#### 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): April 6, 2017

<u>Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.</u>
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Oregon (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) <u>0-22496</u> (Commission File Number) 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)

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#### **NO CHANGE**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### **Item 2.02** Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 6, 2017, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months ended February 28, 2017. 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) <u>Exhibits</u>

99.1 Press Release of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. issued on April 6, 2017.

#### 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: April 6, 2017 By: <u>/s/ Richard D. Peach</u>

Name: Richard D. Peach

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer and Chief of Corporate Operations

#### **Exhibit Index**

#### **Exhibit No. Description**

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#### **Schnitzer Reports Second Quarter 2017 Financial Results**

#### **Significantly Increased Earnings Per Share**

#### Auto and Metals Recycling Division Reports Strongest Second Quarter Performance Since Fiscal 2012

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 6, 2017--Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (Nasdaq: SCHN) today reported results for its second quarter ended February 28, 2017. The Company reported earnings per share from continuing operations of \$0.40 and adjusted earnings per share of \$0.37. These results are significantly improved from prior year second quarter results of a loss per share from continuing operations of \$1.48 and an adjusted loss per share of \$0.25, as well as first quarter of fiscal 2017 results of a loss per share from continuing operations of \$0.05 and an adjusted loss per share of \$0.03. 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 (AMR) delivered its best second quarter and first half fiscal year performance in five years. AMR's operating income of \$26 million for the second quarter, or operating income per ferrous ton of \$31, was more than double compared to the first quarter and substantially higher than the prior year quarter, driven by a combination of higher selling prices, metal spread expansion, and sustained benefits from our cost savings and productivity initiatives. Stronger demand for recycled ferrous metals in both the export and domestic markets in the second quarter resulted in a sequential 27% increase in average ferrous net selling prices and 2% increase in sales volumes. For the first half of fiscal 2017 compared to the prior year first half, ferrous sales volumes increased 9% and nonferrous volumes increased 10%, reflecting improved global demand for recycled metals and supply conditions and our focus on growth.

In the Steel Manufacturing Business (SMB), operating performance for the second quarter was impacted by higher beginning inventory costs following the major equipment upgrade in the first quarter, increased raw material costs which rose faster than selling prices, and continued high levels of imports. These factors contributed to an operating loss of \$2 million for the second quarter, an improvement of \$1 million sequentially. Finished steel average selling prices increased 5% sequentially and 3% from the prior year quarter. Sales volumes were 5% higher sequentially and 4% lower from the prior year quarter.

"Our second quarter results benefited from improved export and domestic markets and from the operating leverage created within AMR as a result of our productivity initiatives, cost reductions, and internally generated operating synergies. These factors contributed to AMR's strongest second quarter and half-year results in the last five years," commented Tamara Lundgren, President and Chief Executive Officer. "While SMB continued to face challenging market conditions due to a combination of pressure from lower priced imports and seasonally slower demand, we expect SMB to see benefits from recent productivity initiatives and the onset of seasonally stronger construction activity."

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

	Quarter							
	2	Q17	2	Q16	Change		1Q17	Change
Revenues	\$	382	\$	289	32%	\$	334	14%
Operating income (loss)	\$	14	\$	(37)	NM	\$	1	NM
Goodwill impairment charge				9	NM		_	NM
Other asset impairment charges		_		18	NM		_	NM
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities				5	NM		_	NM
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments					NM			NM
Adjusted operating income $(loss)^{(1)(2)}$	\$	13	\$	(4)	NM	\$	1	NM
Net income (loss) attributable to SSI	\$	11	\$	(41)	NM	\$	(1)	NM
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	11	\$	(40)	NM	\$	(1)	NM
Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to $\mathrm{SSI}^{(1)}$	\$	10	\$	(7)	NM	\$	(1)	NM
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI	\$	0.40	\$	(1.52)	NM	\$	(0.05)	NM
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	0.40	\$	(1.48)	NM	\$	(0.05)	NM
Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	0.37	\$	(0.25)	NM	\$	(0.03)	NM

<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP. (2) May not foot due to rounding.

