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## Ternium Announces Results for the Third Quarter and First Nine Months of 2007

Luxembourg, November 6, 2007 – Ternium S.A. (NYSE: TX) today announced its results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007.

The financial and operational information contained in this press release is based on consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and presented in U.S. dollars and metric tons.

### Summary of Third Quarter 2007 Results

	3Q 2007	3Q 2006		2Q 2007	
Shipments (million tons)	2.7	2.2	23%	2.6	6%
Net Sales (US\$ million)	2,343.4	1,740.4	35%	1,961.1	19%
Operating Income (US\$ million)	432.6	508.2	-15%	450.6	-4%
EBITDA <sup>*</sup> (US\$ million)	587.9	614.9	-4%	580.8	1%
EBITDA Margin (% of net sales)	25%	35%		30%	
Net Income (US\$ million)	214.0	354.0	-40%	315.0	-32%
Equity Holders' Net Income (US\$ million)	159.8	257.4	-38%	236.9	-33%
Earnings per ADS (US\$)	0.80	1.28	-38%	1.18	-33%

During the third quarter 2007, operating income was US\$432.6 million, which represented a decline of 15% from operating income of \$508.2 million in the third quarter 2006. Excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, which began on July 26, 2007, operating income in the third quarter 2007 decreased mainly as a result of higher raw material, freight and labor costs. Shipments increased during the third quarter 2007 mainly as a result of the Grupo Imsa consolidation. Ternium's higher revenue per ton mainly reflected Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix. The current cost of slabs contributed to Ternium's lower gross margin in the third quarter 2007.

Net income during the third quarter 2007 was US\$214.0 million, a decrease of 40% compared to net income of US\$354.0 million in the third quarter 2006. In addition to the decrease in operating income during the period, Ternium's net income in the third quarter 2007 was affected mainly by a higher foreign exchange loss on and higher interest expenses related to the debt incurred by the company for its acquisition of Grupo Imsa. This foreign exchange loss impacted Ternium's third quarter 2007 net

<sup>\*</sup> Third quarter 2007 EBITDA equals operating income of US\$432.6 million plus depreciation and amortization of US\$155.4 million.

income by US\$37.8 million, or by US\$0.18 per American Depositary Share (ADS), and was offset by a positive change to Ternium's net equity position. The foreign exchange loss resulted from the impact of the Mexican Peso depreciation on the company's Mexican subsidiaries' US dollar denominated debt (Ternium's subsidiaries prepare their financial statements in currencies other than the US dollar in accordance with IFRS).

Ternium's net sales were US\$2.3 billion during the third quarter 2007, an increase of 35% and 19% when compared with the third quarter 2006 and the second quarter 2007, respectively. Shipments increased in the third quarter 2007 as a result of the consolidation of Grupo Imsa. Excluding this effect, shipments were relatively stable when compared with the third quarter 2006, and were lower when compared with the second quarter 2007, mainly as a result of lower production levels resulting from maintenance and revamping stoppages in some of Ternium's facilities. Apparent steel demand in the North America Region reflected the lower level of activity in the region's construction, household appliances and auto industries. Steel demand remained strong in the South & Central America Region.

### Ternium Mexico Update

On July 26, 2007, Ternium obtained full ownership of Grupo Imsa S.A.B. de C.V., a leading flat steel manufacturer with operations in Mexico, the United States and Guatemala. Ternium began consolidating Grupo Imsa's balance sheet and results of operations in its consolidated financial statements on July 26, 2007. All of Grupo Imsa's businesses have been included in Ternium's Flat Products segment, with the exception of the insulated panels business (Metl Span) and the pre-engineered metal buildings businesses (Varco Pruden) in the United States and Mexico which have been included in Ternium's Other Products segment.

On October 26, 2007, Ternium secured a new iron ore mining concession in Mexico's Michoacan state. The concession adds approximately 56,000 acres to the company's existing concessions in the region and is located in an area that will facilitate integration with Ternium's current mining operations. The company expects that this development will play a relevant role in its iron ore production expansion plans.

