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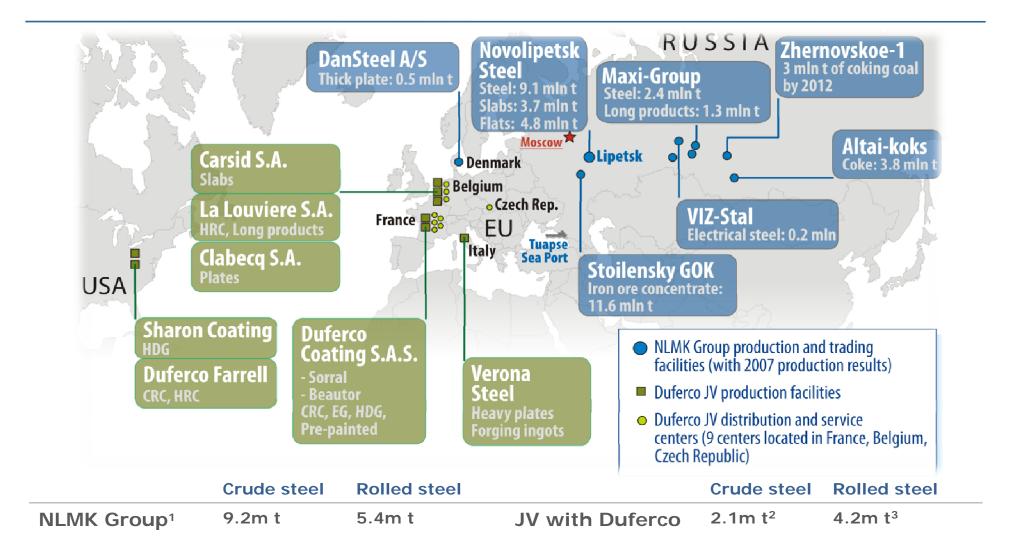
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## NLMK – Key Facts

## Global presence



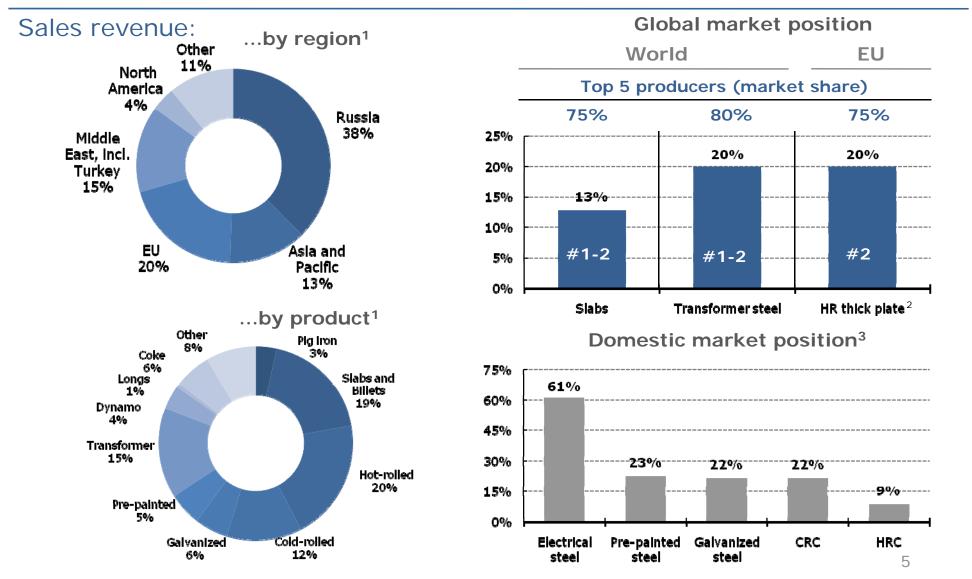
<sup>1. 2007</sup> production includes Lipetsk production site, DanSteel , VIZ-Stal and Maxi-Group (December 2007 production results)

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

<sup>3. 2007</sup> shipments including Sharon Coating

## NLMK – Key Facts

Market leadership in slabs and high value-added products



<sup>1.</sup> FY2007 US GAAP financial results 2. including JV with Duferco Group production volumes 3. Metal Expert, company estimates

# 2007: Delivering on Strategic Objectives

## Gaining global leadership

#### Efficiency leader in the World steel industry

- Superior 2007 financial results: revenues up by 28%, operating income up by 34%, EBITDA growth of 28%
- 44% EBITDA margin for the second consecutive year
- Sustainable EBITDA margin over 40% for the last 5 years

#### Securing leadership in the Russian domestic market

- Acquisition of Maxi-Group 2.4 million tonnes of long products add-on
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage of Technical Upgrade: new BF, converter, HDG line projects started, revamps of BOF and HR shops

#### Strengthening vertical integration

- Stoilensky GOK continuous low cost supply of iron ore
- Altai-koks expansion by 0.8 million tonnes provides for 100% self-sufficiency in coke
- Maxi-Group facilities are second largest scrap collector in Russia
- Captive logistics company, NTK owns over 2,800 rail cars and provides over 50% of the Group's rail freight