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												
	20	Q17	2	Q16	Change	10	Q17	Change					
Total revenues	\$	349	\$	250	40%	\$	305	15%					
Ferrous revenues	\$	230	\$	140	64%	\$	184	25%					
Ferrous volumes		852		737	16%		834	2%					
Avg. net ferrous sales prices (\$/LT) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	248	\$	169	47%	\$	196	27%					
Nonferrous revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	92	\$	80	14%	\$	91	1%					
Nonferrous volumes <sup>(3)</sup>		123		124	(1)%		136	(10)%					
Avg. net nonferrous sales prices (\$/lb) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	\$	0.65	\$	0.59	10%	\$	0.58	12%					
Cars purchased for retail (000s)		96		70	37%		94	2%					
Operating income (loss) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$	26	\$	(26)	NM	\$	12	112%					
Operating income (loss) per Fe ton	\$	31	\$	(36)	NM	\$	15	108%					
Adjusted operating income <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	\$	26	\$	1	2,868%	\$	12	111%					
Adjusted operating income per Fe ton	\$	30	\$	1	2,468%	\$	15	107%					

(1) Sales prices are shown net of freight.

(2) An adjustment of certain intrasegment items was made between nonferrous revenues and retail and other revenues for the quarter ended February 29, 2016 to conform to the presentation for the quarter ended February 28, 2017 and November 30, 2016. The adjustment had no impact on previously reported total revenues or earnings.

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

- (4) Segment operating income (loss) does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.
- (5) See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

NM = Not Meaningful

**Volumes:** Ferrous sales volumes in the second quarter were 16% higher versus the prior year quarter, primarily due to stronger export and domestic demand, improved supply conditions and increased selling activity. Compared to the first quarter, volumes were 2% higher. Nonferrous sales volumes decreased 1% versus the prior year second quarter and 10% sequentially primarily due to the timing of shipments. Export customers accounted for 64% of total ferrous sales volumes. Ferrous and nonferrous products were exported to 16 countries with Turkey, South Korea and Bangladesh the top export destinations for ferrous shipments.

**Pricing:** Average ferrous net selling prices increased 47% compared to the prior year second quarter and 27% sequentially reflecting improved global demand for recycled metals. Nonferrous prices increased 10% from the prior year quarter and 12% sequentially reflecting higher commodity prices globally.

*Margins:* Operating income of \$26 million and \$39 million represents the best second quarter and half-year performance, respectively, since fiscal 2012. Operating income per ferrous ton of \$31 for the second quarter more than doubled compared to the first quarter due to a combination of strengthening market conditions in both the export and domestic markets, which resulted in higher selling prices and metal spread expansion, and sustained benefits from our cost savings and productivity initiatives. Compared to the prior year second quarter, substantially improved operating results reflected a combination of stronger market conditions, improved supply flows and the benefits of our cost savings and productivity initiatives which contributed \$4 million, or \$5 per ton, of the improvement. Second quarter operating results included an estimated favorable impact of \$4 million, or \$5 per ton, from average inventory accounting, which compares to an adverse impact of \$2 million, or \$2 per ton, in the first quarter and an adverse impact of \$1 million, or \$2 per ton, in the prior year second quarter. Prior year second quarter results were also adversely impacted by \$27 million in non-cash goodwill and other asset impairment charges.

#### **Steel Manufacturing Business**

#### **Summary of Steel Manufacturing Business Results**

(\$ in millions, except selling prices; volume 000s of short tons)

	Quarter											
	' <u></u>	2Q17		2Q16	Change		1Q17	Change				
Revenues	\$	58	\$	58	-%	\$	53	11%				
Operating loss <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	(2)	\$	(1)	(45)%	\$	(3)	43%				
Adjusted operating loss <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	(2)	\$	(1)	(45)%	\$	(3)	35%				
Avg. net sales prices (\$/ST)	\$	517	\$	504	3%	\$	492	5%				
Finished steel sales volumes		106		110	(4)%		101	5%				
Rolling mill utilization <sup>(3)</sup>		89 %	ó	61%			65 %					

- (1) See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.
- (2) Segment operating loss does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.
- (3) Rolling mill utilization for fiscal 2017 is based on effective annual production capacity under current conditions of 580 thousand tons of finished steel products, reflecting a decrease in the effective finished steel production capacity resulting from the decommissioning of the older rolling mill during the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

*Sales Volumes:* Finished steel sales volumes in the second quarter decreased 4% from the prior year quarter, primarily reflecting continued competition from low-priced imports. Sequentially, volumes increased 5% primarily due to customer re-stocking and a rising price environment.

**Pricing:** Average net sales prices for finished steel products increased 3% from the prior year quarter and 5% sequentially, primarily reflecting the impact of higher raw material prices.

*Margins:* Operating performance for the second quarter was a loss of \$2 million, an improvement of \$1 million sequentially. Benefits from sequentially higher sales volumes and selling prices were partially offset by higher beginning inventory costs following the equipment upgrade in the first quarter, higher raw material costs which increased more rapidly than average selling prices and the continued impact from a high level of imports. Compared to the prior year second quarter, the decrease in operating results was primarily due to the combination of lower sales volumes and raw material costs rising faster than finished steel selling prices.

#### **Corporate Items**

Corporate selling, general and administrative expense in the second quarter of \$10 million was higher compared to the prior year second quarter and sequentially, primarily due to increased incentive compensation accruals resulting from improved financial performance and, to a lesser extent, increased professional services expense.

The Company continues to deliver on its targeted \$30 million of annual cost savings and productivity measures announced in the second quarter of fiscal 2016. In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, the Company achieved approximately \$6 million in consolidated incremental benefits compared to the prior year quarter, primarily in AMR with the balance in SMB and reduced corporate shared services costs. In total, the Company has delivered \$27 million in program benefits and expects to deliver the remaining \$3 million of annual benefits by the end of fiscal 2017.

In the second quarter, the rising price environment led to higher working capital which offset the benefits to cash flow of improved profitability, resulting in positive operating cash flow of under \$1 million. Total debt at the end of the second quarter was \$209 million and debt, net of cash was \$200 million (see Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP). The Company returned capital to shareholders through its 92<sup>nd</sup> consecutive quarterly dividend.

The Company's effective tax rate was an expense of 5% in the second quarter which was lower than the federal statutory rate primarily due to the Company's full valuation allowance positions partially offset by increases in deferred tax liabilities.

#### Analysts' Conference Call: Second Quarter of Fiscal 2017

A conference call and slide presentation to discuss results will be held today, April 6, 2017, 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 at <a href="https://www.schnitzersteel.com">www.schnitzersteel.com</a>.

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	the Th	ree Months E	nded		For the Six Months Ended				
	Fe	bruary 28, 2017	No	ovember 30, 2016	Fe	bruary 29, 2016	Fe	ebruary 28, 2017	Fe	bruary 29, 2016	
REVENUES:											
Auto and Metals Recycling:											
Ferrous revenues	\$	230,177	\$	183,754	\$	140,126	\$	413,931	\$	303,539	
Nonferrous revenues <sup>(2)</sup>		91,512		90,936		80,068		182,448		157,658	
Retail and other revenues <sup>(2)</sup>		27,680		30,248		29,618		57,928		61,580	
Total Auto and Metals Recycling revenues		349,369		304,938		249,812		654,307		522,777	
Steel Manufacturing Business		58,291		52,596		58,391		110,887		130,292	
Intercompany sales eliminations		(25,576)		(23,373)		(19,126)		(48,949)		(42,794)	
Total revenues	\$	382,084	\$	334,161	\$	289,077	\$	716,245	\$	610,275	
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS):											
AMR operating income $(loss)^{(3)}$	\$	26,359	\$	12,419	\$	(26,350)	\$	38,778	\$	(24,314)	
SMB operating income (loss) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	(1,746)	\$	(3,081)	\$	(1,202)	\$	(4,827)	\$	1,552	
Consolidated operating income (loss)	\$	14,171	\$	587	\$	(37,076)	\$	14,758	\$	(41,104)	
Adjusted AMR operating income <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	\$	25,942	\$	12,280	\$	874	\$	38,222	\$	2,910	
Adjusted SMB operating income (loss) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		(1,746)		(2,680)		(1,202)		(4,426)		1,552	
Adjusted segment operating income (loss) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		24,196		9,600		(328)		33,796		4,462	
Corporate expense <sup>(4)</sup>		(10,430)		(8,982)		(6,315)		(19,412)		(14,616)	
Intercompany eliminations		(506)		432		2,161		(74)		3,569	
Adjusted operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>		13,260		1,050		(4,482)		14,310		(6,585)	
Goodwill impairment charge		_		_		(8,845)		_		(8,845)	
Other asset impairment charges				(401)		(18,458)		(401)		(18,458)	
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities		494		(201)		(5,291)		293		(7,216)	
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments	<u></u>	417	Φ.	139	Φ.	(27,070)	ф.	556	<u></u>		
Total operating income (loss)	\$	14,171	\$	587	\$	(37,076)	\$	14,758	\$	(41,104)	

