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Dear Mr. MacLennan:

We attach our report "The Market for Cold Rolled and Galvanized Sheet and Strip Steels". This study has been completed in accordance with our proposal dated October 26, 1973 and discussions with Mr. Hore.

Yours very truly,

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION THE MARKET FOR COLD ROLLED AND GALVANIZED SHEET AND STRIP STEELS

1. Background

On November 13, 1973, the Industrial Development Branch of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion authorized a study to assess the market for cold rolled and galvanized sheet and strip steels in Western Canada. The purpose of the study was to establish the magnitude of markets for Saskatchewan-produced flat rolled products which would complement the present pipe operations of Interprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation Ltd. in Regina. Pipe was specifically excluded from the study. The terms of reference included cold rolled sheet and strip steel in full hard and annealed conditions and galvanized sheet and strip steel.

The market was to be analyzed geographically, that is, by provinces in Western Canada, and by states in a selected region of the northwestern United States. Market data was to be given in tonnage by gauges and widths; prices by product and local market. Present sources of supply were to be identified. An analysis was to be made of past growth in these products and a projection made of future growth. Future markets were to consider the present economic climate in Canada and the effects of foreign competition.

2. <u>Market Study Highlights</u>

- 2.1 <u>C.R. Sheet and Strip Steel</u>
 - . During 1973, IPSCO's primary market region consumed about 21,500 tons of C.R. sheet and strip steel. The region comprises British Columbia, the Prairies and Montana.

- . Approximately 20,000 tons or 95% was 48" or narrower.
- Approximately 21,500 tons, virtually all of the C.R. sheet and strip steel consumed, was used in the annealed condition.
- The demand for C.R. sheet and strip steel is expected to increase from 3% to 4% per year over the next five years.

2.2 Galvanized Sheet and Strip Steel

- . During 1973, IPSCO's primary market region consumed about 143,500 tons of galvanized steel. This region comprises British Columbia, the Prairies and Montana.
- . Approximately 130,000 tons or 90% was 48" or narrower.
- . Approximately 90,000 tons, or 63% was light gauge galvanized steel made from C.R. sheet and strip steel.
- . The demand for galvanized sheet and strip steel is expected to increase from 6% to 8% per year over the next five years.

3. Approach

We began the study with a visit to the offices and plant of Interprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation to establish the range of products to be covered in this study. In particular, it was necessary to recognize gauges and widths for the purpose of classifying the products.

Statistics Canada and industry sources were researched to provide a basis of estimating historical growth, regional markets and industry trends. A listing of major steel users by standard industrial classification was procured from Statistics Canada. This information was used later in our questionnaire and interview survey. A questionnaire was designed and issued to prime users of the selected steel products. The survey was to provide a rough guide as to the kind of steel products used, quantities consumed, and future needs. On the basis of these questionnaires, we were able to identify a relatively short list of users who account for the major share of steel consumption.

Another questionnaire was designed and issued to steel service centres in Western Canada. This survey provided a relatively good measure of volume handled in each product classification. The main purpose of this questionnaire was to provide a basis for later interviews.

With a substantial amount of background data available, an interview program was pursued throughout Western Canada among steel service centres, distributors, and major users. These interviews were the main source of our estimates of current demand, prevailing prices and trends for each of the product groups.

Representatives of each of the provincial Departments of Industry in the western provinces were interviewed to identify recent studies undertaken with respect to demand for steel, and any other information that might support our inquiries.

A parallel interview program among steel service centres, distributors, and major users was undertaken to assess current demand, prices and trends in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. Since these particular states do not correspond to any defined U.S. region, we have referred to these states as "the U.S. Upper Midwest" or for brevity "Selected States".

Research was undertaken in Western Canada and the U.S. Upper Midwest with respect to freight rates and tariffs affecting demand for these steel products.

The statistical, questionnaire and interview data was analyzed and correlated to provide a profile of current and future demands for the selected steel products. On the basis of limited discussions with several steel producers knowledgeable with the western market, we were able to confirm the essential conclusions of this study.

4. <u>Product Description</u>

Cold rolled steel is produced from hot rolled sheet and strip by reducing the steel's thickness in a cold rolling mill. This cold rolling operation hardens the steel and reduces its ductility. If the material is to be stamped or formed into a finished part, its ductility must be restored by annealing prior to fabrication. Before the steel is cold rolled, the black mill surface on the hot rolled steel must be removed. This is generally done by a pickling process which involves dipping the steel into a warm acid solution to dissolve the iron oxide that formed during the hot rolling operation.

Cold rolled steel can be produced as thin as 30 gauge whereas hot rolled steel cannot be produced any thinner than 16 gauge. Cold rolled steels also have a better surface finish and superior forming properties than hot rolled steels.

Galvanized steel is a zinc coated hot or cold rolled steel. The zinc coating protects the base steel from rusting by galvanic action, the process of forming zinc oxide in preference to iron oxide (rust). Most galvanized steel is produced by dipping sheet steel into a molten bath of zinc metal. Most continuous hot dipped galvanizing lines are based on the Sendzimir process. In this process the strip is heated in an oxidizing atmosphere to remove all rolling greases and to prepare the surface for galvanizing. The strip then passes into an annealing furnace with a specially prepared atmosphere to reduce all iron oxide back to iron. The strip passes



directly from this furnace into a bath of molten zinc, on to a cooling tower and from there to sheet shearing and levelling lines. A typical Sendzimir line, such as the Dofasco #2 line, has a maximum capacity of about 125,000 tons per year and can produce galvanized sheet ranging in thickness from 8 to 30 gauge and in width to 60 inches. In Canada only Dofasco and Stelco produce galvanized steel.

Steel is classified as sheet or strip depending upon the material thickness and width as shown in Exhibit I, "Industry Product Classification". Accordingly strip steel is never over 12 inches wide while sheet steel is always wider than 12 inches. The distinction between sheet and plate depends on both width and gauge.