### Outlook

Ternium expects apparent steel demand in its markets to remain at current levels, excluding the effect of the seasonal weakening that usually takes place at the end of the year. The integration of Grupo Imsa into Ternium's operations in Mexico is proceeding well, and the company expects to achieve positive synergies beginning in 2008.

Ternium anticipates that sales volume will increase following the full consolidation of Grupo Imsa in the fourth quarter 2007 after a partial consolidation during the third quarter 2007. Excluding this effect, sales volume should remain relatively stable. The full consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product sales mix should contribute to higher revenue per ton in the North America Region.

Cost per ton is also expected to increase due to the full consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product sales mix and higher production cost structure. Labor costs at Sidor also could increase as a result of negotiations currently underway for a new two-year collective bargaining agreement.

## Analysis of Third Quarter 2007 Results

Net income attributable to the Company's equity holders for the third quarter 2007 was US\$159.8 million, compared with US\$257.4 million in the third quarter 2006. Including minority interest, net income for the third quarter 2007 was US\$214.0 million, compared with US\$354.0 million in the third quarter 2006. Earnings per ADS for the third quarter 2007 were US\$0.80, compared with US\$1.28 in the third quarter 2006.

Net sales for the third quarter 2007 increased 35% to US\$2.3 billion compared with the same period in 2006. Net sales increased mainly due to the Grupo Imsa consolidation. Excluding this effect, higher shipments and prices in the South & Central America Region were partially offset by lower shipments and prices in the North America Region. Shipments of flat and long products reached 2.7 million tons during the third quarter 2007, an increase of 23% compared to shipment levels in the third quarter 2006 mainly as a result of the Grupo Imsa consolidation. Revenue per ton shipped increased 8% to US\$801 in the third quarter 2007 versus the same quarter in 2006, mainly as a result of the consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix.

	Net Sales (million US\$)			Shipments (thousand tons)			Revenue / ton (US\$/ton)		
	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Dif.	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Dif.	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Dif.
South & Central America	996.8	824.2	21%	1,243.2	1,123.5	11%	802	734	9%
North America	821.1	484.2	70%	906.3	554.9	63%	906	873	4%
Europe & other	14.2	9.4	51%	23.3	17.2	35%	609	548	11%
<b>Total flat products</b>	<b>1,832.0</b>	<b>1,317.9</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>2,172.8</b>	<b>1,695.6</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>8%</b>
South & Central America	200.3	146.1	37%	315.4	244.8	29%	635	597	6%
North America	156.0	193.1	-19%	244.8	288.0	-15%	637	670	-5%
<b>Total long products</b>	<b>356.3</b>	<b>339.2</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>560.2</b>	<b>532.8</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total flat and long products</b>	<b>2,188.4</b>	<b>1,657.1</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>2,733.0</b>	<b>2,228.4</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>8%</b>
Other products <sup>(1)</sup>	155.0	83.3	86%						
<b>Total Net Sales</b>	<b>2,343.4</b>	<b>1,740.4</b>	<b>35%</b>						

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily includes metal building systems and components, insulated panels, iron ore and pig iron.

Sales of flat products during the third quarter 2007 totaled US\$1.8 billion, an increase of 39% compared with the same quarter in 2006. Excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, net sales increased as a result of higher shipments and prices in the South & Central America Region, partially offset by lower shipments and prices in the North America Region. Shipments of flat products totaled 2.2 million tons in the third quarter 2007, an increase of 28% compared with the same period in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped increased 8% to US\$843 in the third quarter 2007 compared with the same period in 2006. This increase resulted primarily from higher prices in the South & Central America Region and lower prices in the North America Region, partially offset by a richer mix of sales following the consolidation of Grupo Imsa.

