

## OJSC NOVOLIPETSK STEEL

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND 2009



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### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

#### To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of OJSC Novolipetsk Steel:

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated balance sheet of OJSC Novolipetsk Steel and its subsidiaries ("the Group") as at September 30, 2010, the related interim condensed consolidated statements of income, of cash flows, and of stockholders' equity and comprehensive income for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Group's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at December 31, 2009, the related consolidated statements of income, of cash flows, and of stockholders' equity and comprehensive income for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated March 31, 2010, we expressed an unqualified opinion on such consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2009, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

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Moscow, Russian Federation December 15, 2010

# OJSC Novolipetsk Steel Interim condensed consolidated balance sheets as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (unaudited)





	Note	As at September 30, 2010	As a December 31, 200
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	779,931	1,247,048
Short-term investments		725,649	451,910
Accounts receivable and advances given, net	3	1,188,805	913,192
Inventories, net	4	1,563,896	1,134,095
Other current assets		62,015	58,034
Deferred income tax assets		51,976	72,467
		4,372,272	3,876,746
Non-current assets			
Long-term investments		729,274	468,236
Property, plant and equipment, net	5	7,986,898	7,316,180
Intangible assets, net		186,696	203,490
Goodwill		554,070	556,636
Deferred income tax assets		19,973	12,199
Other non-current assets		31,027	68,457
		9,507,938	8,625,198
Total assets		13,880,210	12,501,944
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and other liabilities	6	1,171,420	841,230
Short-term borrowings	7	594,709	556,563
Current income tax liability		36,325	19,419
		1,802,454	1,417,212
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income tax liability		383,633	396,306
Long-term borrowings	7	2,058,608	1,938,652
Other long-term liabilities		193,739	139,906
		2,635,980	2,474,864
Total liabilities		4,438,434	3,892,076
Commitments and contingencies		<u> </u>	
Stockholders' equity			
NLMK stockholders' equity			
Common stock, 1 Russian ruble par value – 5,993,227,240 shares			
issued and outstanding at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009		221,173	221,173
Statutory reserve		10,267	10,267
Additional paid-in capital		98,752	112,450
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(886,492)	(796,756)
Retained earnings		10,112,667	9,171,068
Retained carnings		9,556,367	8,718,202
Non-controlling interest		(114,591)	(108,334)
Total stockholders' equity		9,441,776	8,609,868
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity		13,880,210	12,501,944

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements as set out on pages 4 to 18 were approved on December 15, 2010.

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President (Chairman of the Management Board) Lapshin A.A.

Chief Aecountant Sokolov A.A.

## OJSC Novolipetsk Steel Interim condensed consolidated statements of income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited) (All amounts in thousands of US dollars, except for earnings per share amounts)



	Note	For the nine months ended September 30, 2010	For the nine months ended September 30, 2009
Revenue	13	6,084,636	4,325,331
Cost of sales			
Production cost		(3,457,088)	(2,672,718)
Depreciation and amortization		(357,160)	(348,684)
		(3,814,248)	(3,021,402)
Gross profit		2,270,388	1,303,929
General and administrative expenses		(202,626)	(233,276)
Selling expenses		(517,319)	(450,344)
Taxes other than income tax		(90,005)	(75,763)
Operating income		1,460,438	544,546
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment		(17,919)	(13,132)
Losses on investments, net		(10,384)	(1,862)
Interest income		34,313	53,092
Interest expense		(23,871)	(131,886)
Foreign currency exchange loss, net		(53,615)	(77,683)
Other income / (expenses), net		13,177	(72,589)
Income before income tax		1,402,139	300,486
Income tax expense	11	(301,517)	(131,536)
Income, net of income tax		1,100,622	168,950
Equity in net losses of associates		(18,862)	(344,093)
Net income / (loss)		1,081,760	(175,143)
Add: Net loss attributable to the non-controlling interest		24,736	96,020
Net income / (loss) attributable to NLMK stockholders		1,106,496	(79,123)
Income / (loss) per share – basic and diluted:			
Net income / (loss) attributable to NLMK stockholders per share (US dollars)	10	0.1846	(0.0132)
Weighted-average shares outstanding, basic and diluted (in thousands)		5,993,227	5,993,227

## OJSC Novolipetsk Steel Interim condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited)



(thousands of US dollars)

