

RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO

Form 10-Q/A

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q/A**

(Mark One)

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2003**

**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: 001-13122**

**RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>California</b>	<b>95-1142616</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**350 South Grand Avenue, Suite 5100  
Los Angeles, California 90071  
(213) 687-7700**

(Address of principal executive offices and telephone number)

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 is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

As of April 30, 2003, 31,766,497 shares of the registrant's common stock, no par value, were outstanding.

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(In thousands except share amounts)

**ASSETS**

	<b>March 31, 2003</b>	<b>December 31, 2002</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,168	\$ 9,305
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,536 at March 31, 2003 and \$5,158 at December 31, 2002, respectively	209,186	190,191
Inventories	305,449	307,385
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,709	10,874
Deferred income taxes	15,316	15,300
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Total current assets	553,828	533,055
Property, plant and equipment, at cost:		
Land	52,479	52,469
Buildings	181,491	180,995
Machinery and equipment	239,759	237,912
Accumulated depreciation	(171,507)	(165,187)
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Goodwill	302,222	306,189
Other assets	281,276	281,276
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Other assets	18,382	19,238
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Total assets	<b>\$1,155,708</b>	<b>\$1,139,758</b>

**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 105,454	\$ 77,441
Accrued expenses	44,512	40,894
Wages and related accruals	14,626	20,160
Deferred income taxes	4,034	4,034
Current maturities of long-term debt	22,325	325
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Total current liabilities	190,951	142,854

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Long-term debt	308,940	344,080
Deferred income taxes	31,672	31,672
Minority interest	9,982	10,717
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value:		
Authorized shares 5,000,000		
None issued or outstanding		
Common stock, no par value:		
Authorized shares 100,000,000		
Issued and outstanding shares 31,766,497 at March 31, 2003 and 31,752,087 at December 31, 2002, respectively, stated capital	294,721	294,503
Retained earnings	320,862	317,189
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,420)	(1,257)
	<u>614,163</u>	<u>610,435</u>
Total shareholders' equity		
	<u>\$1,155,708</u>	<u>\$1,139,758</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		

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(In thousands except share and per share amounts)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Net sales	\$ 450,823	\$ 405,486
Other income, net	563	634
	<u>451,386</u>	<u>406,120</u>
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	331,420	293,941
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	97,884	87,709
	<u>429,304</u>	<u>381,650</u>
Depreciation and amortization	7,504	6,821
Interest	5,606	5,370
	<u>13,110</u>	<u>12,191</u>
	<u>442,414</u>	<u>393,841</u>
Income before equity in earnings of 50%-owned company, minority interest and income taxes	8,972	12,279
Equity in earnings of 50%-owned company		124
Minority interest	225	
	<u>9,197</u>	<u>12,403</u>
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	9,197	12,403
Provision for income taxes	3,618	4,912
	<u>5,579</u>	<u>7,491</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 5,579</u>	<u>\$ 7,491</u>

Earnings per share:

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Income from continuing operations	diluted	\$ .18	\$ .24
Weighted average shares outstanding	diluted	<u>31,755,609</u>	<u>31,728,721</u>
Income from continuing operations	basic	\$ .18	\$ .24
Weighted average shares outstanding	basic	<u>31,755,609</u>	<u>31,590,853</u>
Cash dividends per share		<u>\$ .06</u>	<u>\$ .06</u>

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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(In thousands)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 5,579	\$ 7,491
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	7,504	6,821
Deferred taxes	(42)	
Gain on sales of machinery and equipment	(45)	(4)
Equity in earnings of 50%-owned company		(124)
Minority interest	(225)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(18,995)	(25,656)
Inventories	1,936	15,733
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(286)	200
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,097	3,963
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Net cash provided by operating activities	21,523	8,424
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment, net	(3,296)	(3,936)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	110	54
Dividends received from 50%-owned company		438
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Net cash used in investing activities	(3,186)	(3,443)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	4,035	5,000
Principal payments on long-term debt and short-term borrowings	(17,175)	(18,175)
Payments to minority shareholders	(378)	
Dividends paid	(1,905)	(1,896)
Issuance of common stock	218	883
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Net cash used in financing activities	(15,205)	(14,188)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(269)	(37)
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Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,863	(9,244)



Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,305	9,931
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 12,168	\$ 687
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information:</b>		
Interest paid during the period	\$ 995	\$ 560
Income taxes paid during the period	\$ 309	\$ 53

*See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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(UNAUDITED)****1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for fair presentation, with respect to the interim financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the three months in the period ended March 31, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year ending December 31, 2003. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2002, included in the Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. Form 10-K. Certain reclassifications to the presentation of the 2002 income statement have been made to conform to the 2003 presentation.

