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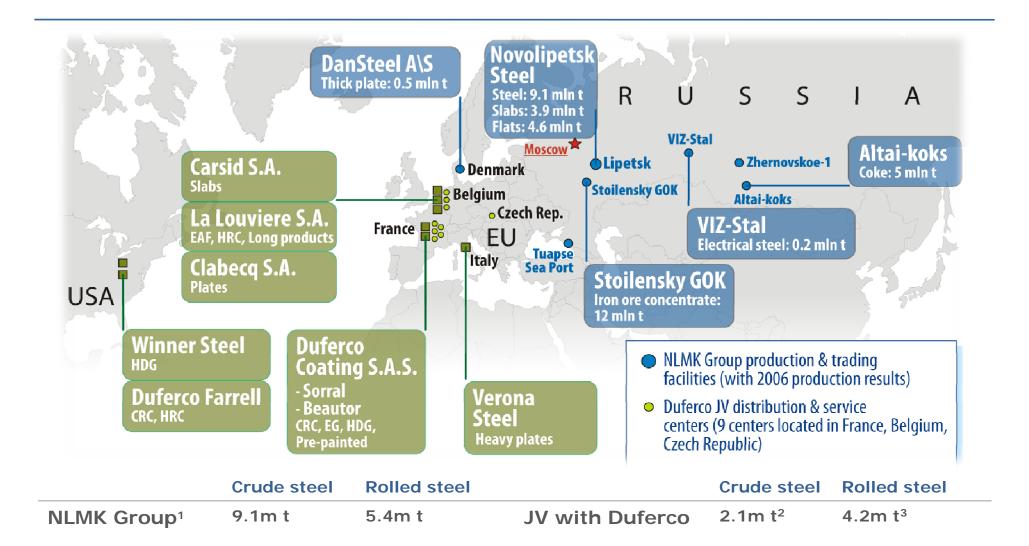
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# NLMK – Key Facts

## Global presence



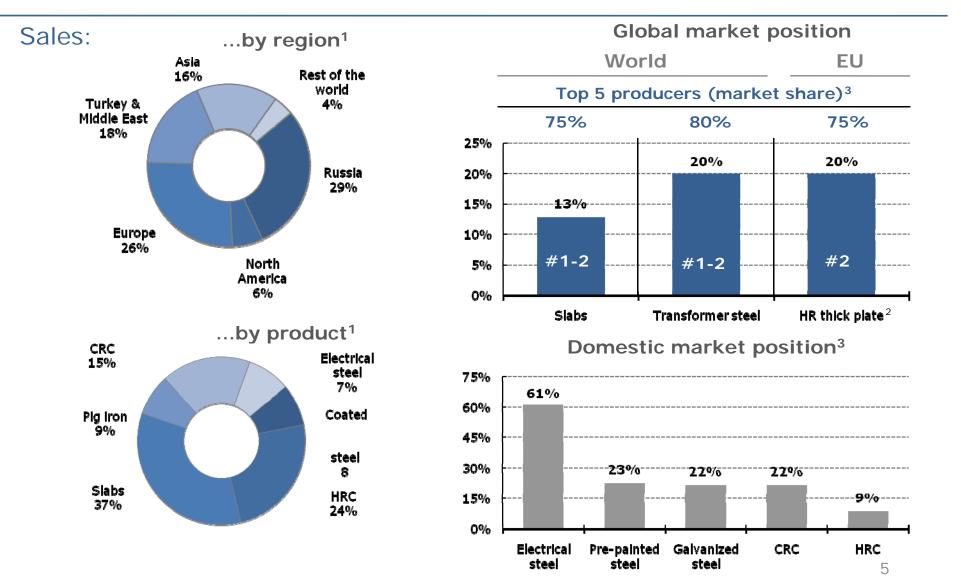
<sup>1. 2007</sup> production includes Lipetsk production site, DanSteel and VIZ-Stal

<sup>2. 2007</sup> production volumes

<sup>3. 2007</sup> shipments including Winner Steel

# NLMK – Key Facts

Market leadership in slabs and high value-added (HVA) products



# NLMK Dynamic Growth

Continuous development in both domestic and international dimensions

## Russia – platform for efficient crude steel production growth

- Substantial and growing self-sufficiency in basic raw materials
- One of the lowest-cost steel producers with 40% growth on track
- Development of HVA product portfolio

## Russian market – fast growth of finished products sales

- Strong presence in all fast growing segments: construction, machinery, infrastructure
- Value-added niches in focus for Capex projects: cold rolled, HDG, pre-painted, electrical
- Possibility of sales growth by products transfer from export markets

## International market – growth by acquisitions of existing producers

- Slab supply gives basis for fast increase of output and earnings
- New acquisitions to bring both market and product add-ons enable technology transfer
- Restructuring of acquired assets to boost efficiency and synergies

