UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 26, 2018

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

0-22496

(Commission File Number)

 $\frac{Oregon}{(State\ or\ other\ jurisdiction\ of\ }$

incorporation)

93-0341923

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

| 299 SW Clay Street, Suite 350 P.O. Box 10047 Portland, OR (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant's telephone number including area code: | 97296-0047 (Zip Code) (503) 224-9900 |
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| (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) | |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the funder any of the following provisions: | iling obligation of the registrant |
| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | |
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| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). | es Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) |
| | Emerging growth company [] |
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| | |

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On June 26, 2018, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months ended May 31, 2018. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. issued on June 26, 2018.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: June 26, 2018 By: /s/ Richard D. Peach

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. issued on June 26, 2018.

Schnitzer Reports Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Best Quarterly Consolidated Operating Income Since Fiscal 2011

SSI Ferrous Volumes Up 18% Year-over-Year

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 26, 2018--Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq: SCHN) today reported results for its third quarter of fiscal 2018 ended May 31, 2018. The Company reported earnings per share from continuing operations of \$1.31 and adjusted earnings per share of \$1.26. These results are more than double the prior year third quarter earnings per share from continuing operations of \$0.60 and adjusted earnings per share of \$0.56. Reported and adjusted earnings per share from continuing operations in the second quarter of fiscal 2018 were \$1.42 which include discrete tax benefits of \$0.52 per share. For a reconciliation of the adjusted results to U.S. GAAP, see the Non-GAAP Financial Measures provided after the financial statements in this document.

Auto and Metals Recycling's (AMR) operating income of \$55 million, or \$56 per ferrous ton, was significantly higher than the prior year third quarter operating income of \$30 million, or \$36 per ferrous ton. Adjusted operating income was \$54 per ferrous ton compared to adjusted operating income of \$34 per ferrous ton in the prior year third quarter. Supported by stronger global demand for its products, AMR's improved operating performance year-over-year was driven primarily by expanded metal spreads, higher ferrous sales volumes of 19%, higher average ferrous and nonferrous net selling prices of 31% and 14%, respectively, benefits from commercial initiatives to increase our supply volumes, and sustained contributions from productivity improvements.

Cascade Steel and Scrap (CSS) delivered third quarter operating income of \$11 million, representing a \$10 million improvement compared to the prior year third quarter. The strong CSS operating performance was driven primarily by a 29% increase in finished steel average net selling prices which significantly outpaced the increase in the cost of steelmaking raw materials, higher utilization, and benefits of productivity improvements from the integration of our steel manufacturing and Oregon metal recycling operations.

Tamara Lundgren, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Our third quarter financial results reflect continued strong financial and operating performance in both of our businesses. AMR's sales volumes increased significantly versus last year, and its third quarter operating income per ton achieved levels last reached in fiscal 2011 at a time when both volumes and scrap prices were much higher than today. CSS also delivered excellent results, significantly expanding its operating margins through higher steel prices, improved utilization, and continued focus on operating efficiencies and productivity initiatives. The strong operating cash flow we generated in the quarter allowed us to reduce debt and also return capital to shareholders through both our dividend and the repurchase of shares."

Summary Results (\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

| | | | | | Quarter | | | | | |
|---|----|----------------|----|----------------|-------------------------|----|------------|---|-------|---------------------|
| | 3 | Q18 | 3 | Q17 | Change | 2 | Q18 | C | hange | è |
| Revenues | \$ | 652 | \$ | 477 | 37% | \$ | 559 | | 17 | % |
| Operating income Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments | \$ | 51 (1) — | \$ | 19 (1) — | 168% 40% NM NM | \$ | 33 | | I | % NM NM NM |
| Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 50 | \$ | 18 | 176% | \$ | 33 | | 49 | % |
| Net income attributable to SSI | \$ | 37 | \$ | 17 | 126% | \$ | 41 | | (9)% | |
| Net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ | 37 | \$ | 17 | 124% | \$ | 41 | | (8)% | |
| Adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 36 | \$ | 16 | 132% | \$ | 41 | (| 12)% | |
| Diluted earnings per share attributable to SSI | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 0.60 | 118% | \$ | 1.42 | | (8)% | |
| Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 0.60 | 117% | \$ | 1.42 | | (8)% | |
| Adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to $\mathrm{SSI}^{(1)}$ | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | 0.56 | 124% | \$ | 1.42 | (| 11)% | |