5. Consumption by Geographic Regions

5.1 <u>All Geographic Regions</u>

A summary of consumption of C.R. and galvanized sheet and strip steel in the major geographic regions covered by this study is shown in Exhibit II, "Steel Consumption for the Total Market". Of the more than 200,000 tons of C.R. steel consumed in all regions, Western Canada accounts for only about 20,000 tons, or 10%. However, of the 250,000 tons of galvanized steel consumed in all regions, Western Canada accounted for more than 135,000 tons, or about 54%.

A more detailed analysis of Western Canada consumption by regions is shown in Exhibit III, "Total Steel Consumption in Western Canada". British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba clearly dominate the Western Canada market for both cold rolled and galvanized sheet and strip steels. These three provinces accounted for more than 20,000 tons, 98% of Western Canada C.R. steel consumption and 122,000 tons, or 90% of galvanized consumption.

A similar analysis of U.S. consumption presented in Exhibit IV, "Total Steel Consumption in Selected States", illustrates the dominance of the Minnesota region in the U.S. Upper Midwest market. This region accounts for more than 180,000 tons, or 96% of C.R. consumption, and 85,000 tons, or 73% of galvanized consumption.

5.2 Canadian Geographic Regions

A more detailed analysis of C.R. consumption by width and temper for selected geographic regions is shown in Exhibit V, "Cold Rolled Steel and Strip Consumption". Approximately 19,000 tons, or 95% of Western Canada's C.R. consumption is 48" or narrower, compared to 168,000 tons, or 90% of C.R. consumption in the U.S. Upper Midwest. Virtually all of the 20,000 tons of Western Canada consumption is used in the annealed condition compared to 90% of the U.S. consumption.

A similar analysis of galvanized consumption is presented in Exhibit VI, "Galvanized Sheet and Strip Consumption". Approximately 123,000 tons, or 90% of Western Canada galvanized consumption is 48" or narrower compared to 87,000 tons, or 75% in the U.S. Upper Midwest.

Galvanized consumption was analyzed in two gauge ranges, heavy galvanized ranging 8 to 16 gauge, and light galvanized ranging 17 to 30 gauge. This was to reflect the relative amounts of hot and cold rolled sheet and strip used in the manufacture of galvanized steel. Virtually all of the light gauged galvanized steel ranging from 17 to 30 gauge is made from C.R. sheet and strip, while a very large proportion of the heavier gauge galvanized is produced from H.R. sheet and strip steel. The data in Exhibit VI indicates that about 85,000 tons, or 63% of Canadian consumption, is light gauge galvanized compared to 93,000 tons, or 80% of U.S. consumption.

5.3 Primary Market Regions

We have defined "primary market regions" as those areas offering IPSCO the greatest potential to increase current market share or to penetrate new markets. The basis for determining these regions is the lowest laid



down price in a particular region. In determining these prices we have considered the following factors:

- . Steel commodity prices F.O.B. mill as shown in Exhibit VII, "Comparison of Current Canadian and U.S. Steel Prices".
- . Canadian freight rates as shown in Exhibit VIII, "Freight Rates to Canadian Destinations".
- . American freight rates as shown in Exhibit IX, "Freight Rates to U.S. Destinations".
 - Rates of duty in Exhibit X, "Import Tariffs on Steel Products Entering the United States".

On the basis of this information and the prices shown in Exhibit XI, "Laid Down Prices of Galvanized and C.R. Sheet and Strip", we have estimated the following market for C.R. sheet and strip steel.

- During 1973, IPSCO's primary market region consumed 21,500 tons of C.R. sheet and strip. This region comprises British Columbia, the Prairies and Montana.
- . Approximately 20,000 tons, or 95%, was 48" or narrower.
- . Approximately 21,500 tons, virtually all of the C.R. consumption, was purchased in the annealed condition.

Similarly, we have estimated the following market for galvanized sheet and strip steel:

- During 1973 IPSCO's primary market region consumed approximately 143,000 tons of galvanized steel. This region comprises British Columbia, the Prairies and Montana.
- . Approximately 130,000 tons or 90% was 48" or narrower.
- . Approximately 90,000 tons or 6% was light gauge galvanized steel (17 to 30 gauge) made from C.R. sheet and strip steel.

6. Trends Influencing Price Competitiveness

6.1 <u>Steel Commodity Prices</u>

In Canada, Stelco is the acknowledged industry price leader. Under normal market conditions, other mills adjust their prices to be competitive with Stelco on a regional basis. For example, to be competitive with a customer east of the Hamilton region, Algoma would quote F.O.B. Sault Ste. Marie but would absorb freight to Hamilton. Correspondingly, to be competitive with a customer west of Sault Ste. Marie, Stelco and Dofasco would quote F.O.B. Hamilton but would absorb freight to Sault Ste. Marie. In either case, Stelco's F.O.B. price is generally used as the base. However, since IPSCO is so much further west, its F.O.B. price could be greater than Stelco's F.O.B. price by the difference in freight rates to Winnipeg. This assumes that IPSCO does not attempt to compete in markets east of Winnipeg. Therefore, IPSCO's competitive position will not change as domestic producers change their steel prices. This pricing strategy is employed to maintain market share but does not necessarily assure satisfactory profit margins.

IPSCO's competitive position in the U.S. Upper Midwest depends directly on the relative movement of Canadian and U.S. F.O.B. mill prices and changes in the exchange rate between Canadian and U.S. dollars. The U.S. mill prices shown in Exhibit VII, "Comparison of Current Canadian and U.S. Steel Prices" will probably increase significantly after April 1, 1974. On this date wage and price controls will end with the introduction of Nixon's Phase V program. This will tend to improve IPSCO's price competitiveness in U.S. Upper Midwest.

Since IPSCO must convert its U.S. dollar sales into Canadian funds, the exchange rate between the two dollars will play a role in IPSCO's price competitiveness in U.S. regions. As shown in Exhibit XII, "Foreign Exchange Rates", the U.S. dollar has been devalued relative to the Canadian dollar by over 9%. Such devaluation tends to make Canadian goods more expensive in U.S. markets.

Because the U.S. is such an important market for Canadian goods, we expect that the Canadian government will resist further increases in the Canadian dollar. The net result of anticipated U.S. price increases and further changes in exchange rates should improve IPSCO's competitive position in the U.S. Upper Midwest.