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## **Enhancement of Production Platform**

Galvanizing line #4

2 Ladle furnaces

2008E

9.4 m t

5.1 m t

USD1,100 m

(300,000 t)

Capex drives improvements in volume and efficiency

Total Investment Capex: USD4.4 bn

#### Main Goals

- Increase steel production
- Quality improvements
- Fast growth of HVA products

Galvanizing line #3 (340,000 t)

Re-heating furnaces

Laser slitting line

2007

USD820 m

9.1 m t

5.4 m t

Pre-painting line #3 (200,000 t)

Cold-rolling mills (400,000 t, 110,000 t x 2)

Vacuum degassers

Pelletizing plant

2009E

USD1,360 m

9.5 m t

5.3 m t

Blast furnace #7 (3.4 m t)

Ladle furnace

BOF (300 t)

Pulverized coal injection (PCI)

2010E

**USD790** m

9.8 m t

5.6 m t

Blast furnace #4 revamp

60% energy selfsufficiency

2011E

USD280 m

12.4 m t

5.7 m t

— Investment Capex

Crude steel production

Rolled steel production<sup>1</sup>

# **Domestic Market Strategy**

Preferred supplier for growing industries









# Domestic Market Strategy - Construction

'Sandwich' panels

Corrugated board

Growing multi-product segment

# Non-residential construction

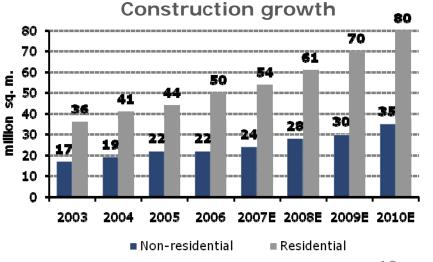


# Roll-formed Sections Sectioned pipes Hot dip-galvanized steel Framed sections Vent and ceiling Systems Water-gas pipes Pre-painted steel

# Residential construction



- Over 60% of NLMK's domestic sales go into construction
- Over 30% share in the Russian construction flat steel segment
- 32% salable products (HRC, galvanized and prepained steel) increase by 2012

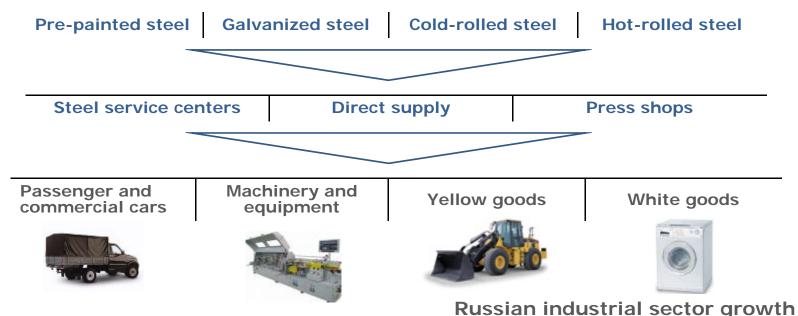


Metal tiles

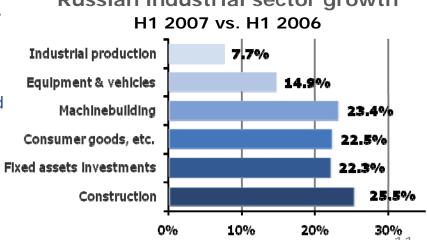
Siding

# Domestic Market Strategy – Machinery

Maintain leadership and capture growth



- Machine building and white goods segments enjoy strong investments inflow and government support
- Over 2.8 million washing-machines to be produced in Russia by 2010 – about 40% growth
- 29% salable products (HRC, CRC, galvanized and pre-painted steel) increase by 2012



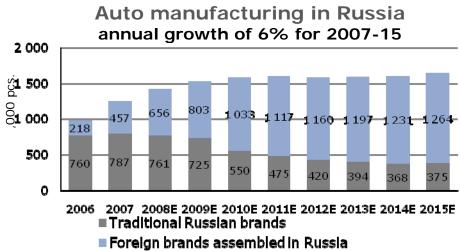
Source: Goskomstat, company estimates

# Domestic Market Strategy - Automotive

Bid for higher quality for global customers



Customer base includes all major local auto producers



- **Duferco JV case**
- NLMK supplies slabs to Duferco JV for auto sheet manufacturing

Source: Company estimates

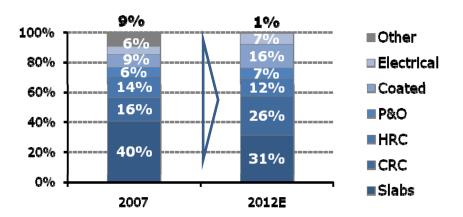
- Major global auto producers consume Duferco JV products
- NLMK gains recognition from leading auto producers launching operations in Russia
- NLMK transfers auto sheet technology from Duferco JV facilities