<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures for reconciliation to U.S. GAAP.

(3) Segment operating income (loss) does not include the impact of restructuring charges and other exit-related activities.

<sup>(2)</sup> An adjustment of certain intrasegment items was made between nonferrous revenues and retail and other revenues for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016 to conform to the presentation for the periods in fiscal 2017. The adjustment had no impact on previously reported total revenues or earnings.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes a \$79 thousand impairment charge related to Corporate for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016, which is also excluded from adjusted operating income (loss) for those periods.

# SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands) (Unaudited)

		For	the T	hree Months E	nded		For the Six Months Ended					
	Fe	bruary 28, 2017	N	ovember 30, 2016	Fe	bruary 29, 2016	February 28, 2017		Fe	bruary 29, 2016		
Revenues	\$	382,084	\$	334,161	\$	289,077	\$	716,245	\$	610,275		
Cost of goods sold		326,804		295,892		259,670		622,696		544,524		
Selling, general and administrative		43,823		37,492		33,599		81,315		72,017		
(Income) loss from joint ventures		(2,220)		(412)		290		(2,632)		319		
Goodwill impairment charge		_		_		8,845		_		8,845		
Other asset impairment charges		_		401		18,458		401		18,458		
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities		(494)		201		5,291		(293)		7,216		
Operating income (loss)		14,171		587		(37,076)		14,758		(41,104)		
Interest expense		(2,097)		(1,741)		(2,015)		(3,838)		(3,874)		
Other income, net		357		437		438		794		845		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		12,431		(717)		(38,653)		11,714		(44,133)		
Income tax (expense) benefit		(637)		62		(1,293)		(575)		(715)		
Income (loss) from continuing operations		11,794		(655)		(39,946)		11,139		(44,848)		
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(95)		(53)		(1,024)		(148)		(1,089)		
Net income (loss)		11,699		(708)		(40,970)		10,991		(45,937)		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(662)		(618)		(275)		(1,280)		(604)		
Net income (loss) attributable to SSI	\$	11,037	\$	(1,326)	\$	(41,245)	\$	9,711	\$	(46,541)		
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI: Basic: Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$	0.40	\$	(0.05)	\$	(1.48)	\$	0.36	\$	(1.67)		
Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI	•	_	-	(J.100)	-	(0.04)	-	(0.01)	*	(0.04)		
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI	\$	0.40	\$	(0.05)	\$	(1.52)	\$	0.35	\$	(1.71)		
Diluted:												
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI  Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI	\$	0.40	\$	(0.05)	\$	(1.48) (0.04)	\$	0.35 (0.01)	\$	(1.67) (0.04)		
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	0.40	\$	(0.05)	\$	(1.52)	\$	0.35	\$	(1.71)		
			_	(222)		(12)	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	( ) /		
Weighted average number of common shares: Basic		27,524		27,372		27,201		27,447		27,178		
Diluted		27,864		27,372		27,201		27,814		27,178		
Dividends declared per common share (1) May not foot due to rounding.	\$	0.1875	\$	0.1875	\$	0.1875	\$	0.3750	\$	0.3750		

#### SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. SELECTED OPERATING STATISTICS (Unaudited)

	1	IQ17	:	2Q17	YTD 2017		1Q16		2Q16		3Q16		4Q16	Fiscal 2016
Auto and Metals Recycling														
Ferrous selling prices (\$/LT) <sup>(1)</sup>														
Domestic	\$	184	\$	241	\$ 213	\$	180	\$	161	\$	210	\$	216	\$ 193
Export	\$	202	\$	252	\$ 227	\$	179	\$	174	\$	218	\$	205	\$ 195
Average	\$	196	\$	248	\$ 222	\$	179	\$	169	\$	215	\$	209	\$ 194
Ferrous sales volume (LT)														
Domestic	28	87,942	3	10,320	598,262	2	290,170	2	282,200	3	322,315	3	329,911	1,224,596
Export	54	45,947	5	41,716	1,087,663	5	515,109	4	454,924	į	509,686	5	584,373	2,064,092
Total	83	33,889	8	52,036	1,685,925	8	305,279		737,124	8	832,001	ç	914,284	3,288,688
Nonferrous average price (\$/LB) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	0.58	\$	0.65	\$ 0.61	\$	0.63	\$	0.59	\$	0.59	\$	0.59	\$ 0.59
Nonferrous sales volume (000s LB) <sup>(2)</sup>	13	36,057	1	22,554	258,611	:	111,077		123,675	:	122,244	1	153,287	510,283
Car purchase volume (000s) <sup>(4)</sup>		94		96	190		77		70		79		92	319
Auto stores at end of quarter		52		52	52		55		55		53		52	52
Steel Manufacturing Business														
Average sales prices (\$/ST) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	\$	492	\$	517	\$ 505	\$	554	\$	504	\$	501	\$	528	\$ 522
Sales volume (ST) <sup>(3)</sup>														
Rebar		73,903		69,136	143,039		85,899		71,935		84,193		88,591	330,618
Coiled products		23,934		34,371	58,305		32,482		33,742		42,168		29,891	138,283
Merchant bar and other		3,038		2,482	5,520		4,757		3,974		6,490		4,080	19,301
Total	10	00,875	1	05,989	206,864	1	23,138		109,651		132,851	1	122,562	488,202
Rolling mill utilization <sup>(5)</sup>		65 %		89 %	77 %		68 %		61 %		53 %		71 %	63 %

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

Excludes PGM metals in catalytic converters.
 Excludes billet sales.
 Cars purchased by auto stores only.
 Rolling mill utilization for fiscal 2017 is based on effective annual production capacity under current conditions of 580 thousand tons of finished steel products, reflecting a decrease in the effective finished steel production capacity resulting from the decommissioning of the older rolling mill during the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

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

<u> </u>	Feb	August 31, 2016				
<u>Assets</u>						
Current assets:  Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net Inventories Other current assets Total current assets	\$	9,830 132,790 168,889 19,989 331,498	\$	26,819 113,952 132,972 26,063 299,806		
Property, plant and equipment, net		384,883		392,820		
Goodwill and other assets		204,069		198,803		
Total assets	\$	920,450	\$	891,429		
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>						
Current liabilities: Short-term borrowings Other current liabilities Total current liabilities	\$	676 134,347 135,023	\$	8,374 125,280 133,654		
Long-term debt		208,801		184,144		
Other long-term liabilities		73,942		72,199		
Equity: Total Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. ("SSI") shareholders' equity Noncontrolling interests Total equity		498,545 4,139 502,684		497,721 3,711 501,432		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	920,450	\$	891,429		