Sales of long products were US\$356.3 million during the third quarter 2007, an increase of 5% compared with the same period in 2006, due to higher shipments and prices in the South & Central America Region, partially offset by lower shipments and prices in the North America Region. Shipments totaled 560,000 tons in the third quarter 2007, representing a 5% increase versus the same quarter in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped remained stable at US\$636 in the third quarter 2007 over the third quarter 2006.

Sales of other products totaled US\$155.0 million during the third quarter 2007, compared to US\$83.3 million in the same period in 2006. This increase resulted mainly from the inclusion of the insulated panels business (Metl Span) and the pre-engineered metal buildings businesses (Varco Pruden) in the United States and Mexico in the Other Products segment, partially offset by lower sales of iron ore and pig iron.

Flat and long product sales in the South & Central America Region were US\$1.2 billion during the third quarter 2007, an increase of 23% versus the same period in 2006. This increase was due to higher volumes and revenue per ton. Shipments in the region totaled 1.6 million tons during the third quarter 2007, or 14% higher than in the third quarter 2006, due to an increase in demand. Revenue per ton shipped in the region increased 8% to US\$768 in the third quarter 2007 over the same quarter in 2006, mainly due to higher prices.

Sales of flat and long products in the North America Region were US\$1.0 billion in the third quarter 2007, an increase of 44% versus the same period in 2006, mainly due to the Grupo Imsa consolidation, partially offset by lower shipments and prices. Shipments in the region totaled 1.2 million tons during the third quarter 2007, or 37% higher than the same period in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped in the region increased 6% to US\$849 in the third quarter 2007 over the same quarter in 2006, due mainly to lower prices offset by the consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix.

Cost of sales totaled US\$1.7 billion in the third quarter 2007, or 73% of net sales, compared to US\$1.1 billion, or 62% of net sales, in the third quarter 2006. Cost of sales increased as a result, in part, of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, which increased Ternium's cost per ton due to Grupo Imsa's higher production cost structure and higher value added product sales mix. Excluding this effect, the higher year-over-year cost of sales was related to higher raw material, service and labor costs and higher amortizations resulting mainly from new acquisitions and assessments of useful life.

Prices for iron ore supplies to the Argentine and Venezuelan operations were higher during the third quarter 2007 than they were in the same period in 2006. Labor costs in Mexico, Argentina and Venezuela increased year-over-year during the third quarter 2007.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses in the third quarter 2007 were US\$225.3 million, or 10% of net sales, compared with US\$152.5 million, or 9% of net sales, in the third quarter 2006. The increase in SG&A, excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, was due mainly to higher freight expenses related to higher shipping costs and a year-over-year increase in labor costs in Mexico, Argentina and Venezuela.

Operating income in the third quarter 2007 was US\$432.6 million, or 19% of net sales, compared with US\$508.2 million, or 29% of net sales, in the third quarter 2006.

EBITDA<sup>1</sup> in the third quarter 2007 was US\$587.9 million, or 25% of net sales, compared with US\$614.9 million, or 35% of net sales, in the third quarter 2006. The lower EBITDA margin is due in part to the consolidation of Grupo Imsa, which, as a steel processor, is not integrated in terms of steel production and therefore has a lower EBITDA margin than integrated producers. Equity holders' EBITDA in the third quarter 2007 was 68.7% of EBITDA.

Net financial expenses totaled US\$163.0 million in the third quarter 2007, compared with US\$87.2 million in the same period in 2006. This increase was due mainly to a US\$12.8 million increase in the excess cash distribution related to Sidor's participation accounts; a US\$19.7 million increase in net interest expense that is primarily associated with an increase in net debt; and a US\$49.7 million increase in net foreign exchange losses (an effect that is offset to a large extent by changes in Ternium's net equity position) that resulted primarily from the impact of the Mexican Peso depreciation on the company's Mexican subsidiaries' US dollar denominated debt (Ternium's subsidiaries prepare their financial statements in currencies other than the US dollar in accordance with IFRS).