	Note	For the nine months ended September 30, 2010	For the nine months ended September 30, 2009
CASH FLOWS		September 20, 2010	september 00, 2005
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income / (loss)		1,081,760	(175,143)
Adjustments to reconcile net income / (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		357,160	348,684
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment		17,919	13,132
Losses on investments, net		10,384	1,862
Equity in net losses of associates		18,862	344,093
Deferred income tax expense		27,783	36,829
Gains on unrealized forward contracts	8	(3,230)	(315,096)
Other		10,219	19,616
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
(Increase) / decrease in accounts receivable		(283,986)	504,158
(Increase) / decrease in inventories		(438,261)	420,804
(Increase) / decrease in other current assets		(4,309)	4,865
Increase in accounts payable and other liabilities		195,072	16,690
Increase in current income tax payable		17,271	30,556
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,006,644	1,251,050
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases and construction of property, plant and equipment		(983,324)	(707,652)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		14,693	10,403
Purchases of investments and placement of bank deposits		(730,798)	(511,188)
Proceeds from sale of investments and loans settled		147,736	502 047
Loans issued		-	(333,500)
Settlement of abandoned acquisition	16(b)	-	(234,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,551,693)	(1,273,890)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		819,647	570,813
Repayment of borrowings		(673,877)	(1,011,281)
Capital lease payments		(36,734)	(38,635)
Dividends to shareholders		(42,965)	(1,116)
Dividends to non-controlling shareholders of existing subsidiaries			(4)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities		66,071	(480,223)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(478,978)	(503,063)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		11,861	(15,358)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2	1,247,048	2,159,989
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	2	779,931	1,641,568

### OJSC Novolipetsk Steel Interim condensed consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited) (thousands of US dollars)



			N	LMK stockl	holders				
	Note	Common stock	Statutory reserve	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Retained	Non- controlling interest	(loss) / s	Total tockholders' equity
Balance at December 31, 2008		221,173	10,267	52,395	(549,879)	8,956,013	33,100	-	8,723,069
Comprehensive loss:									
Net loss		-	-	-	-	(79,123)	(96,020)	(175,143)	(175,143)
Other comprehensive loss:									
Cumulative translation adjustment		-	-	-	(188,381)	-	(11,686)	(200,067)	(200,067)
Comprehensive loss								(375,210)	(375,210)
Disposal of assets to an entity under common control	9	-	-	85,345	-	-	(40,182)	-	45,163
Change in non-controlling interest	12		-	(25,290)		-	25,290	-	
Balance at September 30, 2009		221,173	10,267	112,450	(738,260)	8,876,890	(89,498)	-	8,393,022
Balance at December 31, 2009		221,173	10,267	112,450	(796,756)	9,171,068	(108,334)	-	8,609,868
Comprehensive income:									
Net income / (loss)		-	-	-	-	1,106,496	(24,736)	1,081,760	1,081,760
Other comprehensive income:									
Cumulative translation adjustment		-	-	-	(89,736)	-	4,781	(84,955)	(84,955)
Comprehensive income								996,805	996,805
Change in non-controlling interest	12	-	-	(13,698)	-	-	13,698	-	-
Dividends to shareholders	10		_	_		(164,897)	_	_	(164,897)
Balance at September 30, 2010		221,173	10,267	98,752	(886,492)	10,112,667	(114,591)	-	9,441,776



### 1 BASIS OF INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARATION

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Open Joint Stock Company Novolipetsk Steel (the "Parent Company", or "NLMK") and its subsidiaries (together – the "Group") as at and for the year ended December 31, 2009. The December 31, 2009 condensed consolidated balance sheet information has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements, however, since it is presented on a condensed basis it does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for annual consolidated financial statements.

In the opinion of the Group's management, the information furnished herein reflects all known accruals and adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods reported herein. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The financial results of the periods reported herein are not necessarily indicative of future financial results.

### **Functional and reporting currency**

The Group's principal functional currency is considered to be the Russian ruble. The functional currency of the foreign subsidiaries is their local currency. The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the US dollar as the Group's reporting currency, utilizing period-end exchange rates for assets and liabilities, corresponding period quarterly weighted average exchange rates for interim condensed consolidated statement of income accounts and historic rates for equity accounts.

