



## Universal Stainless Reports Record First Quarter 2006 Results

### EPS reaches \$0.59 on sales of \$45 million; Backlog rises to \$118 million

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., April 20, 2006 -- Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc. (Nasdaq:USAP) reported today that net income for the first quarter of 2006 rose 33% to a record \$3.9 million, or \$0.59 per diluted share, on a 4% increase in sales, which reached a record \$44.9 million. This is in comparison to net income of \$2.9 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, and sales of \$43.0 million reported in the 2005 first quarter.

First quarter 2006 sales were at the high end of the Company's forecasted range of \$40 to \$45 million and diluted EPS exceeded the expected range of \$0.50 to \$0.55.

President and CEO Mac McAninch commented: "Our record first quarter results reflected the continued strength of our niche markets, particularly aerospace. Our base price and surcharge initiatives enabled us to cope successfully with volatile raw material costs. Process improvements and our strategic shift to higher value products over the past year also contributed to our earnings growth."

Mr. McAninch continued: "We expect our markets to remain strong, which poses our greatest challenge - to meet the needs of our customers and respond to developing market opportunities. To do so, we have added a sixth vacuum-arc remelt (VAR) furnace that is now fully operational and announced plans to add a seventh in September, as well as to expand further our production of the high quality grades of steel required for aerospace and other applications. We also added two milling machines in the first quarter to increase finished bar production in Bridgeville. Installation of a plate flattener later in the current quarter will increase our tool steel and stainless steel plate production capability. In Dunkirk, we are adding employees to increase our production of finished bar products."

Mr. McAninch concluded: "Beyond these improvements underway, we will continue to review our manufacturing facilities to identify investments that will increase our sales potential, lower our production costs and meet the needs of our customers."

#### Segment Review

In the first quarter of 2006, the Universal Stainless & Alloy Products segment had sales of \$39.1 million and operating income of \$4.9 million, yielding an operating margin of 13%. This compares with first quarter 2005 sales of \$38.4 million and operating income of \$2.7 million, or 7% of sales, which included a \$342,000 write-off of fixed assets and a \$110,000 reduction in the bad debt reserve. In the 2005 fourth quarter, sales were \$37.7 million and operating income was \$4.7 million, or 12% of sales.

The 2% increase in sales compared with the 2005 first quarter was achieved despite a 23% reduction in tons shipped, although tons shipped were up 9% from the 2005 fourth quarter. The sales increase over the prior year first quarter was due to higher product prices and a continued favorable product mix, including strong growth in shipments of bar products to service centers and OEMs and of special shape products, which offset lower shipments to rollers. The addition of two milling machines also benefited the most recent quarter. First quarter 2006 sales were 4% higher than the 2005 fourth quarter mainly due to increased shipments to rollers, forgers and service centers, which offset lower OEM shipments. Operating income rose 85% from the 2005 first quarter and was up 6% from the 2005 fourth quarter due to the improved pricing and mix of products shipped.

The Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment reported first quarter 2006 sales of \$14.0 million and operating income of \$1.5 million, resulting in an operating margin of 10%. This compares with sales of \$13.7 million and operating income of \$1.9 million, or 14% of sales, in the first quarter of 2005. In the 2005 fourth quarter, sales were \$13.0 million and operating income was \$1.3 million, or 10% of sales.

Dunkirk's sales increased 2% over the 2005 first quarter and 8% over the 2005 fourth quarter due to higher selling prices and increased shipments of bar products to service centers and OEMs. Rod and wire product shipments were substantially lower than 2005 levels as the Company determined that the market pricing for certain rod and wire products did not meet its margin requirements. Operating income declined 21% from the first quarter of 2005 due to the higher cost of raw materials at the time of feedstock procurement. Operating income increased 16% over the fourth quarter of 2005 due to the improved pricing and product mix.

#### Business Outlook

The following statements are based on the Company's current expectations. These statements are forward-looking, and actual results may differ materially.

The Company estimates that second quarter 2006 sales will range from \$43 to \$48 million and that diluted EPS will range from \$0.60 to \$0.65. This compares with sales of \$41.9 million and diluted EPS of \$0.50 in the second quarter of 2005.

The following factors were considered in developing these estimates:

- The Company's total backlog at March 31, 2005 approximated \$118 million compared to \$116 million at December 31, 2005, reflecting robust aerospace demand and continued strong power generation, petrochemical and tool steel markets.
- The second quarter is also expected to benefit from a full-quarter contribution of the new vacuum-arc remelt furnace installed in December 2005, from the two additional milling machines and from a new plate flattener to be added late in the current quarter.
- Sales from the Dunkirk Specialty Steel segment are expected to increase to \$15 million due to anticipated increases in bar shipments, partially offset by lower rod and wire shipments.

#### Webcast

A simultaneous Webcast of the Company's conference call discussing the first quarter of 2006 and the second quarter outlook, scheduled at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) today, will be available on the Company's website at [www.univstainless.com](http://www.univstainless.com), and thereafter archived on the website. A telephone replay of the conference call will be available beginning at 12:00 noon (Eastern) today and continuing through April 27th. It can be accessed by dialing 706-645-9291, passcode 7518654. This is a toll call.

About Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.

Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc., headquartered in Bridgeville, Pa., manufactures and markets a broad line of semi-finished and finished specialty steels, including stainless steel, tool steel and certain other alloyed steels. The Company's products are sold to rerollers, forgers, service centers, original equipment manufacturers and wire redrawers.

#### Forward-Looking Information Safe Harbor

Except for historical information contained herein, the statements in this release are forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the "safe harbor" provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Those risks include, among others, risks associated with the receipt, pricing and timing of future customer orders, risks associated with significant fluctuations that may occur in raw material and energy prices, risks associated with the manufacturing process and production yields, risks related to property, plant and equipment and risks related to the ultimate outcome of the Company's current and future litigation and regulatory matters. Certain of these risks and other risks are described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over the last 12 months, copies of which are available from the SEC or may be obtained upon request from the Company.

UNIVERSAL STAINLESS & ALLOY PRODUCTS, INC.  
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share information)  
(Unaudited)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	For the Quarter Ended	
	March 31,	
	2006	2005
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Net Sales		
Stainless steel	\$ 33,418	\$ 33,619
Tool steel	5,827	6,017
High-strength low alloy steel	2,552	1,122

High-temperature alloy steel	2,369	1,025
Conversion services	729	1,114
Other	42	122
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Total net sales	44,937	43,019
Cost of products sold	36,320	36,410
Selling and administrative expenses	2,256	1,907
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Operating income	6,361	4,702
Interest expense	(266)	(172)
Other income	2	60
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Income before taxes	6,097	4,590
Income tax provision	2,195	1,652
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Net income	\$ 3,902	\$ 2,938
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Earnings per share - Basic	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.46
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Earnings per share - Diluted	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.45
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Weighted average shares of Common Stock outstanding		
Basic	6,417,323	6,350,547
Diluted	6,559,491	6,468,475

#### MARKET SEGMENT INFORMATION

	For the Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
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Net Sales		
Service centers	\$23,038	\$18,307
Rerollers	7,847	12,028
Forgers	7,564	6,263
Original equipment manufacturers	4,599	2,324
Wire redrawers	1,144	2,872
Conversion services	729	1,114
Other	16	111
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Total net sales	\$44,937	\$43,019
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Tons shipped	12,045	15,230
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#### BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

##### Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Segment

	For the Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
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Net Sales		
Stainless steel	\$23,567	\$21,777
Tool steel	5,360	5,907
High-strength low alloy steel	1,239	393
High-temperature alloy steel	1,041	1,025

Conversion services	538	951
Other	40	117
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	31,785	30,170
Intersegment	7,352	8,255
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Total net sales	39,137	38,425
Material cost of sales	17,408	19,826
Operation cost of sales	15,251	14,779
Selling and administrative expenses	1,529	1,141
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Operating income	\$ 4,949	\$ 2,679
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Dunkirk Specialty Steel Segment

	For the Quarter Ended	
	March 31,	
	2006	2005
Net Sales	-----	-----
Stainless steel	\$ 9,851	\$11,842
Tool steel	467	110
High-strength low alloy steel	1,313	729
High-temperature alloy steel	1,328	--
Conversion services	191	163
Other	2	5
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	13,152	12,849
Intersegment	835	818
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Total net sales	13,987	13,667
Material cost of sales	7,971	7,114
Operation cost of sales	3,822	3,924
Selling and administrative expenses	727	766
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Operating income	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,863
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	March 31,	December 31,
	2006	2005
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Assets		
Cash	\$ 487	\$ 620
Accounts receivable, net	29,844	27,963
Inventory	55,693	51,398
Deferred taxes	1,247	1,084
Other current assets	1,380	1,706
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Total current assets	88,651	82,771
Property, plant & equipment, net	47,190	45,761
Other assets	491	495
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Total assets	\$136,332	\$129,027
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 14,075	\$ 12,579

Deferred revenue	3,871	384
Outstanding checks in excess of bank balance	2,896	3,101
Accrued income tax	2,732	368
Accrued employment costs	2,347	2,958
Current portion of long-term debt	2,005	1,555
Other current liabilities	483	162
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Total current liabilities	28,409	21,107
Bank revolver	2,821	6,117
Long-term debt	10,609	11,200
Deferred taxes	9,518	9,600
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Total liabilities	51,357	48,024
Stockholders' equity	84,975	81,003
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$136,332	\$129,027
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW DATA

For the Three-month Period Ended March 31,

	2006	2005
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Cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 3,902	\$ 2,938
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	795	769
Loss on retirement of fixed assets	--	342
Deferred tax (decrease) increase	(238)	539
Stock based compensation expense	41	--
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	--	115
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	(6)	--
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(1,881)	(4,790)
Inventory	(4,295)	(5,404)
Trade accounts payable	1,496	4,544
Deferred revenue	3,487	646
Accrued income tax payable	2,370	520
Accrued employment costs	(611)	147
Other, net	656	907
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Cash flow provided by operating activities	5,716	1,273
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Cash flow used in investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(2,216)	(584)
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Cash flows used in financing activities:		
Revolving credit net (repayments) borrowings	(3,296)	1,807
Long-term debt repayments	(141)	(484)
Net change in outstanding checks in excess of bank balance	(205)	(1,684)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	3	264
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	6	--
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Cash flow used in financing activities	(3,633)	(97)

Net cash flow	----- \$ (133) =====	----- \$ 592 =====
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