Sidor's excess cash distribution related to the participation account was US\$176.2 million in the third quarter 2007 compared with US\$144.4 million in the third quarter 2006. The recognition of payments to minority shareholders of Sidor resulted in expenses for Ternium of US\$71.0 million in the third quarter 2007, compared with expenses of US\$58.2 million in the same period in 2006.

Income tax expense for the third quarter 2007 was US\$53.5 million, or 20% of income before income tax and minority interest, compared with US\$71.7 million, or 17% of income before income tax and minority interest, in the third quarter 2006.

Income attributable to minority interest for the third quarter 2007 was US\$54.2 million, compared with US\$96.7 million in the third quarter 2006. The year-over-year decrease was due mainly to lower income attributable to minority interest in Sidor and Siderar, including the reduction in minority interest in Siderar on account of Ternium's acquisition of an additional 4.85% stake in Siderar in December 2006.

## Cash Flow and Liquidity

Net cash provided by operating activities in the third quarter 2007 was US\$143.5 million. This total includes a one-time US\$296.2 million income tax payment related to the acquisition of Grupo Imsa that Ternium can use as tax credits in the future. Capital expenditures in the third quarter 2007 were US\$109.0 million, compared to US\$93.9 million in the third quarter 2006. Investments during the third quarter 2007 were made mainly for the upgrading of one of the hot strip mills in Mexico, the construction of new coking facilities and a new bag house for the steel shop in Argentina, and the revamping of DRI production facilities and steel shops in Venezuela. Free cash flow<sup>2</sup> in the third quarter 2007, adjusted for income tax payments related to the Grupo Imsa transaction, was US\$330.7 million, compared to US\$191.9 million in the third quarter 2006.

Proceeds from borrowings in the third quarter 2007 were US\$3.9 billion, of which US\$3.6 billion was related to the Grupo Imsa acquisition. A majority of this new debt is held by Ternium's Mexican

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<sup>1</sup> EBITDA equals operating income of US\$432.6 million plus depreciation and amortization of US\$155.4 million.

<sup>2</sup> Free cash flow equals net cash provided by operating activities of US\$143.5 million less capital expenditures of US\$109.0 million.

subsidiaries. Repayment of borrowings in the third quarter 2007 of US\$1.9 billion was primarily related to the refinancing of most of Ternium's Mexican subsidiaries' outstanding debt. Ternium's equity investment in Grupo Imsa was US\$1.7 billion.

Ternium's net debt position (borrowings less cash and cash equivalents and other current investments) increased by US\$3.1 billion during the third quarter 2007 to US\$2.9 billion as of September 30, 2007, compared to net debt of US\$413.7 million as of December 31, 2006. Total financial debt was US\$4.1 billion as of September 30, 2007, compared to US\$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2006.

### Analysis of Results for First Nine Months of 2007

Net income attributable to the Company's equity holders for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was US\$618.9 million, compared with US\$655.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Including minority interest, net income for the first nine months of 2007 was US\$780.6 million, compared with US\$837.7 million for the first nine months of 2006. Earnings per ADS were US\$3.09 in the first nine months of 2007.

Net sales for the first nine months of 2007 increased 23% to US\$6.1 billion, compared with the same period in 2006. Excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, net sales increased due to higher shipments and prices in the South & Central America Region, partially offset by lower shipments in the North America Region. Shipments of flat and long products reached 7.8 million tons during the first nine months of 2007, an increase of 13% compared to shipment levels in the first nine months of 2006. Revenue per ton shipped increased 8% to US\$749 in the first nine months of 2007 versus the same period in 2006, mainly as a result of higher prices and the consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix.

	Net Sales (million US\$)			Shipments (thousand tons)			Revenue / ton (US\$/ton)		
	9M 2007	9M 2006	Dif.	9M 2007	9M 2006	Dif.	9M 2007	9M 2006	Dif.
South & Central America	2,779.2	2,292.2	21%	3,606.5	3,330.2	8%	771	688	12%
North America	1,830.3	1,495.5	22%	2,202.6	1,854.3	19%	831	807	3%
Europe & other	137.3	31.9	330%	217.0	59.7	263%	633	535	18%
<b>Total flat products</b>	<b>4,746.8</b>	<b>3,819.7</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>6,026.1</b>	<b>5,244.2</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>8%</b>
South & Central America	563.8	398.3	42%	928.3	719.0	29%	607	554	10%
North America	531.6	566.4	-6%	844.5	926.0	-9%	629	612	3%
<b>Total long products</b>	<b>1,095.3</b>	<b>964.7</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,772.9</b>	<b>1,645.0</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total flat and long products</b>	<b>5,842.2</b>	<b>4,784.4</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>7,798.9</b>	<b>6,889.2</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>8%</b>
Other products <sup>(1)</sup>	260.5	194.6	34%						
<b>Total Net Sales</b>	<b>6,102.7</b>	<b>4,979.0</b>	<b>23%</b>						

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily includes metal building systems and components, insulated panels, iron ore and pig iron.

Sales of flat products during the first nine months of 2007 totaled US\$4.7 billion, an increase of 24% compared with the same period in 2006. Excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, net sales

increased mainly as a result of higher shipments and prices in the South & Central America Region, partially offset by lower shipments in the North America Region. Shipments totaled 6.0 million tons in the first nine months of 2007, an increase of 15% compared with the same period in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped increased 8% to US\$788 in the first nine months of 2007 compared with the same period in 2006, mainly as a result of higher prices and the consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix.

Sales of long products were US\$1.1 billion during the first nine months of 2007, an increase of 14% compared to the same period in 2006. This was due to higher prices across most of Ternium's markets and higher shipments in the South & Central America Region, partially offset by lower shipments in the North America Region. Shipments totaled 1.8 million tons in the first nine months of 2007, representing an 8% increase versus the same period in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped increased 5% to US\$618 in the first nine months of 2007 over the first nine months of 2006.

Sales of other products totaled US\$260.5 million during the first nine months of 2007 compared to US\$194.6 million during the same period in 2006. This increase resulted mainly from the inclusion of the insulated panels business (Metl Span) and the pre-engineered metal buildings businesses (Varco Pruden) in the United States and Mexico in Ternium's Other Products segment, partially offset by lower sales of iron ore and pig iron.

Flat and long product sales in the South & Central America Region were US\$3.3 billion during the first nine months of 2007, an increase of 24% versus the same period in 2006. This increase was due to higher volumes and revenue per ton. Shipments in the region totaled 4.5 million tons during the first nine months of 2007, or 12% higher than in the first nine months of 2006, due to an increase in demand. Revenue per ton shipped in the region increased 11% to US\$737 in the first nine months of 2007 over the same period in 2006, mainly due to higher prices and a higher value added mix of sales.

Sales of flat and long products in the North America Region totaled US\$2.4 billion in the first nine months of 2007, an increase of 15% versus the same period in 2006, mainly due to the effect of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, partially offset by lower shipments. Shipments in the region totaled 3.0 million tons during the first nine months of 2007, or 10% higher than during the same period in 2006. Revenue per ton shipped in the region increased 5% to US\$775 in the first nine months of 2007 over the same period in 2006, mainly as a result of the consolidation of Grupo Imsa's higher value added product mix.

Cost of sales totaled US\$4.2 billion in the first nine months of 2007, or 69% of net sales, compared to US\$3.1 billion, or 63% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2006. Cost of sales increased in part as a result of the Grupo Imsa consolidation, which increased Ternium's cost per ton due to Grupo Imsa's higher production cost structure and higher value added product sales mix. Excluding this effect, the higher year-over-year cost of sales was due mainly to an increase in shipments volume and higher value added mix of sales, higher raw material, service and labor costs and higher amortizations resulting mainly from new acquisitions and assessments of useful life.

Prices for iron ore supplies to the Argentine and Venezuelan operations were higher during the first nine months of 2007 than they were in the same period in 2006. Scrap and zinc prices also increased year-over-year. Additionally, labor costs in Mexico, Argentina and Venezuela increased during the first nine months of 2007 versus the comparable period the prior year.

SG&A expenses in the first nine months of 2007 were US\$588.2 million, or 10% of net sales, compared with US\$458.6 million, or 9% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2006. The increase in SG&A expenses during the period, excluding the effect of the Grupo Imsa, consolidation, resulted mainly from higher freight expenses related to a higher level of shipments and shipping costs and the year-over-year increase in labor costs in Mexico, Argentina and Venezuela.

Operating income in the first nine months of 2007 was US\$1.3 billion, or 21% of net sales, compared with US\$1.4 billion, or 28% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2006.

EBITDA<sup>3</sup> in the first nine months of 2007 was US\$1.7 billion, or 28% of net sales, compared to US\$1.7 billion, or 34% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2006. The lower EBITDA margin is due in part to the consolidation of Grupo Imsa, which, as a steel processor, is not integrated in terms of steel production and therefore has a lower EBITDA margin than integrated producers. Equity holders' EBITDA in the first nine months of 2007 was 67.0% of EBITDA.

Net financial expenses totaled US\$332.2 million in the first nine months of 2007, compared with US\$318.9 million in the same period in 2006. This increase was due mainly to a US\$15.6 million increase in the excess cash distribution related to Sidor's participation accounts; a US\$39.4 million increase in net foreign exchange losses (an effect that is offset to a large extent by changes in Ternium's net equity position) that resulted primarily from the impact of the Mexican Peso depreciation on Ternium's Mexican subsidiaries' US dollar denominated debt (Ternium's subsidiaries prepare their financial statements in currencies other than the US dollar in accordance with IFRS); a US\$20.0 million decrease in net interest and other debt related expenses primarily associated with Ternium's lower average net debt; and a US\$26.2 million increase in the fair value of some derivative instruments entered into by Ternium related to energy prices and interest rates fluctuations.

Sidor's excess cash distribution related to the participation account was US\$574.4 million in the first nine months of 2007, compared with US\$535.7 million in the first nine months of 2006. The recognition of payments to minority shareholders of Sidor resulted in expenses for Ternium of US\$231.3 million in the first nine months of 2007, compared with expenses of US\$215.7 million in the same period in 2006.

Income tax expense for the first nine months of 2007 was US\$182.4 million, or 19% of income before income tax and minority interest, compared with US\$224.6 million, or 21% of income before income tax and minority interest, in the first nine months of 2006.

Income attributable to minority interest for the first nine months of 2007 was US\$161.7 million, compared with US\$182.7 million in the first nine months of 2006. The year-over-year decrease was due mainly to lower income attributable to minority interest in Siderar, including the reduction in minority interest on account of Ternium's acquisition of an additional 4.85% stake in Siderar in December 2006, partially offset by higher income attributable to minority interest in Sidor.

## Forward Looking Statements

Some of the statements contained in this press release are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and

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<sup>3</sup> EBITDA equals operating income of US\$1.3 billion plus depreciation and amortization of US\$400.8 million.

unknown risks that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by those statements. These risks include but are not limited to risks arising from uncertainties as to gross domestic product, related market demand, global production capacity, tariffs, cyclicalities in the industries that purchase steel products and other factors beyond Ternium's control.

## About Ternium

Ternium is one of the leading steel companies in the Americas, offering a wide range of flat and long steel products. With its main operations in Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina and the United States and 25,000 employees, Ternium has annual sales of approximately US\$10 billion and annual shipments of approximately 12 million tons of finished steel products. More information about Ternium is available at [www.ternium.com](http://www.ternium.com).

## Consolidated income statement

US\$ million	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Dif.	9M 2007	9M 2006	Dif.
Net sales	2,343.4	1,740.4	603.0	6,102.7	4,979.0	1,123.7
Cost of sales	(1,701.0)	(1,078.5)	(622.5)	(4,233.6)	(3,143.8)	(1,089.7)
Gross profit	642.4	661.9	(19.5)	1,869.1	1,835.2	33.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(225.3)	(152.5)	(72.9)	(588.2)	(458.6)	(129.6)
Other operating (expenses)/income, net	15.5	(1.2)	16.7	17.7	0.8	16.9
Operating income	432.6	508.2	(75.6)	1,298.6	1,377.4	(78.8)
Interest expense	(46.8)	(27.7)	(19.2)	(76.7)	(91.7)	15.0
Interest income	14.9	15.4	(0.5)	39.7	40.6	(0.8)
Other financial expenses, net	(131.1)	(75.0)	(56.1)	(295.3)	(267.8)	(27.4)
Equity in (losses)/earnings of associated companies	(2.0)	4.8	(6.8)	(3.4)	3.8	(7.3)
Income before income tax expense	267.5	425.8	(158.2)	963.0	1,062.3	(99.3)
Income tax expense	(53.5)	(71.7)	18.2	(182.4)	(224.6)	42.2
Net income for the period	214.0	354.0	(140.0)	780.6	837.7	(57.1)
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	159.8	257.4	(97.5)	618.9	655.0	(36.1)
Minority interest	54.2	96.7	(42.5)	161.7	182.7	(21.0)
	214.0	354.0	(140.0)	780.6	837.7	(57.1)

## Consolidated balance sheet

US\$ million	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Property, plant and equipment, net	7,180.2	5,420.7
Intangible assets, net	1,571.3	551.6
Investment in associated companies	47.7	16.3
Other investments, net	14.7	13.4
Deferred tax assets	298.2	36.4
Receivables, net	93.4	78.9
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>9,205.6</b>	<b>6,117.3</b>
Receivables	277.9	175.8
Derivative financial instruments	1.1	7.9
Inventories, net	1,982.5	1,241.3
Trade receivables, net	1,047.0	577.9
Other investments	115.2	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents	1,078.8	643.4
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>4,502.4</b>	<b>2,646.2</b>
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	17.0	7.0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>13,725.0</b>	<b>8,770.5</b>
Shareholders' equity	4,281.9	3,757.6
Minority interest in subsidiaries	1,857.3	1,729.6
<b>Minority interest &amp; shareholders' equity</b>	<b>6,139.2</b>	<b>5,487.1</b>
Provisions	57.4	60.5
Deferred income tax	1,508.5	985.2
Other liabilities	351.3	274.6
Trade payables	6.8	7.2
Borrowings	3,763.6	548.4
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,687.6</b>	<b>1,875.9</b>
Current tax liabilities	221.3	103.2
Other liabilities	248.1	158.4
Trade payables	1,052.1	621.8
Derivative financial instruments	6.4	15.5
Borrowings	370.2	508.7
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,898.2</b>	<b>1,407.5</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7,585.8</b>	<b>3,283.4</b>
<b>Total liabilities, minority interest &amp; shareholders' equity</b>	<b>13,725.0</b>	<b>8,770.5</b>

