## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 9, 2018

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-22496

Oregon

93-0341923

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
299 SW Clay Street, Suite 350		
P.O. Box 10047 Portland, OR		97296-0047
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number including area code:		(503) 224-9900
(Former name	or former address, if changed since last report)	
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## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 9, 2018, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months ended November 30, 2017. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) <u>Exhibits</u>
- 99.1 Press Release of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. issued on January 9, 2018.

## 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.

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: January 9, 2018 By: <u>/s/ Richard D. Peach</u>

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Chief of Corporate Operations

## $\underline{Exhibit\,Index}$

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. issued on January 9, 2018.</u>

## Schnitzer Reports First Quarter 2018 Financial Results

#### Strongest First Quarter Earnings Per Share Since Fiscal 2011

## Significant Year-Over-Year Performance Improvements Driven by Higher Volumes and Margins

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--January 9, 2018--Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq: SCHN) today reported results for its first quarter of fiscal 2018 ended November 30, 2017. The Company reported earnings per share from continuing operations of \$0.64 and adjusted earnings per share of \$0.63, both of which include an adverse impact of \$0.14 per share related to a legacy environmental liability of \$4 million. These results compare to fourth quarter fiscal 2017 earnings per share from continuing operations of \$0.65 and adjusted earnings per share of \$0.63, and the prior year first quarter loss per share from continuing operations of \$0.05 and adjusted loss per share of \$0.03. For a reconciliation of the adjusted results to U.S. GAAP, see the Non-GAAP Financial Measures provided after the financial statements in this document.

Auto and Metals Recycling (AMR) achieved its best first quarter performance since fiscal 2011 with operating income of \$35 million, or operating income per ferrous ton of \$44, both of which are more than double the results of the first quarter of fiscal 2017. AMR's higher year-over-year operating income and operating income per ferrous ton reflect the benefits of operating leverage from 11% higher ferrous sales volumes and expanded metal margins as well as higher average net selling prices and contributions from sustained productivity improvements

Cascade Steel and Scrap (CSS) delivered first quarter operating income of \$8 million representing a significant improvement from the prior year first quarter operating loss of \$3 million which included an adverse impact of approximately \$2.5 million from downtime associated with a major equipment upgrade. CSS's improved operating performance was driven primarily by higher finished steel sales volumes and metal spreads and also benefited from lower levels of rebar steel imports, increased selling prices driven by higher raw material costs, and productivity improvements from the recent integration of our steel manufacturing and Oregon metal recycling operations.

Consolidated financial performance in the first quarter included Corporate expense of approximately \$17 million, an increase of \$8 million compared to the prior year first quarter primarily due to the recognition of the legacy environmental liability and higher incentive compensation accruals from improved operating performance.

"In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, we delivered our strongest first quarter performance since fiscal 2011. AMR's operating income per ferrous ton exceeded \$40, a level last reached during fiscal 2011 when both volumes and scrap prices were significantly higher than today. This performance demonstrates our continuous focus on increasing productivity and efficiency in our core operations which, combined with the success of our commercial initiatives to grow volumes, allowed us to take full advantage of the stronger market conditions," commented Tamara Lundgren, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our Cascade Steel and Scrap business also achieved significantly improved performance compared to the prior year first quarter, with operating margin expansion driven by higher volumes, reduced pressure from low-priced rebar imports, and continuing productivity improvements."

## **Summary Results**

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

(with minions, except per share univaries)	Quarter				
	1Q18	1Q17	Change	4Q17	Change
Revenues	\$ 483	\$ 334	45%	\$ 494	(2)%
Operating income	\$ 26	\$ 1	NM	\$ 22	20%
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	_	_	NM	_	NM
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	_	_	NM	_	NM
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments			NM		NM
Adjusted operating income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 26	\$ 1	NM	\$ 22	20%
Net income (loss) attributable to SSI	\$ 18	\$ (1)	NM	\$ 18	1%
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 18	\$ (1)	NM	\$ 18	%
Adjusted net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18	\$ (1)	NM	\$ 18	1%
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to SSI	\$ 0.64	\$ (0.05)	NM	\$ 0.64	%
Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 0.64	\$ (0.05)	NM	\$ 0.65	(1)%
Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.63	\$ (0.03)	NM	\$ 0.63	%