#### On the fast track with product mix improvement

- Production gains +51% in transformer steel, +11% in galvanized steel
- 10% decrease in slabs sales
- 5.2 million tonnes of finished products in overseas operations with growing share of HVA products

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## **Enhancement of Production Platform**

Capex drives improvements in volume and efficiency

#### Main Goals

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

Pre-painting line No.3 (200,000 t)

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

Vacuum degasser

2 Ladle furnaces

2009E

9.5 m t

**5.3 m t**<sup>3</sup>

2 Ladle furnaces

(300,000 t)

Galvanizing line No.4

2008E

9.4 m t

**5.3 m t**<sup>3</sup>

Total Investment Capex 2007-15

USD8.5bn<sup>1</sup>

BF No.7 (3.4 m t)

Vacuum degasser

BOF (300 t)

Pulverized coal injection (PCI)

Cold-rolling mill (350,000 t)

**2010E** 

11.3 m t

**5.4 m t**<sup>3</sup>

60% energy selfsufficiency

Pelletizing plant (3.0 m tpy)

EAF steel (casting & rolling mill 1.5 m tpy)

2011E

11.7 m t

**5.8 m t** <sup>3</sup>

BF No.4 revamp

BOF steel

Pelletizing plant (6 m tpy)

Zhernovskoe-1 (3 m t of coking coal)

2012-15E

16 m t<sup>2</sup>

6.9 m t <sup>2,3</sup>

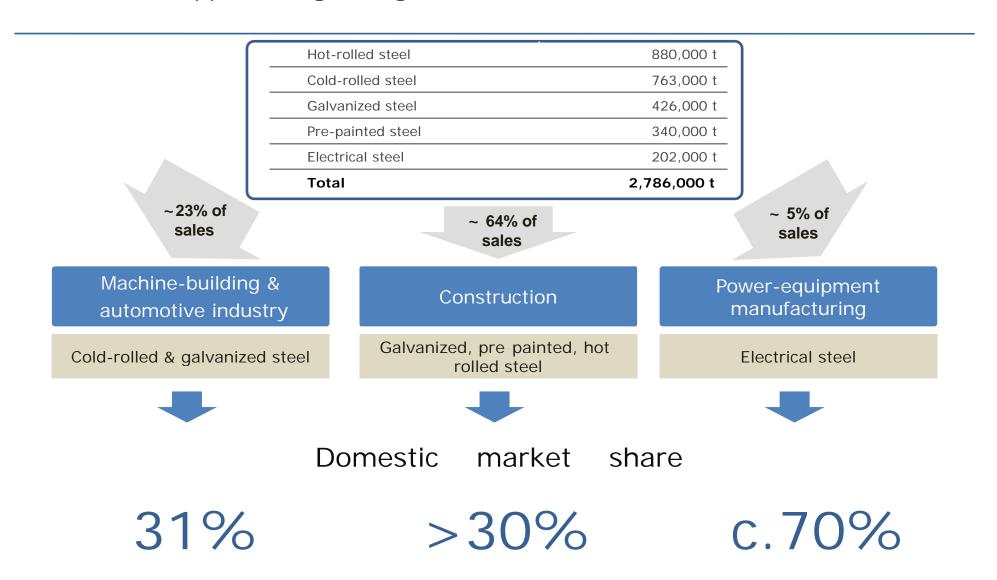
- 1. Excluding Maxi-Group and raw materials assets capex
- 2. Numbers for the main production site
- 3. Projected production capacity by the end of 2015

— Crude steel production

Flat steel production<sup>2</sup>

# **Domestic Market Strategy**

Preferred supplier for growing industries



# Domestic Market Strategy - Construction

'Sandwich' panels

Corrugated board

Growing multi-product segment

# Non-residential construction

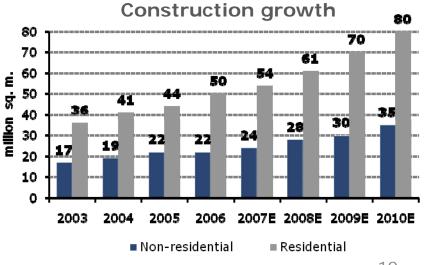


# Roll-formed Sections Sectioned pipes Hot dip-galvanized steel Framed sections Vent and ceiling Systems Water-gas pipes Pre-painted steel