 $^{^{(1)}}$ See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP. NM = Not Meaningful

Auto and Metals Recycling

Summary of Auto and Metals Recycling Results

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

| | Quarter | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|----|------|--------|------|------|--------|--|--|
| | 30 | Q18 | 30 | Q17 | Change | 2Q18 | | Change | | |
| Total revenues | \$ | 530 | \$ | 385 | 37% | \$ | 450 | 18% | | |
| Ferrous revenues | \$ | 364 | \$ | 237 | 54% | \$ | 308 | 18% | | |
| Ferrous volumes | | 983 | | 825 | 19% | | 896 | 10% | | |
| Avg. net ferrous sales prices (\$/LT) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 337 | \$ | 258 | 31% | \$ | 314 | 7% | | |
| Nonferrous revenues | \$ | 127 | \$ | 113 | 12% | \$ | 110 | 15% | | |
| Nonferrous volumes ⁽²⁾ | | 146 | | 150 | (3)% | | 130 | 13% | | |
| Avg. net nonferrous sales prices $(\$/lb)^{(1)(2)}$ | \$ | 0.74 | \$ | 0.65 | 14% | \$ | 0.72 | 3% | | |
| Cars purchased for retail (000s) | | 109 | | 108 | 1% | | 102 | 7% | | |
| Operating income | \$ | 55 | \$ | 30 | 86% | \$ | 45 | 22% | | |
| Operating income per Fe ton | \$ | 56 | \$ | 36 | 56% | \$ | 50 | 11% | | |
| Adjusted operating income ⁽³⁾ | \$ | 54 | \$ | 28 | 89% | \$ | 45 | 19% | | |
| Adjusted operating income per Fe ton | \$ | 54 | \$ | 34 | 59% | \$ | 50 | 8% | | |

⁽¹⁾ Sales prices are shown net of freight.

Volumes: Ferrous sales volumes in the third quarter increased 19% compared to the prior year third quarter, and increased 10% sequentially, primarily due to stronger export and domestic demand for recycled metals and commercial initiatives to increase our supply flows. Nonferrous sales volumes were 3% lower compared to the prior year third quarter and 13% higher compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2018.

Export customers accounted for 70% of total ferrous sales volumes. Our products, including ferrous, nonferrous and recycled auto parts, were shipped to 23 countries in the third quarter of fiscal 2018, with Bangladesh, Turkey and Thailand as the top export destinations for ferrous shipments.

Pricing: Average ferrous net selling prices increased \$79 per ton, or 31%, compared to the prior year third quarter, and were up \$23 per ton, or 7%, sequentially. Average nonferrous net selling prices increased 14% compared to the prior year third quarter, while increasing by 3% sequentially.

Margins: Operating income was \$55 million in the third quarter, an increase of \$25 million or 86% compared to the prior year third quarter and an increase of \$10 million or 22% compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2018. Operating income included a benefit primarily from the sale of assets of \$1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2017 and 2018. Adjusted operating income was \$54 million in the third quarter, an increase of \$25 million or 89% compared to the prior year third quarter. Additionally, operating income per ferrous ton of \$56 represented an increase of \$20 or 56% from the prior year third quarter and a sequential increase of \$6 or 11%. Adjusted operating income was \$54 per ferrous ton compared to \$34 per ferrous ton in the prior year third quarter. The improved performance compared to the prior year third quarter was driven by metal spread expansion from higher priced shipments, increased ferrous sales volumes, and higher average ferrous and nonferrous net selling prices. The impact from average inventory accounting in the quarter was a benefit of \$2 million, compared to a benefit of \$4 million in the previous quarter and an adverse impact of \$1 million in the prior year third quarter.

⁽²⁾ Excludes platinum group metals (PGMs) in catalytic converters.