<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

NM = Not Meaningful

#### Auto and Metals Recycling

#### **Summary of Auto and Metals Recycling Results**

(\$ in millions, except selling prices and data per ton; Fe volumes 000s long tons; NFe volumes Ms lbs)

	Quarter										
	10	Q18	10	Q17	Change	40	Q17	Change			
Total revenues	\$	398	\$	272	46%	\$	393	1%			
Ferrous revenues	\$	255	\$	157	62%	\$	249	2%			
Ferrous volumes		797		717	11%		864	(8)%			
Avg. net ferrous sales prices (\$/LT) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	292	\$	194	51%	\$	262	11%			
Nonferrous revenues	\$	110	\$	84	31%	\$	112	(1)%			
Nonferrous volumes <sup>(2)</sup>		129		126	3%		150	(14)%			
Avg. net nonferrous sales prices (\$/lb) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	0.73	\$	0.58	26%	\$	0.64	14%			
Cars purchased for retail (000s)		108		94	15%		113	(4)%			
Operating income <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	35	\$	13	179%	\$	24	47%			
Operating income per Fe ton	\$	44	\$	18	151%	\$	28	59%			
Adjusted operating income <sup>(4)</sup>	\$	35	\$	12	179%	\$	24	42%			
Adjusted operating income per Fe ton	\$	44	\$	17	151%	\$	28	54%			

<sup>(1)</sup> Sales prices are shown net of freight.

Volumes: Ferrous sales volumes in the first quarter increased 11% compared to the prior year first quarter, and decreased 8% sequentially driven primarily by seasonal impacts on demand. Nonferrous sales volumes were 3% higher compared to the prior year first quarter, benefiting from higher production, while decreasing 14% sequentially primarily due to seasonality.

Export customers accounted for 70% of total ferrous sales volumes. Our products, including ferrous, nonferrous and recycled auto parts, were shipped to 18 countries in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, with Turkey, Bangladesh and Thailand the top export destinations for ferrous shipments.

*Pricing:* Average ferrous net selling prices increased \$98 per ton, or 51%, compared to the prior year first quarter, reflecting stronger market conditions, and were up \$30 per ton, or 11%, sequentially. Average nonferrous net selling prices increased 26% compared to the prior year quarter, and 14% sequentially, reflecting the stronger markets.

Margins: Operating income of \$35 million increased \$11 million, or 47%, sequentially, and operating income per ferrous ton of \$44 increased 59% sequentially, both of which were more than double the prior year first quarter. The improved operating income was driven by stronger market conditions including metal margin expansion from higher priced shipments, increased supply flows, initiatives focused on broadening our supplier base, and sustained benefits from our productivity initiatives. First quarter operating results did not include a material impact from average inventory accounting, which compares to a favorable impact in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017 of \$3 million and an adverse impact in the prior year first quarter of \$2 million.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes platinum group metals (PGMs) in catalytic converters.

<sup>(3)</sup> Operating income does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.

<sup>(4)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

#### Cascade Steel and Scrap

#### Summary of Cascade Steel and Scrap Results

(\$ in millions, except selling prices)

		Quarter					
	1Q18	1Q17	Change	4Q17	Change		
Steel revenues	\$ 80	\$ 53	53%	\$ 88	(8)%		
Recycling revenues	\$ 10	\$ 13	(29)%	\$ 17	(45)%		
Total revenues	\$ 90	\$ 66	36%	\$ 105	(14)%		
Operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8	\$ (3)	NM	\$ 8	6%		
Adjusted operating income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 8	\$ (2)	NM	\$ 7	18%		
Finished steel average net sales price (\$/ST) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 599	\$ 492	22%	\$ 565	6%		
Finished steel sales volumes (000s ST)	127	101	26%	147	(14)%		
Rolling mill utilization	95%	65%	46%	95%	%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating income (loss) does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.