# 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

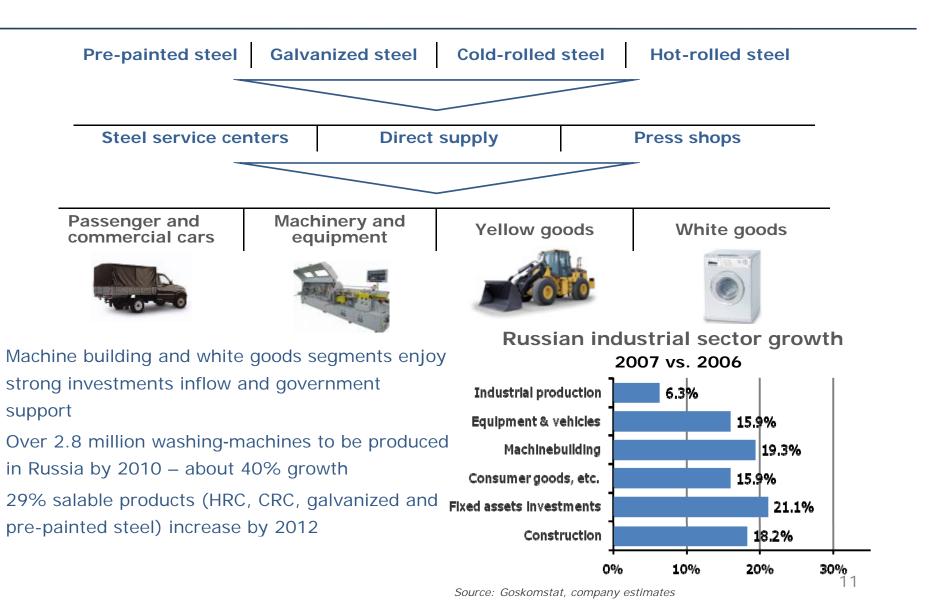


Metal tiles

Siding

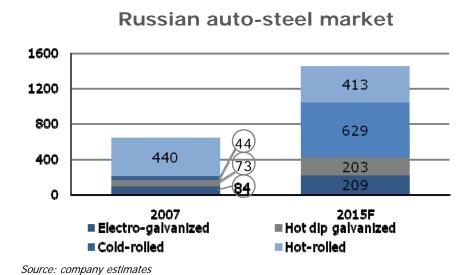
# Domestic Market Strategy – Machinery

Maintain leadership and capture growth



# Domestic Market Strategy - Automotive

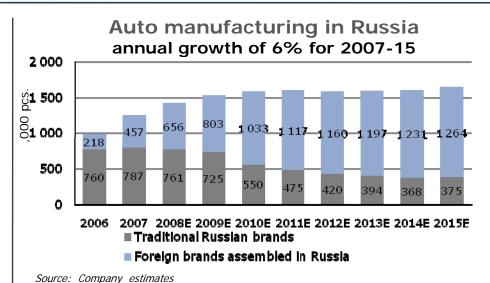
Bid for higher quality for global customers



## NLMK client base



Customer base includes all major local auto producers



**Duferco JV case** 

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

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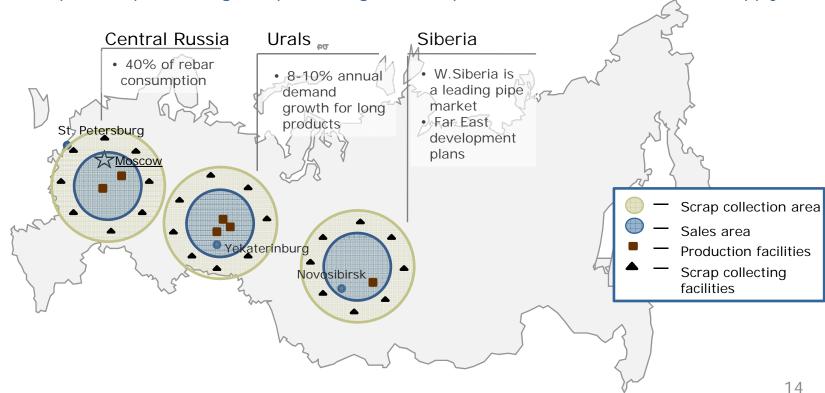
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## Maxi-Group Business Model

Dynamic regionalized production and distribution model

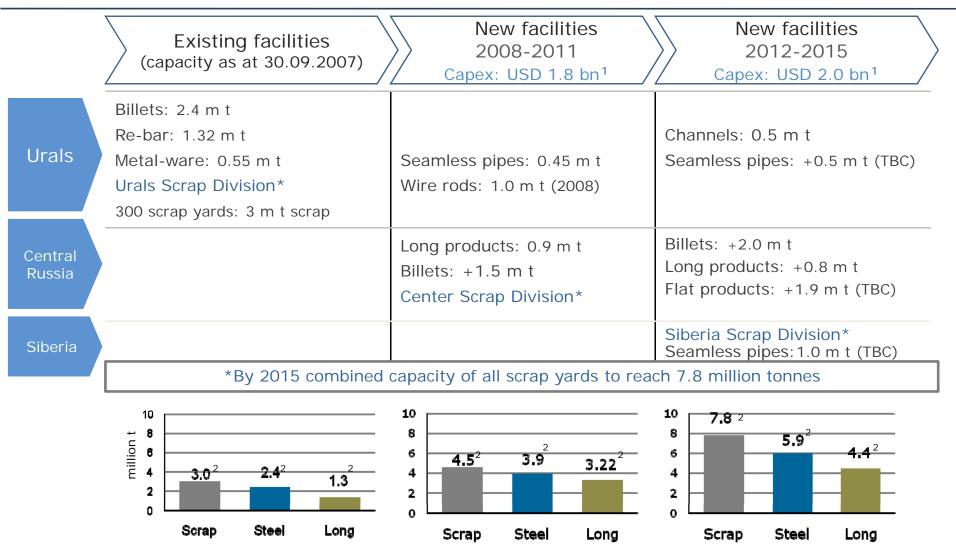
- Maxi-Group's targets supply of simple product mix to regional consumers using cost advantages in local scrap sourcing, local mini-mill production and local distribution.
- Maxi-Group wins customers when proximity to demand and quick turnaround times are important.
- Maxi-Group targets regions with demand/supply imbalances to develop new production facilities.