The Central Bank of the Russian Federation's closing rates of exchange as at September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009, September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were 1 US dollar to 30.4030, 30.2442, 30.0922 and 29.3804 Russian rubles, respectively. The period weighted average exchange rates were: 29.8903 and 33.9308 Russian rubles to 1 US dollar for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 and 2009, respectively, 30.2430 and 32.2145 Russian rubles to 1 US dollar, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 and 2009, respectively, and 30.6200 and 31.3276 Russian rubles to 1 US dollar, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### **Recent accounting pronouncements**

Effective January 1, 2010, the Group adopted changes issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") to accounting for variable interest entities. These changes require the Group to perform an analysis to determine whether the Group's variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. The Group is also required to assess whether it has an implicit financial responsibility to ensure that the variable interest entity operates as designed when determining whether it has the power to direct the activities of the variable interest entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. The adoption of these changes had no impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Cash – Russian rubles	89,011	79,793
Cash – US dollars	201,021	125,917
Cash – other currencies	43,881	64,197
Deposits – Russian rubles	146,941	208,514
Deposits – US dollars	114,663	729,092
Deposits – Euros	184,051	25,778
Deposits – other currencies	56	11,474
Other cash equivalents		2,283
	779,931	1,247,048



## **3** ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ADVANCES GIVEN

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Trade accounts receivable	723,512	619,722
Advances given to suppliers	188,341	91,858
Value added tax and other taxes receivable	380,888	365,466
Accounts receivable from employees	4,763	3,407
Other accounts receivable	164,893	148,261
	1,462,397	1,228,714
Allowance for doubtful debts	(273,592)	(315,522)
	1,188,805	913,192

As at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, accounts receivable of \$27,483 and nil, respectively, served as collateral for certain borrowings (Note 7).

## 4 INVENTORIES

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Raw materials	808.039	613,940
Work in process	343,982	219,455
Finished goods and goods for resale	449,974	351,879
	1,601,995	1,185,274
Provision for obsolescence	(38,099)	(51,179)
	1,563,896	1,134,095

As at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, inventories of \$41,459 and nil, respectively, served as collateral for certain borrowings (Note 7).



## 5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Land	141,665	136,596
Mineral rights	509,431	512,106
Buildings	1,379,611	1,400,208
Land and buildings improvements	1,247,663	1,221,530
Machinery and equipment	5,959,519	5,850,662
Vehicles	351,281	345,213
Construction in progress and advances for construction and acquisition of property, plant and equipment	3,534,129	2,817,937
Leased assets	377,833	328,204
Other	73,651	68,398
	13,574,783	12,680,854
Accumulated depreciation	(5,587,885)	(5,364,674)
	7,986,898	7,316,180

As at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, property, plant and equipment of \$10,107 and \$45,647 (net book value), respectively, served as collateral for certain borrowings (Note 7).

The amount of interest capitalized for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was \$101,246. This amount was insignificant for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

## 6 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Trade accounts payable	432,240	400,236
Advances received	192,257	114,472
Taxes payable other than income tax	142,674	87,402
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities to employees	147,923	130,813
Dividends payable (Note 10)	124,879	2,574
Short-term capital lease liability	36,954	30,383
Other liabilities	94,493	75,350
	1,171,420	841,230



#### 7 SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM BORROWINGS

	As at September 30, 2010	As at December 31, 2009
Parent Company		
Bonds, RUR denominated, with interest rates from 7.75% to 10.75% per annum	843,336	502,627
Loans, US\$ denominated, with interest rates from LIBOR $+1.2\%$ to $3.86\%$ per annum, mature 2010-2013	1,205,723	1,506,580
Loans, EURO denominated, with interest rates from EURIBOR $(6 \text{ m}) +1.5\%$ to EURIBOR $(3 \text{ m}) +3.5\%$ per annum, mature 2010-2019	437,505	
Maxi-Group		
Russian rubles		
Loans with interest rates from 15% to 16% per annum, mature 2010	-	317,086
Bonds with interest rates 10% per annum	-	227
Other borrowings	57,241	59,315
US dollars		
Loans with interest rate LIBOR (1 m) +3.75% per annum, mature 2010		19,355
Euros		
Loans with interest rates from EURIBOR (6 m) +1.3% to EURIBOR (6 m) +4% per annum, mature 2010-2017	26,837	52,209
Other borrowings	5,794	11,277
	2,576,436	2,468,676
Other companies		
Loan, RUR denominated, with interest rate 10% per annum	28,039	26,538
Loan, US\$ denominated, with interest rate 5% per annum	48,542	-
Other borrowings	300	1
	2,653,317	2,495,215
Less: short-term loans and current maturities of long-term loans	(594,709)	(556,563)
Long-term borrowings	2,058,608	1,938,652

The Group's long-term borrowings as at September 30, 2010 mature between 2 to 9 years.