6.2 <u>Transportation Rates</u>

Recently the railways have announced sharp freight rate increases for steel shipments from Hamilton to Vancouver. It is unlikely that Regina -Vancouver rates will be increased proportionately. Since IPSCO ships steel to Vancouver via rail, its price position will be strengthened relative to eastern based steel mills. Because of recent commitments made to western provinces by Ottawa, it seems likely that railway rates will be held down and politically administered by the federal government.

However, as can be seen from Exhibit VIII, "Freight Rates to Canadian Destinations", IPSCO uses trucks to ship steel to all other Canadian destinations. We anticipate that truck rates will rise because of fuel price increases. Unless trucking rates are subsidized, IPSCO's competitive position would deteriorate in Western Canada. However, IPSCO should always maintain a transportation cost advantage.

A relative increase in truck rates compared to rail rates would have a more serious effect on IPSCO's competitiveness in the U.S. Upper Midwest. As shown in Exhibit IX, "Freight Rates to U.S. Destinations", IPSCO's truck rates are already significantly higher than rail rates from various U.S. steel mills. Such relative increases in truck rates may more than outweigh any advantage from higher U.S. steel prices expected after April 1, 1974.



6.3 Duty Rates

The objective of the current round of GATT talks (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) is to encourage free trade by the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers. However, we do not anticipate any reduction in steel duty rates into the U.S. before 1975, or significant reductions until at least 1980.

7. <u>Steel Imports</u>

7.1 Western Canada

A summary of imports is presented in Exhibit XIII, "Steel Imports Through British Columbia Ports". Approximately 15,000 tons or, 75% of total Western Canada's C.R. consumption, and 26,000 tons, or 19% of galvanized consumption, is currently imported through British Columbia ports. More than 98% of the cold rolled imports were under 51" in width in 1973.

Exhibit XV, "Apparent Consumption of Flat Rolled Steel Products in Canada" gives comparable national figures. While Western Canada imported 75% of its cold rolled requirements the national proportion was only 14.5%. Similarly, Western Canada imported 19% of its galvanized consumption compared to the national proportion of only 4.2%.

As of January 1974 imported C.R. steel was being laid down in Vancouver at prices 5% to 10% higher than domestic steel, and imported galvanized at 25% to 30% higher. Major imports are from Japan, Germany and Great Britain. It is estimated that Japan accounts for more than 90% of the total.

This represents a complete reversal of the competitive situation prevalent from the late 1960's to the beginning of 1973. From the mid-sixties to the end of 1971, the steel industry in most western countries had excess



production capacity. Many countries, Japan and Germany in particular, were selling in international markets at distress prices. Imported steel was selling in Western Canada at prices 25% to 35% lower than steel from domestic sources. Exhibit XIV, "Apparent Consumption of Flat Rolled Steel Products in Western Canada", illustrates the steady increase in the proportion of imported steel consumed in Western Canada from 1968 to 1972. During 1972 imports reached a peak and remained constant in the west during 1973. In Eastern Canada imports fell sharply during 1973. Domestic steel supplies became very tight during 1973 and western consumers, who had imported most of their requirements during the last few years, did not qualify for sufficient allocations from domestic producers. Western consumers were therefore forced to continue the import of a large proportion of their requirements at premium prices.

Imported steel prices moved from a discount of 25% to 35% to a premium of 5% to 35% within two years. This occurred because of a worldwide surge in steel demand concurrent with a reduced rate of increase in Japanese production capacity. This led to the current world-wide shortage of steel production capacity. Also, major currency realignments forced up the price of imports to Canadian consumers. These changes in foreign exchange rates are illustrated in Exhibit XII, "Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates". The sharp increase in the value of the Japanese yen and German mark made steel imports from these countries more expensive in Canada.

7.2 U.S. Upper Midwest

The level of steel imports into the U.S. Upper Midwest is shown in Exhibit XVI, "Imports of Steel via North Dakota and Minnesota". Generally imports represent a much lower proportion of total apparent consumption in this U.S. region than in Western Canada. Approximately 19,000 tons, or 10% of total Upper Midwest C.R. sheet and strip consumption, was imported during 1972. Only about 6,000 tons, or less than 5% of total galvanized consumption, was imported. As indicated in the exhibit, a very large proportion of these imports are from Canada, particularly Ontario.



8. Growth Potential

The summary of western consumption shown in Exhibit XIV, "Apparent Consumption of Flat Rolled Steel Products in Western Canada", indicates that total sheet and strip market growth has been about 10.4% per year during the last five years. National growth rates for individual commodities are shown in Exhibit XV, "Apparent Consumption of Flat Rolled Steel Products in Canada". During the past five years both C.R. and galvanized consumption have increased at more than 10% per year.

We have estimated that the historical growth rate for cold rolled sheet and strip has been only about 3% to 4% per year. This rate is significantly below the national rate because few high growth C.R. steel consuming industries are located in Western Canada. It is unlikely that this rate will be exceeded during the next five years because H.R. sheet and strip surface finish is being improved which will encourage further substitution for the more expensive C.R. steels.

Analysis of galvanized consumption by type of industry is presented in Exhibit XVII, "Industrial Consumption of Galvanized Sheet and Strip in Western Canada". The metal fabricating industries are the single most important consumers of galvanized steel. Although culvert manufacturing accounts for about 25% to 30% of galvanized consumption, its growth rate has been only about 2% to 3% per year. However, with the likelihood of increased activity in the resource industries and a commensurate increase in highway construction, culvert demand could increase at a rate of 5% to 6% over the next five years.

Substantial amounts of galvanized steel is used by the construction industry as heavy and light gauge roofing, flooring or steel decks, wall cladding, weather stripping, flashing, and in the construction of agricultural buildings. Large amounts are also consumed in Manitoba for the manufacture of grain bins. We anticipate that the agricultural market will continue to hold firm for the next two years and that there will be significantly increased construction activity during the next five years in Western Canada. Consequently, we expect that the demand for heavy and light gauge galvanized sheet and strip steel should increase by 6% to 8% during this period.

