



AMG SUBSIDIARY TIMMINCO ANNOUNCES COST CONTAINMENT PLAN FOR SILICON OPERATIONS

Amsterdam, 17 March 2009 --- AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V.'s ("AMG," Euronext Amsterdam: "AMG") 50.7% owned subsidiary, Timminco Limited ("Timminco"; TSX: TIM), announced today that it will temporarily curtail production of silicon metal due to difficult market conditions and reduced demand for silicon metal in the chemical and aluminum industries.

This operating mode will be implemented at the beginning of the second quarter 2009, with the goal to preserve cash flow and decrease current working capital levels. The decrease of silicon metal production will result in a temporary workforce reduction. During this period, the Company will supply silicon metal to customers from existing finished goods inventory.

Timminco will continue to produce solar grade silicon, although at levels that bring production in line with customer orders. Customers for solar grade silicon have recently reduced their orders significantly due to the current market downturn. The Company will defer further capacity expansion of its solar grade silicon facility pending recovery of demand for solar grade silicon.

Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Timminco, commented that, "The impact of global economic and credit conditions have prompted us to take decisive action to reduce costs and preserve capital until the silicon metal and solar grade silicon markets improve."

About AMG

AMG, incorporated in the Netherlands, is a global leader in the production of highly engineered specialty metal products and advanced vacuum furnace systems. AMG serves growing industries worldwide with its unique combination of metallurgical engineering expertise and production know-how. AMG is a market leader in many of its products and systems, which are critical to the production of key components for the aerospace, energy (including solar and nuclear), electronics, optics, chemicals, construction and transportation industries. AMG has two operating divisions of businesses, Advanced Materials and Engineering Systems, and owns majority interests in publicly-listed companies Timminco Limited (TSX: "TIM") and Graphit Kropfmühl AG (Deutsche Börse: GKR.DE).

The Advanced Materials Division develops and produces niche specialty metals and complex metals products, many of which are used in demanding, safety-critical, high-stress environments.

AMG is one of a limited number of significant producers globally of niche specialty metals, such as ferrovanadium, ferronickel-molybdenum, aluminum master alloys and additives, chromium metal and ferrotitanium, used by steel, aluminum, chemical and superalloy producers for aerospace, automotive, energy, electronics, optics, chemicals, construction and other applications. Other key products produced by AMG include specialty alloys for titanium and superalloys, coating materials, tantalum and niobium oxides, vanadium chemicals and antimony trioxide.

The Engineering Systems Division designs, engineers and produces advanced vacuum furnace systems and operates vacuum heat treatment facilities. AMG is a global leader in supplying technologically-advanced vacuum furnace systems to customers in the aerospace, energy (including solar and nuclear), transportation, electronics, superalloys and specialty steel industries. Examples of furnace systems produced by AMG include vacuum remelting, solar silicon melting and crystallization, vacuum induction melting, vacuum heat treatment and high pressure gas quenching, vacuum precision casting, turbine blade coating and sintering. AMG also provides vacuum case-hardening heat treatment services on a tolling basis to customers through facilities equipped with vacuum heat treatment furnaces.

Timminco Limited is a majority controlled, publicly listed subsidiary of AMG. Timminco is a leader in the production of upgraded metallurgical silicon for the rapidly growing solar photovoltaic energy industry. Timminco also produces silicon metal and magnesium products for use in a broad range of industrial applications.

Graphit Kropfmühl AG is a majority controlled, publicly listed subsidiary of AMG. Based on its secure raw material sources in Africa, China and Europe, Graphit Kropfmühl is a specialist in the production of silicon metal and the extraction, processing and refining of natural crystalline graphite for a wide range of energy saving industrial applications.

AMG operates globally with production facilities in Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Czech Republic, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Sri Lanka and Australia and also has sales and customer service offices in Belgium, Russia, China and Japan (website: www.amg-nv.com).

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