#### Major terms of loan agreements

Certain of the loan agreements contain debt covenants that impose restrictions on the purposes for which the loans may be utilized, covenants with respect to disposal of assets, incurrence of additional liabilities, issuance of loans or guarantees, obligations in respect of any future reorganizations procedures or bankruptcy of borrowers, and also require that borrowers maintain pledged assets to their current value and conditions. In addition, these agreements contain covenants with respect to compliance with certain financial ratios, clauses regarding the possibility of acceleration in case of unfavorable economic situation and also clauses in relation to performance of the borrowers, including cross default provisions, as well as legal claims in excess of certain amount, where reasonable expectations of a negative outcome exist, and covenants triggered by any failure of the borrower to fulfill contractual obligations. The Group companies are in compliance with debt covenants as of the date of approval of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.



## 8 FORWARD CONTRACTS

The Group holds or purchases derivative financial instruments for purposes other than trading to mitigate foreign currency exchange rate risk.

In accordance with ASC No. 820, the fair value of foreign currency derivatives is determined using Level 2 inputs. The inputs used include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market. Fair value is determined as the sum of the differences between the discounted market forward rate in the settlement month prevailing at September 30, 2010 and the appropriate contract settlement rate, multiplied by the respective notional amount of the contract.

The amounts recorded represent the US dollar equivalent of the commitments to sell and purchase foreign currencies. The table below summarizes the contractual amounts and positive fair values of the Group's unrealized forward exchange contracts in US dollars.

		As at September 30, 2010		As at December 31, 2009
	Notional amount	Fair value	Notional amount	Fair value
US dollars	100,484	3,109	48,059	209

The table below summarizes the contractual amounts and negative fair values of the Group's unrealized forward exchange contracts in US dollars.

	Sep	As at tember 30, 2010		As at December 31, 2009
	Notional amount	Fair value	Notional amount	Fair value
US dollars	<u> </u>		59,826	(290)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 gains / (losses) from forward exchange contracts amounted to \$3,228 and \$(107,623), respectively. These gains and losses were included in "Foreign currency exchange loss, net" line in the interim condensed consolidated statements of income.

## 9 DISPOSALS OF ASSETS

In December 2008, the Parent Company reached an agreement to sell, to an entity under common control, its full controlling share (69.41%) in OJSC TMTP and its subsidiaries for a total consideration of \$258,182 (as at the date of payment). The transaction was closed in January 2009. An after-tax gain on this transaction of \$85,345 was recognized by the Group, and included within the "Disposal of assets to an entity under common control" line in the interim condensed consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

#### 10 EARNINGS PER SHARE

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2010	For the nine months ended September 30, 2009
Weighted average number of shares (in thousands)	5,993,227	5,993,227
Net income / (loss) attributable to NLMK stockholders	1,106,496	(79,123)
Basic and diluted net income / (loss) per share (US dollars)	0.1846	(0.0132)



## **10** EARNINGS PER SHARE (continued)

Basic net income / (loss) per share of common stock is calculated by dividing net income / (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the reporting period, after giving retroactive effect to any stock splits. The Parent Company does not have potentially dilutive shares outstanding.

In September 2010, the Parent Company declared interim dividends for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010 of 0.62 Russian ruble per share for the total of \$122,218 (at the historical rate).

In June 2010, the Parent Company declared dividends for the year ended December 31, 2009 of 0.22 Russian rubles per share for the total of \$42,679 (at the historical rate).

In June 2009, the Parent Company declared dividends for the year ended December 31, 2008 of 2 Russian rubles per share for the total of \$471,338 (at the historical rate), including interim dividends for the six months ended June 30, 2008 of 2 Russian ruble per share.

Dividends payable amounted to \$124,879 and \$2,574 as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (Note 6).

## 11 INCOME TAX

The corporate income tax rate applicable to the Group is predominantly 20%. Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Group recognized a net consolidated income tax expense of (301,517). In the context of the Group's current structure, tax losses and current tax assets of different Group companies may not be offset against current taxable profits and tax liabilities of other Group companies and, accordingly, net taxes may accrue even where there is a consolidated tax loss. Included in the income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, is 12,261 and 333,779, respectively, of income tax benefits related to tax losses of certain subsidiaries of the Group. The Group's management believes there is positive evidence to support the realizability of the respective deferred income tax assets.