# Portfolio Development and Earnings Growth

Maintain position as key supplier of HVA products in Russia

- HVA products sales are concentrated in Russia
- Domestic economy growth drives earnings increase
- Customer base located in the European Russia close to main production site

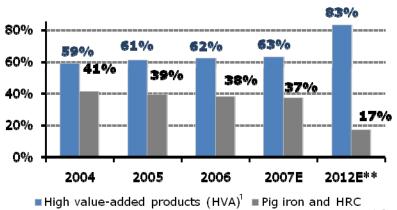
# NLMK (main site) production 2007 vs. 2012E



#### NLMK domestic market sales (2002–2007E)

#### ,000 USD CAGR = 30%3750 2950 3000 2474 2250 ---1883 1628 1500 1043 662 750 0 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007E 2006

#### Domestic sales revenue distribution

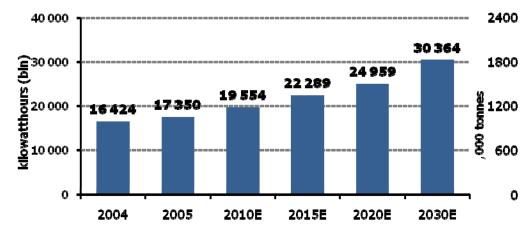


# Global High-value-added Market Presence

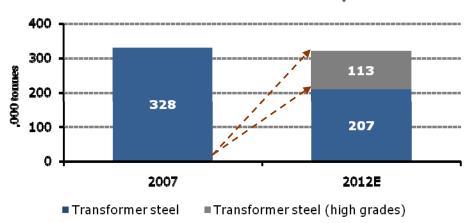
Global niche player – high-margin product development

- Over 20% EBITDA generated from transformer (GO) steel while it represents only 5% of sales by volumes
- USD400 mln capex to increase high-grade GO steel output
- NLMK 20% globally. 4 producers maintain over 60% global transformer steel market share
- High entry barriers to the segment

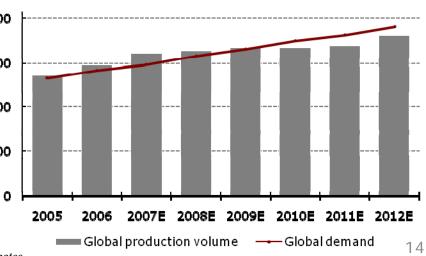




## NLMK's transformer steel production



#### Transformer steel market



Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA); World Markets Research Center, company estimates

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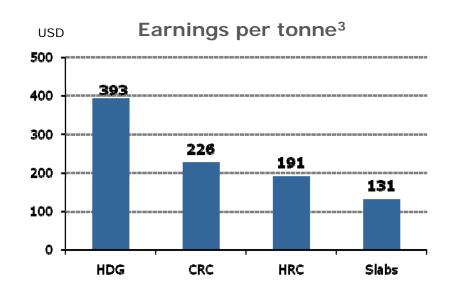
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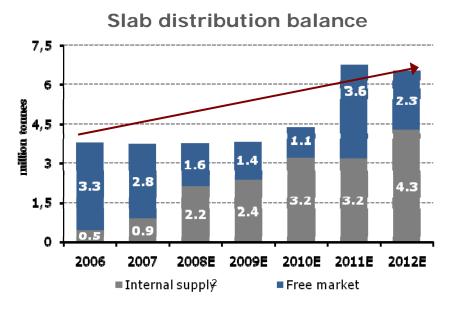
# Global Growth Strategy

Improving earnings quality by increasing internal slab re-rolling

- Global slab supply is expected to grow faster than supply of finished product
- NLMK plans to decrease share of slabs at the open market
- Earnings per tonne of finished products are greater then those of slabs

SI	ab supply	
	2007	2012E
DanSteel A/S	0.6 m t	0.6 m t
<b>Duferco JV</b>	0.3 m t	3.6 m t
Free market <sup>1</sup>	2.8 m t	2.3 m t
Share of sales	30%	19%





<sup>1.</sup> excluding sales to DanSteel and Duferco JV companies

<sup>2.</sup> supply to DanSteel and Duferco JV companies

<sup>3.</sup> H1 2007 results for Lipetsk production site based on Russian Accounting Standards (RAS) management accounts

# Joint Venture with Duferco Group

## Pursuing dynamic growth in finished output

- Production profiles make NLMK and Duferco natural partners. Total synergy effect:
   USD55 m per annum for 2012-2016
- Access to distribution and service network
- Technology transfer and certification of upstream products with EU customers
- Total investment capex of USD420 million