Well-developed scrap collecting and processing facilities provide efficient raw materials supply.



# Maxi-Group Development Plans

Pursuing capacity growth and value enhancing opportunities



<sup>1.</sup> Maxi-Group investment program is currently under review and may therefore undergo material changes.

<sup>2.</sup> Volumes does not include to-be-confirmed (TBC) projects.

# Maxi-Group Financial Highlights

#### • 2007E highlights<sup>1</sup>

- Revenue USD 1150 million
- EBITDA USD 250 million
- EBITDA margin 22%
- External debt USD 1.8 billion as at 20.11.2007

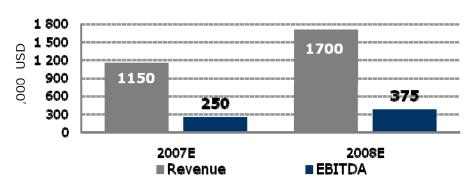
#### Production costs are 75% scrap

- 100% of scrap supplied internally
- New technology and equipment lowers costs
- Low transportation costs due to local scrap collection and customers

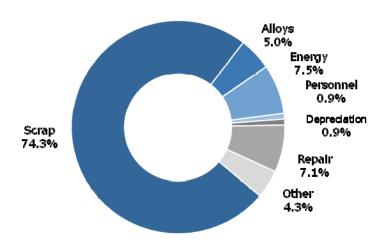
#### Production costs, 9M 2007<sup>2</sup>

- Billets USD 356 per tonne
- Rebar USD 406 per tonne
- Wire rod USD 416 per tonne

#### Revenue and EBITDA<sup>1</sup>



#### Billets cost structure 9M 2007



- 1. Management estimate based on Russian Accounting Standards (RAS)
- 2. Based on non-consolidated Russian Accounting Standards

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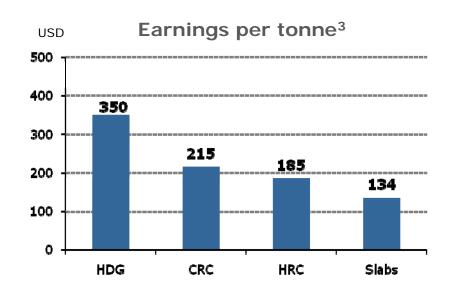
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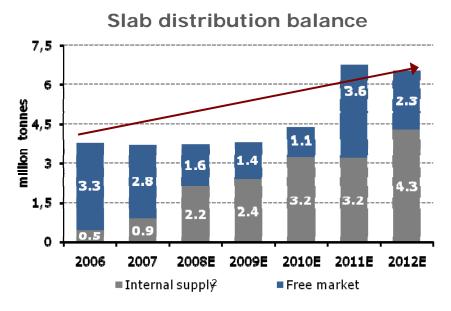
# Global Growth Strategy

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

S	lab 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> FY 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 EUR400 million

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

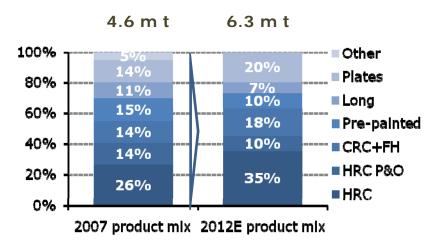
+39% of finished products

+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

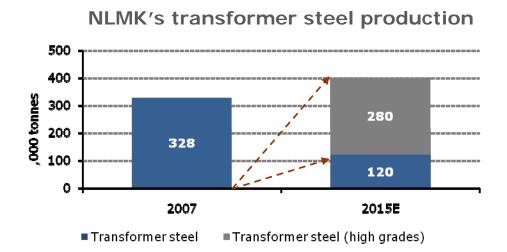
# Joint Venture salable product mix 2007 vs. 2012E