Although Stelco is actively promoting the use of galvanized steel floor joists for residential construction, we do not anticipate general acceptance by the construction industry for at least three years. Consequently increased steel usage in residential construction, including steel basements in Saskatchewan, will not have a significant impact on heavy gauge steel demand in Western Canada until at least 1977 or 1978.

9. Competitive Sources of Steel Products

9.1 <u>Imported Steel</u>

The two major factors that determine the prices of steel imports are the balance between world steel supply and demand, and changes in foreign exchange rates, particularly the Canadian dollar versus the Japanese yen.

Today there is a world-wide shortage of steel production capacity. In spite of the energy crisis and escalating prices of crude oil, the economies of developed countries are expected to expand during the next five years. This will support the current strong demand for steel products. Several other basic commodities are in short supply due to plant capacity limitations. Supply of these commodities can only be increased by heavy capital investment in new production facilities which in turn will consume large amounts of steel.

On the steel supply side, Japan has recently reduced its annual increase in steel production capacity from 15% per year to a longer term target of 5% per year. Furthermore, it seems likely that substantial increases in world steel production capacity will not occur before 1978. This high demand - tight supply situation should persist for at least three to four years maintaining the price of foreign made steel at a high level.

Significant adjustments in exchange rates can dramatically alter prices of imported steel in Western Canada. At this time it is very difficult to project with any confidence the direction or magnitude of exchange rates adjustments during the next five years. Assuming that there will be no drastic realignment of current exchange rates we expect that prices of imported steel will remain as high or higher than domestic prices during the next five years. Consequently IPSCO will probably have a good opportunity to enter the western cold rolled and galvanized sheet and strip markets.

9.2 Domestic Steel

In Canada there are only two producers of galvanized sheet and strip steel, Stelco and Dofasco in Hamilton. Both can supply galvanized steel from 8 to 30 gauge to widths of 60".

Although Dofasco has excess galvanizing capacity, it cannot increase galvanized production without decreasing the production of some other products since it is now producing at its maximum ingot capacity. Stelco faces the same production restrictions until late 1977 when its new steel complex on Lake Erie comes on stream.

There are three major suppliers of C.R. sheet and strip steel in Canada, Stelco, Dofasco and Algoma. As with galvanized production, C.R. steel production must compete with other products for ingot tons. However, Algoma will be increasing its steel making capacity by 1.3 million ingot tons before the end of 1975.

A summary of ingot ton production data for the three major steel producers is shown in Exhibit XVIII, "Canadian Steel Ingot Production". A schedule of announced steel making capacity increases over the next five years is shown in Exhibit XIX, "Projection of Steel Production Capacities in Ontario". These announced increases average 5.8% per year over the five year period.



If a major steel consuming project, such as the MacKenzie Valley pipeline, is initiated during this five year period it is unlikely that announced increases in domestic steel production capacities will be sufficient to meet total demand.

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The information presented in this report is based on careful research and is believed to be reliable and current as of March 6, 1974. Estimates and projections are subject to many variables which could quickly render specific conclusions invalid. In interpreting this report attention should be given to the underlying assumptions.

PRICE WATERHOUSE ASSOCIATES

OTTAWA, March, 1974



INDUSTRY PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION

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BY GAUGE AND WIDTH

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STEEL COMMODITY TERM	8" or less	over 8" to 12" over 12" to 48"		over 48"
Bar	Over 0.2030" 13/64" and over Heavier than #5 gauge			
Plate		Over 0.229 _ 15/64 and Heavier th	Over 0.1799" 3/16" and over Heavier than #7 gauge	
Strip	0.2030" and under Under 13/64" #5 gauge and lighter	0.2299" and under 7/32" and under #4 gauge and lighter		
Sheet			0.2299" and under 7/32" and under #4 gauge and lighter	0.1799" and under 11/64" and under #7 gauge and lighter

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STEEL CONSUMPTION FOR THE TOTAL MARKET

BY PRODUCT AND REGION

(Thousands of Tons)

STEEL PRODUCT	TOTAL <u>CONSUMPTION</u>	WESTERN CANADA	SELECTED STATES
Plate	495	365	130
Hot Rolled Sheet & Strip	273	144	129
Cold Rolled Sheet & Strip	207	20	187
Galvanized Sheet & Strip	253	136	117
Hollow Structural Sections	72	68	4
TOTAL CONSUMPTION	1,300	733	567

<u>NOTE</u>: 1. Flat rolled steel figures do not include steel used for the manufacture of pipes and tubes, or tinplate steel.

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TOTAL STEEL CONSUMPTION IN WESTERN CANADA

<u>1973</u> BY PRODUCT AND PROVINCE

(Tons)

STEEL PRODUCT	WESTERN CANADA	BRITISH COLUMBIA	ALBERTA	SASKATCHEWAN	MANITOBA	NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
Plate	365,000	120,000	130,000	15,000	90,000	10,000
H.R. Sheet & Strip	144,000	55,000	20,000	16,000	50,000	3,000
C.R. Sheet & Strip	20,300	6,000	4,000	200	10,000	100
Galvanized	136,200	55,000	41,500	14,000	25,000	700
Hollow Structurals	67,500	10,000	20,000	6,500	30,000	1,000
TOTAL CONSUMPTION	733,000	246,000	215,500	51,700	205,000	14,800

- <u>NOTE</u>: 1. Flat rolled steel figures do not include steel used for the manufacture of pipes and tubes, or tinplate steel.
 - 2. Approximately 75% of the C.R. Sheet & Strip and 19% of the Galvanized is imported.

TOTAL STEEL CONSUMPTION IN SELECTED STATES

1973

BY PRODUCT AND STATE

(Tons)

STEEL PRODUCT	MIDWEST	<u>MONTANA</u>	<u>N. DAKOTA</u>	<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>S. DAKOTA</u>	WYOMING
Plate	· •130 , 300	4,800	4,000	115,000	4,500	2,000
H.R. Sheet & Strip	128,900	2,000	2,500	120,000	3,500	900
C.R. Sheet & Strip	187,000	1,300	1,500	180,000	3,500	700
Galvanized	116,500	8,000	8,500	85,000	11,000	4,000
Hollow Structurals	4,300	700	700	1,500	900	500
TOTAL CONSUMPTION	567,000	16,800	17,200	501,500	23,400	8,100

NOTE: Flat rolled steel figures do not include steel used for the manufacture of pipes and tubes, or tinplate steel.