⁽³⁾ See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

Cascade Steel and Scrap

Summary of Cascade Steel and Scrap Results

(\$ in millions, except selling prices)

| | Quarter | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------|----|--------|------|------|----|--------|---|-------|--|--|
| | 3Q18 3Q17 | | | Change | 2Q18 | | | Change | | | | |
| Steel revenues | \$ | 104 | \$ | 82 | | 27% | \$ | 82 | | 27% | | |
| Recycling revenues | | 26 | | 14 | | 85% | | 35 | | (25)% | | |
| Total revenues | \$ | 130 | \$ | 96 | | 35% | \$ | 117 | | 11% | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating income | \$ | 11 | \$ | 1 | | 828% | \$ | 5 | | 99% | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finished steel average net sales price (\$/ST) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 703 | \$ | 545 | | 29% | \$ | 619 | | 14% | | |
| Finished steel sales volumes (000s ST) | | 140 | | 141 | | (1)% | | 125 | | 12% | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rolling mill utilization | | 91 % |) | 85 | % | 7% | | 83 | % | 10% | | |

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Price information is shown after netting the cost of freight incurred to deliver the product to the customer. NM = Not Meaningful

Volumes: Finished steel sales volumes in the third quarter were consistent with the prior year third quarter. Sequentially, finished steel sales volumes increased 12% primarily due to seasonally higher demand.

Pricing: Average net sales prices for finished steel products increased 29% from the prior year third quarter and 14% sequentially, reflecting the impact of higher raw material prices year-over-year and reduced pressure from steel imports.

Margins: Operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$11 million, a significant improvement of \$10 million from the prior year third quarter and approximately double the results in the second quarter of fiscal 2018. The improved year-over-year performance reflected an expansion in finished steel margins resulting from higher average selling prices which significantly outpaced the increase in cost of steelmaking raw materials. The third quarter also benefited from higher utilization and incremental productivity improvements resulting from the integration of our steel manufacturing and Oregon metal recycling operations. Third quarter results were higher sequentially, primarily as a result of expanded metal margins from higher average net selling prices and increased sales volumes.

Corporate Items

In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, consolidated financial performance included Corporate expense of \$14 million, an increase of \$3 million from the prior year third quarter, primarily driven by higher professional service expenses and increased incentive compensation accruals as a result of improved operating performance.

The Company's effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was an expense of 21.7% which reflects the application to current year projected taxable income of the lower blended federal statutory corporate tax rate established by the tax reform legislation enacted in December 2017. The Company's accounting for the impact of the tax reform legislation, including the amounts discussed herein, reflects provisional estimates as of May 31, 2018, which may be adjusted over the course of the next three quarters.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company generated operating cash flow of \$64 million, driven primarily by our increased profitability. Total debt at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$173 million, and debt, net of cash was \$163 million compared to debt of \$211 million and debt, net of cash of \$196 million at the end of the second quarter (refer to Non-GAAP Financial Measures provided after the financial statements in this document).

Pursuant to its ongoing authorized share repurchase program, during the third quarter the Company repurchased a total of 166,013 shares of its Class A common stock in open market transactions. The Company also returned capital to shareholders through its 97th consecutive quarterly dividend.

Analysts' Conference Call: Third Quarter of Fiscal 2018

A conference call and slide presentation to discuss results will be held today, June 26, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. EDT hosted by Tamara Lundgren, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Richard Peach, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief of Corporate Operations. The call and the slides will be webcast and accessible on the Company's website under Company > Investors > Event Calendar at www.schnitzersteel.com/events.

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

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (in thousands) (Unaudited)

| | For th | he Three Months | Ended | For the Nine | Months Ended |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | May 31, | February 28, | May 31, | May 31, | May 31, |
| | 2018 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Auto and Metals Recycling: Ferrous revenues Nonferrous revenues Retail and other revenues Total Auto and Metals Recycling revenues | \$ 363,566 | \$ 307,687 | \$ 236,833 | \$ 926,236 | \$ 594,366 |
| | 127,288 | 110,388 | 113,487 | 348,019 | 283,096 |
| | 38,757 | 31,710 | 35,076 | 103,195 | 92,849 |
| | 529,611 | 449,785 | 385,396 | 1,377,450 | 970,311 |
| Cascade Steel and Scrap: Steel revenues Recycling revenues Total Cascade Steel and Scrap revenues Intercompany sales eliminations Total revenues | 103,726 | 81,542 | 81,966 | 265,714 | 192,852 |
| | 26,350 | 35,172 | 14,259 | 71,060 | 41,519 |
| | 130,076 | 116,714 | 96,225 | 336,774 | 234,371 |
| | (7,271) | (7,056) | (4,533) | (19,086) | (11,349) |
| | \$ 652,416 | \$ 559,443 | \$ 477,088 | \$ 1,695,138 | \$ 1,193,333 |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS): | | | | | |
| AMR operating income CSS operating income (loss) Consolidated operating income | \$ 54,980 | \$ 45,132 | \$ 29,520 | \$ 135,284 | \$ 67,414 |
| | \$ 10,793 | \$ 5,413 | \$ 1,163 | \$ 24,682 | \$ (2,744) |
| | \$ 51,234 | \$ 33,358 | \$ 19,147 | \$ 111,015 | \$ 33,905 |
| Adjusted AMR operating income ⁽¹⁾ Adjusted CSS operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 53,515 | \$ 45,132 | \$ 28,305 | \$ 133,402 | \$ 65,643 |
| | 10,793 | 5,413 | 1,163 | 24,594 | (2,343) |
| Adjusted segment operating income ⁽¹⁾ Corporate expense Intercompany eliminations | 64,308 | 50,545 | 29,468 | 157,996 | 63,300 |
| | (14,467) | (16,750) | (11,272) | (47,861) | (30,684) |
| | (2) | (346) | (171) | (829) | (281) |
| Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾ Other asset impairment (charges) recoveries, net Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments | 49,839 1,465 (70) | 33,449 — (91) — | 18,025 1,044 (93) 171 | 109,306 1,553 (261) 417 | 32,335 643 200 727 |
| Total operating income | \$ 51,234 | \$ 33,358 | \$ 19,147 | \$ 111,015 | \$ 33,905 |