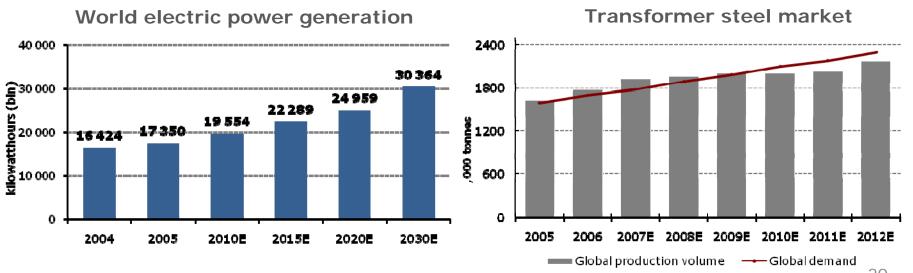


# Global High-value-added Market Presence

Global niche player – high-margin product development

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



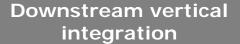


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# Future M&A approach

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:**

• Sharon Coating (former Winner Steel) acquisition

#### **Example:**

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

#### **Example:**

• Joint venture with Duferco

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## Financial performance

## Record results sustainable profitability

- Revenue: USD 7,719 million (+28% y-o-y)
- Operating profit: USD 2,998 million (+34%)
- EBITDA <sup>1</sup>: USD 3,366 million (+28%)
- EBITDA margin: 44%
- Net profit: USD 2,247 million (+9%)
- Net profit excluding one-off activities<sup>2</sup>: USD 2,183 million (+37%)
- Operating cash flow: USD 2,524 million (+59%)
- Cash and cash equivalents as of 31.12.2007: USD 1,155 million
- EPS USD 0.375 (+9%)
- EBIT/tonne of steel in 2007: USD 322 (+ 29%)

<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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> losses / gains on investments, gain from disposal of subsidiaries and gain from operations of discontinued subsidiary

## Sustainable Financial Performance

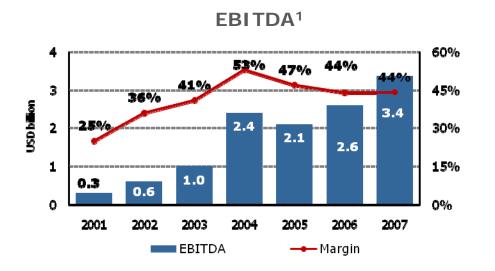
Strong cash generation through the cycle

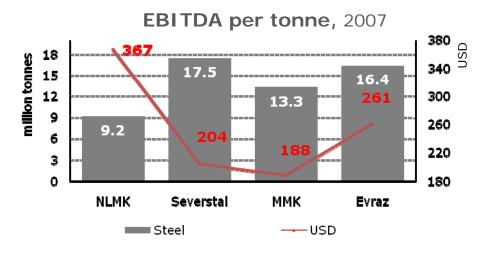
#### Historical performance 2001-2007

- EBITDA CAGR of 50%
- Average EBITDA margin above 40%
- Average ROE of ~35%

#### 2007 financial highlights

- Sales revenue of USD7,719 m
- EBITDA of USD3,366 m, margin of 44%
- Operating cash flow of USD2,524 m
- Net income of USD2,247 m



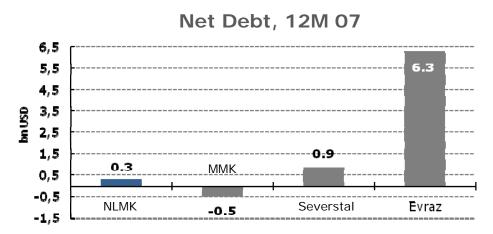


## Financial Position

## Strong balance sheet and corporate ratings

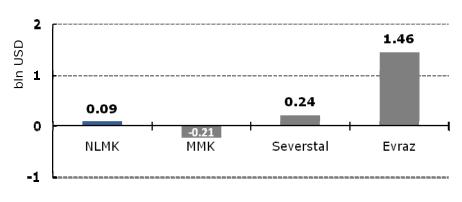
- Leading credit ratings among Russian steelmakers
- NLMK is comfortable with 30% gearing
- NLMK is well protected against a possible liquidity crisis
- Strong financial position and cash flow generation provides flexibility for further growth through global acquisitions
- Capex coverage ratio for 12M 2007<sup>1</sup> is 2.6

S&P	BB-	ВВ	BB+
	Evraz	MMK Severstal	NLMK
Moody's	Ba3	Ba2	Ba1
		MMK Severstal Evraz	NLMK
Fitch	BB-	ВВ	BB+
	Severstal	Evraz MMK	NLMK



Source: Bloomberg LP

#### Net debt / EBITDA, 12M 07



Source: Bloomberg LP

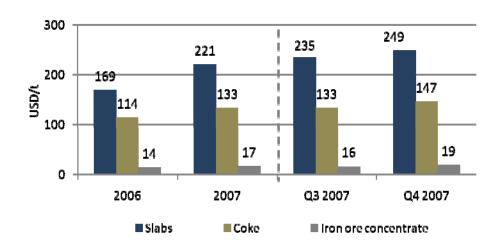
<sup>1</sup> Capex coverage ratio = Free cash flow from operations / Capex 2 Free cash-flow = Cash flow from operations – total Capex