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Exhibit IV

COLD ROLLED SHEET AND STRIP CONSUMPTION

1973

BY PRODUCT AND REGION (Tons)

PRODUCT DE	TAILS	WESTERN* CANADA	BRITISH COLUMBIA	<u>ALBERTA</u>	<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>	<u>MANITOBA</u>	SELECTED** STATES
Width	48" and less	19,200	5,700	3,800	200	9,500	168,000
	over 48"	1,000	300	200	NIL	500	19,000
Temper	Full hard	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	19,000
	Annealed	20,200	6,000	4,000	200	10,000	168,000
TOTAL CONS	UMPTION	20,200	6,000	4,000	200	10,000	187,000

* Canadian total figures 'do not include Northwestern Ontario which accounts for less than 1% of total Western Canada cold rolled sheet and strip consumption.

** U.S. figures are estimates based on the Minnesota market which accounts for more than 96% of total Selected States cold rolled sheet and strip consumption.

GALVANIZED SHEET AND STRIP CONSUMPTION

1973

BY PRODUCT AND REGION

(Tons)

PRODUCT D	<u>ETAILS</u>	WESTERN* CANADA	BRITISH COLUMBIA	<u>ALBERTA</u>	<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>	MANITOBA	SELECTED** STATES
WIDTH	48" AND LESS	122,600	52,200	41,500	12,600	16,300	87,400
	OVER 48"	12,900	2,800	NIL	1,400	8,700	29,100
GAUGE	8 TO 16	50,000	19,300	14,500	11,200	5,000	23,300
	17 TO 30	85,500	35,700	27,000	2,800	20,000	93,200
TOTAL CON	SUMPTION	135,500	55,000	41,500	14,000	25,000	116,500

- * Canadian total figures do not include Northwestern Ontario which accounts for less than 1% of total Western Canada galvanized consumption.
- ** U.S. figures are estimates based on the Minnesota market which accounts for 73% of total Selected States' galvanized consumption.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT CANADIAN AND U.S. STEEL PRICES

(Per cwt.)

	CAN	ADIAN MILL PR	RICES	U.S. MILL	U.S. MILL PRICES	
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	DATE EFFECTIVE	CANADIAN DOLLARS	IN U.S. DOLLARS <u>PLUS DUTY</u>	DATE <u>EFFECTIVE</u>	U.S. <u>DOLLARS</u>	
Plate - base price	Jan. 1, 1974	7.85	8.65	Jan. 1, 1974	9.15	
H.R. Sheet - Min. coil basis	Mar. 11, 1974	8.30	9.15	Jan. 1, 1974	8.675	
C.R. Sheet - Min. coil basis	Feb. 4, 1974	10.00	11.07	Oct. 1, 1973	10.30	
Galvanized - G90 coating 48" X 22 gauge x coil	Jan. 28, 1974	12.10	13.50	Jan. 1, 1974	12.775	
48" X 10 gauge x coil	Jan. 28, 1974	10.45	11.67	Jan. 1, 1974	11.075	
Hollow Structurals - base price	Jan. 1, 1974	- 11.50	11.89		11.50	

SOURCE: The Steel Company of Canada and U.S. Steel International, Toronto.

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<u>NOTE</u>: 1. Canadian prices converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate of \$0.9755 Canadian per dollar U.S.

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2. Canadian and U.S. prices are F.O.B. mill.

Exhibit VII

FREIGHT RATES TO CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

(Per cwt.)

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LOCATION_	THUNDER BAY	WINNIPEG	REGINA	CALGARY	VANCOUVER
Hamilton	(\$1.20)	\$1.82	\$2 . 46	\$2.76	\$2.20 ²
Sault Ste. Marie	(0.98)	(1.36)	(1.98)	(2.35)	2.12
Regina	(1.04)	(0.42)	-	(0.66)	(1.23)
					0.89

SOURCE: The Steel Company of Canada The Algoma Steel Corporation Interprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation

- <u>NOTE</u>: 1. Above rates are based on a minimum railcar load of 80,000 pounds except for figures in brackets which are truck rates generally based on a 40,000 pound minimum load.
 - 2. Hamilton to Vancouver rates are currently being increased; the above rate is an estimate and will probably be increased by a further 20% in July, 1974.
 - 3. Rates are current as of March 6, 1974.

FREIGHT RATES TO U.S. DESTINATIONS

(Per Cwt.)

	DESTINATIONS							
STEEL MILL	MINNEAPOLIS	SIOUX FALLS	FARGO	CHEYENNE	BILLINGS			
LOCATION	MINNESOTA	<u>S. DAKOTA</u>	<u>N. DAKOTA</u>	WYOMING	MONTANA			
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	\$0.69	\$0.90	\$1.03	\$1.40	\$2.17			
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DECINA SASVATCUEUAN	1 80	$(1, 6\lambda)$	$(1 \ 17)$	(1 67)	(1 11)			
REGINA, SASKATOMEWAN	1.00	(1.04)	(1.17)	(1.07)	(1.11)			
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO	0.92							
PROVO, UTAH			2.43	0.90	1.44			
FONTANA, CALIFORNIA				2.55	1.89			
OAKLAND. CALIFORNIA					1.86			
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SOURCE:	Bur	Burlington Northern Inc.				
	Int	erprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation				
NOTES:	1.	Above rates are based on a minimum railcar load of 80,000 pounds except for figures in brackets which are truck rates based on a 40,000 pound minimum load.				
	2.	All rates are current as of March 6, 1974 and include the 2.1% railway surcharge effective February 1, 1974.				