 $^{^{(1)}\,\}mathrm{See}$ Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands) (Unaudited)

| | | For the Three Months Ended | | | | | | For the Nine Months Ended | | | |
|--|----|----------------------------|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|---------------------------|----|-----------------|--|
| | | May 31, 2018 | Fe | ebruary 28, 2018 | | May 31, 2017 | | May 31, 2018 | | May 31, 2017 | |
| Revenues | \$ | 652,416 | \$ | 559,443 | \$ | 477,088 | \$ | 1,695,138 | \$ | 1,193,333 | |
| Cost of goods sold | | 549,164 | | 472,462 | - | 411,109 | | 1,427,877 | | 1,033,805 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | | 54,185 | | 53,638 | | 48,451 | | 158,866 | | 129,766 | |
| (Income) from joint ventures | | (772) | | (106) | | (668) | | (1,328) | | (3,300) | |
| Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net | | (1,465) | | _ | | (1,044) | | (1,553) | | (643) | |
| Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities | | 70 | | 91 | | 93 | | 261 | | (200) | |
| Operating income | | 51,234 | | 33,358 | | 19,147 | | 111,015 | | 33,905 | |
| Interest expense | | (2,483) | | (2,281) | | (2,131) | | (6,823) | | (5,969) | |
| Other income, net | | 403 | | 101 | | 524 | | 1,353 | | 1,318 | |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | | 49,154 | | 31,178 | | 17,540 | | 105,545 | | 29,254 | |
| Income tax (expense) benefit | | (10,650) | | 10,577 | | (161) | | (6,030) | | (736) | |
| Income from continuing operations | | 38,504 | | 41,755 | | 17,379 | | 99,515 | | 28,518 | |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax | | (56) | | 164 | | (127) | | 72 | | (275) | |
| Net income | | 38,448 | | 41,919 | | 17,252 | | 99,587 | | 28,243 | |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | | (1,046) | | (903) | | (687) | | (2,806) | | (1,967) | |
| Net income attributable to SSI | \$ | 37,402 | \$ | 41,016 | \$ | 16,565 | \$ | 96,781 | \$ | 26,276 | |
| Net income per share attributable to SSI: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ | 1.35 | \$ | 1.47 | \$ | 0.60 | \$ | 3.49 | \$ | 0.97 | |
| Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI | | _ | | 0.01 | | _ | | _ | | (0.01) | |
| Net income per share attributable to SSI | \$ | 1.35 | \$ | 1.48 | \$ | 0.60 | \$ | 3.49 | \$ | 0.96 | |
| Diluted: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 1.42 | \$ | 0.60 | \$ | 3.38 | \$ | 0.96 | |
| Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI | | _ | | 0.01 | | _ | | | | (0.01) | |
| Net income per share attributable to SSI ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 1.31 | \$ | 1.42 | \$ | 0.60 | \$ | 3.38 | \$ | 0.95 | |
| Net income per share attributable to 551 | J. | 1.31 | Þ | 1,42 | Ф | 0.00 | Φ | 3.30 | φ | 0.55 | |
| Weighted average number of common shares: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | 27,676 | | 27,797 | | 27,601 | | 27,719 | | 27,499 | |
| Diluted | | 28,636 | | 28,805 | | 27,703 | | 28,646 | | 27,692 | |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$ | 0.1875 | \$ | 0.1875 | \$ | 0.1875 | \$ | 0.5625 | \$ | 0.5625 | |
| (1) May not foot due to rounding. | Ψ | 0.10/3 | Ψ | 0.1075 | Ψ | 0.10/3 | Ψ | 0.5025 | Ψ | 0.5025 | |
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SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED OPERATING STATISTICS (Unaudited)