**2. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2003</b>	<b>December 31, 2002</b>
<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Revolving line of credit (\$335,000,000 limit) due October 24, 2006, interest at variable rates, weighted average rate of 2.86% during the three months ended March 31, 2003	\$ 24,000	\$ 38,000
Senior unsecured notes due from January 2, 2004 to January 2, 2009, average fixed interest rate 7.22%	75,000	75,000
Senior unsecured notes due from January 2, 2006 to January 2, 2008, average fixed interest rate 7.66%	55,000	55,000
Senior unsecured notes due from October 15, 2005 to October 15, 2010, average fixed interest rate 6.55%	150,000	150,000
Variable Rate Demand Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 1989 A, due July 1, 2014, with interest payable quarterly; average interest rate during the three months ended March 31, 2003 of 1.05%	2,750	2,750
Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, due March 1, 2009, with interest payable quarterly; average interest rate during the three months ended March 31, 2003 of 1.40%	2,050	2,225
American Steel, L.L.C. revolving line of credit (\$24,000,000 limit) due June 30, 2004, interest at variable rates, weighted	22,465	21,430

average rate of 4.88% during the three months ended March 31, 2003

	_____	_____
Total	331,265	344,405
Less amounts due within one year	(22,325)	(325)
	_____	_____
Total long-term debt	\$308,940	\$344,080
	_____	_____

The Company has a five-year syndicated credit agreement, as amended effective December 31, 2002, with nine banks for an unsecured revolving line of credit with a borrowing limit of \$335,000,000 which may be increased to \$400,000,000. At March 31, 2003 the Company also had \$10,900,000 of letters of credit outstanding under the syndicated credit facility with availability to issue an additional \$39,100,000 of letters of credit. The Company has \$280,000,000 of outstanding senior unsecured notes issued in private placements of debt. The outstanding senior notes bear interest at an average fixed rate of 6.83% and have an average remaining life of 4.5 years, maturing from 2004 to 2010. American Steel's credit agreement, as amended effective March 31, 2003, is secured by its working capital.

The Company's long-term loan agreements require the maintenance of a minimum net worth and interest coverage ratio, a maximum leverage ratio, and include certain restrictions on the amount of cash dividends payable, among

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other things. The Company would not have been in compliance with its syndicated credit agreement as of December 31, 2002 and, accordingly, that credit agreement was amended as of that date to bring the Company into compliance. The syndicated credit facility includes a commitment fee on the unused portion, currently at an annual rate of 0.30%.

**3. Shareholders Equity**

In March 2003, 14,410 shares of common stock were issued to division managers of the Company under the Key-Man Incentive Plan for 2002.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 130, *Reporting Comprehensive Income*, defines comprehensive income (loss) as non-stockholder changes in equity. Accumulated other comprehensive loss included the following:

	<u>March 31,</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ (605)	\$ (468)
Unrealized loss on investments	(195)	(195)
Minimum pension liability	(620)	(594)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$ (1,420)	\$ (1,257)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Foreign currency translation adjustments are not generally adjusted for income taxes as they relate to indefinite investments in foreign subsidiaries. The adjustments to unrealized loss on investments and minimum pension liability are net of taxes of \$126,000 and \$401,000, respectively, as of March 31, 2003 and \$126,000 and \$386,000, respectively, as of December 31, 2002.

**4. Stock Option Plans**

In December 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure*, which amends SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirement of SFAS No. 123 to require more prominent and more frequent disclosures in financial statements of the effects of stock-based compensation. The Company elected to continue to account for stock-based compensation plans using the intrinsic value-based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion ( APB ) No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to*

*Employees* and related interpretations. Under APB No. 25, because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock at the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized. If the Company had elected to recognize compensation cost based on the estimated fair value of the

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options granted at the grant date as prescribed by SFAS No. 148, net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts shown below:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	{(In thousands, except per share amounts)}	
Reported net income	\$ 5,579	\$ 7,491
Stock-based employee compensation cost, net of tax	168	203
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Pro forma net income	<u>\$ 5,411</u>	<u>\$ 7,288</u>
Earnings per share from continuing operations:		
Basic reported	\$ .18	\$ .24
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Basic pro forma	\$ .17	\$ .23
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Diluted reported	\$ .18	\$ .24
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Diluted pro forma	\$ .17	\$ .23
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**5. Earnings Per Share**

The Company calculates basic and diluted earnings per share as required by SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share*. Basic earnings per share excludes any dilutive effects of options, warrants and convertible securities. Diluted earnings per share is calculated including the dilutive effects of warrants, options, and convertible securities, if any.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