IMPORT TARIFFS ON STEEL PRODUCTS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

PRO	DUCT DESCRIPTION	ITEM NUMBER	RATES OF DUTY
Hot Rolled	Plates	6088420	7.5%
	Sheets (black)	6088440	7.5%
	Sheets (pickled)	6088742	8.0%
Cold Rolled	Sheets	6088744	8.0%
Galvanized	Sheets valued	6089530	10¢/cwt.
	over \$10/cwt.		+8.0%
	Sheets valued not	6089430	9.0%
	over \$10/cwt.		
Strips	Lighter than 31 gauge		
	hot rolled	6090220	6.0%
	cold rolled	6090240	6.0%
	31 to 18 gauge		
	hot rolled	6090320	8.5%
	cold rolled	6090340	8.5%
	Heavier than 18 gauge		
	hot rolled	6090420	9.5%
	cold rolled	6090440	9.5%

Hollow Structurals

10¢/cwt.

Source: Tariff schedules of the United States, annotated (1972), Schedule 6

LAID DOWN PRICE OF C.R. AND GALVANIZED SHEET AND STRIP (Per Cwt.)

STEEL MILL LOCATION DESTINATION HAMILTON SAULT STE. MARIE REGINA CHICAGO FONTANA Vancouver C.R. S & S \$12.20 \$12.12 \$<u>10.89</u> \$ \$ Galv. 22 gauge 14.30 12.99 -Winnipeg C.R. S & S 11.82 11.36 10.42 Galv. 22 gauge 13.92 -12.52 . Thunder Bay C.R. S & S 11.20 10.98 11.04 13.14 Galv. 22 gauge 13.30 -Minneapolis, Minn. C.R. S & S 11.99 12.87 10.99 Galv. 22 gauge 15.30 13.47 _ Sioux Falls, S. Dakota C.R. S & S 12.71 11.20 15.14 Galv. 22 gauge 13.68 Fargo, N. Dakota C.R. S & S 12.24 11.33 Galv. 22 gauge 14.67 13.81 Cheyenne, Wyoming C.R. S & S 12.74 11.70 12.85 Galv. 22 gauge 15.17 14.18 15.33 Billings, Montana 12.47 12.19 C.R. S & S 12.18 Galv. 22 gauge 14.61 14.95 14.67

<u>Note</u>:

te: 1. The lowest laid down prices are underlined.

2. Steel prices from Exhibit VII.

3. Transportation rates from Exhibits VIII and IX.

4. Rates of duty from Exhibit X.

Exhibit XI

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

CHANGES IN QUARTERLY RATES

FROM 1969 AVERAGE MID-RATES

(In Canadian Dollars)

	U.S. <u>DOLLAR</u>	JA PANESE <u>YEN</u>	BRITISH POUND	GERMAN <u>MARK</u>
1969 AVERAGE				
MID-RATES	\$1.0768	\$0.003005	\$2.5739	\$0.2746
1970 1st Quarter	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.2%	6.1%
2nd Quarter *	-2.4	-1.5	-0.9	6.3
3rd Quarter	-5.0	-5.0	-5.1	2,6
4th Quarter	-5.3	-5.1	-5.4	2.1
1971 1st Quarter	-6.3	-5.1	-5.4	-0.1
2nd Quarter	-6.0	-5.4	-4.9	2.3
3rd Quarter **	-5.7	-2.9	-3.6	8.3
4th Quarter	-7.1	2.3	-2.5	10.4
1972 1st Quarter	-6.9	8.9	1.2	14.3
2nd Quarter	-8.3	6.4	-0.2	13.3
3rd Quarter	-8.7	-2.2	-6.6	12.6
4th Quarter	-8.2	-1.6	-9.2	12.4
1973 1st Quarter ***	-7.6	18.9	-6.3	21.2
2nd Quarter	-7.2	25.7	-1.7	33.4
3rd Quarter	-7.0	26.1	-3.4	52.8
4th Quarter	-7.3	21.0	-7.6	43.1
SELLING RATES				
MARCH 1, 1974	\$0 . 9755	\$0.003360	\$2.2232	\$0.3675
CHANGE FROM 1969				
AVERAGE MID-RATES	-9.4%	11.8%	-13.6%	33.8%

SOURCE: Foreign Exchange Department, The Royal Bank of Canada

* Canadian dollar floated in May, 1970

** President Nixon introduced wage and price controls on Aug. 15, 1971

*** Japan floated the yen in February, 1973

STEEL IMPORTS THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS <u>1972-1973</u> <u>BY PRODUCTS</u>

(Tons)

PRODUCTS AND DIMENSIONS		<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Plate Total	Over 60" 60" and under	116,250 <u>52,250</u> 168,500	141,000 <u>47,300</u> 188,300
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Hot Rolled Sheet & Strip	Over 51" 51" and under	13,900 83,450	17,100 71,800
Total		97,350	88,900
Cold Rolled Sheet & Strip	Over 51"	300	220
Total	51" and under	<u>13,450</u> 13,750	<u>14,900</u> 15,120
Total Imports		318,400	318,420

Source: Statistics Canada by special request

<u>Note</u>: These figures include steel used in the manufacture of pipes and tubes.

APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF FLAT ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN WESTERN CANADA

<u>1968-1972</u>

(Thousands of Tons)

		PLATE		SHEET AND STRIP			
YEAR	WESTERN CANADA	PROPORTION TOTAL CANADA (%)	IMPORTS (%)	WESTERN CANADA	PROPORTION TOTAL CANADA (%)	IMPORTS (%)	
1968	447	39.0	13.7	187	6.8	25.9	
1969	515	44.3	26.5	267	8.6	38.2	
1970	482 .	37.0	22.1	216	7.2	31.2	
1971	508	39.9	23.7	257	6.7	42.0	
1972	615	43.4	28.2	312	6.3	50.8	
			GROWT	A RATES	······································		
		PLATE			SHEET AND STRIP		
1968 - 72		6.4%			10.4%		

Source: Statistics Canada's special reports, "Regional Distribution of Domestic Rolled Steel Shipments". Import data obtained by special request from Statistics Canada.

- Notes: 1. Values include steel for the manufacture of pipes and tubes.
 - 2. Sheet and Strip volumes include Hot Rolled, Cold Rolled, Galvanized and Tinplate steel.
 - 3. Approximately 75% of imported Plate is greater than 60" wide.
 - 4. Approximately 17% of imported Sheet and Strip is greater than 51" wide.

APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF FLAT ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN CANADA

Price Waterhouse Associates

<u> 1963-1973</u>

(Thousands of Tons)

	PLATE		H.R. SHEET AND STRIP		C.R. SHEET AND STRIP		GALVANIZED	
YEAR	VOLUME	PER CENT IMPORTED	VOLUME	PER CENT IMPORTED	VOLUME	PER CENT IMPORTED	VOLUME	PER CENT IMPORTED
1963	785	9.8	900	10.1	630	3.2	347	1.5
1964	914	8.0	1,095	17.7	735	2.7	415	1.5
1965	1,144	19.0	1,249	16.8	828	4.0	468	1.7
1966	1,074	17.0	1,114	7.2	801	2.9	488	1.5
1967	1,031	16.1	1,123	7.3	766	2.8	463	1.6
1968	1,147	13.6	1,374	6.9	873	3.4	513	1.4
1969	1,163	20.9	1,536	13.1	1,004	9.2	553	3.0
1970	1,305	11.6	1,532	9.5	911	5.3	562	3.1
1971	1,273	19.0	2,016	19.9	1,201	17.8	649	7.5
1972	1,419	21.2	2 , 355	18.4	1,309	19.0	695	0.2
1973	1,488	19.4	2,693	12.2	1,399	14.5	876	4.2

_	GROWTH RATES				
1963 - 73	5.4%	10.5%	7.5%	7.7%	
1968-73	5.5%	15.1%	10.3%	10.6%	

Sources: Statistics Canada Catalogues 41-001 and 65-007, December Issues 1963 to 1973.

Notes: 1. Includes steel for the manufacture of pipes and tubes.

2. Cold Rolled includes electrical steel (silicon steel) and timplate steel.

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Exhibit XVI

IMPORTS OF STEEL VIA NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA

<u>1972</u>

(Tons)

STEEL PRODUCT	IMPORTS
Plates	2,200
H.R. Sheet and Strip	12,350
C.R. Sheet and Strip	19,100
Galvanized Sheet	5,800

TOTAL 39,450

<u>Source</u>: U. S. Department of Commerce; Minneapolis Regional Office and Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis.

<u>Notes</u>:

 Approximately 29,500 tons or 75% of the total were imported from Canada; 99.7% of this amount from Ontario.

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INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION OF GALVANIZED SHEET AND STRIP

IN WESTERN CANADA

BY INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION AND REGION

INDUSTRY	PRAIRIES	BRITISH COLUMBIA
Metal Fabricating Industries	91%	96%
Boiler and Plate Works		
Fabricated Structural Metal	3	1
Ornamental and Architectural	1	
Metal Stamping, Pressing and Coating Hardware, Tool and Cutlery	76	94
Heating Equipment Mfg. Machine Shops	3	1
Misc. Metal Fabricating Ind.	8	
Machinery Industries	5%	nil
Agricultural Implement Misc. Machinery and Equipment Mfg. Comm. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Office and Store Machinery	5	
Transportation Equipment Industries	3%	2%
Truck Body and Trailer Mfg. Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories Railroad Rolling Stock Shipbuilding and Repair Boatbuilding and Repair Misc. Vehicle Mfg.	3	2
Electrical Products Industries	1%	2%
Small Electrical Appliances Lighting Fixtures Communications Equipment		1
Electrical Industrial Equipment		1
Misc. Electrical Products	1	

Source: Statistics Canada regional consumption data for 1971 by special request

CANADIAN STEEL INGOT PRODUCTION

1963-1974

(Thousands of Tons)

-				TOTAL	TOTAL	PROPORTION
YEAR	STELCO	DOFASCO	ALGOMA	BIG 3	CANADA	BIG 3
1963	3,110	1,391	2,092	6,593	8,065	81.7%
1964	3,479	1,584	2,301	7,364	8,969	82.1
1965	3 , 846	1,785	2,486	8,117	9,866	82.3
1966	3,794	1,877	2,347	8,018	9,814	81.7
1967	3,966	1,879	2,073	7,918	9 <u>,</u> 551	82.9
1968	4,485	2,180	2,261	8,926	11,109	80.3
1969	3,670*	2,279	1,725*	7,674	10,152	75.6
1970	4,801	2,322	2,495	9,618	12,154	79.1
1971	4,673	2,468	2,360	9,501	11,964	79.4
1972	5,031	2,773	2,426	10,230	12,894	79.3
1973	5,723	3,036	2,650	11,409	14 , 550	78.4
1974**	5,850	3,250	2,850	11,950	15,200	78.6

GROWTH RATES

1963-73	5.1%	7.3%	1%	4.5%	5.1%
1968-73	6.3%	6.8%	.5%	6.1%	6.0%

Sources: Company Annual Reports and Research Brief by Pitfield Mackay Ross & Company Limited

* Operations interrupted by strikes in 1969

** Estimated

PROJECTION OF STEEL PRODUCTION CAPACITIES IN ONTARIO

1972-1978

(Millions of Ingot Tons)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>STELCO</u>	DOFASCO	ALGOMA	TOTAL	INCREASE OVER <u>PREVIQUS YEAR</u>
1972	5.4	2.9	2.6	10.9	
1973	ş 5.7	3.0	2.7	11.4	4.6%
1974	5.9	3.3	3.0	12.2	7.0%
1975	6.0	3.4	4.0	13.4	9.8%
1976	6.2	3.5	4.1	13.8	3.0%
1977	6.6	3.6	4.2	14.4	4.3%
1978	7.3	3.6	4.3	15.2	5.6%

SOURCES: Statistics Canada and Company sources

- NOTE: 1. The average projected growth rate for producers' steel ingot capacities from 1972 to 1978 is approximately 5.8% per year.
 - Since Dofasco has not announced plans for a new melt shop and hot rolling mill, we have assumed no substantial capacity increases for 1977 and 1978.

EXHIBIT XX

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED

STEEL MILLS

The Steel Company of Canada, Hamilton Dominion Foundries and Steel Limited, Hamilton The Algoma Steel Corporation Limited, Sault Ste. Marie Interprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation Limited, Regina U.S. Steel International, Toronto

STEEL SERVICE CENTRES

Brayshaw Steel Limited, Thunder Bay Dominion Bridge Company Limited, Winnipeg Drummond, McCall & Co. Limited, Winnipeg Russelsteel Limited, Winnipeg Wilkinson Company Limited, Saskatoon Shragg Steel, Regina Russelsteel Steel Ltd, Regina Dominion Bridge Company Limited, Regina Westeel-Rosco Limited, Regina Drummond, McCall & Co. Limited, Calgary Mueller Metals Limited, Calgary Quadra Steel Limited, Calgary Russelsteel (Alberta) Limited, Calgary and Edmonton Dominion Bridge Co. Limited, Calgary and Edmonton Wilkinson Company Limited, Calgary and Edmonton A.C. Leslie & Co. Ltd., Edmonton Dominion Bridge Company Ltd., Vancouver A.C. Leslie & Co. Ltd., Vancouver A.J. Forsyth & Co. Ltd., Vancouver MacQuarrie Steel Limited, Burnaby Quadra Steel Limited, Vancouver Westeel-Rosco Limited, Vancouver



STEEL SERVICE CENTRES, CONT'D.

Wilkenson Company Limited, Vancouver Lambton Steel Limited, Vancouver Joseph T. Ryerson & Son Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. Fargo Steel Products Co., Fargo, N. Dakota Tri-State Steel Co., Cheyenne, Wyoming Northland Steel Co., Billings, Montana Paper Calmenson & Co., St. Paul, Minn. Burkhardt Steel, Denver, Colo. Egger Steel Co., Sioux Falls, S. Dakota

STEEL USERS

Thunder Bay

Canadian Car Division, Hawker Siddeley

Manitoba

Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., Winnipeg Versatile Manufacturing Ltd., Winnipeg Behlen-Wicks Company Ltd., Brandon Flyer Industries, Fort Gary Canadian Steel Tank, Ltd., Brandon Metal-Pac Mfg. Ltd., Fort Gary Empire Sheet Metal Mfg. Co. Ltd., Winnipeg Inland Steel & Forgings Ltd., Winnipeg Canadian Rogers Western (1971) Ltd., Winnipeg Elite Metal Products, Ltd., Winnipeg MacDonald Brothers Sheet Metal, Winnipeg Killbery Ind. (1971) Ltd., Winnipeg National Products Ltd., Winnipeg Kipp Kelly Limited, Winnipeg Joy Manufacturing Co. (Canada) Ltd., Winnipeg Westfield Industries Ltd., Rosenort Farm King Limited, Morden Big "M" Mfg. Ltd., Neepawa

STEEL USERS, CONT'D.

Manitoba, continued

Dalman Enterprises Ltd., Killarney Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd., Fabricating Division, Winnipeg C.J. Malach Co. Ltd., Fort Whyte

Saskatchewan

Westeel - Rosco Limited, Regina Armco Canada Ltd., Regina Fairford Industries, Moose Jaw Richardson Culvert, Saskatoon Rock-O-Matic Ltd., Varda Anderson Manufacturing Ltd., Southey Degelman Industries Ltd., Regina Morris Rod Weeder, Yorkton Leon's Mfg. Co. Ltd., Yorkton Harding Industries Limited, Saskatoon Fulco Metal Products Ltd., Regina Inland Metal Mfg. Co. Ltd., Regina Crown Mfg. Ltd., Regina Western Roto Thresh Ltd., Saskatoon Westank Industries Ltd., Regina Craik Mfg. Co. Ltd., Craik Sakundiak Farm Equipment, Regina Mel-Com Industries Ltd., Imperial Centra Canadian Structures, Limited, Regina Signal Industries Ltd., Regina Regina Iron Works Ltd., Regina

STEEL USERS, CONT'D.

<u>Alberta</u>

Armco Canada Ltd., Edmonton Tested Truss, Calgary Edwards Rod Weeder Ltd., Lethbridge Westland Metals Ltd., Calgary EZEE On Mfg. Ltd., Vegreville Kaps Mfg. Ltd., Edmonton Wenco Industries Limited, Calgary Great West Steel Ind. Ltd., Calgary Trus Joist (Western) Ltd., Claresholm Universal Industries Ltd., Lloydminster Maloney Steel - Crafts Ltd., Calgary Int'1 Cooperage Co., Lloydminster Kirchner Machine Ltd., Lethbridge Babco Electric and Engine Ltd., Calgary Corod Mfg. Ltd., Edmonton Triangle Steel Fabricators Ltd., Edmonton Westal-Rosco Ltd., Calgary

British Columbia

TPL Industries Ltd., Burnaby Coldform Industries Ltd., Richmond Hayes Trucks Ltd., Vancouver Freightliner of Canada Ltd., Burnaby Bradson Machine Ltd., Vancouver Ahoy Industrial Corp. Ltd., N. Vancouver Moore Canada Ltd., Richmond Elliott Steel Ltd., Vancouver Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd., Vancouver D. Tidy Welders, Vancouver Monarch Steelcraft Ltd., Vancouver

STEEL USERS, CONT'D.

British Columbia

Sandford Pearce Ltd., Vancouver Jasco Mfg. Ltd., Burnaby Lincon Steel Products Ltd., Richmond Canwest Metal Sections Ltd., Granville Island Armco Canada Ltd., Vancouver Spir-L-OK Ind., Vancouver Synkoloid Metal Prod., Vancouver

U.S. Upper Midwest

Sioux Steel Co., Sioux Falls, S. Dakota Schwartz Farm Machinery, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota Empire Steel Manufacturing Co., Billings, Montana Marketing Specialities & Mfg., Billings, Montana Darbo Development Co., Billings, Montana Westeel-Rosco, Fargo, N. Dakota H.V. Johnson, Fargo, N. Dakota Tri-State Steel Co., Cheyenne, Wyoming Metal-Matic Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. Tubeco Division Hofmann Ind., Owatonna, Minn.

Other Organizations

Burlington Northern Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. Canadian Consulate & Trade Commission, Minneapolis, Minn. U.S. Department of Commerce, Minneapolis, Minn. Business & Industry Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa National Small Business Administration, Washington, D.C. Statistics Canada, Ottawa The Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto Canadian Steel Service Centre Institute, Toronto Pitfield, Mackay, Ross & Company Limited, Toronto