#### 12 CHANGE IN NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST OF MAXI-GROUP COMPANIES

In June 2009, the Parent Company acquired through a public auction for \$44,572 interests of between 32% and 100% in three companies controlled by Maxi-Group.

In accordance with the Russian legislation concerning pledges and pledge contracts terms, the auction was conducted by an independent organizer in order to discharge Maxi-Group subsidiaries' pledge obligations under its loans taken prior to the date of acquisition. The auction's starting price was determined by an independent appraiser.

In July 2009, the Parent Company acquired an additional interest of 25% in one of the abovementioned Maxi-Group companies and as a result increased its direct interest in this subsidiary to a controlling stake.

As a result of these transactions between Group companies, there was an increase of non-controlling interest by \$25,290 with a corresponding decrease in the additional paid-in capital.

In May 2010, the Parent Company also acquired for \$20,246 an interest of 100% in an additional company controlled by Maxi-Group. As a result of this transaction between Group companies, there was an increase of non-controlling interest by \$13,698 with a corresponding decrease in the additional paid-in capital.

The above acquisitions were carried out for the purpose of more efficient management of the assets.



## **13 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION**

The Group has four reportable business segments: steel, long products, mining and coke-chemical. These segments are combinations of subsidiaries, have separate management teams and offer different products and services. The above four segments meet the criteria for reportable segments. Subsidiaries are consolidated by the segment to which they belong based on their products and management.

Revenues from segments that do not exceed the quantitative thresholds of a reportable segment are primarily attributable to three operating segments of the Group. Those segments include the trade seaport services business, insurance and other services. The amount of investments in equity method investee and equity in net losses of associates are included in the steel segment.

The Group's management determines intersegmental sales and transfers, as if the sales or transfers were to third parties. The Group's management evaluates performance of the segments based on segment revenues, gross profit, operating income and income from continuing operations, net of income tax.

Segmental information for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and their assets as at September 30, 2010 is as follows:

	Steel	Long products		Coke- chemical	All other	Totals	Inter- segmental operations and balances	
Revenue from external customers	5,240,706	629,061	60,540	153,467	862	6,084,636	-	6,084,636
Intersegment revenue	84,618	371,964	605,038	571,020	17	1,632,657	(1,632,657)	-
Gross profit	1,499,925	154,424	432,901	201,255	295	2,288,800	(18,412)	2,270,388
Operating income / (loss)	884,362	30,841	388,697	175,405	(598)	1,478,707	(18,269)	1,460,438
Income / (loss), net of income tax	1,016,984	(131,187)	308,643	137,233	1,343	1,333,016	(232,394)	1,100,622
Segment assets, including goodwill	12,354,344	2,258,332	1,205,700	798,922	44,835	16,662,133	(2,781,923)	13,880,210

Segmental information for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and their assets as at December 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Steel	Long products		Coke- chemical	All other	Totals	-Inter segmental operations and balances	
Revenue from external customers	3,707,774	414,263	72,542	125,870	4,882	4,325,331	-	4,325,331
Intersegment revenue	74,763	224,436	306,423	205,503	-	811,125	(811,125)	-
Gross profit	1,009,452	40,826	160,579	64,061	2,248	1,277,166	26,763	1,303,929
Operating income / (loss)	427,921	(60,909)	121,172	31,124	1,680	520,988	23,558	544,546
Income / (loss), net of income tax	796,390	(217,261)	106,690	22,227	3,030	711,076	(542,126)	168,950
Segment assets, including goodwill	10,543,461	2,104,795	1,000,955	752,724	41,729	14,443,664	(1,941,720)	12,501,944



### 14 **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

#### (a) **Operating environment of the Group**

The Russian Federation's economy continues to display some characteristics of an emerging market. These characteristics include, but are not limited to, the existence of a currency that in practice is not freely convertible in most countries outside the Russian Federation and relatively high inflation. Despite strong economic growth in previous years, the financial situation in the Russian Federation market significantly deteriorated during 2008 and beginning of 2009. As a result of global volatility in financial and commodity markets, among other factors, there had been a significant decline in the Russian Federation stock market since mid-2008, which has only partially been recovered.

#### Impact of the global economic crisis

The global economic crisis has resulted in, among other things, a lower level of capital market funding, lower liquidity levels across the banking sector, and higher interbank lending rates and significant volatility in stock and currencies markets. The uncertainty in the global financial market has also led to bank failures and bank rescues in the United States of America, European Union, the Russian Federation and other countries.

