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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended November 30, 2018

Or

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-22496

**SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**93-0341923**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**299 SW Clay Street, Suite 350  
Portland, Oregon**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**97201**

(Zip Code)

**(503) 224-9900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The Registrant had 26,826,217 shares of Class A common stock, par value of \$1.00 per share, and 200,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value of \$1.00 per share, outstanding as of January 7, 2019.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements and information included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q by Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) 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 to “we,” “our,” “us,” and “SSI” refer to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include statements regarding future events or our expectations, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future, which may include statements regarding trends, cyclical 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 federal tax reform; the impact of tariffs, quotas and other trade actions; 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” of 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 cyclical and impact of general economic conditions; changing conditions in global markets including the impact of tariffs, quotas and other trade actions; 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 equity investment impairment charges; inability to achieve or sustain the benefits from productivity, cost savings 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 climate change and 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.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Currency - U.S. Dollar)

	November 30, 2018	August 31, 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,216	\$ 4,723
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,573 and \$2,586	193,439	169,418
Inventories	200,562	205,877
Refundable income taxes	3,664	4,668
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	37,791	63,673
Total current assets	446,672	448,359
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$741,693 and \$731,561	422,686	415,711
Investments in joint ventures	11,855	11,532
Goodwill	167,693	168,065
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,647 and \$3,476	4,187	4,358
Deferred income taxes	29,476	30,333
Other assets	26,635	26,459
Total assets	\$ 1,109,204	\$ 1,104,817
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,139
Accounts payable	110,235	128,495
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	19,347	46,410
Environmental liabilities	10,812	6,682
Other accrued liabilities	52,478	71,951
Total current liabilities	194,028	254,677
Deferred income taxes	14,470	11,742
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	167,394	106,237
Environmental liabilities, net of current portion	42,789	47,150
Other long-term liabilities	14,540	14,901
Total liabilities	\$ 433,221	\$ 434,707
Commitments and contingencies (Note 5)		
Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. ("SSI") shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock – 20,000 shares \$1.00 par value authorized, none issued	—	—
Class A common stock – 75,000 shares \$1.00 par value authorized, 26,826 and 26,502 shares issued and outstanding	26,826	26,502
Class B common stock – 25,000 shares \$1.00 par value authorized, 200 and 200 shares issued and outstanding	200	200
Additional paid-in capital	32,592	36,929
Retained earnings	650,695	639,684
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(38,399)	(37,237)
Total SSI shareholders' equity	671,914	666,078
Noncontrolling interests	4,069	4,032
Total equity	675,983	670,110
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,109,204	\$ 1,104,817

The accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
 (Unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)  
 (Currency - U.S. Dollar)

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Revenues	\$ 564,020	\$ 483,279
Operating expense:		
Cost of goods sold	490,132	406,251
Selling, general and administrative	51,419	51,043
(Income) from joint ventures	(485)	(450)
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	63	(88)
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	202	100
Operating income	22,689	26,423
Interest expense	(1,906)	(2,059)
Other income, net	23	849
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	20,806	25,213
Income tax expense	(4,116)	(5,957)
Income from continuing operations	16,690	19,256
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(72)	(35)
Net income	16,618	19,221
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(430)	(857)
Net income attributable to SSI	\$ 16,188	\$ 18,364
<b>Net income per share attributable to SSI:</b>		
<b>Basic:</b>		
Income per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.66
Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI	—	—
Net income per share attributable to SSI	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.66
<b>Diluted:</b>		
Income per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.64
Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI	—	—
Net income per share attributable to SSI	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.64
<b>Weighted average number of common shares:</b>		
Basic	27,505	27,695
Diluted	28,364	28,662
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.1875	\$ 0.1875

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SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited, in thousands)  
(Currency - U.S. Dollar)

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net income	\$ 16,618	\$ 19,221
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,364)	(1,709)
Pension obligations, net	202	82
Total other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(1,162)	(1,627)
Comprehensive income	15,456	17,594
Less comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(430)	(857)
Comprehensive income attributable to SSI	\$ 15,026	\$ 16,737

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SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY  
(Unaudited, in thousands)  
(Currency - U.S. Dollar)

	Common Stock				Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total SSI Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Class A		Class B							
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount						
Balance as of August 31, 2017	26,859	\$26,859	200	\$ 200	\$ 38,050	\$ 503,770	\$ (35,293)	\$ 533,586	\$ 3,907	\$ 537,493
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	18,364	—	18,364	857	19,221
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,627)	(1,627)	—	(1,627)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(331)	(331)
Issuance of restricted stock	241	241	—	—	(241)	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted stock withheld for taxes	(97)	(97)	—	—	(2,754)	—	—	(2,851)	—	(2,851)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	5,004	—	—	5,004	—	5,004
Cash dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(5,292)	—	(5,292)	—	(5,292)
Balance as of November 30, 2017	27,003	\$27,003	200	\$ 200	\$ 40,059	\$ 516,842	\$ (36,920)	\$ 547,184	\$ 4,433	\$ 551,617

	Common Stock				Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total SSI Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Class A		Class B							
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount						
Balance as of August 31, 2018	26,502	\$26,502	200	\$ 200	\$ 36,929	\$ 639,684	\$ (37,237)	\$ 666,078	\$ 4,032	\$ 670,110
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	16,188	—	16,188	430	16,618
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,162)	(1,162)	—	(1,162)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(393)	(393)
Share repurchases	(150)	(150)	—	—	(3,945)	—	—	(4,095)	—	(4,095)
Issuance of restricted stock	750	750	—	—	(750)	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted stock withheld for taxes	(276)	(276)	—	—	(7,046)	—	—	(7,322)	—	(7,322)
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	7,404	—	—	7,404	—	7,404
Cash dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(5,177)	—	(5,177)	—	(5,177)
Balance as of November 30, 2018	26,826	\$26,826	200	\$ 200	\$ 32,592	\$ 650,695	\$ (38,399)	\$ 671,914	\$ 4,069	\$ 675,983

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SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited, in thousands)  
(Currency - U.S. Dollar)

	Three Months Ended November 30,	
	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 16,618	\$ 19,221
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,297	12,522
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	63	(88)
Exit-related asset impairments	23	—
Inventory write-down	—	38
Share-based compensation expense	7,404	5,004
Deferred income taxes	(697)	761
Undistributed equity in earnings of joint ventures	(485)	(450)
Loss on disposal of assets, net	255	51
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss, net	—	(407)
Bad debt recoveries, net	(1)	(14)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(28,046)	(8,640)
Inventories	9,626	(47,267)
Income taxes	4,722	3,842
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(732)	70
Other long-term assets	456	(112)
Accounts payable	(6,881)	8,548
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	(27,046)	(17,894)
Other accrued liabilities	(224)	3,504
Environmental liabilities	(168)	4,034
Other long-term liabilities	43	1,487
Distributed equity in earnings of joint ventures	167	200
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,606)	(15,590)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(27,209)	(15,157)
Joint venture receipts, net	641	11
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,279	1,534
Net cash used in investing activities	(25,289)	(13,612)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings from long-term debt	158,859	189,500
Repayment of long-term debt	(97,699)	(149,713)
Payment of debt issuance costs	(95)	—
Repurchase of Class A common stock	(4,095)	—
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of share-based payment awards	(7,322)	(2,851)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(393)	(331)
Dividends paid	(5,554)	(5,478)
Net cash provided by financing activities	43,701	31,127
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(313)	(18)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,493	1,907
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	4,723	7,287
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	\$ 11,216	\$ 9,194

The accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements  
are an integral part of these statements.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) have been prepared pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) for Form 10-Q, including Article 10 of Regulation S-X. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. In the opinion of management, all normal, recurring adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement have been included. Management suggests that these Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018. The results for the three months ended November 30, 2018 and 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the entire fiscal year.

***Accounting Changes***

As of the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company adopted an accounting standards update initially issued in May 2014 that clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Company adopted the new revenue accounting standard using the modified retrospective approach, which requires recognition of the cumulative effect of initially applying the new requirements as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of initial application. Adoption of the new requirements did not change the timing of revenue recognition for the Company compared to the previous guidance, and no cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings as of September 1, 2018 was recorded. The Company identified certain scrap purchase and sale arrangements for which it recognized revenue for the gross amount of consideration it expected to be entitled from the customer (as principal) under the previous revenue guidance, but for which under the new revenue standard it recognizes revenue as the net amount of consideration that it expects to retain after paying the scrap metal supplier (as agent). The foregoing change in the classification of the cost of scrap metal purchased under such arrangements has the effect of reducing the amount of revenue and cost of goods sold reported in the financial statements, while having no impact on net income. If the Company had continued using the accounting guidance in effect before the adoption of the new revenue accounting standard, its consolidated revenues for the three months ended November 30, 2018 would have been higher by approximately \$6 million, or 1%, and its consolidated cost of goods sold would have been higher by the same amount. No other line items in the consolidated financial statements were materially impacted by adoption of the new requirements. Comparative prior period amounts and disclosures continue to be reported in accordance with guidance in effect prior to the date of adoption. See Note 7 - Revenue for the disclosures required under the new standard.

As of the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company adopted an accounting standards update that amends certain aspects of the reporting model for financial instruments. The most pertinent amendment to the Company is that an entity may choose to measure certain equity investments that do not have readily determinable fair values at cost minus impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes. The amendments also require a qualitative assessment to identify impairment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values. Adoption of the requirements had no impact on the Company’s consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term securities that are not restricted by third parties and have an original maturity date of 90 days or less. Included in accounts payable are book overdrafts representing outstanding checks in excess of funds on deposit of \$35 million and \$28 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively.

***Accounts Receivable, net***

Accounts receivable represent amounts primarily due from customers on product and other sales. These accounts receivable, which are reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts, are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Receivables from contracts with customers, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, were \$189 million and \$164 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively. The Company extends credit to customers under contracts containing customary and explicit payment terms, and payment is generally required within 30 days of shipment. Nonferrous export sales typically require a deposit

prior to shipment. Historically, almost all of the Company's ferrous export sales have been made with letters of credit. Domestic ferrous metal sales, nonferrous metal sales and finished steel sales are generally made on open account, and the majority of these sales are covered by credit insurance.

The Company evaluates the collectibility of its accounts receivable based on a combination of factors, including whether sales were made pursuant to letters of credit or credit insurance is in place. In cases where management is aware of circumstances that may impair a customer's ability to meet its financial obligations, management records a specific allowance against amounts due and reduces the receivable to the amount the Company believes will be collected. For all other customers, the Company maintains an allowance that considers the total receivables outstanding, historical collection rates and economic trends. Accounts are written off when all efforts to collect have been exhausted.

Also included in accounts receivable are short-term advances to scrap metal suppliers used as a mechanism to acquire unprocessed scrap metal. The advances are generally repaid with scrap metal, as opposed to cash. Repayments of advances with scrap metal are treated as noncash operating activities in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and totaled \$4 million and \$3 million for the three months ended November 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### ***Prepaid Expenses***

The Company's prepaid expenses totaled \$17 million and \$22 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively, and consisted primarily of deposits on capital purchases, prepaid services and prepaid insurance.

#### ***Other Assets***

The Company's other assets, exclusive of prepaid expenses, consist primarily of receivables from insurers, an equity investment, debt issuance costs, and notes and other contractual receivables. Other assets are reported within either prepaid expenses and other current assets or other assets in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets based on their expected use either during or beyond the current operating cycle of one year from the reporting date. Receivables from insurers totaled \$16 million and \$36 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively, with the decrease in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 resulting from the settlement of a contingent loss recorded during fiscal 2018 in connection with lawsuits arising from a motor vehicle collision for which the Company had insurance coverage. See "Contingencies – Other" in Note 5 – Commitments and Contingencies for further discussion of the contingent loss and subsequent settlements in fiscal 2019.

The Company previously invested \$6 million in a privately-held waste and recycling entity. The investment does not have a readily determinable fair value and, therefore, is carried at cost and adjusted for impairments and observable price changes. The investment is presented as part of the Auto and Metals Recycling ("AMR") reportable segment and reported within other assets in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The carrying value of the investment was \$6 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018. The Company has not recorded any impairments or upward or downward adjustments to the carrying value of the investment since acquisition.

#### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and notes and other contractual receivables. The majority of cash and cash equivalents is maintained with major financial institutions. Balances with these and certain other institutions exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured amount of \$250,000 as of November 30, 2018. Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is limited because a large number of geographically diverse customers make up the Company's customer base. The Company controls credit risk through credit approvals, limits, insurance, letters of credit or other collateral, cash deposits and monitoring procedures. The Company is exposed to a residual credit risk with respect to open letters of credit by virtue of the possibility of the failure of a bank providing a letter of credit. The Company had \$84 million and \$58 million of open letters of credit as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively.

#### **Note 2 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2016, an accounting standard was issued that will supersede the existing lease standard and require a lessee to recognize a lease liability and a lease asset on its balance sheet for all leases, including those classified as operating leases under the existing lease standard. The update also expands the required quantitative and qualitative disclosures surrounding leases. Additional updates have been issued since February 2016 amending aspects of the initial update, including providing an additional and optional transition method for adoption. This standard is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal 2020, including interim periods within that fiscal year. The Company expects to initially apply the requirements by recognizing a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings, if any, in the period of adoption. The Company is in the process of analyzing its population of leases within the scope of the new accounting standard and documenting salient lease terms to support the initial and subsequent

measurement of lease liabilities and lease assets. The Company is also assessing and implementing changes to its processes, systems, and internal controls as a result of the new guidance. The Company is evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows and disclosures, and it expects to recognize a material amount of lease assets and liabilities on its consolidated balance sheet upon adoption.

### Note 3 - Inventories

Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	November 30, 2018	August 31, 2018
Processed and unprocessed scrap metal	\$ 105,390	\$ 111,658
Semi-finished goods	10,700	15,551
Finished goods	43,011	39,809
Supplies	41,461	38,859
Inventories	<u>\$ 200,562</u>	<u>\$ 205,877</u>

### Note 4 - Goodwill

The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment annually on July 1 and upon the occurrence of certain triggering events or substantive changes in circumstances that indicate that the fair value of goodwill may be impaired. There were no triggering events identified during the first three months of fiscal 2019 requiring an interim goodwill impairment test. As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, all but \$1 million of the Company's goodwill was carried by a single reporting unit within AMR.