**Three Months Ended March 31,****2003****2002**

	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Numerator:		
Net income	\$ 5,579	\$ 7,491
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Denominator:		
Denominator for dilutive earnings per share:		
Weighted average shares outstanding	31,756	31,591
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options		138
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Denominator for dilutive earnings per share:		
Adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	31,756	31,729
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Earnings per share from continuing operations    diluted	\$ .18	\$ .24
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Earnings per share from continuing operations    basic	\$ .18	\$ .24
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The computations of earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 do not include 1,303,350 and 7,500 shares, respectively, of stock options because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

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FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table sets forth certain income statement data for the three month periods ended March 31, 2003 and March 31, 2002 (dollars are shown in thousands and certain amounts may not calculate due to rounding):

	2003		2002	
	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales
Net sales	\$450,823	100.0%	\$405,486	100.0%
Gross profit	119,403	26.5	111,545	27.5
S,G&A expenses	97,884	21.7	87,709	21.6
Depreciation expense	7,198	1.6	6,393	1.6
<b>Operating profit <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 14,321</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>\$ 17,443</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

(1) Excludes other income, amortization expense, equity in earnings of 50%-owned company, minority interest income and income expense.

**2002 Acquisitions**

On September 9, 2002, through a newly-formed company, we purchased certain assets of a Metals USA, Inc. business, Metals USA Specialty Metals Northwest, Inc., for approximately \$30 million, after final approval of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, through the Metals USA bankruptcy procedures. This business is now operating under its original name, Pacific Metal Company, with locations in Portland, Eugene and Medford, Oregon; Kent (Seattle) and Spokane, Washington; Billings, Montana; and Boise, Idaho. Pacific Metal Company processes and distributes mainly aluminum and coated carbon steel products.

On April 1, 2002, we purchased substantially all of the net assets and business of Central Plains Steel Co. through a newly-formed subsidiary that is now operating under the same name. Central Plains Steel Co. is a full-line carbon steel service center with facilities in Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas.

Also on April 1, 2002, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Olympic Metals, Inc., a metals service center in Denver, Colorado. Olympic Metals specializes in the processing and distribution of aluminum, red metals and stainless steel products. We merged Olympic Metals, Inc. into Reliance effective December 31, 2002, and it now operates as the Olympic Metals division of the Company.

Effective May 1, 2002, we obtained one additional membership unit of American Steel, L.L.C. ( American Steel ) giving us a 50.5% ownership interest. The Operating Agreement was amended to eliminate all super-majority and unanimous voting rights, among other changes. Due to this change in ownership structure, we began consolidating



American Steel's financial results as of May 1, 2002. There was no cost involved in this transaction, which was completed to facilitate the renewal of American Steel's credit facility.

For discussion purposes, all references to the Company's 2002 acquisitions include the consolidation of American Steel as of May 1, 2002.

**Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2002**

In the three months ended March 31, 2003, our consolidated net sales increased 11.2% to \$450.8 million, compared to \$405.5 million for the first three months of 2002. Tons sold in the first quarter 2003 were approximately the same as the 2002 quarter, however, there was an increase in our average selling price per ton of 11.1%. The increase in

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our average selling price per ton resulted mainly due to the significant increases in our costs of carbon steel flat-rolled products experienced in the second half of 2002. These prices experienced some downward pressure in the 2003 first quarter compared to the second half of 2002, but were still significantly higher than in the 2002 first quarter. Prices for most other metals that we sell remained at or near the low levels that existed in early 2002.

Our same-store sales (excludes sales of businesses we acquired in 2002) increased \$6.1 million, or 1.5%, with a decline in our first quarter 2003 tons sold of 8.9% as compared to first quarter 2002, and an increase in our average selling price per ton of 11.4%. The decrease in our same-store tons sold was due to the continued low demand levels being experienced in all of our end markets. The increase in the same-store average selling price per ton was due to the increased carbon steel flat-rolled pricing.

Total gross profit increased 7.1% to \$119.4 million for the first three months of 2003 (including the gross profit on sales from the companies we acquired in 2002), compared to \$111.5 million in the first three months of 2002. As a percentage of sales, gross profit decreased to 26.5% in the three months ended March 31, 2003, from 27.5% in the three months ended March 31, 2002, mainly due to increased competitive pressures.

Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative ( S,G&A ) expenses increased \$10.2 million, or 11.6%, in the first three months of 2003 compared to the corresponding period of 2002, because of the S,G&A expenses of the companies we acquired in 2002. As a percentage of sales, our S,G&A expenses of 21.7% in the first quarter of 2003 were comparable to 21.6% in the first quarter of 2002.

Depreciation expense increased \$0.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to the corresponding period of 2002 primarily due to depreciation expense of the companies we acquired in 2002, as well as depreciation expense on 2002 capital expenditures.

Our interest expense increased to \$5.6 million in the first quarter of 2003 compared to \$5.4 million in the 2002 first quarter mainly because of interest expense on the outstanding borrowings of American Steel that were consolidated in the 2003 quarter but not in the 2002 quarter.