## Consolidated cash flow statement

US\$ million	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Dif.	9M 2007	9M 2006	Dif.
Net income for the period	214.0	354.0	(140.0)	780.6	837.7	(57.1)
Adjustments for:						
Depreciation and amortization	155.4	106.7	48.7	400.8	318.5	82.4
Income tax accruals less payments	(324.0)	0.8	(324.8)	(357.6)	4.3	(361.9)
Equity in losses of associated companies	2.0	(4.8)	6.8	3.4	(3.8)	7.3
Interest accruals less payments	35.9	(12.6)	48.5	34.1	(10.7)	44.8
Changes in provisions	(9.6)	6.7	(16.2)	(15.7)	31.7	(47.4)
Changes in working capital	13.0	(190.1)	203.1	120.0	(274.1)	394.1
Others	56.8	25.1	31.6	75.1	35.1	39.9
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>285.8</b>	<b>(142.3)</b>	<b>1,040.6</b>	<b>938.6</b>	<b>102.0</b>
Capital expenditures	(109.0)	(93.9)	(15.1)	(306.0)	(280.1)	(25.8)
Change in trust funds	-	-	-	-	5.2	(5.2)
Acquisition of business (1)	(1,727.0)	-	(1,727.0)	(1,727.2)	(103.1)	(1,624.1)
Increase in Other Investments	(115.2)	-	(115.2)	(115.2)	-	(115.2)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	0.6	0.4	0.2	7.1	1.0	6.1
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,950.6)</b>	<b>(93.5)</b>	<b>(1,857.1)</b>	<b>(2,141.3)</b>	<b>(377.0)</b>	<b>(1,764.3)</b>
Dividends paid in cash and other distributions to company's equity shareholders	-	-	-	(100.2)	-	(100.2)
Dividends paid in cash and other distributions to minority shareholders	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	(20.0)	(27.2)	7.2
Net proceeds from Initial Public Offering	-	-	-	-	525.0	(525.0)
Contributions from shareholders	-	-	-	-	3.1	(3.1)
Contributions from minority shareholders in consolidated subsidiaries	1.1	-	1.1	1.1	-	1.1
Proceeds from borrowings	3,869.7	86.7	3,783.0	4,062.0	123.2	3,938.8
Repayment of borrowings	(1,905.6)	(369.9)	(1,535.6)	(2,586.3)	(1,124.8)	(1,461.5)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>	<b>1,965.1</b>	<b>(283.3)</b>	<b>2,248.4</b>	<b>1,356.5</b>	<b>(500.7)</b>	<b>1,857.2</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>(90.9)</b>	<b>248.9</b>	<b>255.8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>194.9</b>

(1) Corresponds to the purchase of Impeco and other assets from Acindar in 1Q 2006, the purchase of Worthington Industries' 50% equity interest in Acerex in 2Q 2006 and the purchase of Grupo Imsa in 3Q 2007.

Shipments					
Thousand tons	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	2Q 2007	9M 2007	9M 2006
South & Central America	1,243.2	1,123.5	1,251.5	3,606.5	3,330.2
North America	906.3	554.9	598.0	2,202.6	1,854.3
Europe & other	23.3	17.2	111.0	217.0	59.7
Total flat products	2,172.8	1,695.6	1,960.4	6,026.1	5,244.2
South & Central America	315.4	244.8	320.1	928.3	719.0
North America	244.8	288.0	286.4	844.5	926.0
Total long products	560.2	532.8	606.5	1,772.9	1,645.0
Total flat and long products	2,733.0	2,228.4	2,567.0	7,798.9	6,889.2
Revenue / ton					
US\$/ton	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	2Q 2007	9M 2007	9M 2006
South & Central America	802	734	768	771	688
North America	906	873	814	831	807
Europe & other	609	548	671	633	535
Total flat products	843	777	776	788	728
South & Central America	635	597	621	607	554
North America	637	670	638	629	612
Total long products	636	637	629	618	586
Total flat and long products	801	744	741	749	694
Net Sales					
US\$ million	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	2Q 2007	9M 2007	9M 2006
South & Central America	996.8	824.2	960.6	2,779.2	2,292.2
North America	821.1	484.2	486.7	1,830.3	1,495.5
Europe & other	14.2	9.4	74.5	137.3	31.9
Total flat products	1,832.0	1,317.9	1,521.8	4,746.8	3,819.7
South & Central America	200.3	146.1	198.6	563.8	398.3
North America	156.0	193.1	182.6	531.6	566.4
Total long products	356.3	339.2	381.3	1,095.3	964.7
Total flat and long products	2,188.4	1,657.1	1,903.1	5,842.2	4,784.4
Other products <sup>(1)</sup>	155.0	83.3	57.9	260.5	194.6
Total net sales	2,343.4	1,740.4	1,961.1	6,102.7	4,979.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily includes metal building systems and components, insulated panels, iron ore and pig iron.