The gross change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended November 30, 2018 was as follows (in thousands):

	Goodwill
August 31, 2018	\$ 168,065
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(372)
November 30, 2018	<u>\$ 167,693</u>

Accumulated goodwill impairment charges were \$471 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018.

### Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies

#### Contingencies - Environmental

The Company evaluates the adequacy of its environmental liabilities on a quarterly basis. Adjustments to the liabilities are made when additional information becomes available that affects the estimated costs to study or remediate any environmental issues or expenditures are made for which liabilities were established.

Changes in the Company's environmental liabilities for the three months ended November 30, 2018 were as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of August 31, 2018	Liabilities Established (Released), Net	Payments and Other	Balance as of November 30, 2018	Short-Term	Long-Term
\$ 53,832	\$ 781	\$ (1,012)	\$ 53,601	\$ 10,812	\$ 42,789

#### Recycling Operations

As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, the Company's recycling operations had environmental liabilities of \$54 million for the potential remediation of locations where it has conducted business or has environmental liabilities from historical or recent activities. The liabilities relate to the investigation and potential future remediation of soil contamination, groundwater contamination, storm water runoff issues and other natural resource damages. Except for Portland Harbor and certain liabilities discussed under Other Legacy Environmental Loss Contingencies immediately below, such liabilities were not individually material at any site.

### Portland Harbor

In December 2000, the Company was notified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) that it is one of the potentially responsible parties (“PRPs”) that own or operate or formerly owned or operated sites which are part of or adjacent to the Portland Harbor Superfund site (the “Site”). The precise nature and extent of cleanup of any specific areas within the Site, the parties to be involved, the timing of any specific remedial action and the allocation of the costs for any cleanup among responsible parties have not yet been determined. The process of site investigation, remedy selection, identification of additional PRPs and allocation of costs has been underway for a number of years, but significant uncertainties remain. It is unclear to what extent the Company will be liable for environmental costs or natural resource damage claims or third party contribution or damage claims with respect to the Site.

While the Company participated in certain preliminary Site study efforts, it was not party to the consent order entered into by the EPA with certain other PRPs, referred to as the “Lower Willamette Group” (“LWG”), for a remedial investigation/feasibility study (“RI/FS”). During fiscal 2007, the Company and certain other parties agreed to an interim settlement with the LWG under which the Company made a cash contribution to the LWG RI/FS. The LWG has indicated that it had incurred over \$115 million in investigation-related costs over an approximately 10 year period working on the RI/FS. Following submittal of draft RI and FS documents which the EPA largely rejected, the EPA took over the RI/FS process.

The Company has joined with approximately 100 other PRPs, including the LWG members, in a voluntary process to establish an allocation of costs at the Site, including the costs incurred by the LWG in the RI/FS process. The LWG members have also commenced federal court litigation, which has been stayed, seeking to bring additional parties into the allocation process.

In January 2008, the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council (“Trustee Council”) invited the Company and other PRPs to participate in funding and implementing the Natural Resource Injury Assessment for the Site. Following meetings among the Trustee Council and the PRPs, funding and participation agreements were negotiated under which the participating PRPs, including the Company, agreed to fund the first phase of the three-phase natural resource damage assessment. Phase 1, which included the development of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan (“AP”) and implementation of several early studies, was substantially completed in 2010. In December 2017, the Company joined with other participating PRPs in agreeing to fund Phase 2 of the natural resource damage assessment, which includes the implementation of the AP to develop information sufficient to facilitate early settlements between the Trustee Council and Phase 2 participants and the identification of restoration projects to be funded by the settlements. In late May 2018, the Trustee Council published notice of its intent to proceed with Phase 3, which will involve the full implementation of the AP and the final injury and damage determination. The Company is proceeding with the process established by the Trustee Council regarding early settlements under Phase 2. It is uncertain whether the Company will enter into an early settlement for natural resource damages or what costs it may incur in any such early settlement.

On January 30, 2017, one of the Trustees, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, which withdrew from the council in 2009, filed a suit against approximately 30 parties, including the Company, seeking reimbursement of certain past and future response costs in connection with remedial action at the Site and recovery of assessment costs related to natural resources damages from releases at and from the Site to the Multnomah Channel and the Lower Columbia River. The Company intends to defend against such claims and does not have sufficient information to determine the likelihood of a loss in this matter or to estimate the amount of damages being sought or the amount of such damages that could be allocated to the Company.

Estimates of the cost of remedial action for the cleanup of the in-river portion of the Site have varied widely in various drafts of the FS and in the EPA’s final FS issued in June 2016 ranging from approximately \$170 million to over \$2.5 billion (net present value), depending on the remedial alternative and a number of other factors. In comments submitted to the EPA, the Company and certain other stakeholders identified a number of serious concerns regarding the EPA’s risk and remedial alternatives assessments, cost estimates, scheduling assumptions and conclusions regarding the feasibility and effectiveness of remediation technologies.

In January 2017, the EPA issued a Record of Decision (“ROD”) that identified the selected remedy for the Site. The selected remedy is a modified version of one of the alternative remedies evaluated in the EPA’s FS that was expanded to include additional work at a greater cost. The EPA has estimated the total cost of the selected remedy at \$1.7 billion with a net present value cost of \$1.05 billion (at a 7% discount rate) and an estimated construction period of 13 years following completion of the remedial designs. In the ROD, the EPA stated that the cost estimate is an order-of-magnitude engineering estimate that is expected to be within +50% to -30% of the actual project cost and that changes in the cost elements are likely to occur as a result of new information and data collected during the engineering design. The Company has identified a number of concerns regarding the remedy described in the ROD, which is based on data that is more than a decade old, and the EPA’s estimates for the costs and time required to implement the selected remedy. Because of ongoing questions regarding cost effectiveness, technical feasibility, and the use of stale data, it is uncertain whether the ROD will be implemented as issued. In addition, the ROD did not determine or allocate the responsibility for remediation costs among the PRPs.

In the ROD, the EPA acknowledged that much of the data used in preparing the ROD was more than a decade old and would need to be updated with a new round of “baseline” sampling to be conducted prior to the remedial design phase. Accordingly, the ROD provided for additional pre-remedial design investigative work and baseline sampling to be conducted in order to provide a baseline of current conditions and delineate particular remedial actions for specific areas within the Site. This additional sampling needs to occur prior to proceeding with the next phase in the process which is the remedial design. The remedial design phase is an engineering phase during which additional technical information and data will be collected, identified and incorporated into technical drawings and specifications developed for the subsequent remedial action. Moreover, the ROD provided only Site-wide cost estimates and did not provide sufficient detail to estimate costs for specific sediment management areas within the Site. Following issuance of the ROD, EPA proposed that the PRPs, or a subgroup of PRPs, perform the additional investigative work identified in the ROD under a new consent order.

In December 2017, the Company and three other PRPs entered into a new Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent with EPA to perform such pre-remedial design investigation and baseline sampling over a two year period. The Company estimates that its share of the costs of performing such work will be approximately \$2 million, which it recorded to environmental liabilities and selling, general and administrative expense in the consolidated financial statements in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The Company believes that such costs will be fully covered by existing insurance coverage and, thus, also recorded an insurance receivable for \$2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, resulting in no net impact to the Company’s consolidated results of operations.

Except for certain early action projects in which the Company is not involved, remediation activities are not expected to commence for a number of years. In addition, as discussed above, responsibility for implementing and funding the remedy will be determined in a separate allocation process. The Company does not expect the next major stage of the allocation process to proceed until after the additional pre-remedial design data is collected.

Because there has not been a determination of the specific remediation actions that will be required, the amount of natural resource damages or the allocation of costs of the investigations and any remedy and natural resource damages among the PRPs, the Company believes it is not possible to reasonably estimate the amount or range of costs which it is likely to or which it is reasonably possible that it will incur in connection with the Site, although such costs could be material to the Company’s financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity. Among the facts currently being developed are detailed information on the history of ownership of and the nature of the uses of and activities and operations performed on each property within the Site, which are factors that will play a substantial role in determining the allocation of investigation and remedy costs among the PRPs. The Company has insurance policies that it believes will provide reimbursement for costs it incurs for defense (including the pre-remedial design investigative activities), remediation and mitigation for natural resource damages claims in connection with the Site, although there is no assurance that those policies will cover all of the costs which the Company may incur. As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, the Company’s total liability for its estimated share of the costs of the investigation was \$2 million.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is separately providing oversight of voluntary investigations by the Company involving the Company’s sites adjacent to the Portland Harbor which are focused on controlling any current “uplands” releases of contaminants into the Willamette River. No liabilities have been established in connection with these investigations because the extent of contamination (if any) and the Company’s responsibility for the contamination (if any) have not yet been determined.

#### Other Legacy Environmental Loss Contingencies

The Company’s environmental loss contingencies as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, other than Portland Harbor, include actual or possible investigation and cleanup costs from historical contamination at sites currently or formerly owned or operated by the Company or at other sites where the Company may have responsibility for such costs due to past disposal or other activities (“legacy environmental loss contingencies”). These legacy environmental loss contingencies relate to the potential remediation of waterways and soil and groundwater contamination and may also involve natural resource damages, governmental fines and penalties and claims by third parties for personal injury and property damage. The Company has been notified that it is or may be a potentially responsible party at certain of these sites, and investigation and cleanup activities are ongoing or may be required in the future. The Company recognizes a liability for such matters when the loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated. Where investigation and cleanup activities are ongoing or where the Company has not yet been identified as having responsibility or the contamination has not yet been identified, it is reasonably possible that the Company may need to recognize additional liabilities in connection with such sites but the Company cannot currently reasonably estimate the possible loss or range of loss absent additional information or developments. Such additional liabilities, individually or in the aggregate, may have a material adverse effect on the Company’s results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company accrued \$4 million in expense at its Corporate division for the estimated costs related to remediation of shredder residue disposed of in or around the 1970s at third-party sites located near each other. Investigation activities have been conducted under oversight of the applicable state regulatory agency. As of November 30, 2018 and August 31,

2018, the Company had \$4 million accrued for this matter. It is reasonably possible that the Company may recognize additional liabilities in connection with this matter at the time such losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. The Company currently estimates a range of reasonably possible losses related to this matter in excess of current accruals at between zero and \$28 million based on a range of remedial alternatives and subject to development and approval by regulators of a specific remedy implementation plan. The Company is investigating whether a portion or all of the current and future losses related to this matter, if incurred, are covered by existing insurance coverage or may be offset by contributions from other responsible parties.

In addition, the Company's environmental loss contingencies as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018 include \$6 million for the estimated costs related to remediation of soil and groundwater conditions, including penalties, in connection with a closed facility owned and previously operated by an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary. Investigation activities have been conducted under the oversight of the applicable state regulatory agency, and the Company has also been working with local officials with respect to the protection of public water supplies. It is reasonably possible that the Company may recognize additional liabilities, including penalties, in connection with this matter at the time such losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. However, the Company cannot reasonably estimate at this time the possible loss or range of possible losses associated with this matter pending completion of on-going studies and determination of remediation plans and pending further negotiations to settle the related enforcement matter.

#### **Steel Manufacturing Operations**

The Company's steel manufacturing operations had no known environmental liabilities as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018.

The steel mill's electric arc furnace generates dust ("EAF dust") that is classified as hazardous waste by the EPA because of its zinc and lead content. As a result, the Company captures the EAF dust and ships it in specialized rail cars to firms that apply treatments that allow for the ultimate disposal of the EAF dust.

The Company's steel mill has an operating permit issued under Title V of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, which governs certain air quality standards. The permit is based on an annual production capacity of 950 thousand tons. The Company's permit was first issued in 1998 and has since been renewed through February 1, 2018. The permit renewal process occurs every five years, and the renewal process is underway; however, the existing permit is extended by administrative rule until the current renewal process is finalized.

#### **Summary - Environmental Contingencies**

With respect to environmental contingencies other than the Portland Harbor Superfund site and the other legacy environmental loss contingencies, which are discussed separately above, management currently believes that adequate provision has been made for the potential impact of these issues and that the ultimate outcomes will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements as a whole. Historically, the amounts the Company has ultimately paid for such remediation activities have not been material in any given period, but there can be no assurance that such amounts paid will not be material in the future.

#### **Contingencies - Other**

Schnitzer Southeast, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, "SSE"), an SSE employee, the Company and one of the Company's insurance carriers had been named as defendants in five separate wrongful death lawsuits filed in the State of Georgia arising from an accident in 2016 in Alabama involving a tractor trailer driven by the SSE employee and owned by SSE. In the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company settled two of the five lawsuits for a total of \$20 million, which amount has been paid and was substantially covered by insurance. In addition to amounts accrued for the two lawsuits settled and paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company accrued \$10 million reflecting its estimate of the probable loss related to the three unresolved lawsuits and recorded a \$10 million insurance receivable in fiscal 2018, resulting in no net impact to the Company's consolidated results of operations. It is reasonably possible that the Company may recognize additional losses in connection with these unresolved lawsuits at the time such additional losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Such additional losses may be material to the Company's consolidated financial statements. To the extent that circumstances change and the Company determines that an additional loss is reasonably possible, can be reasonably estimated, and is material, the Company would then disclose an estimate of the additional possible loss or range of loss. The Company believes that such additional losses, if incurred, would be substantially covered by existing insurance coverage.

The Company is a party to various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. The Company recognizes a liability for such matters when the loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated. The Company does not anticipate that the resolution of legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business, after taking into consideration expected insurance recoveries, will have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

**Note 6 - Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss**

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, comprise the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended November 30, 2018			Three Months Ended November 30, 2017		
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension Obligations, Net	Total	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension Obligations, Net	Total
Balances - September 1 (Beginning of period)	\$ (34,129)	\$ (3,108)	\$ (37,237)	\$ (31,828)	\$ (3,465)	\$ (35,293)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(1,364)	208	(1,156)	(1,709)	(185)	(1,894)
Income tax (expense) benefit	—	(46)	(46)	—	227	227
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of tax	(1,364)	162	(1,202)	(1,709)	42	(1,667)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	52	52	—	63	63
Income tax benefit	—	(12)	(12)	—	(23)	(23)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	40	40	—	40	40
Net periodic other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,364)	202	(1,162)	(1,709)	82	(1,627)
Balances - November 30 (End of period)	\$ (35,493)	\$ (2,906)	\$ (38,399)	\$ (33,537)	\$ (3,383)	\$ (36,920)

Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to earnings, both individually and in the aggregate, were not material to the impacted captions in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for all periods presented.