| | ` | | | | | YTD | |
|--|----|---------|------------|----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| | | 1Q18 | 2Q18 | | 3Q18 | | 2018 |
| SSI Total Volumes ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | |
| Total ferrous volumes (LT) | | 912,145 | 1,062,260 | | 1,118,743 | | 3,093,148 |
| Total nonferrous volumes (000s LB) | | 141,046 | 144,024 | | 162,667 | | 447,737 |
| Auto and Metals Recycling | | | | | | | |
| Ferrous selling prices (\$/LT) ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ | 259 | \$ 278 | \$ | 314 | \$ | 286 |
| Export | \$ | 306 | \$ 327 | \$ | 347 | \$ | 328 |
| Average | \$ | 292 | \$ 314 | \$ | 337 | \$ | 316 |
| Ferrous sales volume (LT) | | | | | | | |
| Domestic | | 237,464 | 239,571 | | 293,323 | | 770,358 |
| Export | | 559,154 | 656,738 | | 690,019 | | 1,905,911 |
| Total | | 796,618 | 896,309 | | 983,342 | | 2,676,269 |
| Nonferrous average price (\$/LB) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$ | 0.73 | \$ 0.72 | \$ | 0.74 | \$ | 0.73 |
| Nonferrous sales volume (000s LB) ⁽³⁾ | | 129,137 | 129,549 | | 146,043 | | 404,729 |
| Car purchase volume (000s) ⁽⁴⁾ | | 108 | 102 | | 109 | | 319 |
| Auto stores at end of quarter | | 53 | 53 | | 53 | | 53 |
| Cascade Steel and Scrap | | | | | | | |
| Finished steel average sales price (\$/ST) ⁽²⁾ Sales volume (ST) | \$ | 599 | \$ 619 | \$ | 703 | \$ | 642 |
| Rebar | | 84,243 | 79,718 | | 91,603 | | 255,564 |
| Coiled products | | 40,928 | 43,056 | | 46,673 | | 130,657 |
| Merchant bar and other | | 2,049 | 1,937 | | 1,945 | | 5,931 |
| Finished steel products sold | | 127,220 | 124,711 | | 140,221 | | 392,152 |
| Rolling mill utilization ⁽⁵⁾ | | 95 % | 83 % | | 91 % | | 90 % |

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

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

 $^{^{(3)}}$ Excludes PGM metals in catalytic converters.

⁽⁴⁾ Cars purchased by auto parts stores only.

⁽⁵⁾ Rolling mill utilization is based on effective annual production capacity under current conditions of 580 thousand tons of finished steel products.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED OPERATING STATISTICS

(Unaudited)

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

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Ferrous and nonferrous volumes sold externally by AMR and CSS and delivered to our steel mill for finished steel production.

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

 $[\]ensuremath{^{(3)}}$ Excludes PGM metals in catalytic converters.

 $^{^{\}left(4\right)}$ Cars purchased by auto parts stores only.

⁽⁵⁾ Rolling mill utilization is based on effective annual production capacity under current conditions of 580 thousand tons of finished steel products.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

| (************************************** | M | Iay 31, 2018 | August 31, 2017 | | | |
|--|----|---|-----------------|--|--|--|
| <u>Assets</u> | | | | | | |
| Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Inventories Other current assets Total current assets | \$ | 10,090 190,195 234,437 42,000 476,722 | \$ | 7,287 138,998 166,942 24,723 337,950 | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | | 393,387 | | 390,629 | | |
| Goodwill and other assets | | 207,161 | | 205,176 | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,077,270 | \$ | 933,755 | | |
| Current liabilities: Short-term borrowings Other current liabilities Total current liabilities | \$ | 1,146 215,694 216,840 | \$ | 721 175,539 176,260 | | |
| Long-term debt | | 171,545 | | 144,403 | | |
| Other long-term liabilities | | 69,323 | | 75,599 | | |
| Equity: Total Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. ("SSI") shareholders' equity Noncontrolling interests Total equity Total liabilities and equity | \$ | 614,975 4,587 619,562 1,077,270 | \$ | 533,586 3,907 537,493 933,755 | | |