## Costs

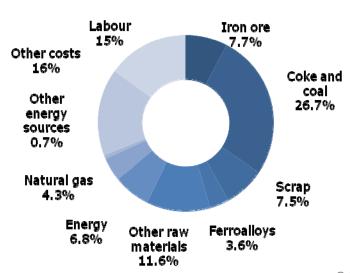
## Maintained cost leadership

- 2007 slab cash cost on consolidated basis is USD 221
- Iron ore accounts for 7.7% of consolidated production cost
- Major cost items: coal, labour, energy and depreciation

#### Cash cost by product, 2006 vs. 2007



#### Consolidated cash cost, 2007



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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
- We expect revenue to grow up to 60% y-o-y
- EBITDA is expected to exceed the 2007 level by 35-40%

## 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

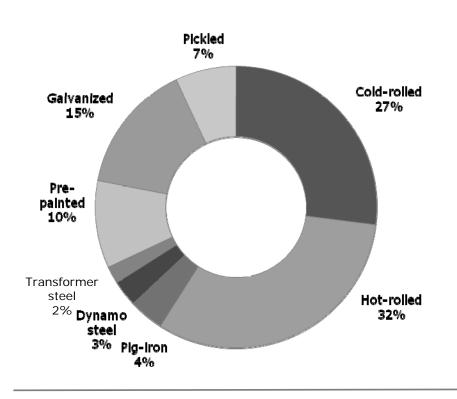
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## 2007 Sales