**Note 7 - Revenue**

The Company recognizes revenue upon satisfying its promises to transfer goods or services to customers under the terms of its contracts. Nearly all of these promises, referred to as performance obligations, consist of the transfer of physical goods, including ferrous and nonferrous recycled scrap metal, autobody, auto parts, and finished steel products, to customers. These performance obligations are satisfied at the point in time the Company transfers control of the goods to the customer, which in nearly all cases is when title to and risk of loss of the goods transfer to the customer. The timing of transfer of title and risk of loss is dictated by customary or explicitly stated contract terms. For example, the Company recognizes revenue on partially loaded bulk shipments of ferrous recycled scrap metal when contractual terms support revenue recognition based on transfer of title and risk of loss. The significant majority of the Company's sales involve transfer of control to the customer, and thus revenue recognition, before delivery to the customer's destination. Shipping and handling activities that occur after a customer has obtained control of a good are accounted for as fulfillment costs rather than an additional promise in a contract. As such, freight revenue is recognized when control of the goods transfers to the customer, and freight expense is accrued when the related revenue is recognized.

In certain regional markets, the Company enters into contracts whereby it arranges for, or brokers, the transfer of scrap material between scrap suppliers and end customers. For transactions in which the Company obtains substantive control of the scrap material before the goods are transferred to the end customer, for example by arranging for the processing or warehousing of the material, the Company recognizes revenue equal to the gross amount of the consideration it expects to receive from the customer (as principal). Alternatively, for transactions in which the Company does not obtain substantive control of the scrap material before the product is transferred to the end customer, the Company recognizes revenue equal to the net amount of the consideration it expects to retain after paying the supplier for the purchase of the scrap metal (as agent). The Company is the agent in the transaction for the substantial majority of brokerage arrangements.

Nearly all of the Company's sales contracts reflect market pricing at the time the contract is executed, are one year or less, and generally provide for shipment within 30 to 60 days after the price has been agreed upon with the customer. The Company's retail auto parts sales are at listed prices and are recognized at the point of sale.

The Company recognizes revenue based on contractually stated selling prices and quantities shipped, adjusted for estimated claims and discounts. Claims are customary in the recycled scrap metal industry and arise from variances in the quantity or quality of delivered products. Revenue adjustments may be required if the settlement of claims exceeds original estimates. Discounts offered to certain finished steel customers qualify as variable consideration as the discounts are contingent upon future events. Variable consideration arising from discounts is recognized upon the transfer of finished steel products to customers based upon either the expected value or the most likely amount and was not material for the three months ended November 30, 2018. The Company experiences very few sales returns and, therefore, no material provisions for returns have been made when sales are recognized. During the three months ended November 30, 2018, revenue adjustments related to performance obligations that were satisfied in previous periods were not material.

#### **Disaggregation of Revenues**

The table below illustrates the Company's revenues disaggregated by major product and sales destination for each reportable segment (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30, 2018</b>			
	<b>AMR</b>	<b>CSS</b>	<b>Intersegment Revenues</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues by major product:</b>				
Ferrous	\$ 298,812	\$ 19,743	\$ (2,508)	\$ 316,047
Nonferrous	104,181	9,031	(270)	112,942
Steel	—	101,337	—	101,337
Retail and other	33,419	275	—	33,694
Total revenues	<u>\$ 436,412</u>	<u>\$ 130,386</u>	<u>\$ (2,778)</u>	<u>\$ 564,020</u>
<b>Revenues based on sales destination:</b>				
Foreign	\$ 263,511	\$ 28,131	\$ —	\$ 291,642
Domestic	172,901	102,255	(2,778)	272,378
Total revenues	<u>\$ 436,412</u>	<u>\$ 130,386</u>	<u>\$ (2,778)</u>	<u>\$ 564,020</u>

#### **Contract Liabilities**

Contract consideration received from a customer prior to revenue recognition is recorded as a contract liability and is recognized as revenue when the Company satisfies the related performance obligation under the terms of the contract. The Company's contract liabilities consist almost entirely of customer deposits for recycled scrap metal sales contracts, which are reported within accounts payable on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and totaled \$6 million and \$9 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively. During the three months ended November 30, 2018, the Company reclassified \$7 million in customer deposits as of August 31, 2018 to revenues as a result of satisfying performance obligations during the period.

#### **Note 8 - Share-Based Compensation**

In the first quarter of fiscal 2019, as part of the annual awards under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors ("Compensation Committee") granted 261,642 restricted stock units ("RSUs") and 254,620 performance share awards to the Company's key employees and officers under the Company's 1993 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan ("SIP"). The RSUs have a five-year term and vest 20% per year commencing October 31, 2019. The aggregate fair value of all of the RSUs granted was based on the market closing price of the underlying Class A common stock on the grant date and totaled \$7 million. The compensation expense associated with the RSUs is recognized over the requisite service period of the awards, net of forfeitures, or to the date retirement eligibility is achieved if before the end of the service period.

The performance share awards comprise two separate and distinct awards with different vesting conditions.

The Compensation Committee granted 123,812 performance share awards based on a relative Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") metric over a performance period spanning November 15, 2018 to August 31, 2021. Award share payouts range from a threshold of 50% to a maximum of 200% based on the relative ranking of the Company's TSR among a designated peer group of 16 companies. The TSR award stipulates certain limitations to the payout in the event the payout reaches a defined ceiling level or the Company's TSR is negative. The TSR awards contain a market condition and, therefore, once the award recipients complete the requisite service period, the related compensation expense based on the grant-date fair value is not changed, regardless of whether the market condition has been satisfied. The estimated fair value of the TSR awards at the date of grant was \$4 million. The Company estimated

the fair value of the TSR awards using a Monte-Carlo simulation model utilizing several key assumptions including expected Company and peer company share price volatility, correlation coefficients between peers, the risk-free rate of return, the expected dividend yield and other award design features.

The remaining 130,808 performance share awards have a three-year performance period consisting of the Company's 2019, 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. The performance targets are based on the Company's return on capital employed over the three-year performance period, with award payouts ranging from a threshold of 50% to a maximum of 200%. The fair value of the awards granted was based on the market closing price of the underlying Class A common stock on the grant date and totaled \$4 million.

The compensation expense associated with performance share awards is recognized over the requisite service period, net of forfeitures. Performance share awards will be paid in Class A common stock as soon as practicable after the end of the requisite service period and vesting date of October 31, 2021.

#### **Note 9 - Income Taxes**

On December 22, 2017, the President of the United States signed and enacted into law comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act"), which, except for certain provisions, is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Tax Act's primary change is a reduction in the federal statutory corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. Other pertinent changes in the Tax Act include, but are not limited to, the acceleration of deductions for qualified property placed in service after September 27, 2017, limitations to the deductibility of some executive compensation, and the elimination of the deduction for qualified domestic production activities. Changes in the Tax Act that did not significantly impact the Company upon enactment include implementation of a modified territorial tax system and other modifications to how foreign earnings are subject to U.S. federal tax, including a tax on Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income ("GILTI") which the Company has elected to treat as a period cost if and when incurred. The Company's accounting for the impacts of the Tax Act is complete as of November 30, 2018, and the Company has not recorded any material adjustments to the provisional amounts recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2018 related to the Tax Act.

#### ***Effective Tax Rate***

The Company's effective tax rate from continuing operations in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was an expense of 19.8%, compared to an expense of 23.6% in the prior year period. The Company's effective tax rate from continuing operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate at the time of 35% primarily due to the lower projected annual effective tax rate applied to the quarterly results. The low projected annual effective tax rate in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was the result of the Company's full valuation allowance positions partially offset by increases in deferred tax liabilities from indefinite-lived assets in all jurisdictions.

#### ***Valuation Allowances***

The Company assesses the realizability of its deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis through an analysis of potential sources of future taxable income, including prior year taxable income available to absorb a carryback of tax losses, reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, tax planning strategies, and forecasts of taxable income. The Company considers all negative and positive evidence, including the weight of the evidence, to determine if valuation allowances against deferred tax assets are required. The Company continues to maintain valuation allowances against certain U.S. federal, state, Canadian and all Puerto Rican deferred tax assets.

The Company files federal and state income tax returns in the U.S. and foreign tax returns in Puerto Rico and Canada. For U.S. federal income tax returns, fiscal years 2014 to 2018 remain subject to examination under the statute of limitations.

**Note 10 - Net Income Per Share**

The following table sets forth the information used to compute basic and diluted net income per share attributable to SSI (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended November 30,	
	2018	2017
Income from continuing operations	\$ 16,690	\$ 19,256
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(430)	(857)
Income from continuing operations attributable to SSI	16,260	18,399
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(72)	(35)
Net income attributable to SSI	<u>\$ 16,188</u>	<u>\$ 18,364</u>
Computation of shares:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	27,505	27,695
Incremental common shares attributable to dilutive performance share, RSU and DSU awards	859	967
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	<u>28,364</u>	<u>28,662</u>

Common stock equivalent shares of 102,755 were considered antidilutive and were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share for the three months ended November 30, 2018. No common stock equivalent shares were considered antidilutive for the three months ended November 30, 2017.

**Note 11 - Related Party Transactions**

The Company purchases recycled metal from its joint venture operations at prices that approximate fair market value. These purchases totaled \$4 million and \$3 million for the three months ended November 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Note 12 - Segment Information**

The accounting standards for reporting information about operating segments define an operating segment as a component of an enterprise that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses for which discrete financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance.

The Company's internal organizational and reporting structure includes two operating and reportable segments: the Auto and Metals Recycling ("AMR") business and the Cascade Steel and Scrap ("CSS") business.

AMR acquires and recycles ferrous and nonferrous scrap metal for sale to foreign and domestic metal producers, processors and brokers, and procures salvaged vehicles and sells serviceable used auto parts from these vehicles through a network of self-service auto parts stores. These auto parts stores also supply the Company's shredding facilities with autobodies that are processed into saleable recycled scrap metal.

CSS operates a steel mini-mill that produces a range of finished steel long products using recycled scrap metal and other raw materials. CSS's steel mill obtains substantially all of its recycled scrap metal raw material requirements from its integrated metals recycling and joint venture operations. CSS's metals recycling operations also sell recycled metal to external customers primarily in export markets.

The Company holds noncontrolling ownership interests in joint ventures, which are either in the metals recycling business or are suppliers of unprocessed metal. The joint ventures sell recycled scrap metal to AMR and to CSS at prices that approximate local market rates, which produces intercompany profit. This intercompany profit is eliminated while the products remain in inventory and is not recognized until the finished products are sold to third parties. The Company's allocable portion of the results of these joint ventures is reported within the segment results. As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, the Company had two 50%-owned joint venture interests, one presented as part of AMR operations, and one presented as part of CSS operations. Income from joint ventures for the three months ended November 30, 2017 includes the results of two additional 50% joint venture interests presented as part of AMR operations which dissolved in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018.

Intersegment sales from AMR to CSS are made at prices that approximate local market rates. These intercompany sales tend to produce intercompany profit which is not recognized until the finished products are ultimately sold to third parties.

The information provided below is obtained from internal information that is provided to the Company's chief operating decision maker for the purpose of corporate management. The Company uses segment operating income to measure segment performance. The Company does not allocate corporate interest income and expense, income taxes and other income and expense to its reportable segments. Certain expenses related to shared services that support operational activities and transactions are allocated from Corporate to the segments. Unallocated Corporate expense consists primarily of expense for management and certain administrative services that benefit both reportable segments. In addition, the Company does not allocate certain items to segment operating income because management does not include the information in its measurement of the performance of the operating segments. Such unallocated items include restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, charges related to legacy environmental liabilities, and provisions for certain legal matters. Because of the unallocated income and expense, the operating income of each reportable segment does not reflect the operating income the reportable segment would report as a stand-alone business. The results of discontinued operations are excluded from segment operating income and are presented separately, net of tax, from the results of ongoing operations for all periods presented.

The table below illustrates the Company's revenues from continuing operations by reportable segment (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Revenues:		
AMR:		
Revenues	\$ 436,412	\$ 398,054
Less: Intersegment revenues	(2,778)	(4,759)
AMR external customer revenues	<u>433,634</u>	<u>393,295</u>
CSS:		
Revenues	<u>130,386</u>	<u>89,984</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 564,020</u>	<u>\$ 483,279</u>

The table below illustrates the reconciliation of the Company's segment operating income to income from continuing operations before income taxes (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
AMR	\$ 23,017	\$ 35,172
CSS	11,918	8,476
Segment operating income	<u>34,935</u>	<u>43,648</u>
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	(202)	(100)
Corporate and eliminations	<u>(12,044)</u>	<u>(17,125)</u>
Operating income	22,689	26,423
Interest expense	(1,906)	(2,059)
Other income, net	23	849
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	<u>\$ 20,806</u>	<u>\$ 25,213</u>

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The following is a summary of the Company's total assets by reportable segment (in thousands):

	<b>November 30, 2018</b>	<b>August 31, 2018</b>
AMR <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,485,182	\$ 1,485,626
CSS <sup>(1)</sup>	750,163	740,967
Total segment assets	2,235,345	2,226,593
Corporate and eliminations <sup>(2)</sup>	(1,126,141)	(1,121,776)
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,109,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,817</u>

(1) AMR total assets include \$4 million for an investment in a joint venture as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018. CSS total assets include \$8 million for an investment in a joint venture as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018.

(2) The substantial majority of Corporate and eliminations total assets consist of Corporate intercompany payables to the Company's operating segments and intercompany eliminations.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

This section includes a discussion of our operations for the three months ended November 30, 2018 and 2017. The following discussion and analysis provides information which management believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. The discussion should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2018, and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes thereto included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

**General**

Founded in 1906, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. ("SSI"), an Oregon corporation, is one of North America's largest recyclers of ferrous and nonferrous scrap metal, including end-of-life vehicles, and a manufacturer of finished steel products.

Our internal organizational and reporting structure includes two operating and reportable segments: the Auto and Metals Recycling ("AMR") business and the Cascade Steel and Scrap ("CSS") business.