#### **Duferco JV production by 2012E:**

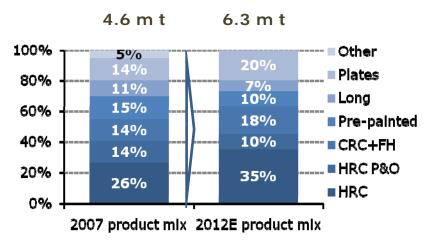
+39% of finished products

+56% of HVA products

#### Joint Venture slab supply balance

	2007	2012E
JV internal slabs	1.7 m t	2.8 m t
NLMK slabs to JV	0.4 m t	3.6 m t
External slabs to JV	2.1 m t	0

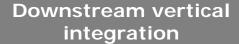
# Joint Venture salable product mix 2007 vs. 2012E



# Future M&A approach

Pursuing value enhancing opportunities

## M&A opportunities



Gaining niche market-share

Large scale horizontal acquisitions

#### **Key drivers:**

- Securing slab supply
- Improving earnings quality
- Technology transfer

#### **Key drivers:**

- Commercial synergies due to market share increase
- Optimization of product mix and logistics
- · Cost savings on R&D

#### **Key drivers:**

- Fast growth of earnings
- Regional and product diversification
- · One-time sizable growth

#### **Example:**

Winner Steel acquisition

#### **Example:**

- VIZ-Stal acquisition
- Duferco JV and DanSteel thick plate market share

#### **Example:**

• Bid for Frdemir

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## Outlook

## Revised steel price forecast for 2008

#### **Current forecast**

 Favorable market situation with global steel prices stable or increasing compared to 2007

## Key market drivers

- Commodities cycle on the rise with iron ore and coal prices to grow in 2008
- Slowdown in the growth rate of Chinese steel industry. Removal of export tax rebates by the Chinese government
- Growing demand in the Russian market supported by strong economic growth, infrastructure boom. No significant plans announced to introduce new rolling capacity in 2008
- Price discipline due to high degree of concentration in core markets (EU, US, Russia, Brazil) and ongoing industry consolidation

## Outlook

## Long-term sustainable development

## We are pursuing the following strategic goals:

- Increase efficient self-sufficiency in basic raw materials
- Maintain key competitive advantage in low cost production of slabs
- Fully capture growing demand in the Russian market
- Strengthen market presence in HVA product niches in core export markets
- Capex program brings over 45% increase in EBITDA after 2011
- Be profitability leader in steel industry
- Participate in international industry consolidation

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## Financial Results

## Superior financial performance

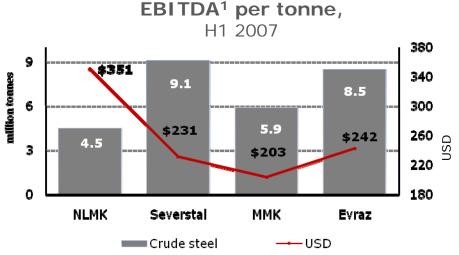
#### Historical performance 2001-2006

- EBITDA CAGR of 43%
- Average EBITDA margin above 40%
- Average ROE of 27%

#### 9M 2007 financial highlights

- Sales revenue of USD5,546 m
- EBITDA of USD2,463 m, margin of 44%
- Operating cash flow of USD1,979 m
- Net income of USD1,657 m
- Return on equity (ROE) of 28%

#### EBITDA<sup>1</sup> 60% 45% USD billion 30% 15% 1.0 0.3 0.6 2005 9M 06 9M 07 2001 2002 2003 2004 2006 EBITDA — Margin



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA is calculated as the sum total of net profit, net interest expense, income tax, loss on disposal of fixed assets, impairment losses, accretion expense on asset retirement obligation, depreciation and amortization (without gain | (loss) on investments, income from discontinued operations, gain from disposal of subsidiaries and gain on loan restructuring).

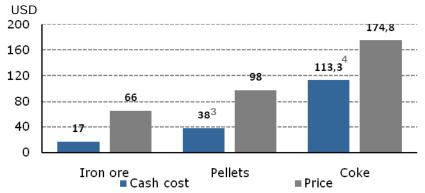
# Raw Material Self-Sufficiency

## Integration into highly efficient upstream assets

- 100% iron ore concentrate self-sufficiency
- 140 years mine life
- Over USD500 m investment Capex
- Over 100% self-sufficiency in coke
- Cost savings on halting 4 coke batteries in Lipetsk

	Iron or	е			
	20071 2012				
Iron ore concentrate	11.6 m t	12.7 m t			
Pellets	0 m t	3.0 m t			
External sales <sup>2</sup>	0.5 m t	0.9 m t			