Such circumstances could affect the ability of the Group to obtain new borrowings and re-finance its existing borrowings at terms and conditions similar to those applied to earlier transactions. Difficult operating conditions may also have an impact on cash flow management and assessment of the impairment of financial and non-financial assets.

The future economic direction of the Russian Federation is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the Government, together with tax, legal, regulatory, and political developments.

Management believes it is taking all the necessary measures to support the sustainability and growth of the Group's business in the current circumstances.

## (b) Convertibility of Russian ruble

Future movements in the exchange rate between the Russian ruble and the US dollar will affect the reported US dollar amounts related to the Russian ruble carrying values of the Group's assets and liabilities. Such movements may also affect the Group's ability to realize profitably assets presented in US dollars in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, any translation of ruble amounts to US dollars should not be construed as a representation that such ruble amounts have been, could be, or will in the future be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate shown or at any other exchange rate. Commencing in September 2008, the volatility in currency markets increased and in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 the exchange rate of the Russian ruble to the US dollar substantially decreased. Subsequently, there has been a substantial recovery in the value of the Russian ruble.

#### (c) Commercial risks

The Group minimizes its sales risks by having a wide range of geographical zones for sales, which allows the Group to respond quickly to changes in the situation on one or more sales markets on the basis of an analysis of the existing and prospective markets.

The Group's sales outside the Russian Federation in monetary terms for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 were 62% and 63% of the total sales, respectively.

The Group relies on export sales to generate foreign currency earnings. As the Group sells outside the Russian Federation a significant portion of its production, it is exposed to foreign currency risk as well as global economic and political risks.

The Group's future profitability and overall performance are strongly affected by the prices of ferrous metal products set in the international metal trading market that are subject to significant fluctuations.



## **15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Balances as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 and transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 with related parties of the Group consist of the following:

### (a) Sales to and purchases from related parties

#### Sales

Sales to an associate (SIF S.A.) and one of its subsidiaries were \$584,927 and \$292,723 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively. Sales to other related parties were \$8,761 and \$6,323 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively.

Related accounts receivable from SIF S.A. and its subsidiary equaled \$173,695 and \$145,243 as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Accounts receivable from other related parties equaled \$3,497 and \$690 as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

#### Purchases and services

Purchases from the companies under common control, were \$15,746 and \$5,601 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively.

Accounts payable to the related parties, including advances received, were \$31,085 and \$117 as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

#### (b) Financial transactions

The carrying amount of loans from the Parent Company to its associate SIF S.A. and its subsidiary is \$536,082 and \$589,542, including interest accrued, as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

As at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Group issued guarantees for SIF S.A. and its subsidiaries amounting to \$222,446 and \$201,942, respectively. These guarantees are mostly issued to third party banks.

Deposits and current accounts of the Group companies in banks under significant influence of the Group's controlling shareholder (OJSC Bank Zenit and OJSC Lipetskcombank) amounted to \$52,248 and \$108,722 as at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Related interest income from these deposits and current accounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 amounted to \$985 and \$1,510, respectively.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the company under significant influence of the Group's controlling shareholder (OJSC Bank Zenit) purchased bonds issued by the Parent Company of \$11,731 (as at the date of issue) (Note 7).

#### (c) Common control transfers and disposal of investments

In December 2008, the Parent Company reached an agreement to sell, to a company under common control, its full controlling share in OJSC TMTP for a total consideration of \$258,182 (as at the date of payment) (Note 9) and completed the disposal in January 2009.

### (d) Contributions to non-governmental pension fund and charity fund

Total contributions to a non-governmental pension fund and charity fund amounted to \$2,665 and \$2,476 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively. The Group has no long-term commitments to provide funding, guarantees, or other support to the abovementioned funds.



### 16 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### (a) Anti-dumping investigations

The Group's export trading activities from time to time are subject to compliance reviews by the regulatory authorities of importing countries. The Group's export trading activities were considered within several antidumping investigation frameworks. The Group takes steps to address negative effects of the potential anti-dumping investigations. The management of the Group believes that past or potential anti-dumping investigations would not result in any material adverse effect to the operational results and financial position of the Group.