AMR sells ferrous and nonferrous recycled scrap metal in both foreign and domestic markets. AMR acquires, processes and recycles autobodies, rail cars, home appliances, industrial machinery, manufacturing scrap and construction and demolition scrap through its 90 auto and metals recycling facilities. Our largest source of autobodies is our own network of retail auto parts stores, which operate under the commercial brand-name Pick-n-Pull. AMR procures salvaged vehicles and sells serviceable used auto parts from these vehicles through its 51 self-service auto parts stores located across the U.S. and Western Canada. Upon acquiring a salvaged vehicle, we remove catalytic converters, aluminum wheels and batteries for separate processing and sale prior to placing the vehicle in our retail lot. After retail customers have removed desired parts from a vehicle, we may remove remaining major component parts containing ferrous and nonferrous materials, which are primarily sold to wholesalers. The remaining autobodies are crushed and shipped to our metals recycling facilities to be shredded, or sold to third parties where geographically more economical. AMR then processes mixed and large pieces of scrap metal into smaller pieces by crushing, torching, shearing, shredding and sorting, resulting in scrap metal pieces of a size, density and metal content required by customers to meet their production needs.

CSS operates a steel mini-mill in McMinnville, Oregon that produces a range of finished steel long products such as reinforcing bar (rebar) and wire rod. CSS sells its finished steel products to industrial customers located primarily in the Western U.S. and Western Canada. The primary feedstock for the manufacture of its products is ferrous recycled scrap metal. CSS's steel mill obtains substantially all of its scrap metal raw material requirements from its integrated metals recycling and joint venture operations. CSS's metals recycling operations include a collection, shredding and export operation in Portland, Oregon, four feeder yard operations located in Oregon and Southern Washington, and one metals recycling joint venture ownership interest. Additionally, CSS purchases small volumes of ferrous scrap metal from AMR and sells ferrous and nonferrous recycled scrap metal into the export market.

We use segment operating income to measure our segment performance. We do not allocate corporate interest income and expense, income taxes and other income and expense to our reportable segments. Certain expenses related to shared services that support operational activities and transactions are allocated from Corporate to the segments. Unallocated Corporate expense consists primarily of expense for management and certain administrative services that benefit both reportable segments. In addition, we do not allocate certain items to segment operating income because management does not include the information in its measurement of the performance of the operating segments. Such unallocated items include restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, charges related to legacy environmental liabilities, and provisions for certain legal matters. Because of the unallocated income and expense, the operating income of each reportable segment does not reflect the operating income the reportable segment would report as a stand-alone business. The results of discontinued operations are excluded from segment operating income and are presented separately, net of tax, from the results of ongoing operations for all periods presented.

For further information regarding our reportable segments, see Note 12 - Segment Information in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Our results of operations depend in large part on the demand and prices for recycled metal in foreign and domestic markets and on the supply of raw materials, including end-of-life vehicles, available to be processed at our facilities. We respond to changes in selling prices for processed metal by seeking to adjust purchase prices for unprocessed scrap metal in order to manage the impact on our operating income. We believe we generally benefit from sustained periods of rising recycled scrap metal selling prices, which allow us to better maintain or increase both operating income and unprocessed scrap metal flow into our facilities. When recycled scrap metal selling prices decline, particularly for a sustained period, our operating margins typically compress.

Our deep water port facilities on both the East and West Coasts of the United States (in Everett, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; Oakland, California; Tacoma, Washington; and Portland, Oregon) and access to public deep water port facilities (in Kapolei, Hawaii and Salinas, Puerto Rico) allow us to efficiently meet the global demand for recycled ferrous metal by enabling us to ship bulk cargoes to steel manufacturers located in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, North America, Central America and South America. Our exports of nonferrous recycled metal are shipped in containers through various public docks to specialty steelmakers, foundries, aluminum sheet and ingot manufacturers, copper refineries and smelters, brass and bronze ingot manufacturers, wire and cable producers, wholesalers, and other recycled metal processors globally. We also transport both ferrous and nonferrous metals by truck, rail and barge in order to transfer scrap metal between our facilities for further processing, to load shipments at our export facilities, and to meet regional domestic demand.

Our quarterly operating results fluctuate based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, changes in market conditions for ferrous and nonferrous recycled metal and finished steel products, the supply of scrap metal in our domestic markets, and varying demand for used auto parts from our self-service retail stores. Certain of these factors are influenced, to a degree, by the impact of seasonal changes including severe weather conditions, which can impact the timing of shipments and inhibit construction activity utilizing our products, scrap metal collection at our facilities, and retail admissions and parts sales at our auto parts stores. Further, trade actions, including tariffs and any retaliation by affected countries, can impact profit on sales of our products and, in certain cases, impede our ability to sell to certain export markets or require us to direct our sales to alternative market destinations, which can cause our quarterly operating results to fluctuate.

**Executive Overview of Financial Results for the First Quarter of Fiscal 2019**

We generated consolidated revenues of \$564 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2019, an increase of 17% from the \$483 million of consolidated revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, primarily reflecting higher sales volumes for ferrous recycled metal and the higher-price environment for our finished steel products compared to the prior year quarter. In the first quarter of fiscal 2019 ferrous sales volumes at AMR were 15% higher compared to the prior year quarter. The average net selling price for our finished steel products in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 increased by 25% compared to the prior year quarter.

Consolidated operating income was \$23 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to \$26 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. AMR reported operating income in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 of \$23 million, compared to \$35 million in the prior year period. The decrease in AMR operating results in the current quarter was primarily the result of operating margin compression from lower selling prices for nonferrous products, which outpaced reductions in purchase costs for raw materials, partially offset by the positive effects of higher sales volumes compared to the prior year quarter. The lower nonferrous selling prices in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 primarily resulted from the effects of Chinese import restrictions put into place during the second half of fiscal 2018. CSS reported operating income of \$12 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared to \$8 million in the prior year quarter, primarily reflecting higher finished steel margins as increases in selling prices outpaced the rise in raw material and other input costs.

Consolidated selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expense in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was consistent with the prior year period reflecting higher employee-related expenses in the current quarter offset by lower environmental expense compared to the prior year quarter.

In fiscal 2019, we are undertaking productivity initiatives aimed at delivering \$35 million in annual benefits in order to mitigate the weaker price environment in the ferrous and nonferrous markets. We expect these benefits to be achieved through a combination of production cost efficiencies and reductions in selling, general and administrative expenses. Of the total, approximately 75% of the targeted benefits are in AMR with the remainder split between CSS and Corporate. We expect to achieve two-thirds of the total targeted benefits in fiscal 2019 with the full amount achieved in fiscal 2020.

Net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was \$16 million, or \$0.57 per diluted share, compared to \$18 million, or \$0.64 per diluted share, in the prior year quarter.

The following items further highlight selected liquidity and capital structure metrics:

- For the first quarter of fiscal 2019, net cash used in operating activities of \$12 million, compared to \$16 million in the prior year comparable period;
- Debt of \$169 million as of November 30, 2018, compared to \$107 million as of August 31, 2018;
- Debt, net of cash, of \$157 million as of November 30, 2018, compared to \$103 million as of August 31, 2018 (see the reconciliation of debt, net of cash, in Non-GAAP Financial Measures at the end of this Item 2); and
- Share repurchases totaling \$4 million in the first three months of fiscal 2019, compared to none in the prior year comparable period.

**Results of Operations**

(\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended November 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	\$ 436,412	\$ 398,054	10 %
Cascade Steel and Scrap	130,386	89,984	45 %
Intercompany revenue eliminations <sup>(1)</sup>	(2,778)	(4,759)	(42)%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>564,020</b>	<b>483,279</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Cost of goods sold:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	378,736	331,949	14 %
Cascade Steel and Scrap	114,335	78,580	46 %
Intercompany cost of goods sold eliminations <sup>(1)</sup>	(2,939)	(4,278)	(31)%
<b>Total cost of goods sold</b>	<b>490,132</b>	<b>406,251</b>	<b>21 %</b>
<b>Selling, general and administrative expense:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	34,766	30,933	12 %
Cascade Steel and Scrap	4,448	3,466	28 %
Corporate <sup>(2)</sup>	12,205	16,644	(27)%
<b>Total selling, general and administrative expense</b>	<b>51,419</b>	<b>51,043</b>	<b>1 %</b>
<b>(Income) from joint ventures:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	(170)	—	NM
Cascade Steel and Scrap	(315)	(450)	(30)%
<b>Total (income) from joint ventures</b>	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(450)</b>	<b>8 %</b>
<b>Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	63	—	NM
Cascade Steel and Scrap	—	(88)	(100)%
<b>Total other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(172)%</b>
<b>Operating income:</b>			
Auto and Metals Recycling	23,017	35,172	(35)%
Cascade Steel and Scrap	11,918	8,476	41 %
<b>Segment operating income</b>	<b>34,935</b>	<b>43,648</b>	<b>(20)%</b>
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities <sup>(3)</sup>	(202)	(100)	102 %
Corporate expense <sup>(2)</sup>	(12,205)	(16,644)	(27)%
Change in intercompany profit elimination <sup>(4)</sup>	161	(481)	(133)%
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>\$ 22,689</b>	<b>\$ 26,423</b>	<b>(14)%</b>

NM = Not Meaningful

(1) AMR sells a small portion of its recycled ferrous metal to CSS at prices that approximate local market rates. These intercompany revenues and cost of goods sold are eliminated in consolidation.

(2) Corporate expense consists primarily of unallocated expenses for management and certain administrative services that benefit both reportable segments.

(3) Restructuring charges consist of expense for severance, contract termination and other restructuring costs that management does not include in its measurement of the performance of the reportable segments. Other exit-related activities consist primarily of asset impairments and accelerated depreciation, net of gains on exit-related disposals, related to site closures.

(4) Intercompany profits are not recognized until the finished products are sold to third parties; therefore, intercompany profit is eliminated while the products remain in inventory.

We operate our business across two reportable segments: AMR and CSS. Additional financial information relating to these reportable segments is contained in Note 12 - Segment Information in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

**Auto and Metals Recycling**

(\$ in thousands, except for prices)	Three Months Ended November 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change
Ferrous revenues	\$ 298,812	\$ 254,983	17 %
Nonferrous revenues	104,181	110,343	(6)%
Retail and other revenues	33,419	32,728	2 %
Total segment revenues	436,412	398,054	10 %
Segment operating income	\$ 23,017	\$ 35,172	(35)%
Average ferrous recycled metal sales prices (\$/LT):(1)			
Domestic	\$ 290	\$ 259	12 %
Foreign	\$ 314	\$ 306	3 %
Average	\$ 306	\$ 292	5 %
Ferrous sales volume (LT, in thousands):			
Domestic	340	238	43 %
Foreign	579	559	4 %
Total ferrous sales volume (LT, in thousands)	919	797	15 %
Average nonferrous sales price (\$/pound)(1)(2)	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.73	(19)%
Nonferrous sales volumes (pounds, in thousands)(2)	152,869	129,137	18 %
Cars purchased (in thousands)(3)	94	108	(13)%
Number of auto parts stores at period end	51	53	(4)%
Outbound freight in cost of goods sold	34,581	25,745	34 %

LT = Long Ton, which is equivalent to 2,240 pounds

(1) Price information is shown after netting the cost of freight incurred to deliver the product to the customer.

(2) Average sales price and volume information excludes platinum group metals ("PGMs") in catalytic converters.

(3) Cars purchased by auto parts stores only.

**AMR Segment Revenues**

Revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 increased by 10% compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to stronger domestic market conditions for ferrous recycled metal resulting in increased sales volumes and higher average net selling prices for our ferrous products compared to the prior year period. Nonferrous revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 decreased by 6% compared to the prior year quarter reflecting the impact of lower average selling prices partially offset by higher sales volumes.

**AMR Segment Operating Income**

Operating income in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was \$23 million compared to \$35 million in the comparable prior period. The decrease in AMR operating results in the current quarter was primarily the result of operating margin compression from lower selling prices for nonferrous products, which outpaced reductions in purchase costs for raw materials, partially offset by the positive effects of higher sales volumes including from a limited-duration contract which provides a high margin source of supply. The contribution to AMR operating income from this contract was \$8 million for the quarter ended November 30, 2018 compared to \$2 million for the quarter ended November 30, 2017. This contract is expected to be substantially completed by or in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019. The lower nonferrous selling prices in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 primarily resulted from the effects of Chinese import restrictions put into place during the second half of fiscal 2018. AMR selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expense in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 increased by \$4 million, or 12%, compared to the prior year period primarily due to higher employee-related expenses and environmental charges.

**Cascade Steel and Scrap**

(\$ in thousands, except for price)	Three Months Ended November 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change
Steel revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 101,337	\$ 80,446	26 %
Recycling revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	29,049	9,538	205 %
Total segment revenues	130,386	89,984	45 %
Segment operating income	\$ 11,918	\$ 8,476	41 %
Finished steel average sales price (\$/ST) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 747	\$ 599	25 %
Finished steel products sold (ST, in thousands)	119	127	(6)%
Rolling mill utilization <sup>(4)</sup>	87%	95%	(8)%

ST = Short Ton, which is equivalent to 2,000 pounds

NM = Not Meaningful

(1) Steel revenues include primarily sales of finished steel products, semi-finished goods (billets) and steel manufacturing scrap.

(2) Recycling revenues include primarily sales of ferrous and nonferrous recycled scrap metal to export markets.

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

(4) Rolling mill utilization is based on effective annual production capacity under current conditions of 580 thousand tons of finished steel products.

**CSS Segment Revenues**

Revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 increased by \$40 million, or 45%, compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to significantly higher average selling prices for our finished steel products and increased export sales of ferrous recycled scrap metal. The higher average selling prices for our finished steel products reflect the impacts of reduced pressure from steel imports and higher steel-making raw material costs compared to the prior year period.

**CSS Segment Operating Income**

Operating income in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was \$12 million compared to operating income of \$8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. Improved operating results in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 primarily reflect higher finished steel margins as increases in selling prices outpaced the rise in raw material and other input costs.

**Corporate**

Corporate SG&A expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2019 decreased by \$4 million, or 27%, compared to the prior year first quarter, which included a charge for a legacy environmental liability of \$4 million.