#### Iron ore, coke and pellets Cash cost vs. price, 2007



	Coke	
	2007¹	2012E <sup>1</sup>
Altai-koks	3.8 m t	4.2 m t
Lipetsk site	4.1 m t	2.1 m t
Altai-koks sales to NLMK	0.8 m t	2.2 m t
Altai-koks sales to Duferco JV	0.1 m t	0.7 m t
External sales	2.6 m t	1.3 m t

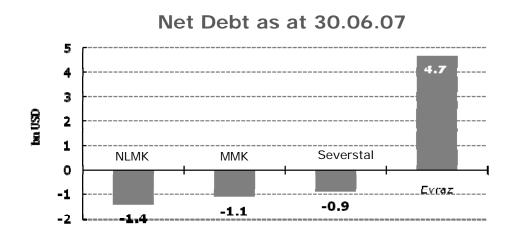
- 1. Sales volumes,
- 2. Includes sales of iron ore concentrate and sinter ore;
- 3. Company's pellets costs estimates in 9M 2007 values. Pelletizing plant of 3 m t capacity to be commissioned in 2009
- 4. 2007 Altai-koks production cash cost

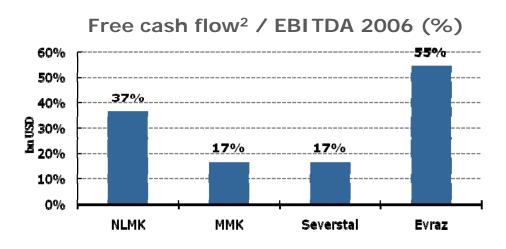
## Financial Position

## Best positioned for growth trough Capex and M&A

- Leading credit ratings among Russian steelmakers
- NLMK is comfortable with 30% gearing
- NLMK is well protected against a possible liquidity crisis
- Strong financial position and cash flow generation provides flexibility for further growth through global acquisitions
- Capex coverage ratio for 9M 2007<sup>1</sup> is 3.2

S&P	BB-	BB	BB+
	Evraz	MMK Severstal	NLMK
Moody's	ВаЗ	Ba2	Ba1
		MMK Severstal Evraz	NLMK
Fitch	BB-	ВВ	BB+
	Severstal	Evraz MMK	NLMK





<sup>25</sup> 

# Raw Material Self-sufficiency

Coking coal supply solutions – multiple sustainable options

## Coking coal supply

#### **Optimistic Scenario**

Surplus production. Prices go down

#### **Key drivers:**

- Russian coal production increase
- Growth plans of local producers fulfilled
- Green-field projects successfully implemented

#### Realistic Scenario

Demand and supply balance is restored. Prices grow at reasonable pace

#### **Key drivers:**

- Greenfield projects are constrained by infrastructure investments
- Shortage of specific coking coal grades
- Supplier bargaining power

#### **Pessimistic Scenario**

Prices are booming due to substantial shortage of supply

#### **Key drivers:**

- High probability of new accidents on local mines
- Shortage of supply on the global market
- Accelerating "commodity cycle"

#### **Solution:**

- Supply from open market
- Look for "best buys" in coal industry

#### **Solution:**

- Entering JV or mining concession
- Supply from open market including imports of high grades

#### **Solution:**

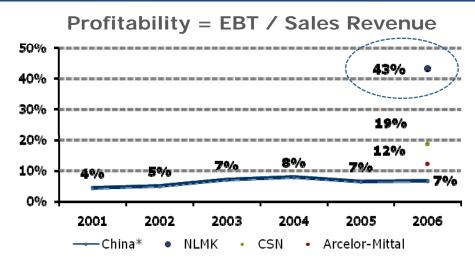
- Zhernovskoye-1 project:
  - ✓ Capex USD500 m
  - ✓ Duration 2-3 years
  - ✓ Capacity 3 m t

# Chinese Steel Industry

## Reevaluating the risks

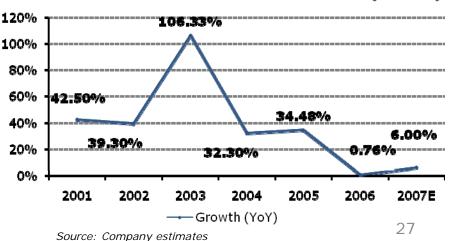
# Key factors balancing Chinese steel industry growth:

- Falling fixed asset investment growth in steel industry in China
- Chinese government has already cut most of the VAT export rebates for steel products to 0-5%
- Iron ore and coking coal prices are expected to grow 20-30% in 2008. China is a high-cost producer dependent on external supplies of iron ore and coking coal
- The margins of Chinese steelmakers are too low to absorb cost increases and export taxes
- Costs are becoming the key driving factor in mid-term perspective. Cost pressure should be seen most clearly in China
- About 65 m t of obsolete iron and steelmaking capacities to be shut down in 2007, and by 2010 over 150 m t of capacities to be shut down.