## Domestic vs. export, tonnes

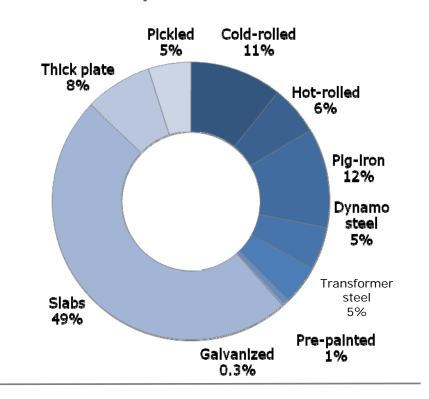
#### **Domestic market**



**Total Domestic sales in 2007** 

2.8 million tonnes

## **Export market**

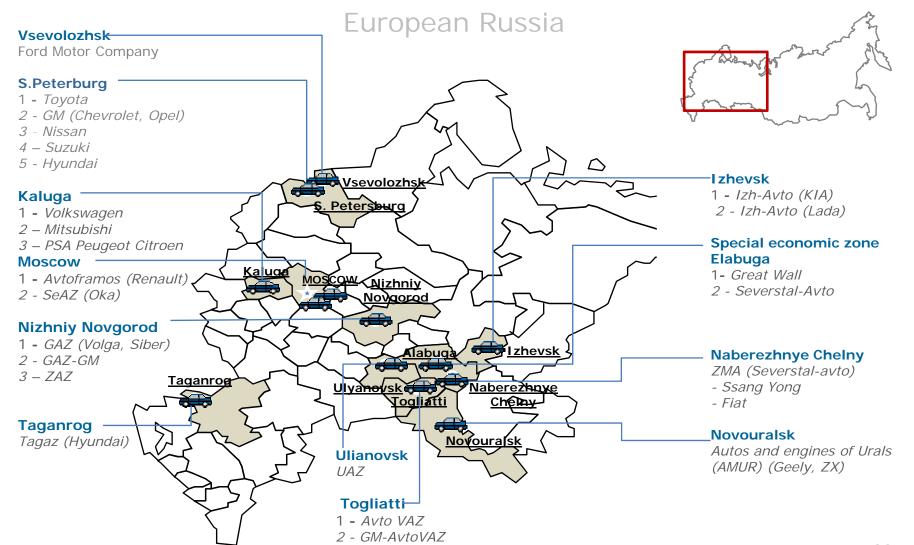


**Total Export sales in 2007** 

6.3 million tonnes

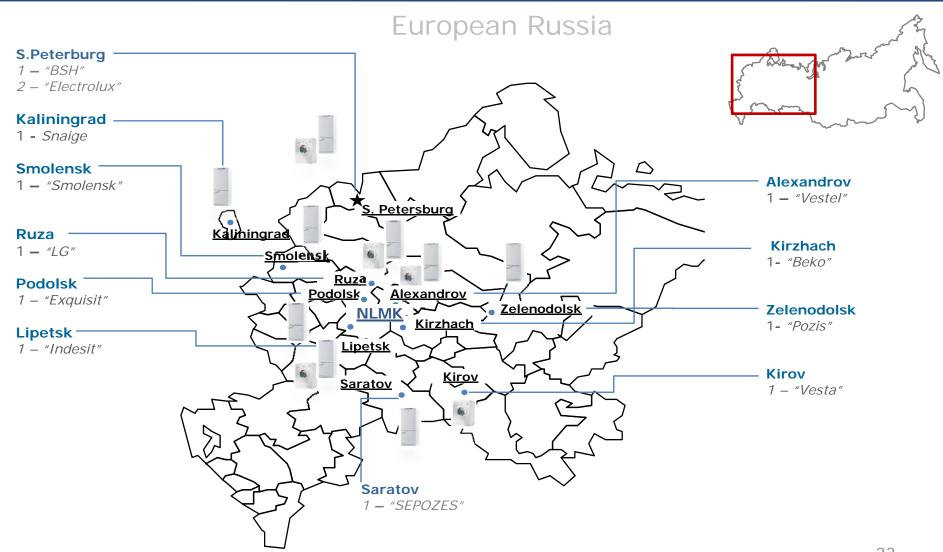
## Automotive industry

#### Car manufacturers



## "White goods" sector

## Manufacturers of domestic appliances



# Consolidated Statement of Income

	2007	2007 2006	2007/2006		Q4 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007/ Q3 2007	
(mln. US D)			+ /-	%			+ /-	%
Sales revenue	7,719	6,046	1,673	27.7%	2,174	1,936	237	12.2%
Production cost	(3,569)	(2,716)	(853)	31.4%	(1,044)	(862)	(182)	21.1%
Depreciation and amortization	(408)	(358)	(50)	13.9%	(111)	(99)	(11)	11.2%
Gross profit	3,742	2,971	771	25.9%	1,019	975	44	4.5%
General and administrative expenses	(215)	(189)	(26)	13.9%	(56)	(52)	(4)	8.4%
Selling expenses	(443)	(325)	(117)	36.1%	(125)	(106)	(18)	17.4%
Taxes other than income tax	(80)	(57)	(23)	39.8%	(21)	(19)	(2)	8.1%
Impairment losses		(137)	137	(100.0%)				
Accretion expense on asset retirement obligations	(6)	(20)	14	(68.7%)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	66.7%
Operating income	2,998	2,243	755	33.7%	817	797	19	2.4%
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment	(27)	(4)	(24)	661.7%	(3)	(5)	2	(43.4%)
Gains / (losses) on investments	(24)	401	(424)	(105.9%)	(20)	()	(20)	-
Interest income	100	112	(12)	(10.8%)	32	23	8	34.3%
Interest expense	(31)	(30)	(2)	5.8%	(17)	(3)	(14)	511.0%
Foreign currency exchange loss, net	80	(75)	155	(207.4%)	25	41	(16)	(39.3%)
Gain from disposal of subsidiaries	83		83	-	1	1		66.3%
Other expense, net	(23)	(27)	4	(14.5%)	(19)	(5)	(15)	299.5%
Income from continuing operations before income tax								
and minority interest	3,157	2,621	536	20.4%	815	850	(34)	(4.0%)
Income tax	(837)	(707)	(130)	18.5%	(196)	(217)	21	(9.8%)
Income from continuing operations before minority interest	2,320	1,914	405	21.2%	619	632	(13)	(2.1%)
Minority interest	(23)	(26)	2	(8.9%)	(5)	(6)	1	(20.4%)
E quity in net earnings/(losses) of associate	(50)	1	(51)	-	(24)	(34)	9	(27.0%)
Income from continuing operations	2,246	1,889	357	18.9%	590	592	(3)	(0.4%)
Income from discontinuing operations	1	177	(176)	(99.3%)				
Net income	2,247	2,066	181	8.8%	590	592	(3)	(0.4%)
EBITDA	3,366	2,631	735	27.9%	903	893	10	1.2%

# Consolidated Balance Sheet

	as at 31.12.2007	as at 30.09.2007	as at 30.06.2007	as at 31.03.2007	as at 31.12.2006
(mln. USD) ASSETS					
Current assets	4,388	3,904	3,629	3,484	3,050
Cash and cash equivalents	1,155	1,388	1,349	898	665
S hort-term investments	153	144	137	37	37
Accounts receivable, net	1,696	1,194	1,110	1,252	1,150
Inventories, net	1,236	1,043	936	874	857
Other current assets, net	147	134	97	370	331
Restricted cash				9	8
C urrent assets, held for sale				44	
Non-current assets	8,688	6,105	5,783	5,821	5,667
Long-term investments, net	819	880	861	856	810
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,450	4,409	4,128	3,985	3,988
Intangible assets	189	192	191	195	199
G oodwill	1,189	591	571	567	560
Other non-current assets, net	41	33	32	104	110
Non-current assets, held for sale				114	
Total assets	13,076	10,009	9,412	9,305	8,717
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS/FOURTY					
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities	3,002	992	980	943	993
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,395	860	830	718	664
Short-term borrowings	1,537	52	72	99	249
C urrent income tax liability C urrent liabilities, held for sale	71	80	78	84 41	80
Non-current liabilities	975	640	597	819	781
Long-term borrowings	73	19	19	51	48
Deferred income tax liability	586	593	564	552	538
Other long-term liabilities	317	28	14	41	195
Non-current liabilities, held for sale				175	
Total liabilities	3,978	1,631	1,576	1,762	1,774
Minority interest	107	119	109	136	133
S tockholders' equity	8,992	8,258	7,726	7,406	6,809
Common stock	221	221	221	221	221
S tatutory reserve	10	10	10	10	10
Additional paid-in capital	52	52	52	52	2
Other comprehensive income	1,182	1,038	738	680	590
R etained earnings	7,526	6,936	6,704	6,443	5,986
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	13,076	10,009	9,412	9,305	8,717