### (b) Litigation

The Group, in the ordinary course of business, is the subject of, or party to, various pending or threatened legal actions. The management of the Group believes that any ultimate liability resulting from these legal actions will not significantly affect its financial position or results of operations, and no amount has been accrued in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

In November 2007, the Parent Company entered into a binding agreement and a shareholder agreement in relation to the acquisition of a controlling stake in OJSC Maxi-Group and estimated a preliminary purchase price of \$558,515 as at the date of obtaining control (December 2007). In January 2008, the Parent Company paid \$299,928 of the purchase price (translated at the exchange rate at the date of payment). Thereafter, upon the expiration of one year from the acquisition date management's best estimate of the Maxi-Group shares purchase price was reduced from \$558,515 to \$299,088 (translated at the exchange rate at the date of transfer of the ownership).

The final payment between the parties was required after completion of the Maxi-Group due diligence process and finalization of the corresponding price adjustment based on a formula defined in the share purchase agreement. The Parent Company carried out the due diligence, based on which it calculated a downward adjustment to the purchase price and in December 2009 requested the seller (the Maxi-Group's non-controlling shareholder) to return the overpaid amount.

In January 2010, the Parent Company received a claim from the seller, which has been filed with the International Commercial Arbitration Court by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (hereinafter, ICA Court) to enforce the additional payment by the Parent Company for the shares of OJSC Maxi-Group in accordance with the binding agreement. The claim of the seller is based on his interpretation of this agreement. In February 2010, the Parent Company filed a counter-claim with the ICA Court based on the results of due diligence of Maxi-Group seeking collection from the non-controlling shareholder of OJSC Maxi-Group of a partial return of the original payment for the acquired shares. Management of the Group believes that an unfavorable outcome to the Group of the non-controlling shareholder's claim is remote. No adjustments related to these claims were made in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

In March 2009, NLMK and DBO Holdings Inc. signed a settlement agreement with respect to their dispute concerning NLMK's abandoned acquisition of John Maneely Company, which provided for the full mutual release and discharge by the parties arising from the potential transaction, and payment to DBO Holdings Inc. an amount of \$234 million. This amount was expensed in 2008 and fully paid to DBO Holdings Inc. in March 2009.

#### (c) Environmental matters

The enforcement of environmental regulation in the Russian Federation is evolving as is the enforcement posture of government authorities. The Group periodically evaluates its obligations under environmental regulations. As obligations are determined, they are recognized immediately. Potential liabilities, which might arise as a result of changes in existing regulations, civil litigation or legislation, cannot be estimated but could be material. In the current enforcement climate under existing legislation, management believes that the Group has met the Government's federal and regional requirements concerning environmental matters, therefore there are no significant liabilities for environmental damage or remediation.



## 16 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

#### (d) Insurance

To minimize its risks the Group has voluntary insurance contracts to insure property, plant and equipment, land transport and aircraft as well as certain type of cargo and purchased accident and health insurance, and medical insurance for employees, and directors and officers liability insurance (D&O). The Group also purchases operating entities civil liability coverage for dangerous production units.

### (e) Social commitments

The Group makes contributions to mandatory and voluntary social programs. The Group's social assets, as well as local social programs, benefit the community at large and are not normally restricted to the Group's employees. The Group has transferred certain social operations and assets to local authorities, however, management expects that the Group will continue to fund certain social programs through the foreseeable future. These costs are recorded in the period they are incurred.

#### (f) Tax contingencies

Russian tax, currency and customs legislation is subject to varying interpretations and changes, which can occur frequently. Management's interpretation of such legislation as applied to the transactions and activity of the Group may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. Recent events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities may be taking a more assertive position in their interpretation of the legislation and assessments, and it is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged. As a result, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of review. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods.

As at September 30, 2010, management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation is appropriate and the Group's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained. Where management believes it is probable that a position cannot be sustained, an appropriate amount has been accrued for in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### (g) Financial guarantees issued

As at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Group has issued guarantees amounting to \$223,505 and \$214,148, respectively, which equals to their maximum potential amount of future payments. Most of these guarantees were issued in favor of related parties (Note 15(b)). No amount has been accrued in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the Group's obligation under these guarantees as the projected outflows from such guarantees are expected to be immaterial.

### **17 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In October 2010 the Group acquired a 100% stake in LLC VMI Recycling Group which owns scrap collection and processing assets located in the Moscow region, for a consideration of \$28.4 million. This acquisition is in line with NLMK's vertical integration strategy aimed at enhancing the Group's self-sufficiency in main raw materials

The Group's management has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the date of approval of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements which is also the date that they are available to be issued.