\* Only covers CISA members, representing 80% of total China's steel production (source: IISI)

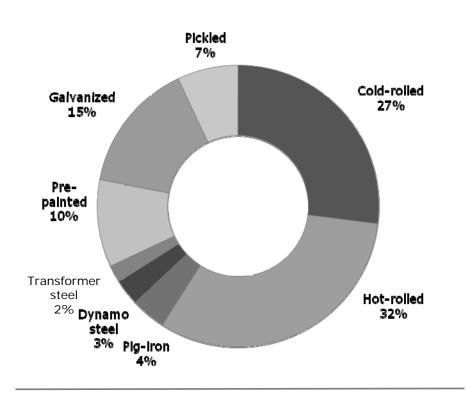
#### Investment in the steel sector (China)



## 2007 Sales

## Domestic vs. export, tonnes

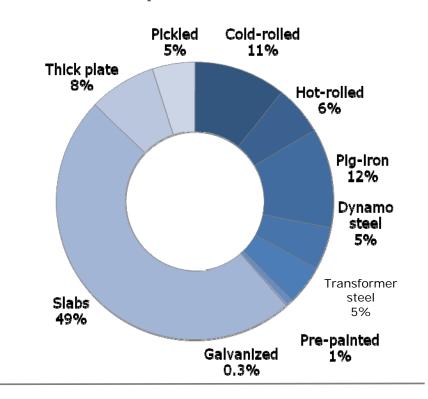
#### **Domestic market**



**Total Domestic sales in 2007** 

2.8 million tonnes

## **Export market**

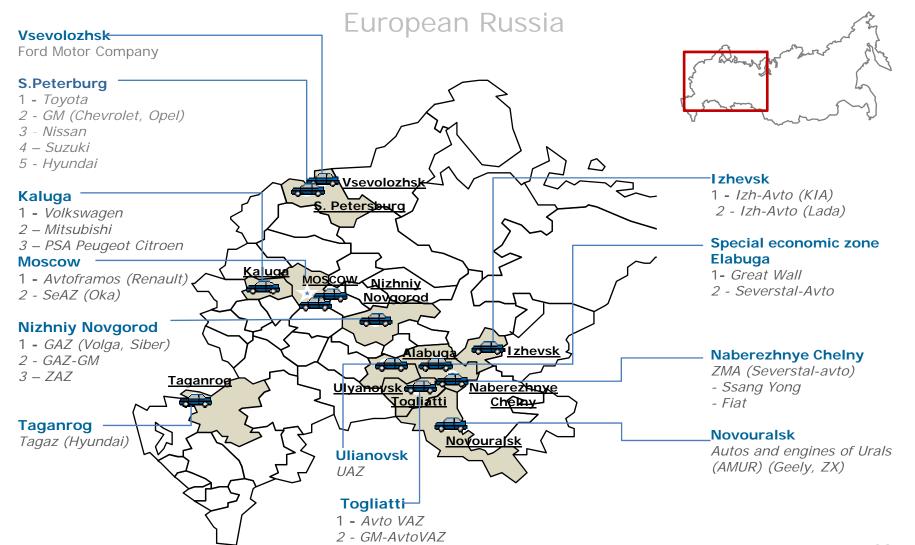


**Total Export sales in 2007** 

6.3 million tonnes

# Automotive industry

#### Car manufacturers



# **Balance Sheet**

	30.09.2007	30.06.2007	31.03.2007	31.12.2006	30.09.2006
(mln. USD)					
ASSETS					
Current assets	<b>3 904</b> 1 388	<b>3 629</b> 1 349	<b>3 484</b> 898	<b>3 050</b> 665	<b>3 556</b> 1 342
Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments	1 388	1349	37	37	53
Accounts receivable, net	1 194	1 110	1 252	1 150	1 100
Inventories, net	1 043	936	874	857	751
Other current assets, net	134	97	370	331	299
Restricted cash	-	-	9	8	10
Current assets, held for sale	-	-	44	-	-
Non-current assets	6 105	5 783	5 821	5 667	4 734
Long-term investments, net	880	861	856	810	5
Property, plant and equipment, net	4 409	4 128	3 985	3 988	3 770
Intangible assets	192 591	191 571	195 567	199 560	202 636
Goodwill Other non-current assets, net	33	32	104	110	121
Non-current assets, held for sale	-	-	114	-	-
Total assets	10 009	9 412	9 305	8 717	8 290
		7	7 656	<u> </u>	0 170
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities	992	980	943	993	1 232
Accounts payable and other liabilities	860	830	718	664	978
Short-term borrowings	52	72	99	249	119
Current income tax liability	80	78	84	80	136
Current liabilities, held for sale	-	-	41	-	-
Non-current liabilities	640	597	819	781	605
Long-term borrowings	19	19	51	48	14
Deferred income tax liability	593	564	552	538	537
Other long-term liabilities	28	14	41	195	55
Non-current liabilities, held for sale	·	-	175	-	-
Total liabilities	1 631	1 576	1 762	1 774	1 838
Minority interest	119	109	136	133	129
Stockholders' equity	8 258	7 726	7 406	6 809	6 323
Common stock	221	221	221	221	221
Statutory reserve	10	10	10	10	10
Additional paid-in capital	52 1 038	52 738	52 680	2 590	2 485
Other comprehensive income Retained earnings	6 936	6 704	6 443	5 986	5 605
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	10 009	9 412	9 305	8 717	8 290