Our effective income tax rate decreased to 39.3% for the first quarter of 2003, compared to 39.6% for the 2002 period. The 2003 rate is consistent with the 2002 full year rate, which took into account shifts in our geographic composition from acquisitions and changes in economic conditions.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At March 31, 2003, our working capital was \$362.8 million compared to \$390.2 million at December 31, 2002. The decrease was mainly due to an increase in the current portion of long-term debt, and in our accounts payable, partially offset by increased accounts receivable resulting from improved sales levels in the first quarter of 2003 compared to the fourth quarter of 2002 levels. Our capital requirements are generally for working capital, acquisitions, and capital expenditures for continued improvements in plant capacities and material handling and processing equipment. We anticipate that funds generated from our operations and funds available under our line of credit will be sufficient to meet our working capital needs for the foreseeable future.

Our primary sources of liquidity are generally from internally generated funds from operations and our revolving line of credit. Cash of \$21.6 million was provided by operations in the three months ended March 31, 2003, as compared to \$8.4 million of cash provided by operations during the corresponding period of 2002. Cash provided by our operations was used to pay down debt of \$13.1 million during the 2003 first quarter. At March 31, 2003 our net debt-to-total capital ratio was 34.2% compared to 35.4% at December 31, 2002.

Our syndicated credit facility, as amended effective December 31, 2002, is with nine banks and has a borrowing limit of \$335.0 million which may be increased to \$400.0 million. As of March 31, 2003, \$24.0 million was outstanding under this credit facility. We also had \$10.9 million of letters of credit outstanding under our syndicated credit agreement. American Steel has a credit agreement, as amended effective March 31, 2003, that is secured by its working capital and has a borrowing limit of \$24.0 million. As of March 31, 2003, \$22.5 million was outstanding on American Steel's credit facility. We also have agreements with insurance companies for private placements of senior unsecured notes in the aggregate amount of \$280.0 million. The outstanding senior notes have maturity dates ranging from 2004 to 2010, with an average remaining life of 4.5 years, and bear interest at an average fixed rate of 6.83% per annum. The syndicated credit facility and senior note agreements require that we maintain a minimum net worth and interest coverage ratio, and a maximum leverage ratio, and include restrictions on the amount of cash dividends we may pay.

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Capital expenditures were \$3.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. We had no material commitments for capital expenditures as of March 31, 2003.

## **Seasonality**

Some of our customers may be in seasonal businesses, especially customers in the construction industry. As a result of our geographic, product and customer diversity, however, our operations have not shown any material seasonal trends. Revenues in the months of November and December traditionally have been lower than in other months because of a reduced number of working days for shipments of our products and holiday closures for some of our customers. We cannot assure you that period-to-period fluctuations will not occur in the future. Results of any one or more quarters are, therefore, not necessarily indicative of annual results.

## **Goodwill**

Goodwill, which represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired, amounted to \$284.3 million at March 31, 2003, or approximately 24.6% of total assets or 46.3% of consolidated shareholders' equity.

Pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142, we review the recoverability of goodwill annually or whenever significant events or changes occur which might impair the recovery of recorded costs. Our annual impairment tests of goodwill were performed as of November 1, 2002 and it was determined that the recorded amounts for goodwill are recoverable and that no impairment existed. We are not aware of any significant events or changes that would affect the recoverability of those amounts as of March 31, 2003.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discusses our unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. When we prepare these financial statements, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to accounts receivable, inventories, deferred tax assets, goodwill and intangible assets, long-lived assets and revenue recognition. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for our judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

For further information regarding the accounting policies that we believe to be critical accounting policies and that affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in preparing our consolidated financial statements see our December 31, 2002 Form 10-K.

## **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

In the ordinary course of business, we are exposed to various market risk factors, including changes in general economic conditions, domestic and foreign competition, foreign currency exchange rates, and metals pricing and availability. Additionally, we are exposed to market risk primarily related to our fixed rate long-term debt. Market risk is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as interest rates. Decreases in interest rates may affect the market value of our fixed rate debt. Under our current policies, we do not use interest rate

derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes. Based on our debt, we do not consider the exposure to interest rate risk to be material. Our fixed rate debt obligations are not callable until maturity.

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**Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered in this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company required to be included in the Company's periodic filings with the SEC. There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2003 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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*This Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements relating to future financial results. Actual results may differ materially as a result of factors over which Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. has no control. These risk factors and additional information are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.*

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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. Changes in Securities.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) Exhibits:

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended

32. Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed a report on Form 8-K dated April 17, 2003, disclosing its press release dated April 17, 2003.



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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.

RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO.

Dated: May 3, 2004

By: /s/ David H. Hannah

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David H. Hannah  
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Karla R. Lewis

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Karla R. Lewis  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer