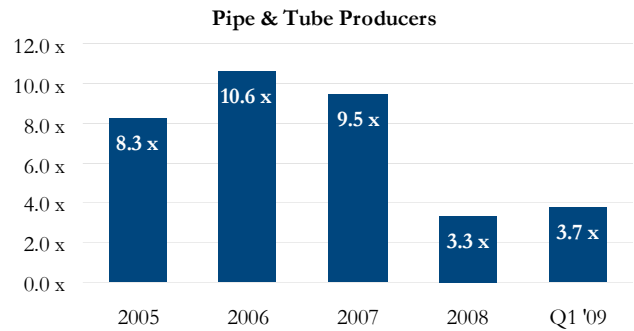
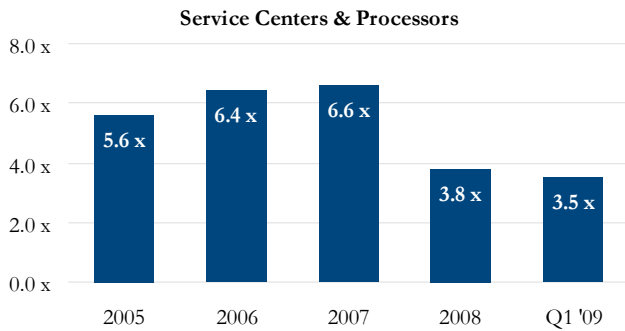
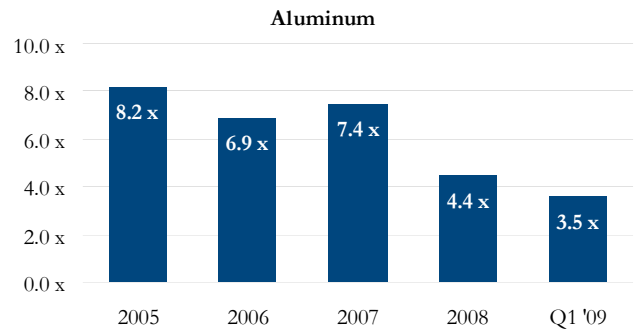
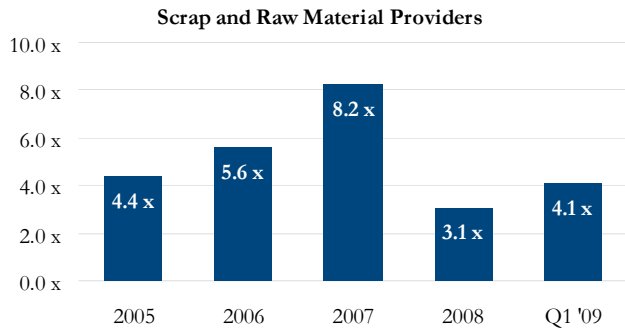
Pipe & Tube Producers	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
Northwest Pipe Co.	NWPX	\$ 28.47	43.67%	\$ 263.0	\$ 383.9	\$ 439.7	\$ 63.6	\$ 32.3	0.9 x	6.0 x	1.0 x	10.6 x	8.1 x	16.0 x	0.9 x
Synalloy Corp.	SYNL	5.25	29.97%	32.8	43.2	192.5	11.7	6.0	0.2 x	3.7 x	0.3 x	4.2 x	5.5 x	8.0 x	0.5 x
Tenaris SA	TS	20.17	26.74%	11,905.7	13,869.3	12,131.8	3,560.8	2,124.8	1.1 x	3.9 x	1.6 x	5.4 x	5.6 x	9.2 x	1.5 x
WSP Holdings Ltd.	WH	3.66	40.67%	366.0	633.7	912.1	170.1	99.3	0.7 x	3.7 x	0.9 x	5.2 x	3.7 x	5.3 x	0.8 x
Sector Median			35.32%						0.8 x	3.8 x	1.0 x	5.3 x	5.5 x	8.6 x	0.8 x

Other / Specialty Metals	Ticker	31-Mar-09 % 52-Week		Mkt Cap	Ent Val	LTM			EV / LTM		EV / 2009E		Price / Earnings		Price / Book
		Stock Price	High			Revenue	EBITDA	NI	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA	LTM	2009E	
Allegheny Technologies Inc.	ATI	\$ 21.93	25.65%	\$ 2,149.4	\$ 2,257.3	\$ 5,309.7	\$ 973.2	\$ 565.9	0.4 x	2.3 x	0.6 x	7.1 x	3.8 x	25.2 x	1.1 x
Brush Engineered Materials Inc.	BW	13.87	40.05%	285.6	308.9	909.7	64.5	18.4	0.3 x	4.8 x	0.5 x	9.0 x	15.6 x	NM	0.8 x
Carpenter Technology Corp.	CRS	14.12	22.39%	622.2	658.3	1,838.0	261.3	219.6	0.4 x	2.5 x	0.5 x	4.1 x	2.8 x	10.3 x	0.8 x
Haynes International Inc.	HAYN	17.82	25.93%	213.6	210.3	625.2	97.1	53.5	0.3 x	2.2 x	0.4 x	10.0 x	4.0 x	24.9 x	0.6 x
Timken Co.	TKR	13.96	36.04%	1,351.3	1,858.9	5,663.7	753.2	267.7	0.3 x	2.5 x	0.5 x	7.2 x	5.0 x	199.4 x	0.8 x
Titanium Metals Corp.	TIE	5.47	27.84%	990.5	969.6	1,151.5	266.9	162.5	0.8 x	3.6 x	1.0 x	6.9 x	6.1 x	15.0 x	0.9 x
Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Inc.	USAP	9.67	23.21%	65.1	52.3	235.1	24.1	14.0	0.2 x	2.2 x	0.3 x	16.9 x	4.7 x	36.8 x	0.4 x
Sector Median			25.93%						0.3 x	2.5 x	0.5 x	7.2 x	4.7 x	25.1 x	0.8 x

Overall Median			26.08%						0.3 x	3.3 x	0.5 x	7.6 x	4.1 x	16.0 x	0.6 x
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Source: CapitalIQ; reflects publicly available data as of 3/31/09.