## **Income Statement**

	3Q 2007	3 Q 2007/ 2 Q 2007 2 Q 2007		9 m 2007	9 m 2006	9 m 2007/ 9 m 2006		
(mln. USD)	30 2007	2 Q 2007	+ / -	%	9 M 2007	9 m 2006	+ / -	%
Sales revenue	1 936	1 859	78	4,2%	5 546	4 285	1 261	29,4%
Production cost Depreciation and amortization	(862) (99)	(833) (95)	(30) (4)	3,5% 4,2%	(2 525) (297)	(1 988) (250)	(537) (47)	27,0% 18,9%
Gross profit	975	931	44	4,7%	2 723	2 047	676	33,0%
General, administrative and selling expenses General and administrative expenses Selling expenses Taxes other than income tax Accretion expense on asset retirement obligations	(178) (52) (106) (19) (0)	(187) (43) (118) (25) (0)	9 (8) 12 6 0	-5,0% 19,6% -10,1% -23,2% -11,8%	(542) (159) (318) (59) (6)	(371) (129) (208) (34)	(171) (29) (110) (25) (6)	<b>46,1%</b> 22,6% 53,1% 75,1%
Operating income	797	744	53	7,2%	2 182	1 676	505	30,2%
Other income/(expense) Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment Gain / (loss) on investments Interest income Interest expense Foreign currency exchange loss, net Gain from disposal of subsidiaries Other expense, net  Income from continuing operations before income tax and minority interest Income tax	(5) (0) 23 (3) 41 1 (5) <b>850</b> (217)	(7) (2) 20 (4) 3 82 (12)  824 (207)	2 2 4 1 37 (81) 7	-33,4% -94,9% 18,8% -27,1% 1061,3% -99,3% -57,9% 3,1% 4,9%	(25) (4) 68 (15) 56 82 (3) 2 342 (641)	(5) 395 83 (19) (72) - (11)  2 047 (522)	(20) (399) (14) 5 128 82 8 <b>295</b> (119)	416,0% -100,9% -17,5% -23,4% -177,7% - -71,3% <b>14,4%</b> 22,8%
Income from continuing operations before minority interest	632	617	15	2,5%	1 700	1 525	176	11,5%
Minority interest	(6)	(6)	0	-0,7%	(18)	(16)	(3)	16,6%
Equity in net earnings of associate	(34)	(2)	(31)	1269,2%	(26)	0	(26)	-5297,0%
Income from continuing operations	592	608	(16)	-2,6%	1 656	1 509	147	9,7%
Discontinued operations								
Gain from operations of discontinued subsidiary Income tax	0 -	0 -	(0) -	-10,0% -	- 1	227 (51)	(225) 51	-99,5% -100,0%
Income from discontinuing operations	0	0	(0)	-10,0%	1	175	(174)	-99,3%
Net income	592	608	(16)	-2,6%	1 657	1 685	(27)	-1,6%
EBITDA	893	822	70	8,5%	2 463	1 828	636	34,8%

Note: H1 2007 and Q1 2007 and H1 2006 are official reporting periods. Q2 2007 numbers are derived by computational method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding quarterly adjustments from discontinued operations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EBITDA is calculated as the sum of net profit, net interest expense, income tax, loss on disposal of fixed assets, impairment losses, accretion expense on asset retirement obligation, depreciation and amortization (without gain/ (loss) on investments, income from discontinued operations, gain from disposal of subsidiaries and gain on loan restructuring).