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	2007	2006	2007/2006 + /- %		Q4 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007/ Q3 2007	
(mln. USD)							+ /-	%
Cash flow from operating activities								
Net income	2,247	2,066	181	8.8%	590	592	(3)	(0.4%)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities								
Minority interest	25	26	(1)	(4.6%)	5	6	(1)	(20.3%)
Depreciation and amortization	408	358	50	13.9%	111	99	11	11.2%
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment (Gain)/loss on investments	27 24	4 (401)	24 424	661.7% (105.9%)	3 20	5	(2) 20	(43.4%)
Gain from disposal of subsidiaries	(83)	(401)	(83)	(103.5%)	(1)	(82)	81	
Gain from operations of discontinued subsidiary	(1)	(228)	226	(99.4%)	()	80	(80)	(100.0%)
E quity in net earnings of associate	50	(1)	51	(10142.3%)	24	34	(9)	(27.0%)
Defferd income tax (benefit)/expense	38	(39)	77	(197.9%)	(19)	10	(29)	(300.8%)
Gain on loan restructuring Impairment losses		137	(137)	(100.0%)				
Accretion expense on asset retirement obligations	6	20	(14)	(68.7%)				66.7%
Other movements	16	21	(5)	(23.6%)	12	6	6	100.1%
Changes in operating assets and liabilities					/·			
Increase in accounts receivables Increase in inventories	(92) (200)	(141) (160)	49 (40)	(34.9%) 25.1%	(30) (48)	(44) (72)	13 24	(30.7%) (33.3%)
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	(44)	(17)	(27)	158.1%	(1)	(33)	32	(97.6%)
Increase in loans provide by the subsidiary bank	(106)	(70)	(36)	52.3%	(1)	(1)	(1)	66.3%
Increase in accounts payable and oher liabilities	243	(23)	266	(1150.1%)	(106)	11	(118)	
Increase/(decrease) in current income tax payable	(34)	32	(66)	(204.1%)	(13)	(0.2)	(13)	
Net cash provided from operating activities	2,524	1,585	939	59.2%	545	612	(67)	(11.0%)
Cash flow from investing activities								
Acquisitions of subsidiaries		(1,348)	1,348	(100.0%)				
Acquisitions of associates Proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations	24	(806) 303	830 (303)	(103.0%) (100.0%)	24		24	
Proceeds from adjustment of the original purchase price of subsidiaries	37	303	37	(100.0%)	(1)		(1)	(327.0%)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	12	16	(3)	(21.1%)	5		5	1700.0%
Purchases and construction of property, plant and equipment	(958)	(619)	(339)	54.8%	(342)	(221)	(121)	54.9%
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments	12 (199)	465 (55)	(454) (145)	(97.5%) 264.3%	5 (154)	(9)	5 (145)	1548.3%
Loan issued	(134)	(33)	(134)	204.5%	(154)	(3)	(145)	(164.8%)
Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed \$106,800	(60)		(60)		(0.2)	(0.4)	0.2	(51.2%)
Movement of restricted cash	(1)		(1)	(400.9%)				,
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,268)	(2,043)	775	(37.9%)	(461)	(233)	(227)	97.4%
	(1,200)	(2,043)	//3	(37.9%)	(401)	(233)	(227)	97.4%
Cash flow from financing activities Proceeds from borrowings and notes payable	269	225	44	19.6%	229	10	219	2226.6%
Repayments of borrowings and notes payable	(452)	(183)	(268)	146.5%	(193)	(34)	(159)	472.8%
Capital lease payments	` (3)	(100)	(3)	110.570	(1)	(1)	(133)	87.5%
Proceeds from disposal of assets to the company under common control	78		78					
Payments to controlling shareholders for transfer of interests in subsidiary Dividends paid to previous shareholder of acquired company		(104) (84)	104 84	(100.0%) (100.0%)				
Dividends paid to previous shareholder of acquired company  Dividends paid to minority shareholder of existing subsidiaries	(19)	(20)	1	(5.3%)	2	(13)	16	(117.9%)
Dividends to shareholders	(703)	(767)	64	(8.3%)	(355)	(343)	(12)	3.5%
Net cash used in financing activities	(830)	(933)	104	(11.1%)	(318)	(381)	63	(16.6%)
Net increase /(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	427	(1,391)	1,818	(130.7%)	(234)	(2)	(231)	9799.9%
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	63	132	(69)	(52.4%)	(0.3)	42	(43)	(100.7%)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	665	1,924	(1,259)	(65.4%)	1,388	1,349	40	3.0%
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1,155	665	489	73.6%	1,155	1,388	(234)	(16.8%)

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