**Income Tax**

On December 22, 2017, the President of the United States signed and enacted into law comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act"), which, except for certain provisions, is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The Tax Act's primary change is a reduction in the federal statutory corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. Other pertinent changes in the Tax Act include, but are not limited to, the acceleration of deductions for qualified property placed in service after September 27, 2017, limitations to the deductibility of some executive compensation, and the elimination of the deduction for qualified domestic production activities. Changes in the Tax Act that did not significantly impact us upon enactment include implementation of a modified territorial tax system and other modifications to how foreign earnings are subject to U.S. tax.

As a change in tax law is accounted for in the period of enactment, known and certain estimated effects were incorporated into our financial results beginning with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended February 28, 2018. The accounting for the impacts of the Tax Act was complete as of November 30, 2018, and we have not recorded any material adjustments to the provisional amounts recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2018 related to the Tax Act. There is a risk that states or foreign jurisdictions may amend their tax laws in response to the Tax Act, which could have a material impact on our future results of operations and cash flows.

The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2019 was an expense of 19.8% compared to an expense of 23.6% for the comparable prior year period. The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate at the time of 35% primarily due to the lower projected annual effective tax rate applied to the quarterly results. The low projected annual effective tax rate in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was the result of our full valuation allowance positions partially offset by increases in deferred tax liabilities from indefinite-lived assets in all jurisdictions.

We assess the realizability of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis through an analysis of potential sources of future taxable income, including prior year taxable income available to absorb a carryback of tax losses, reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, tax planning strategies, and forecasts of taxable income. We consider all negative and positive evidence, including the weight of the evidence, to determine if valuation allowances against deferred tax assets are required. We continue to maintain valuation allowances against certain U.S. federal, state, Canadian and all Puerto Rican deferred tax assets.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We rely on cash provided by operating activities as a primary source of liquidity, supplemented by current cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities.

#### ***Sources and Uses of Cash***

We had cash balances of \$11 million and \$5 million as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively. Cash balances are intended to be used primarily for working capital, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, investments and acquisitions. We use excess cash on hand to reduce amounts outstanding under our credit facilities. As of November 30, 2018, debt was \$169 million, compared to \$107 million as of August 31, 2018, and debt, net of cash, was \$157 million, compared to \$103 million as of August 31, 2018 (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures at the end of this Item 2). Debt, net of cash, increased by \$55 million primarily due to capital expenditures and the payment of fiscal 2018 incentive compensation in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 that was accrued as of August 31, 2018.

#### ***Operating Activities***

Net cash used in operating activities in the first three months of fiscal 2019 was \$12 million, compared to \$16 million in the first three months of fiscal 2018.

Uses of cash in the first three months of fiscal 2019 included a \$28 million increase in accounts receivable primarily due to the timing of sales and collections and a \$27 million decrease in accrued payroll and related liabilities due to the payment of incentive compensation previously accrued under our fiscal 2018 plans. Sources of cash other than from earnings in the first three months of fiscal 2019 included a \$10 million decrease in inventories primarily due to lower raw material purchase prices and the impact of timing of purchases and sales.

Uses of cash in the first three months of fiscal 2018 included a \$47 million increase in inventory due to higher raw material purchase prices, higher volumes on hand and the impact of timing of purchases and sales, a \$9 million increase in accounts receivable primarily due to increases in recycled metal selling prices and sales volumes and the timing of sales and collections, and an \$18 million decrease in accrued payroll and related liabilities due to incentive compensation payments. Sources of cash in the first three months of fiscal 2018 included a \$9 million increase in accounts payable primarily due to higher raw material purchase prices and the timing of payments.

#### ***Investing Activities***

Net cash used in investing activities was \$25 million in the first three months of fiscal 2019, compared to \$14 million in the first three months of fiscal 2018.

Cash used in investing activities in the first three months of fiscal 2019 included capital expenditures of \$27 million to upgrade our equipment and infrastructure and for additional investments in environmental-related assets, compared to \$15 million in the prior year period.

#### ***Financing Activities***

Net cash provided by financing activities in the first three months of fiscal 2019 was \$44 million, compared to \$31 million in the first three months of fiscal 2018.

Cash flows from financing activities in the first three months of fiscal 2019 included \$61 million in net borrowings of debt, compared to \$40 million in the prior year period (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures at the end of this Item 2). Uses of cash in the first three months of fiscal 2019 and 2018 also included \$6 million and \$5 million, respectively, for the payment of dividends. Cash used in financing activities in the first three months of fiscal 2019 also included \$4 million for share repurchases.

### ***Debt***

Our senior secured revolving credit facilities, which provide for revolving loans of \$700 million and C\$15 million, mature in August 2023 pursuant to a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and other lenders party thereto. Interest rates on outstanding indebtedness under the credit agreement are based, at our option, on either the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), or the Canadian equivalent for C\$ loans, plus a spread of between 1.25% and 2.75%, with the amount of the spread based on a pricing grid tied to our consolidated funded debt to EBITDA ratio, or the greater of (a) the prime rate, (b) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (c) the daily rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 1.75%, in each case plus a spread of between zero and 1.50% based on a pricing grid tied to our consolidated funded debt to EBITDA ratio. In addition, commitment fees are payable on the unused portion of the credit facilities at rates between 0.15% and 0.45% based on a pricing grid tied to our consolidated funded debt to EBITDA ratio.

We had borrowings outstanding under our credit facilities of \$161 million as of November 30, 2018 and \$100 million as of August 31, 2018. The weighted average interest rate on amounts outstanding under our credit facilities was 3.58% and 3.57% as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively.

We use the credit facilities to fund working capital, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, investments and acquisitions. The credit agreement contains various representations and warranties, events of default and financial and other customary covenants which limit (subject to certain exceptions) our ability to, among other things, incur or suffer to exist certain liens, make investments, incur or guaranty additional indebtedness, enter into consolidations, mergers, acquisitions, and sales of assets, make distributions and other restricted payments, change the nature of our business, engage in transactions with affiliates and enter into restrictive agreements, including agreements that restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to make distributions. The financial covenants under the credit agreement include (a) a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio, defined as the four-quarter rolling sum of consolidated adjusted EBITDA less defined maintenance capital expenditures and certain environmental expenditures divided by consolidated fixed charges and (b) a consolidated leverage ratio, defined as consolidated funded indebtedness divided by the sum of consolidated net worth and consolidated funded indebtedness.

As of November 30, 2018, we were in compliance with the financial covenants under the credit agreement. The consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio was required to be no less than 1.50 to 1.00 and was 3.85 to 1.00 as of November 30, 2018. The consolidated leverage ratio was required to be no more than 0.55 to 1.00 and was 0.21 to 1.00 as of November 30, 2018.

Our obligations under the credit agreement are guaranteed by substantially all of our subsidiaries. The credit facilities and the related guarantees are secured by senior first priority liens on certain of our and our subsidiaries’ assets, including equipment, inventory and accounts receivable.

While we expect to remain in compliance with the financial covenants under the credit agreement, there can be no assurances that we will be able to do so in the event market conditions or other negative factors which adversely impact our results of operations and financial position lead to a trend of consolidated net losses. If we do not maintain compliance with our financial covenants and are unable to obtain an amendment or waiver from our lenders, a breach of a financial covenant would constitute an event of default and allow the lenders to exercise remedies under the agreements, the most severe of which is the termination of the credit facility under our committed bank credit agreement and acceleration of the amounts owed under the agreement. In such case, we would be required to evaluate available alternatives and take appropriate steps to obtain alternative funds. There can be no assurances that any such alternative funds, if sought, could be obtained or, if obtained, would be adequate or on acceptable terms.

### ***Capital Expenditures***

Capital expenditures totaled \$27 million for the first three months of fiscal 2019, compared to \$15 million for the prior year period. We currently plan to invest up to \$100 million in capital expenditures on equipment replacement and upgrades, environmental and safety-related projects, and growth investments in nonferrous technology in fiscal 2019, using cash generated from operations and available credit facilities.

### ***Environmental Compliance***

Building on our commitment to recycling and operating our business in an environmentally responsible manner, we continue to invest in facilities that improve our environmental presence in the communities in which we operate. As part of our capital expenditures discussed in the prior paragraph, we invested \$8 million in capital expenditures for environmental projects in the first three months of fiscal 2019, and plan to invest up to \$35 million for such projects in fiscal 2019. These projects include

investments in storm water systems and equipment to ensure ongoing compliance with air quality and other environmental regulations.

We have been identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) as one of the potentially responsible parties that own or operate or formerly owned or operated sites which are part of or adjacent to the Portland Harbor Superfund site (the “Site”). See Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a discussion of this matter, as well as other legacy environmental loss contingencies. We believe it is not possible to reasonably estimate the amount or range of costs which we are likely to or which it is reasonably possible that we will incur in connection with the Site, although such costs could be material to our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity. We have insurance policies that we believe will provide reimbursement for costs we incur for defense, remediation and mitigation for natural resource damages claims in connection with the Site, although there are no assurances that those policies will cover all of the costs which we may incur. Significant cash outflows in the future related to the Site and certain other legacy environmental loss contingencies could reduce the amounts available for borrowing that could otherwise be used for working capital, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, investments and acquisitions and could result in our failure to maintain compliance with certain covenants in our debt agreements, and could adversely impact our liquidity.

#### ***Dividends***

On November 2, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a dividend for the first quarter of fiscal 2019 of \$0.1875 per common share, which equates to an annual cash dividend of \$0.75 per common share. The dividend was paid on November 26, 2018.

#### ***Share Repurchase Program***

Pursuant to our amended share repurchase program, as of November 30, 2018, we have existing authorization remaining under the program to repurchase up to approximately 1.1 million shares of our Class A common stock when we deem such repurchases to be appropriate. We may repurchase our common stock for a variety of reasons, such as to optimize our capital structure and to offset dilution related to share-based compensation arrangements. We consider several factors in determining whether to make share repurchases including, among other things, our cash needs, the availability of funding, our future business plans and the market price of our stock. Prior to the first quarter of fiscal 2019, we had repurchased approximately 7.7 million shares of the shares authorized for repurchase under the program. In the first quarter of fiscal 2019, we repurchased 150 thousand shares of our Class A common stock in open-market transactions for a total of \$4 million.

#### ***Assessment of Liquidity and Capital Resources***

Historically, our available cash resources, internally generated funds, credit facilities and equity offerings have financed our acquisitions, capital expenditures, working capital and other financing needs.

We generally believe our current cash resources, internally generated funds, existing credit facilities and access to the capital markets will provide adequate short-term and long-term liquidity needs for working capital, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, investments and acquisitions, joint ventures, debt service requirements, environmental obligations and other contingencies. However, in the event of a sustained market deterioration, we may need additional liquidity, which would require us to evaluate available alternatives and take appropriate steps to obtain sufficient additional funds. There can be no assurances that any such supplemental funding, if sought, could be obtained or, if obtained, would be adequate or on acceptable terms.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

None requiring disclosure pursuant to Item 303 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Contractual Obligations**

There were no material changes related to contractual obligations and commitments from the information provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018.

We maintain stand-by letters of credit to provide support for certain obligations, including workers' compensation and performance bonds. As of November 30, 2018, we had \$11 million outstanding under these arrangements.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

There were no material changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates as described in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2018, except for changes resulting from adoption of the new revenue accounting standard in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Refer to Note 7 - Revenue in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for the disclosures required under the new revenue accounting standard.

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

For a description of recent accounting pronouncements that may have an impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, see Note 2 - Recent Accounting Pronouncements in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

**Non-GAAP Financial Measures*****Debt, net of cash***

Debt, net of cash is the difference between (i) the sum of long-term debt and short-term borrowings (i.e., total debt) and (ii) cash and cash equivalents. We believe 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.

The following is a reconciliation of debt, net of cash (in thousands):

	<b>November 30, 2018</b>	<b>August 31, 2018</b>
Short-term borrowings	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,139
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	167,394	106,237
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>168,550</b>	<b>107,376</b>
Less: cash and cash equivalents	11,216	4,723
<b>Total debt, net of cash</b>	<b>\$ 157,334</b>	<b>\$ 102,653</b>

***Net borrowings (repayments) of debt***

Net borrowings (repayments) of debt is the sum of borrowings from long-term debt and repayments of long-term debt. We present this amount as the net change in borrowings (repayments) for the period because we believe it is useful to investors as a meaningful presentation of the change in debt.

The following is a reconciliation of net borrowings (repayments) of debt (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Borrowings from long-term debt	\$ 158,859	\$ 189,500
Repayments of long-term debt	(97,699)	(149,713)
<b>Net borrowings (repayments) of debt</b>	<b>\$ 61,160</b>	<b>\$ 39,787</b>

***Adjusted consolidated operating income, adjusted AMR operating income, adjusted CSS operating income, adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI, and adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI***

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 previously contracted shipments, and the 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 from 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 and concluded in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, are reported within SG&A expense in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and are also excluded from the measures.

The following is a reconciliation of adjusted consolidated operating income, adjusted AMR operating income, adjusted CSS operating income, adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI, and adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>Three Months Ended November 30,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b><u>Consolidated operating income:</u></b>		
As reported	\$ 22,689	\$ 26,423
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	63	(88)
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	202	100
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments	—	(417)
Adjusted	<u>\$ 22,954</u>	<u>\$ 26,018</u>
<b><u>AMR operating income:</u></b>		
As reported	\$ 23,017	\$ 35,172
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	63	—
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments	—	(417)
Adjusted	<u>\$ 23,080</u>	<u>\$ 34,755</u>
<b><u>CSS operating income:</u></b>		
As reported	\$ 11,918	\$ 8,476
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	—	(88)
Adjusted	<u>\$ 11,918</u>	<u>\$ 8,388</u>
<b><u>Net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI:</u></b>		
As reported	\$ 16,260	\$ 18,399
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net	63	(88)
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	202	100
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments	—	(417)
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	(60)	131
Adjusted	<u>\$ 16,465</u>	<u>\$ 18,125</u>
<b><u>Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI:</u></b>		
As reported	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.64
Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net, per share	—	—
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, per share	0.01	—
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments, per share	—	(0.01)
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments, per share <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—
Adjusted	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 0.63</u>

(1) Income tax allocated to the aggregate adjustments reconciling reported and adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI is determined based on a tax provision calculated with and without the adjustments.