# **Cash Flow Statement**

(mln. USD)	3 Q 2007	2 Q 2007	3 Q 2007/ 2 Q 2007		9 m 2007	9 m 2006	9 m 2007/ 9 m 2006	
			+/-	%			+/-	%
Cash flow from operating activities								
Net income	592	608	(16)	-3%	1 657	1 685	(27)	-2%
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities						-		
Minority interest Depreciation and amortization Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment (Gain)/loss on investments Gain from operations of discontinued subsidiary	6 99 5 0	6 95 7 2	0 4 (2) (2)	1% 4% -33% -95%	20 297 25 4 (82)	16 250 5 (395)	4 47 20 399 (82)	23% 19% 416% -101%
Gain from operations of discontinued subsidiary Gain from disposal of subsidiaries Equity in net earnings of associate Detterd income tax (benefit)/expense Gain on loan restructuring	80 34 10	(82) 2 7 30	162 31 3 (30)	-198% 1269% 38% -100%	(1) 26 57	(227) (0) (13)	225 26 71	-99% -5297% -523%
Impairment losses Accretion expense on asset retirement obligations Other movements	0	0 1	(0)	-12% 451%	6 4	- - 27	6 (23)	- -84%
Changes in operating assets and liabilities Increase in accounts receivables Increase in inventories Decrease/(increase) in other current assets Increase in loans provide by the subsidiary bank Increase in accounts payable and oher liabilities Increase/(decrease) in current income tax payable	(4) (72) (33) (1) 11 (0)	118 (56) 18 (103) 259 (7)	(162) (16) (51) 102 (248) 7	-137% 29% -276% -99% -96% -98%	(62) (152) (43) (105) 349 (21)	(156) (69) (0) (65) (118) 90	94 (83) (43) (40) 467 (111)	-60% 121% 28465% 63% -397% -123%
Net cash provided from operating activities	612	908	(295)	-33%	1 979	1 029	950	92%
Cash flow from investing activities Acquisitions of subsidiaries Proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations Proceeds from adjustment of the original purchase price of subsidiaries Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment Purchases and construction of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Loan issued Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed \$106,800 Movement of restricted cash	(221) (0) (221) (0) (9) (3) (0)	(222) 3 (1) (133) (59) (0)	(0) (5) 2 (3) (9) 130 59	95% -1% -101% 1485% 97%	38 7 (616) 6 (45) (137) (60)	(1 348) 275 - 9 (415) 450 (44) - (2)	1 348 (275) 38 (2) (201) (444) (1) (137) (60)	-23% 48% -99% 2% - -34%
Net cash used in investing activities	(233)	(407)	174	-43%	(807)	(1 074)	267	-25%
Cash flow from financing activities Proceeds from borrowings and notes payable Repayments of borrowings and notes payable Capital lease payments	10 (34) (1)	7 (55) (1)	2 21 0	32% -39% -31%	40 (259) (2)	12 (127)	28 (132) (2)	232% 104% -
Proceeds from disposal of assets to the company under common control Payments to controlling shareholders for transfer of interests in subsidiary Dividends paid to minority shareholder of existing subsidiaries Dividends to shareholders	(13) (343)	(8) (4)	(5) (339)	67% 8677%	(22) (348)	(104)	78 104 (22) 85	-100% -20%
Net cash used in financing activities	(381)	(60)	(321)	531%	(512)	(651)	139	-21%
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2)	440	(443)	-101%	660	(696)	1 356	-195%
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	42	10	32	319%	63	114	(51)	-45%
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1 349	898	450	50%	665	1 924	(1 259)	-65%
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1 388	1 349	40	3%	1 388	1 342	46	3%

# Glossary

#### Steel and financial terms

- BOF basic oxygen furnace
   A pear-shaped furnace, lined with refractory breaks, that refines molten iron from the blast furnace and scrap into steel
- **BF** blast furnace A towering cylinder with heat-resistant breaks, used by integrated steel-mills to smelt iron from ore.
- Crude steel steel is a primary form of hot molten metal
- CRC cold-rolled coil
- FH full-hard
   GO cold rolled grain-oriented steel or transformer steel
- HDG hot dip galvanized steel
- HRC hot-rolled coil
- HVA high value-added product Includes CRC, HDG, pre-painted and electrical steels
- NGO cold rolled non-grain-oriented steel or dynamo steel
- PCI pulverized coal injection technology
- P&O pickled and oiled coils
- Pellet fine particle of iron ore mixed with clay and roasted into hard round balls for blast furnace feed
- VOD vacuum oxygen decarburization
- **WB** walking beam furnace.

- **bn** billion
- Capex capital expenditure
- CAGR compound annual growth rate
- GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- EU European Union
- **E** estimated
- F forecasted
- FY full year
- H half-year
- JV Joint venture
- IRR internal rate of return
- IISI International Iron and Steel Institute
- DPP discounted pay-back period
- m million
- M&A mergers and acquisitions
- RAS Russian Accounting Standards
- R&D Research and development
- TPY tonnes per year
- t metric tonne, 1000 kilogram
- YOY year on year
- USD United States dollar
- ,000 thousand

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