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

(1) May not foot due to rounding

This press release contains performance based on adjusted income (loss) and adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI and adjusted consolidated, AMR and SMB operating income (loss), which are non-GAAP financial measures as defined under SEC rules. As required by SEC rules, the Company has provided reconciliations of these measures for each period discussed to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure. Management believes that presenting adjusted non-GAAP financial measures provides a meaningful presentation of our results from business operations excluding adjustments for a goodwill impairment charge, other asset impairment charges, restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments, and income tax expense (benefits) associated with 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, are reported within SG&A expense in the quarterly statements of operations and are also excluded, with associated income tax expense (benefits), from the non-GAAP financial 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	Y	ΓD	
	2Q17	2Q16	1Q17	2Q17	2Q16
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 14	\$ (37)	\$ 1	\$ 15	\$ (41)
Goodwill impairment charge	_	9	_	_	9
Other asset impairment charges	_	18	_	_	18
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	_	5	_	_	7
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments				(1)	
Adjusted consolidated operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13	\$ (4)	\$ 1	\$ 14	\$ (7)
AMR operating income (loss): Operating income (loss) Goodwill impairment charge Other asset impairment charges Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments Adjusted AMR operating income	\$ 26 — — — — \$ 26	\$ (26) 9 18 — \$ 1	\$ 12   \$ 12	\$ 39 — — — — (1) \$ 38	\$ (24) 9 18 — \$ 3
SMB operating income (loss): Operating income (loss) Other asset impairment charges Adjusted SMB operating income (loss)	\$ (2) — \$ (2)	\$ (1) — \$ (1)	\$ (3) — \$ (3)	\$ (5) — — \$ (4)	\$ 2 - \$ 2

#### Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI

(\$ in millions)		Quarter		Y	ГD
	2Q17	2Q16	1Q17	2Q17	2Q16
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI	\$ 11	\$ (40)	\$ (1)	10	(45)
Goodwill impairment charge	_	9	_		9
Other asset impairment charges	_	18	_	_	18
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities	_	5	_	_	7
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of certain previously contracted shipments	_	_	_	(1)	_
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>		1			1
Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10	\$ (7)	\$ (1)	\$ 9	\$ (10)

(1) May not foot due to rounding.

(2) Income tax allocated to the aggregate adjustments reconciling Reported and Adjusted income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to SSI is determined based on a tax provision calculated with and without the adjustments.

Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SSI}}$ 

(\$ per snare)	Quarter				)		
	2Q17	2Q:	16	1Q17	2Q17		2Q16
Net income (loss) per share attributable to SSI	\$ 0.40	\$ (1	1.52)	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.35	\$	(1.71)
Less: Loss per share from discontinued operations attributable to SSI		(0	0.04)		(0.01)		(0.04)
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	0.40	(1	1.48)	(0.05)	0.35		(1.67)
Goodwill impairment charge, per share	_	0	0.33				0.33
Other asset impairment charges, per share	_	0	0.68	0.01	0.01		0.68
Restructuring charges and other exit-related activities, per share	(0.02)	0	0.19	0.01	(0.01)		0.27
Recoveries related to the resale or modification of previously contracted shipments, per share	(0.01)		_	(0.01)	(0.02)		_
Income tax expense (benefit) allocated to adjustments, per share <sup>(2)</sup>		0	0.03				0.02
Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations attributable to SSI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.37	\$ (0	0.25)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.34	\$	(0.38)

(1) May not foot due to rounding.(2) Income tax allocated to the aggregate adjustments reconciling Reported and Adjusted diluted earnings (loss) 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)

	Febru	ıary 28, 2017	Augus	st 31, 2016
Short-term borrowings	\$	676	\$	8,374
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		208,801		184,144
Total debt		209,477		192,518
Less: cash and cash equivalents		9,830		26,819
Total debt, net of cash	\$	199,647	\$	165,699

#### **About Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.**

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of recycled metal products in the United States 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 and with approximately 5 million annual retail visits. The Company's steel manufacturing business produces 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 by Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company") that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Except as noted herein or as the context may otherwise require, all references to "we," "our," "us," and "SSI" refer to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Forward-looking statements in this 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 or expected results, 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; 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 and in Part II of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Examples of these risks include: potential environmental cleanup costs related to the Portland Harbor Superfund site; the cyclicality and impact of general economic conditions; instability in international markets; 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 joint venture investment impairment charges; the realization of expected benefits or cost reductions associated with productivity improvement and restructuring initiatives; difficulties associated with acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses; customer fulfillment of their contractual obligations; changes 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 the 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 a cybersecurity incident; costs associated with compliance with environmental regulations; inability to obtain or renew business licenses and permits; compliance with greenhouse gas emission 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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