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains performance based on adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI and adjusted consolidated, AMR and CSS operating income (loss), which are non-GAAP financial measures as defined under SEC rules. As required by SEC rules, we have provided reconciliations of these measures for each period discussed to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure. Management believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures adds a meaningful presentation of our results from business operations excluding adjustments for other asset impairment charges net of recoveries, restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments, and income tax expense (benefit) allocated to these adjustments, items which are not related to underlying business operational performance, and improves the period-to-period comparability of our results from business operations. Adjusted operating results in fiscal 2015 excluded the impact from the resale or modification of the terms, each at significantly lower prices due to sharp declines in selling prices, of certain previously contracted bulk shipments for delivery during fiscal 2015. Recoveries resulting from settlements with the original contract parties, which began in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and concluded in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, are reported within selling, general and administrative expense in the quarterly statements of income and are also excluded from the measures. Further, management believes that debt, net of cash is a useful measure for investors because, as cash and cash equivalents can be used, among other things, to repay indebtedness, netting this against total debt is a useful measure of our leverage. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures.

| (\$ in millions) | | Quarter | YTD | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | 2Q18 | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | |
| Consolidated operating income: | | · · | <u> </u> | | | |
| Operating income | \$ 51 | \$ 19 | \$ 33 | \$ 111 | \$ 34 | |
| Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net | (1) | (1) | _ | (2) | (1) | |
| Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments | | | | | (1) | |
| Adjusted consolidated operating income | \$ 50 | \$ 18 | \$ 33 | \$ 109 | \$ 32 | |
| AMR operating income: Operating income Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments Adjusted AMR operating income ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 55 (1) — \$ 54 | \$ 30 (1) — \$ 28 | \$ 45 — — — \$ 45 | \$ 135 (1) — \$ 133 | \$ 67 (1) (1) \$ 66 | |
| CSS operating income (loss): Operating income (loss) Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net Adjusted CSS operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 11 | \$ 1 | \$ 5 | \$ 25 \$ 25 | \$ (3) — — \$ (2) | |
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⁽¹⁾ May not foot due to rounding.

Net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI

| (\$ in millions) | | Quarter | | YTD | | | |
|---|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | 2Q18 | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | | |
| Net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ 37 | \$ 17 | \$ 41 | \$ 97 | \$ 27 | | |
| Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net | (1) | (1) | _ | (2) | (1) | | |
| Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments | _ | _ | _ | _ | (1) | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments ⁽¹⁾ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ 36 | \$ 16 | \$ 41 | \$ 95 | \$ 25 | | |

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

Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI

| (\$ per share) | | Quarter | | YTD | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | 2Q18 | 3Q18 | 3Q17 | | |
| Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI | \$ 1.31 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 1.42 | \$ 3.38 | \$ 0.96 | | |
| Other asset impairment charges (recoveries), net | (0.05) | (0.04) | _ | (0.05) | (0.02) | | |
| Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities | _ | _ | _ | 0.01 | (0.01) | | |
| Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments | _ | (0.01) | _ | (0.01) | (0.03) | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments ⁽¹⁾ | | | | 0.01 | | | |
| Adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI ⁽²⁾ | \$ 1.26 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 1.42 | \$ 3.32 | \$ 0.90 | | |

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

Debt, net of cash

(\$ in thousands)

| | May 31, 2018 | | February 28, 2018 | | August 31, 2017 | |
|---|--------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Short-term borrowings | \$ | 1,146 | \$ | 793 | \$ | 721 |
| Long-term debt, net of current maturities | | 171,545 | | 210,031 | | 144,403 |
| Total debt | | 172,691 | | 210,824 | | 145,124 |
| Less: cash and cash equivalents | | 10,090 | | 15,007 | | 7,287 |
| Total debt, net of cash | \$ | 162,601 | \$ | 195,817 | \$ | 137,837 |

⁽²⁾ May not foot due to rounding.

About Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

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

Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements

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

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

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

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

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