NM = Not Meaningful

Sales Volumes: Finished steel sales volumes in the first quarter increased 26% from the prior year first quarter. Sequentially, finished steel sales volumes decreased 14% primarily due to seasonally lower demand.

**Pricing:** Average net sales prices for finished steel products increased 6% sequentially and 22% from the prior year first quarter, primarily reflecting the impact of higher raw material prices and reduced pressure from low-priced rebar steel imports.

Margins: Operating income for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$8 million, an improvement of \$11 million from the prior year first quarter. The improved year-over-year performance reflected higher finished steel sales volumes and average selling prices, increased utilization, and benefits to finished steel margins from lower levels of rebar imports. The first quarter also included the benefit of additional internal synergies and productivity initiatives resulting from the recent integration of our steel manufacturing and Oregon metal recycling operations. First quarter results were consistent sequentially, as operating margin improvements resulting from higher average selling prices and lower levels of rebar imports were offset by the impact of seasonally lower sales volumes.

#### **Corporate Items**

In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, consolidated financial performance included Corporate expense of \$17 million, an increase of \$8 million from the prior year first quarter, primarily driven by the recognition of a legacy environmental liability of \$4 million and higher incentive compensation accruals from improved operating performance.

Total debt of \$185 million at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$40 million higher than at the end of fiscal 2017, and debt, net of cash was \$176 million (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures provided after the financial statements in this document). The increase in debt was driven primarily by negative operating cash flow of \$16 million, as positive cash flows associated with improved profitability were more than offset by an increase in net working capital in the higher price and volume environment and by the timing of payment of incentive compensation earned in fiscal 2017. The Company returned capital to shareholders through its 95th consecutive quarterly dividend.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

<sup>(3)</sup> Price information is shown after netting the cost of freight incurred to deliver the product to the customer.

The Company's effective tax rate was an expense of 24% in the first quarter which was lower than the federal statutory rate primarily due to the Company's full valuation allowance positions partially offset by increases in deferred tax liabilities and anticipated timing of utilization of net operating losses during the current fiscal year.

#### Analysts' Conference Call: First Quarter of Fiscal 2018

A conference call and slide presentation to discuss results will be held today, January 9, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. EST hosted by Tamara Lundgren, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Richard Peach, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief of Corporate Operations. The call and the slides will be webcast and accessible on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.schnitzersteel.com">www.schnitzersteel.com</a>.

Summary financial data is provided in the following pages. The slides and related materials will be available prior to the call on the website.

# SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands) (Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended						
	No	vember 30, 2017			No	vember 30, 2016	
REVENUES:							
Auto and Metals Recycling:							
Ferrous revenues	\$	254,983	\$	248,856	\$	157,178	
Nonferrous revenues		110,343		111,881		84,386	
Retail and other revenues		32,728		32,570		30,209	
Total Auto and Metals Recycling revenues		398,054		393,307		271,773	
Cascade Steel and Scrap:							
Steel revenues		80,446		87,915		52,596	
Recycling revenues		9,538		17,334		13,427	
Total Cascade Steel and Scrap revenues		89,984		105,249		66,023	
Intercompany sales eliminations		(4,759)		(4,298)		(3,635)	
Total revenues	\$	483,279	\$	494,258	\$	334,161	
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):							
AMR operating income	\$	35,172	\$	23,992	\$	12,606	
CSS operating income (loss)	\$	8,476	\$	8,019	\$	(2,628)	
Consolidated operating income	\$	26,423	\$	22,108	\$	587	
Adjusted AMR operating income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	34,755	\$	24,435	\$	12,467	
Adjusted CSS operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>		8,388		7,085		(2,227)	
Adjusted segment operating income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		43,143		31,520		10,240	
Corporate expense		(16,644)		(10,107)		(8,982)	
Intercompany eliminations		(481)		294		(208)	
Adjusted operating income <sup>(1)</sup>		26,018		21,707		1,050	
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net		88		74		(401)	
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities		(100)		(90)		(201)	
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments		417		417		139	
Total operating income	\$	26,423	\$	22,108	\$	587	
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<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  Segment operating income does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.

# SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

		For	r the Th	ree Months E	Ended	
	No	vember 30, 2017	A	ugust 31, 2017	No	vember 30, 2016
Revenues	\$	483,279	\$	494,258	\$	334,161
Cost of goods sold		406,251		430,703		295,892
Selling, general and administrative		51,043		41,805		37,492
(Income) from joint ventures		(450)		(374)		(412)
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net		(88)		(74)		401
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities		100		90		201
Operating income		26,423		22,108		587
Interest expense		(2,059)		(2,112)		(1,741)
Other income (loss), net		849		(561)		437
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		25,213		19,435		(717)
Income tax (expense) benefit		(5,957)		(586)		62
Income (loss) from continuing operations		19,256		18,849		(655)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(35)		(114)		(53)
Net income (loss)		19,221		18,735		(708)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(857)		(500)		(618)
Net income (loss) attributable to SSI	\$	18,364	\$	18,235	\$	(1,326)
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI:						
Basic:						
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	0.66	\$	0.66	\$	(0.05)
Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI		_				_
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI	\$	0.66	\$	0.66	\$	(0.05)
Diluted:						
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	0.64	\$	0.65	\$	(0.05)
Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI		_		_		
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	0.64	\$	0.64	\$	(0.05)
Weighted average number of common shares:						
Basic		27,695		27,650		27,372
Diluted		28,662		28,409		27,372
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.1875	\$	0.1875	\$	0.1875
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(1) May not foot due to rounding.						

#### SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED OPERATING STATISTICS (Unaudited)

		1Q18
SSI Total Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>		
Total ferrous volumes (LT)		912,145
Total nonferrous volumes (000s LB)		141,046
Auto and Metals Recycling		
Ferrous selling prices (\$/LT) <sup>(2)</sup>		
Domestic	\$	259
Export	_ \$	306
Average	\$	292
Ferrous sales volume (LT)		
Domestic		237,464
Export		559,154
Total		796,618
Nonferrous average price (\$/LB) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$	0.73
Nonferrous sales volume (000s LB) <sup>(3)</sup>		129,137
Car purchase volume (000s) <sup>(4)</sup>		108
Auto stores at end of quarter		53
Cascade Steel and Scrap		
Finished steel average sales price (\$/ST) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	599
Sales volume (000s ST)		
Rebar		84,243
Coiled products		40,928
Merchant bar and other		2,049
Finished steel products sold		127,220
Rolling mill utilization <sup>(5)</sup>		95%

#### SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED OPERATING STATISTICS (Unaudited)

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	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	Fiscal 2017
SSI Total Volumes <sup>(1)</sup>					
Total ferrous volumes (LT)	833,889	852,036	951,230	990,516	3,627,671
Total nonferrous volumes (000s LB)	136,057	122,554	161,832	164,342	584,785
Auto and Metals Recycling					
Ferrous selling prices (\$/LT) <sup>(2)</sup>					
Domestic	\$ 169	\$ 237	\$ 263	\$ 257	\$ 236
Export	\$ 203	\$ 252	\$ 255	\$ 263	\$ 244
Average	\$ 194	\$ 247	\$ 258	\$ 262	\$ 242
Ferrous sales volume (LT)					
Domestic	197,255	220,975	291,227	238,930	948,387
Export	519,510	518,200	534,164	625,168	2,197,042
Total	 716,765	739,175	825,391	864,098	3,145,429
Nonferrous average price (\$/LB) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.63
Nonferrous sales volume (000s LB)(3)	125,817	114,275	150,356	150,343	540,791
Car purchase volume (000s) <sup>(4)</sup>	94	96	108	113	411
Auto stores at end of quarter	52	52	53	53	53
Cascade Steel and Scrap					
Finished steel average sales price (\$/ST) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 492	\$ 517	\$ 545	\$ 565	\$ 534
Sales volume (000s ST)					
Rebar	73,903	69,136	84,166	96,323	323,528
Coiled products	23,934	34,371	54,629	48,349	161,283
Merchant bar and other	3,038	2,482	2,426	2,759	10,705
Finished steel products sold	 100,875	105,989	141,221	147,431	495,516
Rolling mill utilization <sup>(5)</sup>	65%	89%	85%	95%	83%

<sup>(1)</sup> Ferrous and nonferrous volumes sold externally by AMR and CSS and delivered to our steel mill for finished steel production.

<sup>(2)</sup> Price information is shown after a reduction for the cost of freight incurred to deliver the product to the customer.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes PGM metals in catalytic converters.

<sup>(4)</sup> Cars purchased by auto stores only.

g initi utilization is based o	on effective annual production cap	pacity under current conditi	ions of 500 thousand tons	or mission steer products	•

# SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Novemb	November 30, 2017				
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,194	\$	7,287		
Accounts receivable, net		144,578		138,998		
Inventories		216,365		166,942		
Other current assets		25,283		24,723		
Total current assets		395,420		337,950		
Property, plant and equipment, net		386,847		390,629		
Goodwill and other assets		203,646		205,176		
Total assets	\$	985,913	\$	933,755		
Liabilities and Equity						
Current liabilities:						
Short-term borrowings	\$	657	\$	721		
Other current liabilities		170,827		175,539		
Total current liabilities		171,484		176,260		
Long-term debt		184,225		144,403		
Other long-term liabilities		78,587		75,599		
Equity:						
Total Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. ("SSI") shareholders' equity		547,184		533,586		
Noncontrolling interests		4,433		3,907		
Total equity		551,617		537,493		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	985,913	\$	933,755		

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains performance based on adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI and adjusted consolidated, AMR and CSS operating income (loss), which are non-GAAP financial measures as defined under SEC rules. As required by SEC rules, we have provided reconciliations of these measures for each period discussed to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure. Management believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures adds a meaningful presentation of our results from business operations excluding adjustments for other asset impairment charges net of recoveries, restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments, and income tax expense (benefit) allocated to these adjustments, items which are not related to underlying business operational performance, and improves the period-to-period comparability of our results from business operations. Adjusted operating results in fiscal 2015 excluded the impact of the resale or modification of the terms, each at significantly lower prices due to sharp declines in selling prices, of certain previously contracted bulk shipments for delivery during fiscal 2015. Recoveries resulting from settlements with the original contract parties, which began in the third quarter of fiscal 2016, are reported within selling, general and administrative expense in the quarterly statements of operations and are also excluded from the measures. Further, management believes that debt, net of cash is a useful measure for investors because, as cash and cash equivalents can be used, among other things, to repay indebtedness, netting this against total debt is a useful measure of our leverage. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures.

(\$ in millions)		Quarter	
	1Q18	1Q17	4Q17
Consolidated operating income:	<u></u>		<u> </u>
Operating income	\$ 26	\$ 1	\$ 22
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	_	_	_
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	_	_	_
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments			
Adjusted consolidated operating income	\$ 26	\$ 1	\$ 22
AMR operating income:			
Operating income	\$ 35	\$ 13	\$ 24
Other asset impairment charges	_	_	1
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments	_	_	_
Adjusted AMR operating income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 35	\$ 12	\$ 24
CSS operating income (loss):			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 8	\$ (3)	\$ 8
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	_	_	(1)
Adjusted CSS operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8	\$ (2)	\$ 7

<sup>(1)</sup> May not foot due to rounding.

#### Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI

(\$ in millions)	Quarter				
	1Q18		Q18 1Q17		7
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	18	\$ (1)	\$	18
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net			_		_
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities		_	_		_
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments		_	_		_
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>		_	_		_
Adjusted net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	18	\$ (1)	\$	18

<sup>(1)</sup> Income tax allocated to the aggregate adjustments reconciling Reported and Adjusted net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI is determined based on a tax provision calculated with and without the adjustments.

## Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI

(\$ per share)	Quarter		
	1Q18 1Q17		4Q17
Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 0.64	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.65
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	_	0.01	_
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	_	0.01	_
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>			
Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.63	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.63

<sup>(1)</sup> Income tax allocated to the aggregate adjustments reconciling Reported and Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI is determined based on a tax provision calculated with and without the adjustments.

#### Debt, net of cash

(\$ in thousands)

	November 30, 2017		August 31, 2017	
Short-term borrowings	\$	657	\$	721
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		184,225		144,403
Total debt		184,882		145,124
Less: cash and cash equivalents		9,194		7,287
Total debt, net of cash	\$	175,688	\$	137,837

<sup>(2)</sup> May not foot due to rounding.

#### About Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of recycled metal products in the United States with operating facilities located in 23 states, Puerto Rico and Western Canada. Schnitzer has seven deep water export facilities located on both the East and West Coasts and in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The Company's integrated operating platform also includes auto parts stores with approximately 5 million annual retail visits. The Company's steel manufacturing business produces finished steel products, including rebar, wire rod and other specialty products. The Company began operations in 1906 in Portland, Oregon.

#### Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements

Statements and information included in this press release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Except as noted herein or as the context may otherwise require, all references in this press release to "we," "our," "us," "Company," "Schnitzer," and "SSI" refer to Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Forward-looking statements in this press release include statements regarding future events or our expectations, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future, which may include statements regarding trends, cyclicality and changes in the markets we sell into; the Company's outlook, growth initiatives or expected results or objectives, including pricing, margins, sales volumes and profitability; strategic direction or goals; targets; changes to manufacturing and production processes; the cost of and the status of any agreements or actions related to our compliance with environmental and other laws; expected tax rates, deductions and credits and the impact of the recently enacted federal tax reform; the realization of deferred tax assets; planned capital expenditures; liquidity positions; ability to generate cash from continuing operations; the potential impact of adopting new accounting pronouncements; obligations under our retirement plans; benefits, savings or additional costs from business realignment, cost containment and productivity improvement programs; and the adequacy of accruals.

Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, and often contain words such as "outlook," "target," "aim," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "assumes," "estimates," "evaluates," "may," "will," "should," "could," "opinions," "forecasts," "projects," "plans," "future," "forward," "potential," "probable," and similar expressions. However, the absence of these words or similar expressions does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

We may make other forward-looking statements from time to time, including in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases, presentations and on public conference calls. All forward-looking statements we make are based on information available to us at the time the statements are made, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as may be required by law. Our business is subject to the effects of changes in domestic and global economic conditions and a number of other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those included in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. Some of these risks and uncertainties are discussed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in Part I of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as supplemented by our subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Examples of these risks include: potential environmental cleanup costs related to the Portland Harbor Superfund site or other locations; the cyclicality and impact of general economic conditions; instability in international markets; volatile supply and demand conditions affecting prices and volumes in the markets for both our products and raw materials we purchase; imbalances in supply and demand conditions in the global steel industry; the impact of goodwill impairment charges; the impact of long-lived asset and cost and equity method investment impairment charges; inability to sustain the benefits from productivity and restructuring initiatives; difficulties associated with acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses; customer fulfillment of their contractual obligations; increases in the relative value of the U.S. dollar; the impact of foreign currency fluctuations; potential limitations on our ability to access capital resources and existing credit facilities; restrictions on our business and financial covenants under our bank credit agreement; the impact of consolidation in the steel industry; inability to realize expected benefits from investments in technology; freight rates and the availability of transportation; the impact of equipment upgrades, equipment failures and facility damage on production; product liability claims; the impact of legal proceedings and legal compliance; the adverse impact of climate change; the impact of not realizing deferred tax assets; the impact of tax increases and changes in tax rules; the impact of one or more cybersecurity incidents; environmental compliance costs and potential environmental liabilities; inability to obtain or renew business licenses and permits or renew facility leases; compliance with greenhouse gas emission laws and regulations; reliance on employees subject to collective bargaining agreements; and the impact of the underfunded status of multiemployer plans in which we participate.

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