We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures allow for a better understanding of our operating and financial performance. 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. Although we find these non-GAAP financial measures useful in evaluating the performance of our business, our reliance on these measures is limited because the adjustments often have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP. Therefore, we typically use these adjusted amounts in conjunction with our GAAP results to address these limitations.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK****Commodity Price Risk**

We are exposed to commodity price risk, mainly associated with variations in the market price for ferrous and nonferrous metals, including scrap metal, finished steel products, autobodies and other commodities. The timing and magnitude of industry cycles are difficult to predict and are impacted by general economic conditions. We respond to increases and decreases in forward selling prices by adjusting purchase prices. We actively manage our exposure to commodity price risk and monitor the actual and expected spread between forward selling prices and purchase costs and processing and shipping expense. Sales contracts are based on prices negotiated with our customers, and generally orders are placed 30 to 60 days ahead of the shipment date. However, financial results may be negatively impacted when forward selling prices fall more quickly than we can adjust purchase prices or when customers fail to meet their contractual obligations. We assess the net realizable value of inventory (“NRV”) each quarter based upon contracted sales orders and estimated future selling prices. Based on contracted sales and estimates of future selling prices, a 10% decrease in the selling price of inventory would not have had a material NRV impact on any of our reportable segments as of November 30, 2018.

**Interest Rate Risk**

There have been no material changes to our disclosure regarding interest rate risk set forth in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2018.

**Credit Risk**

As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, 42% and 33%, respectively, of our trade accounts receivable balance was covered by letters of credit. Of the remaining balance, 95% and 99% was less than 60 days past due as of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, respectively.

**Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk**

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk, mainly associated with sales transactions and related accounts receivable denominated in the U.S. Dollar by our Canadian subsidiary with a functional currency of the Canadian Dollar. In certain instances, we may use derivatives to manage some portion of this risk. As of November 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018, we did not have any derivative contracts.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES****Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) that are designed to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. Our management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has completed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of November 30, 2018, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Information regarding reportable legal proceedings is contained in Part I, “Item 3. Legal Proceedings” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018. Also see Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item I, incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There have been no material changes to our risk factors reported or new factors identified since the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 24, 2018, except for the following:

***Inability to achieve or sustain the benefits from productivity, cost savings and restructuring initiatives may adversely impact our operating results***

During the past several years, we implemented a number of productivity improvement, cost savings and restructuring initiatives designed to reduce operating expenses and improve profitability and to achieve further integration and synergistic cost efficiencies in our operating platform. These initiatives included idling underutilized assets and closing facilities to more closely align our business to market conditions, implementing productivity initiatives to increase production efficiency and material recovery, and further reducing our annual operating expenses through headcount reductions, reducing organizational layers, consolidating shared service functions, savings from procurement activities, streamlining of administrative and supporting services functions, and other non-headcount measures. In fiscal 2017, we substantially completed a multi-year program of these initiatives.

In fiscal 2019, we are undertaking productivity initiatives targeted to achieve \$35 million of benefits through a combination of production cost efficiencies and reductions in selling, general and administrative expenses. Our ability to achieve or sustain the anticipated cost reductions and other benefits from these initiatives within the expected time frame is subject to many estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions are subject to significant economic, competitive and other uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control.

We incurred restructuring charges and other exit-related activities in fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016 as a result of these initiatives and may incur limited restructuring charges or other exit-related activities associated with these initiatives in fiscal 2019. Failure to achieve or sustain the expected cost reductions and other benefits related to these productivity and restructuring initiatives could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Pursuant to a share repurchase program, as amended in 2001, 2006 and 2008, our Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of 9 million shares of our Class A common stock when management deems such repurchases to be appropriate. Prior to the first quarter of fiscal 2019, we had repurchased approximately 7.7 million shares of our Class A common stock under the program. We repurchased 150,000 shares of our Class A common stock under the program in open-market transactions during the first quarter of fiscal 2019.

The table below presents a summary of our share repurchases during the quarter ended November 30, 2018:

	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Shares that may yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs</b>
September 1 – September 30, 2018	—	—	—	1,286,313
October 1 – October 31, 2018	150,000	\$ 27.30	150,000	1,136,313
November 1 – November 30, 2018	—	—	—	1,136,313
Total first quarter 2019	<u>150,000</u>		<u>150,000</u>	

The share repurchase program does not require us to acquire any specific number of shares. The program does not have a stated expiration date, and we may suspend, extend or terminate the program at any time without prior notice. The program may be executed through open-market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or utilizing Rule 10b5-1 programs.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
10.1*	<a href="#">Form of Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement under the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan used for awards granted in fiscal 2019.</a>
10.2*	<a href="#">Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan used for awards granted after fiscal 2018.</a>
10.3*	<a href="#">Fiscal 2019 Annual Performance Bonus Program for the Chief Executive Officer.</a>
31.1	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
31.2	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.1	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.2	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

\*Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 9, 2019

By: /s/ Tamara L. Lundgren

Tamara L. Lundgren  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 9, 2019

By: /s/ Richard D. Peach

Richard D. Peach  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations

**SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**LONG-TERM INCENTIVE AWARD AGREEMENT**  
**(FY2019-FY2021 Performance Period)**

On November 15, 2018, the Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the “Company”) authorized and granted a performance-based award to \_\_\_\_\_ (“Recipient”) pursuant to Section 10 of the Company’s 1993 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). By accepting this award, Recipient agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. **Award.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company shall issue to the Recipient the number of shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company (“Performance Shares”) determined under this Agreement based on (a) the performance of the Company during the 3-year period from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2021 (the “Performance Period”) as described in Section 2, (b) Recipient’s continued employment during the Performance Period as described in Section 3, and (c) Recipient’s not engaging in actions prohibited by Section 4. Recipient’s “TSR Target Share Amount” for purposes of this Agreement is \_\_\_\_\_ shares and Recipient’s “ROCE Target Share Amount” for purposes of this Agreement is \_\_\_\_\_ shares. This award does not include a dividend equivalent cash payment.

2. **Performance Conditions.**

2.1 **Payout Formula.** Subject to adjustment under Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, the number of Performance Shares to be issued to Recipient shall be equal to the sum of (a) the TSR Payout Shares (as defined below), plus (b) the ROCE Payout Factor as determined under Section 2.3 below multiplied by the ROCE Target Share Amount. The “TSR Payout Shares” shall be equal to the TSR Payout Factor as determined under Section 2.2 below multiplied by the TSR Target Share Amount; provided, however, that the number of TSR Payout Shares shall be reduced as necessary to ensure that the total value of the TSR Payout Shares at the time of payout (calculated by multiplying the Value (as defined in Section 7 below) by the number of TSR Payout Shares) shall not be more than 400% of the value of the TSR Target Share Amount on the date of this Agreement (calculated by multiplying the closing market price for Class A Common Stock on the date of this Agreement by the TSR Target Share Amount).

2.2 **TSR Payout Factor.**

2.2.1 The “TSR Payout Factor” shall be determined under the table below based on the Average TSR Percentile Rank of the Company; provided, however, that if the Three-Year TSR as determined under Section 2.2.5 below is less than 0%, the TSR Payout Factor shall not be greater than 100%.

Average TSR Percentile Rank	TSR Payout Factor
less than 25%	0%
25%	50%
50%	100%
90% or more	200%

If the Company’s Average TSR Percentile Rank is between any two data points set forth in the first column of the above table, the TSR Payout Factor shall be determined by interpolation between the corresponding data points in the second column of the table as follows: the difference between the Company’s Average TSR Percentile Rank and the lower data point shall be divided by the difference between the higher data point and the lower data point, the resulting fraction shall be multiplied by the difference between the two corresponding data points in the second column of the table, and the resulting product shall be added to the lower corresponding data point in the second column of the table, with the resulting sum being the TSR Payout Factor.

2.2.2 The Company’s “Average TSR Percentile Rank” for the Performance Period shall be equal to the average of the TSR Percentile Ranks determined for each of the three fiscal years of the Performance Period. To determine the Company’s “TSR Percentile Rank” for any fiscal year the TSR of the Company and each of the Peer Group Companies for that fiscal year shall be calculated, and the Peer Group Companies shall be ranked based on their respective TSR’s from lowest to highest. If the Company’s TSR is equal to the TSR of any other Peer Group Company, the Company’s TSR Percentile Rank shall be equal to the number of Peer Group Companies with a lower TSR divided by the number that is one less than the total number of Peer Group Companies, with the resulting amount expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest tenth of a

percentage point. If the Company's TSR is between the TSRs of any two Peer Group Companies, the TSR Percentile Ranks of those two Peer Group Companies shall be determined as set forth in the preceding sentence, and the Company's TSR Percentile Rank shall be interpolated as follows. The excess of the Company's TSR over the TSR of the lower Peer Group Company shall be divided by the excess of the TSR of the higher Peer Group Company over the TSR of the lower Peer Group Company. The resulting fraction shall be multiplied by the difference between the TSR Percentile Ranks of the two Peer Group Companies. The product of that calculation shall be added to the TSR Percentile Rank of the lower Peer Group Company, and the resulting sum (rounded to the nearest tenth of a percentage point) shall be the Company's TSR Percentile Rank. The intent of this definition of TSR Percentile Rank is to produce the same result as calculated using the PERCENTRANK.INC function in Microsoft Excel to determine the rank of the Company's TSR within the array consisting of the TSRs of the Peer Group Companies.

2.2.3 The "Peer Group Companies" are AK Steel Holding Corporation, Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, Century Aluminum Company, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Coeur Mining, Inc., Commercial Metals Company, Gerdau S.A., Ferroglobe PLC, Harsco Corporation, Hecla Mining Company, Minerals Technologies Inc., Nucor Corporation, Sims Metal Management Limited, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Suncoke Energy, Inc. and United States Steel Corporation. If prior to the end of any fiscal year in the Performance Period, the common stock of any Peer Group Company ceases to be publicly traded for any reason, then such company shall no longer be considered a Peer Group Company for that fiscal year.

2.2.4 Except as provided below for the first fiscal year of the Performance Period, the "TSR" for the Company and each Peer Group Company for any fiscal year shall be calculated by (1) assuming that \$100 is invested in the common stock of the company at a price equal to the average of the closing market prices of the stock for the twenty trading day period ending on the last trading day of the prior fiscal year, (2) assuming that for each dividend paid on the stock during the fiscal year, the amount equal to the dividend paid on the assumed number of shares held is reinvested in additional shares at a price equal to the closing market price of the stock on the ex-dividend date for the dividend, and (3) determining the final dollar value of the total assumed number of shares based on the average of the closing market prices of the stock for the twenty trading day period ending on the last trading day of the fiscal year. The "TSR" shall then equal the amount determined by subtracting \$100 from the foregoing final dollar value, dividing the result by 100 and expressing the resulting fraction as a percentage. For the first fiscal year of the Performance Period, the fiscal year shall be deemed to be the period from the date of this Agreement to August 31, 2019, and the TSR calculation for each company shall be further modified by assuming that \$100 is invested in the common stock of the company at a price equal to the closing market price of the stock on the date of this Agreement. For Sims Metal Management Limited, all calculations shall be in Australian dollars. For Gerdau S.A., all calculations shall be in Brazilian reais.

2.2.5 The "Three-Year TSR" for the Company shall be calculated by (1) assuming that \$100 is invested in the common stock of the Company at a price equal to the closing market price of the stock on the date of this Agreement, (2) assuming that for each dividend paid on the stock during the period from the date of this Agreement to the end of the Performance Period, the amount equal to the dividend paid on the assumed number of shares held is reinvested in additional shares at a price equal to the closing market price of the stock on the ex-dividend date for the dividend, and (3) determining the final dollar value of the total assumed number of shares based on the average of the closing market prices of the stock for the twenty trading day period ending on the last trading day of the Performance Period. The "Three-Year TSR" shall then equal the amount determined by subtracting \$100 from the foregoing final dollar value, dividing the result by 100 and expressing the resulting fraction as a percentage.

2.3 ROCE Payout Factor.

2.3.1 The "ROCE Payout Factor" shall be determined under the table below based on the Average ROCE of the Company for the Performance Period.

Average ROCE	ROCE Payout Factor
Less than ___%	0%
___%	50%
___%	100%
___% or more	200%

If the Average ROCE is between any two data points set forth in the first column of the above table, the ROCE Payout Factor shall be determined by interpolation between the corresponding data points in the second column of the table as follows: the difference

between the Average ROCE and the lower data point shall be divided by the difference between the higher data point and the lower data point, the resulting fraction shall be multiplied by the difference between the two corresponding data points in the second column of the table, and the resulting product shall be added to the lower corresponding data point in the second column of the table, with the resulting sum being the ROCE Payout Factor.

2.3.2 The Company's "Average ROCE" for the Performance Period shall be equal to the average of the ROCEs determined for each of the three fiscal years of the Performance Period. The "ROCE" for any fiscal year shall be equal to Adjusted Net Income for that fiscal year divided by Average Adjusted Capital for that fiscal year, expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percentage point. "Adjusted Net Income" for any fiscal year shall mean the net income attributable to SSI for that fiscal year as set forth in the audited consolidated statement of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year, and as adjusted in accordance with Section 2.4 below, increased by interest expense for that fiscal year, as set forth in the audited consolidated statement of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year, adjusted to exclude the impact of the associated income tax determined in accordance with Section 2.4.7. "Average Adjusted Capital" for any fiscal year shall mean the average of five (5) numbers consisting of the Adjusted Capital as of the last day of the fiscal year and as of the last day of the four preceding fiscal quarters. "Adjusted Capital" as of any date shall mean (i) the Company's total assets, as adjusted in accordance with Section 2.4 below, minus (ii) the Company's total liabilities other than debt for borrowed money and capital lease obligations, in each case as set forth in the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the applicable date or otherwise determined from the Company's accounting records on a consistent basis.

## 2.4 Adjustments.

2.4.1 Change in Accounting Principle. If the Company implements a change in accounting principle during the Performance Period either as a result of issuance of new accounting standards or otherwise, and the effect of the accounting change was not reflected in the Company's business plan at the time of approval of this award, then the Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Capital for each affected period shall be adjusted to eliminate the impact of the change in accounting principle.

2.4.2 Restructuring Charges. Adjusted Net Income for each fiscal year of the Performance Period and Adjusted Capital as of each quarter end used in calculating Average Adjusted Capital for any fiscal year of the Performance Period shall be adjusted to eliminate the impact of any restructuring charges and exit-related activities as set forth in the audited consolidated statement of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries for the applicable period.

