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AHMSA PRESENTS 2009 FIRST HALF RESULTS

- Results show the world economic recession impact
- A slight increase in demand and prices is noticeable

Monclova, Coahuila, July 28, 2009.- Altos Hornos de México and Subsidiaries S.A.B. de C.V. (“AHMSA” or the “Company”) presented today its 2009 First Half Results to the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (Mexican Stock Exchange), period in which the EBITDA was US\$92.5 million (Ps. 1,289 million).

The accumulated income of the Company before the financial integral result (operating income) during the first six months of 2009 was Ps. 65.5 million, with a consolidated net income loss of Ps. 112 million.

The figures presented during the Quarterly Board Meeting showed that the income sales had a 27.8% decrease, with 1 million 202 thousand 52 metric tons of steel commercialized, 24.8% less than the sales volume of the first six months of 2008.

During the First Half of 2009, AHMSA intensified its savings and efficiency program in operation since 2008, allowing the Company to have a better response facing the world economic recession and keeping practically intact its labor force.

One of the main actions of the program is to bring forward maintenance programs, in order to guarantee the full availability of every production unit at the time of the markets recovery.

In that issue, refurbishing programs were carried out in Blast Furnace No. 5, the major iron making unit of the Company. During that period, Blast Furnace No. 4 was put into operation after being in standby as a back up unit.

At the same time, Blast Furnace No. 6 continued its development as the new iron making unit in which civil works are almost finished and the installation of equipment and auxiliary facilities is already in progress.

During an evaluation of the markets situation, the Chairman of the Board, Alonso Ancira, stated that the strong recession conditions were maintained during the First Half, with a 50% decrease in the demand of steel and a similar fall in steel prices.

“Just in July a minor recovery in prices was noticeable and we think that the situation will improve slightly in the next two Quarters of the year, and we expect a greater improvement in 2010”, he said.

Alonso Ancira emphasizes that AHMSA and its companies search for new and diverse business alternatives, mainly in the energy field which would allow increasing operations and cash flows, with a positive impact in the regional economy.

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