Metals Industry Historical Valuation Trends (EBITDA Multiples)



Source: CapitalIQ; represents median Enterprise Value to LTM EBITDA multiple as of 12/31 of each year presented and as of 3/31/09 for Q1 '09.

Selected Recent Metals Industry Transactions

(\$ in millions)

Date		Target	Buyers/Investors	Sub-Sector	Enterprise Value (\$ mm)
Announced	Closed				
3-Mar-09	Pending	Bolduc Leroux Inc.	Management	Service center	\$ 2.9
13-Feb-09	13-Feb-09	Barzel Industries, Cumberland Facility	Samuel, Son & Co. Ltd.	Service center	N/A
18-Sep-08	2-Feb-09	Ponce Resources Inc.	Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
19-Dec-08	31-Dec-08	Aegis Metal Framing , LLC	MTEK Industries, Inc.	Processing and distribution	25.0
22-Dec-08	22-Dec-08	DynaBil Industries, Inc.	Ducommun AeroStructures, Inc.	Processing and distribution	46.3
15-Dec-08	15-Dec-08	Omega Metals	Kimmel Enterprises LLC	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
5-Dec-08	5-Dec-08	Stainless Tubular Products, Inc.	TW Metals, Inc.	Processing and distribution	N/A
17-Nov-08	4-Dec-08	Hackney Ladish, Inc.	Precision Castparts Corp.	Processing and distribution	N/A
10-Nov-08	28-Nov-08	Norton Metal Products, Inc.	Russel Metals Inc.	Service center	N/A
14-Nov-08	14-Nov-08	Gentek, Inc. CableTech Global Cable & Wire business	Southwire Company	Processing and distribution	9.5
3-Oct-08	11-Nov-08	SCM Metal Products, Inc.	Platinum Equity, LLC	Production	47.3
31-Oct-08	31-Oct-08	M&M Metals, Inc.	Alexandria Extrusion Company	Processing and distribution	N/A
4-Sep-08	31-Oct-08	Beta Steel	OJSC Novolipetsk Steel	Production	350.0
13-Sep-07	31-Oct-08	Nelson Steel	Nucor Corporation	Wire products	53.2
28-Oct-08	28-Oct-08	Lafarge & Egge, Inc.	Graham Capital Group, LLC	Processing and distribution	N/A
27-Oct-08	27-Oct-08	Metro Recycling	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
5-Sep-08	9-Oct-08	LaBarge Pipe & Steel Company	MeJunkin Red Man Corporation	Processing and distribution	205.0
1-Oct-08	1-Oct-08	Linderme Tube	Standish Capital, LLC	Tube production	N/A
30-Sep-08	30-Sep-08	Coiners' Scrap Iron & Metal Inc.	Cycle Systems, Inc.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
22-Sep-08	22-Sep-08	Weinert Recycling Co Inc.	Sims Group Ltd.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
30-Jul-08	29-Aug-08	Nelson Steel Consulting & Technology, 3 pickling lines	U.S. Steel	Service center	36.6
15-Jul-08	29-Aug-08	Reinforcing Post-Tensioning Services, Inc.	Commercial Metals Company	Rebar fabrication	N/A
5-Aug-08	27-Aug-08	American Compressed Steel, Inc.	Advantage Metals Recycling	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
12-Jun-08	26-Aug-08	Ambassador Steel Corporation	Harris Steel Group, Inc.	Rebar fabrication	320.7
5-Aug-08	5-Aug-08	Victoria Recycling L. P.	David J. Joseph Co.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
4-Aug-08	4-Aug-08	Three "pull apart" auto scrap businesses	Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
16-Jun-08	4-Aug-08	PNA Group, Inc.	Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	Processing and distribution	1,095.5
20-May-08	4-Aug-08	Esmark, Inc.	Joint Stock Company Severstal	Processing and distribution;	1,190.8
16-Jun-08	31-Jul-08	Bayou Steel Corp.	ArcelorMittal	Production	504.0
9-Jun-08	31-Jul-08	Bakermet Inc.	ArcelorMittal	Scrap / raw material processing	N/A
14-May-08	8-Jul-08	Namascio Ltd.	Samuel, Son & Co. Ltd.	Service center	N/A
16-May-08	7-Jul-08	WCI Steel	OAO Severstal	Production	402.4
1-Jul-08	1-Jul-08	Five coating and rebar companies	Commercial Metals Company	Rebar fabrication	N/A
14-Mar-08	12-Jun-08	IPSCO, Inc.	Evrax Group S.A.	Production	4,701.0
9-Jun-08	9-Jun-08	Evans & Mondon Ltd.	Sims Group, Ltd.	Recycling and industrial dismantling	N/A
19-May-08	3-Jun-08	Strugis Iron & Metal	Steel Dynamics, Inc.	Scrap / raw material processing	43.4

Source: CapitalIQ and Thomson Financial as of 03/31/09.



Market Update *Metals Industry*

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