2.4.3 Impairments. Adjusted Net Income for each fiscal year of the Performance Period and Adjusted Capital as of each quarter end used in calculating Average Adjusted Capital for any fiscal year of the Performance Period shall be adjusted to eliminate the impact of any charges, and reversal of charges, taken by the Company during the applicable period for impairment of goodwill or other assets as set forth in the audited consolidated statement of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries for the applicable period, as well as to add back to Adjusted Capital the amount of goodwill allocated to any business sold by the Company during the applicable period.

2.4.4 Acquisition Impacts. Adjusted Net Income for the last fiscal year of the Performance Period and Adjusted Capital as of each quarter end in the last fiscal year of the Performance Period shall be adjusted to eliminate any impact of business acquisitions or business combinations completed or reviewed (including incremental costs incurred solely as a result of the transaction, whether or not consummated) during that fiscal year.

2.4.5 Certain Environmental Accruals and Expenses. Adjusted Capital as of each quarter end used in calculating Average Adjusted Capital for any fiscal year of the Performance Period and Adjusted Net Income for each fiscal year during the Performance Period shall be adjusted to eliminate the impact of any changes in environmental liabilities recorded for investigation and remediation costs and natural resource or other damage claims and any fines, penalties, indemnities, fees, costs and other expenses incurred in connection with or resulting from the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and the other environmental matters listed as adjustments in the Company's Fiscal 2019 Operating Targets Environmental Adjustments document dated November 15, 2018, which document is available for review from the Company's Legal Division (net of any insurance or other reimbursements thereof).

2.4.6 Net Realizable Value Charges. Adjusted Net Income for each fiscal year during the Performance Period shall be adjusted to eliminate any charges to reduce the recorded value of any inventory to net realizable value in connection with significant macroeconomic events.

2.4.7 Tax Impacts. All adjustments to Adjusted Net Income for the items listed in Sections 2.4.1 to 2.4.6 in any fiscal year shall be net of the discrete income tax impacts associated with each of the adjustments as certified by the Audit Committee based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer.

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### 3. Employment Condition.

3.1 Full Payout. In order to receive the full number of Performance Shares determined under Section 2, Recipient must be employed by the Company on the October 31 immediately following the end of the Performance Period (the “Vesting Date”). For purposes of Sections 3 and 4, all references to the “Company” shall include the Company and its subsidiaries.

3.2 Retirement; Termination Without Cause After 12 Months. If Recipient’s employment with the Company is terminated at any time prior to the Vesting Date because of retirement (as defined in paragraph 6(a)(iv)(D) of the Plan), or if Recipient’s employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined below) after the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Performance Period and prior to the Vesting Date, Recipient shall, subject to Section 4.1, be entitled to receive a pro-rated award to be paid following completion of the Performance Period. The number of Performance Shares to be issued as a pro-rated award under this Section 3.2 shall be determined by multiplying the number of Performance Shares determined under Section 2 by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days Recipient was employed by the Company since the beginning of the Performance Period and the denominator of which is the number of days in the period from the beginning of the Performance Period to the Vesting Date. Any obligation of the Company to issue a pro-rated award under this Section 3.2 shall be subject to and conditioned upon the execution and delivery by Recipient no later than the Vesting Date of a Release of Claims in such form as may be requested by the Company. For purposes of this Section 3.2, “Cause” shall mean (a) the conviction (including a plea of guilty or nolo contendere) of Recipient of a felony involving theft or moral turpitude or relating to the business of the Company, other than a felony predicated on Recipient’s vicarious liability, (b) Recipient’s continued failure or refusal to perform with reasonable competence and in good faith any of the lawful duties assigned by (or any lawful directions of) the Company that are commensurate with Recipient’s position with the Company (not resulting from any illness, sickness or physical or mental incapacity), which continues after the Company has given notice thereof (and a reasonable opportunity to cure) to Recipient, (c) deception, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty by Recipient in connection with Recipient’s employment with the Company, (d) any incident materially compromising Recipient’s reputation or ability to represent the Company with the public, (e) any willful misconduct by Recipient that substantially impairs the Company’s business or reputation, or (f) any other willful misconduct by Recipient that is clearly inconsistent with Recipient’s position or responsibilities.

3.3 Death or Disability. If Recipient’s employment with the Company is terminated at any time prior to the Vesting Date because of death or disability, Recipient shall be entitled to receive a pro-rated award to be paid as soon as reasonably practicable following such event. The term “disability” means a medically determinable physical or mental condition of Recipient resulting from bodily injury, disease, or mental disorder which is likely to continue for the remainder of Recipient’s life and which renders Recipient incapable of performing the job assigned to Recipient by the Company or any substantially equivalent replacement job. For purposes of calculating the pro-rated award under this Section 3.3, the TSR Payout Factor and the ROCE Payout Factor shall both be calculated as if the Performance Period ended on the last day of the Company’s most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of death or disability. For this purpose, the TSR for the Company and each Peer Group Company for any partial fiscal year shall be determined based on the closing market prices of its stock for the twenty trading day period ending on the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of death or disability, before determining the Company’s TSR Percentile Rank for that partial fiscal year, and the Average TSR Percentile Rank shall be determined by averaging however many full and partial fiscal years for which a TSR Percentile Rank shall have been determined. For this purpose, the Adjusted Net Income for any partial fiscal year shall be annualized (*e.g.*, multiplied by 4/3 if the partial period is three quarters) and the Average Adjusted Capital shall be determined based on the average of Adjusted Capital as of the last day of only those quarters that have been completed, before determining the ROCE for that partial fiscal year, and the Average ROCE shall be determined by averaging however many full and partial fiscal years for which a ROCE shall have been determined. The number of Performance Shares to be issued as a pro-rated award under this Section 3.3 shall be determined by multiplying the number of Performance Shares determined after applying the modifications described in the preceding sentences by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days Recipient was employed by the Company since the beginning of the Performance Period and the denominator of which is the number of days in the period from the beginning of the Performance Period to the Vesting Date.

3.4 Other Terminations. If Recipient’s employment by the Company is terminated at any time prior to the Vesting Date and neither Section 3.2 nor Section 3.3 applies to such termination, Recipient shall not be entitled to receive any Performance Shares.

### 4. Non-Competition.

4.1 Consequences of Violation. If the Company determines that Recipient has engaged in an action prohibited by Section 4.2 below, then:

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4.1.1 Recipient shall immediately forfeit all rights under this Agreement to receive any unissued Performance Shares; and

4.1.2 If Performance Shares were issued to Recipient following completion of the Performance Period, and the Company's determination of a violation occurs on or before the first anniversary of the Vesting Date, Recipient shall repay to the Company (a) the number of shares of Common Stock issued to Recipient under this Agreement (the "Forfeited Shares"), plus (b) the amount of cash equal to the withholding taxes paid by withholding shares of Common Stock from Recipient as provided in Section 7. If any Forfeited Shares are sold by Recipient prior to the Company's demand for repayment, Recipient shall repay to the Company 100% of the proceeds of such sale or sales. The Company may, in its sole discretion, reduce the amount to be repaid by Recipient to take into account the tax consequences of such repayment for Recipient.

4.2 Prohibited Actions. The consequences described in Section 4.1 shall apply if during Recipient's employment with the Company, or at any time during the period of one year following termination of such employment, Recipient, directly or indirectly, owns, manages, controls, or participates in the ownership, management or control of, or is employed by, consults for, or is connected in any manner with:

4.2.1 if Recipient is, or was at the time of termination of employment, employed by the Company's Cascade Steel and Scrap Business ("CSS"), any business that (a) is engaged in the steel manufacturing business, (b) produces any of the same steel products as CSS, and (c) competes with CSS for sales to customers in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, British Columbia or Alberta;

4.2.2 if Recipient is, or was at the time of termination of employment, employed by the Company's Auto and Metals Recycling Business ("AMR") or CSS, any business that (a) is engaged in the metals recycling business or the self-service used auto parts business, and (b) operates a metal recycling collection or processing facility or a self-service used auto parts store within 250 miles of any of AMR's or CSS' facilities or stores;

4.2.3 if Recipient is, or was at the time of termination of employment, employed in the Company's Corporate Shared Services Division, any business that is described in Section 4.2.1 or Section 4.2.2.

## 5. Company Sale.

5.1 If a Company Sale (as defined below) occurs before the Vesting Date, Recipient shall be entitled to receive an award payout no later than the earlier of fifteen (15) days following such event or the last day on which the Performance Shares could be issued so that Recipient may participate as a shareholder in receiving proceeds from the Company Sale. The amount of the award payout under this Section 5.1 shall be the greater of (a) the sum of the TSR Target Share Amount and the ROCE Target Share Amount, or (b) the amount determined using a TSR Payout Factor and a ROCE Payout Factor each calculated as if the Performance Period ended on the last day of the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of the Company Sale. For this purpose, the TSR for the Company and each Peer Group Company for any partial fiscal year shall be determined based on the closing market prices of its stock for the twenty trading day period ending on the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter prior to the date of the Company Sale, before determining the Company's TSR Percentile Rank for that partial fiscal year, and the Average TSR Percentile Rank shall be determined by averaging however many full and partial fiscal years for which a TSR Percentile Rank shall have been determined. For this purpose, the Adjusted Net Income for any partial fiscal year shall be annualized (e.g., multiplied by 4/3 if the partial period is three quarters) and the Average Adjusted Capital shall be determined based on the average of Adjusted Capital as of the last day of only those quarters that have been completed, before determining the ROCE for that partial fiscal year, and the Average ROCE shall be determined by averaging however many full and partial fiscal years for which a ROCE shall have been determined.

5.2 For purposes of this Agreement, a "Company Sale" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

5.2.1 any consolidation, merger or plan of share exchange involving the Company (a "Merger") in which the Company is not the continuing or surviving corporation or pursuant to which outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock would be converted into cash, other securities or other property; or

5.2.2 any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all, or substantially all, the assets of the Company.

6. Certification and Payment. As soon as practicable following the completion of the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the final fiscal year of the Performance Period, the Company shall calculate the TSR Payout

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Factor, the ROCE Payout Factor and the corresponding numbers of Performance Shares issuable to Recipient. This calculation shall be submitted to the Committee. No later than the Vesting Date the Committee shall certify in writing (which may consist of approved minutes of a Committee meeting) the levels of TSR and TSR Percentile Rank attained by the Company for each fiscal year of the Performance Period, the levels of ROCE attained by the Company for each fiscal year of the Performance Period, the Tax Impacts applied in calculating ROCE in each fiscal year and the number of Performance Shares issuable to Recipient based on the Company's performance. Subject to applicable tax withholding, the number of Performance Shares so certified shall be issued to Recipient as soon as practicable following the Vesting Date, but no Performance Shares shall be issued prior to certification. No fractional shares shall be issued and the number of Performance Shares deliverable shall be rounded to the nearest whole share. In the event of the death or disability of Recipient as described in Section 3.3 or a Company Sale as described in Section 5, each of which requires an award payout earlier than the Vesting Date, a similar calculation and certification process shall be followed within the time frames required by those sections.

7. Tax Withholding. Recipient acknowledges that, on the date the Performance Shares are issued to Recipient (the "Payment Date"), the Value (as defined below) on that date of the Performance Shares will be treated as ordinary compensation income for federal and state income and FICA tax purposes, and that the Company will be required to withhold taxes on these income amounts. To satisfy the required minimum withholding amount, the Company shall withhold the number of Performance Shares having a Value equal to the minimum withholding amount. For purposes of this Section 7, the "Value" of a Performance Share shall be equal to the closing market price for Class A Common Stock on the last trading day preceding the Payment Date.

8. Changes in Capital Structure. If the outstanding Class A Common Stock of the Company is hereafter increased or decreased or changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or other securities of the Company by reason of any stock split, combination of shares or dividend payable in shares, recapitalization or reclassification, appropriate adjustment shall be made by the Committee in the number and kind of shares subject to this Agreement so that the Recipient's proportionate interest before and after the occurrence of the event is maintained.

9. Approvals. The obligations of the Company under this Agreement are subject to the approval of state, federal or foreign authorities or agencies with jurisdiction in the matter. The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to take steps required by state, federal or foreign law or applicable regulations, including rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange on which the Company's shares may then be listed, in connection with the award evidenced by this Agreement. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated to deliver Class A Common Stock under this Agreement if such delivery would violate or result in a violation of applicable state or federal securities laws.

10. No Right to Employment. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall confer upon Recipient any right to be employed by the Company or to continue to provide services to the Company or to interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate Recipient's services at any time for any reason, with or without cause.

11. Recoupment Policy. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Performance Shares shall be subject to the Company's Executive Officer Incentive Compensation Recovery Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time or any replacement policy thereto, or as may be required by any applicable law (including, without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder).

12. Miscellaneous.

12.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with regard to the subjects hereof.

12.2 Notices. Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficient when delivered personally to the party to whom it is addressed or when deposited into the United States Mail as registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Company, Attention: Corporate Secretary, at its principal executive offices or to Recipient at the address of Recipient in the Company's records, or at such other address as such party may designate by ten (10) days' advance written notice to the other party.

12.3 Assignment; Rights and Benefits. Recipient shall not assign this Agreement or any rights hereunder to any other party or parties without the prior written consent of the Company. The rights and benefits of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Company's successors and assigns and, subject to the foregoing restriction on assignment, be binding upon Recipient's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

12.4 Further Action. The parties agree to execute such instruments and to take such action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

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12.5 Applicable Law; Attorneys' Fees. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon. In the event either party institutes litigation hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees to be set by the trial court and, upon any appeal, the appellate court.

12.6 Severability. Each provision of this Agreement will be treated as a separate and independent clause and unenforceability of any one clause will in no way impact the enforceability of any other clause. Should any of the provisions of this Agreement be found to be unreasonable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be enforceable to the maximum extent enforceable by the law of that jurisdiction.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

**RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT  
AWARD AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 8 of the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., an Oregon corporation (the "Company"), on **November 15, 2018** the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company authorized and granted to \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Recipient") an award of restricted stock units with respect to the Company's Class A Common Stock ("Common Stock"), subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement between the Company and the Recipient (this "Agreement"). By accepting this award, the Recipient agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. **Award and Terms of Restricted Stock Units.** The Company awards to the Recipient under the Plan \_\_\_\_\_ restricted stock units (the "Award"), subject to the restrictions, terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

(a) *Rights under Restricted Stock Units.* A restricted stock unit (a "RSU") obligates the Company, upon vesting in accordance with this Agreement, to issue to the Recipient one share of Common Stock for each RSU. The number of shares of Common Stock issuable with respect to each RSU is subject to adjustment as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company as to the number and kind of shares of stock deliverable upon any merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, stock dividend, spin-off or other change in the corporate structure affecting the Common Stock generally.

(b) *Vesting Date.* The RSUs awarded under this Agreement shall initially be 100% unvested and subject to forfeiture. The Vesting Reference Date of this Award is **October 31, 2018**. Subject to Sections 1(c), (d), (e) and (f), the RSUs shall vest in equal installments as follows:

	% of RSUs Vested
Prior to first anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	0%
First anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	20%
Second anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	40%
Third anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	60%
Fourth anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	80%
Fifth anniversary of the Vesting Reference Date	100%

(c) *Acceleration on Death, Disability or Retirement.* If the Recipient ceases to be an employee of the Company or a parent or subsidiary of the Company by reason of the Recipient's death, disability or retirement, all outstanding but unvested RSUs shall become immediately vested. The term "disability" means a medically determinable physical or mental condition of the Recipient resulting from bodily injury, disease, or mental disorder which is likely to continue for the remainder of the Recipient's life and which renders the Recipient incapable of performing the job assigned to the Recipient by the Company or any substantially equivalent replacement job. The term "retirement" shall mean (i) normal retirement after reaching age 65, (ii) early retirement after reaching age 55 and completing 10 years of service, or (iii) early retirement after completing 30 years of service without regard to age.

(d) *Certain Transactions.* Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement (but subject to the last sentence of this Section 1(d)), in the event of dissolution of the Company or a merger, consolidation or plan of exchange affecting the Company, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") may, in its sole discretion and to the extent possible under the structure of the applicable transaction, select one or a combination of the following alternatives for treating this Award of RSUs:

(i) The Award shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms;

(ii) All or a portion of the RSUs shall, to the extent then still subject to the vesting restrictions, be released from the vesting restrictions in connection with the closing of the applicable transaction; or

(iii) The RSUs shall be converted into restricted stock units or restricted stock of one or more of the corporations that are the surviving or acquiring corporations in the applicable transaction. The amount and type of converted

restricted stock units or restricted stock shall be determined by the Company, taking into account the relative values of the companies involved in the applicable transaction and the exchange rate, if any, used in determining shares of the surviving corporation(s) to be held by holders of shares of the Company following the applicable transaction. Unless otherwise determined by the Company, by action of the Compensation Committee, the converted restricted stock units or restricted stock shall continue to be subject to the forfeiture provisions applicable to the RSUs at the time of the applicable transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 1(d) to the contrary, no such alternative shall occur with respect to the RSUs to the extent that, if it did, a 20% tax would be imposed under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code on the Recipient.

(e) *Special Acceleration in Certain Events.* Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, upon a change in control of the Company, all outstanding but unvested RSUs shall become immediately vested. The term “change in control of the Company” means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) The consummation of:

(A) any consolidation, merger or plan of share exchange involving the Company (a “Merger”) as a result of which the holders of outstanding securities of the Company ordinarily having the right to vote for the election of directors (“Voting Securities”) immediately prior to the Merger do not continue to hold at least 50% of the combined voting power of the outstanding Voting Securities of the surviving corporation or a parent corporation of the surviving corporation immediately after the Merger, disregarding any Voting Securities issued to or retained by such holders in respect of securities of any other party to the Merger; or

(B) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all, or substantially all, the assets of the Company;

(ii) At any time during a period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of Directors of the Company (“Incumbent Directors”) shall cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof; provided, however, that the term “Incumbent Director” shall also include each new director elected during such two-year period whose nomination or election was approved by two-thirds of the Incumbent Directors then in office; or

(iii) Any person shall, as a result of a tender or exchange offer, open market purchases or privately negotiated purchases from anyone other than the Company, have become the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), directly or indirectly, of Voting Securities representing 20% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding Voting Securities. For purposes of this Section 1(e), the term “person” means and includes any individual, corporation, partnership, group, association or other “person,” as such term is used in Section 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, other than the Company or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 1(e) to the contrary, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, no change in control of the Company shall be deemed to have occurred for purposes of this Agreement if (1) the Recipient acquires (other than on the same basis as all other holders of shares of Common Stock of the Company) an equity interest in an entity that acquires the Company in a change in control of the Company otherwise described under subparagraph (i) of this Section 1(e), or (2) the Recipient is part of a group that constitutes a person which becomes a beneficial owner of Voting Securities in a transaction that otherwise would have resulted in a change in control of the Company under subparagraph (iii) of this Section 1(e).

(f) *Forfeiture of RSUs on Termination of Service.* If the Recipient ceases to be an employee of the Company or a parent or subsidiary of the Company under circumstances where the RSUs have not previously vested and do not become vested pursuant to Section 1(c), 1(d) or 1(e), the Recipient shall immediately forfeit all outstanding but unvested RSUs awarded pursuant to this Agreement and the Recipient shall have no right to receive the related Common Stock.

(g) *Restrictions on Transfer.* The Recipient may not sell, transfer, assign, pledge or otherwise encumber or dispose of the RSUs subject to this Agreement. The Recipient may designate beneficiaries to receive the shares of Common Stock underlying the RSUs subject to this Agreement if the Recipient dies before delivery of the shares of Common Stock by so indicating on a form supplied by the Company. If the Recipient fails to designate a beneficiary, such Common Stock will be delivered to the person or persons establishing rights of ownership by will or under the laws of descent and distribution.

(h) *No Voting Rights; Dividends.* The Recipient shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to the RSUs or the Common Stock underlying the RSUs until the underlying Common Stock is issued to the Recipient. The Recipient will be entitled to receive any cash dividends declared on the Common Stock underlying the RSUs after the RSUs have vested

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and the Common Stock has been issued. The Company shall accrue and pay to the Recipient on the vesting of the RSUs an amount in cash equal to dividends that would have been paid on the Common Stock underlying the RSUs after the date of the issuance of the RSUs. No interest shall be paid by the Company on accrued amounts.

(i) *Delivery Date for the Shares Underlying the RSUs.* As soon as practicable, but in no event later than thirty days, following a date on which any RSUs vest, the Company will issue the Recipient the Common Stock underlying the then vested RSUs in the form of uncertificated shares in book entry form; provided, however, that if accelerated vesting of the RSU occurs pursuant to Section 1(c) by reason of the Recipient's retirement or disability, the date of issuance of the shares underlying the RSUs shall be delayed until the date that is six months after the date of the Recipient's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code); provided further, however, that if accelerated vesting of the RSUs occurs pursuant to Section 1(d) or 1(e), the date of issuance of the shares underlying the RSUs shall occur as soon as practicable, but in no event later than thirty days, following the earliest to occur of (1) the Recipient's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (but subject to the immediately preceding proviso)), (2) the Recipient's death or (3) a change in ownership or effective control of the Company, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code. The shares of Common Stock will be issued in the Recipient's name or, in the event of the Recipient's death, in the name of either (i) the beneficiary designated by the Recipient on a form supplied by the Company or (ii) if the Recipient has not designated a beneficiary, the person or persons establishing rights of ownership by will or under the laws of descent and distribution.

(j) *Taxes and Tax Withholding.* The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that no election under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code can or will be made with respect to the RSUs. The Recipient acknowledges that, except as provided below, on each date that shares underlying the RSUs are issued to the Recipient (the "Payment Date"), the Value (as defined below) on that date of the shares so issued will be treated as ordinary compensation income for federal and state income and FICA tax purposes, and that the Company will be required to withhold taxes on these income amounts. To satisfy the required minimum withholding amount, the Company shall withhold from the shares otherwise issuable the number of shares having a Value equal to the minimum withholding amount. For purposes of this Section 1(j), the "Value" of a share shall be equal to the closing market price for the Common Stock on the last trading day preceding the Payment Date. Alternatively, the Company may, at its option, permit the Recipient to pay such withholding amount in cash under procedures established by the Company. The Recipient acknowledges that under current tax law, the Company is required to withhold FICA taxes with respect to the RSUs at the earlier of (i) the issuance of shares underlying the RSUs or (ii) the date that the Recipient becomes eligible for retirement (or the date of grant of the RSUs if the Recipient is eligible for retirement at the time the RSUs are granted). To satisfy the required minimum FICA withholding in the event that Recipient is eligible for retirement, the Recipient shall, immediately upon notification of the amount due, pay to the Company in cash or by check amounts necessary to satisfy applicable FICA withholding requirements. If the Recipient fails to pay the amount demanded, the Company or the Recipient's employer may withhold that amount from other amounts payable to the Recipient, including salary, subject to applicable law.

(k) *Not a Contract of Employment.* Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall confer upon Recipient any right to be continued in the employment of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company, or to interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any parent or subsidiary by whom Recipient is employed to terminate Recipient's employment at any time or for any reason, with or without cause, or to decrease Recipient's compensation or benefits.

(l) *Recoupment Policy.* The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the RSUs shall be subject to the Company's Executive Officer Incentive Compensation Recovery Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time or any replacement policy thereto, or as may be required by any applicable law (including, without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder).

## 2. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Entire Agreement; Amendment.* This Agreement and the Plan constitute the entire agreement of the parties with regard to the subjects hereof.

(b) *Interpretation of the Plan and the Agreement.* The Compensation Committee shall have the sole authority to interpret the provisions of this Agreement and the Plan and all determinations by it shall be final and conclusive.

(c) *Electronic Delivery.* The Recipient consents to the electronic delivery of notices and any prospectus and any other documents relating to this Award in lieu of mailing or other form of delivery.

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(d) *Rights and Benefits.* The rights and benefits of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Company's successors and assigns and, subject to the restrictions on transfer of this Agreement, be binding upon the Recipient's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

(e) *Further Action.* The parties agree to execute such instruments and to take such action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

(f) *Governing Law.* This Agreement and the Plan will be interpreted under the laws of the state of Oregon, exclusive of choice of law rules.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

**Fiscal 2019 Annual Performance Bonus Program  
for the President & Chief Executive Officer**

The Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and Tamara L. Lundgren provides for an annual cash bonus under a bonus program to be developed by the Compensation Committee (the "Committee"), with bonuses payable based on Company financial performance and achievement of management objectives as determined by the Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year. The annual bonus program for Ms. Lundgren for fiscal 2019 has two components. The first component consists of an award with a cash payout based on achievement of Company financial performance targets established by the Committee. The second component consists of an award with a cash payout based on the achievement of management objectives established by the Committee. The two components of the annual performance bonus program shall operate independently, and the Committee shall make determinations with respect to the second component without regard to the outcomes under the first component.

**Company Financial Performance Target**

**Calculation of Financial Performance Target.** For fiscal 2019, the Company financial performance target shall be the Company's earnings per share ("EPS"). The cash payout to the participant under this component of the bonus program shall be determined based on the level of achievement of the performance target. The Committee has established performance targets for EPS and corresponding payouts as a percentage of the participant's target amount. Payouts begin at a positive level of EPS.

**Participant's Target Amount.** The target amount for the Company financial performance component shall be 75% of Ms. Lundgren's annual base salary as in effect on August 31, 2019, with the maximum bonus under this target not to exceed three times her target amount under this component.

**EPS.** The EPS goal for fiscal 2019 shall be based on the Adjusted EPS for that year. Adjusted EPS for fiscal 2019 shall mean the Company's diluted earnings per share attributable to SSI for that fiscal year before extraordinary items and the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, if any, as set forth in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for that fiscal year, adjusted to eliminate the impact of such other items as the Committee shall specify.

**Change in Accounting Principle.** If the Company implements a change in accounting principle during fiscal 2019 either as a result of issuance of new accounting standards or otherwise, and the effect of the accounting change was not reflected in the Company's business plan at the time of approval of this award, then EPS shall be adjusted to eliminate the impact of the change in accounting principle.

**Management Objectives**

The second component of the annual bonus program is based on the achievement of the management objectives determined by the Committee. The Committee shall establish the management objectives and specify the weight to be assigned to each objective. Following the end of the fiscal year, the Committee shall evaluate Ms. Lundgren's performance against the management objectives, determine the extent to which each objective has been met and determine the amount of the bonus to be paid. The target bonus amount for this component of the bonus program shall be 75% of Ms. Lundgren's annual base salary as in effect on August 31, 2019, and the maximum bonus under this component may not exceed three times her target amount under this component.

**Bonus Modifier**

A bonus modifier of up to 15% consistent with the bonus modifier for other executive officers under the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for fiscal 2019 will be applied to each of the two components of Ms. Lundgren's payout under her annual bonus plan for fiscal 2019, provided that application of such bonus modifier will not change the maximum bonus under each component which shall remain at three times her target amount under such component. The bonus modifier is based on superior achievement of objectives as determined by the Committee.

**General Provisions**

**Certification.** Following the end of fiscal 2019 and prior to the payment of any bonus, the Committee shall certify in writing the level of attainment of each performance target for the year and the calculation of the bonus amount. The bonus payout shall be made in cash as soon as practicable after October 31, 2019 following certification by the Committee.

**Conditions to Payment.** Subject to the terms of her employment agreement and change in control agreement, Ms. Lundgren must be employed by the Company on August 31, 2019 to receive the annual bonus.

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**Negative Discretion.** The Committee reserves the right in its sole discretion to reduce the bonus payout for Ms. Lundgren from the amounts determined as set forth above prior to payment on such terms as the Committee may determine.

**Recoupment Policy.** All bonuses or incentive awards paid or payable under this plan or program are subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Executive Officer Incentive Compensation Recovery Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time or any replacement policy thereto, or as may be required by any applicable law (including, without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder).

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF  
THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Tamara L. Lundgren, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

January 9, 2019

/s/ Tamara L. Lundgren

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Tamara L. Lundgren  
President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF  
THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Richard D. Peach, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

January 9, 2019

/s/ Richard D. Peach

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Richard D. Peach  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

January 9, 2019

/s/ Tamara L. Lundgren

Tamara L. Lundgren  
President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

January 9, 2019

/s/ Richard D. Peach

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Richard D. Peach

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations