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AHMSA PRESENTS 2009 THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Monclova, Coahuila, October 28, 2009.- Altos Hornos de México and Subsidiaries S.A.B. de C.V. (AHMSA) presented today its 2009 Third Quarter Results to the Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (Mexican Stock Exchange), period in which the EBITDA was US\$79.9 million (Ps. one thousand 061 million).

The accumulated income of the Company prior to the financing integral result (operative income) during the Third Quarter of 2009 was Ps. 327 million, with a net income of Ps. 112 million.

The figures presented during the Third Quarter Board meeting shows a 40% decrease in volume and sales prices in comparison with the same period of 2008 as a result of the markets contraction.

During the evaluation of the results, the Chairman of the Board, Alonso Ancira, stated that even if the results can not be compared with those obtained in the 2008 Third Quarter when the Company had its best figures of all time, they do reflect AHMSA's flexibility in adjusting to periods of crisis.

He emphasized about the success achieved through AHMSA's savings and efficiency program in operation since the middle of 2008, when the high impact of the world financial crisis was foreseen.

Alonso Ancira stated that the operative margin was obtained as a result of the slight recovery in the steel demand between July and September and the success of the saving costs program applied by AHMSA.

He specially highlighted that as a result of a higher efficiency and the use of the Company own resources such as the gases generated in its production processes, AHMSA has reduced the cost of the fuels per steel tonne produced in 15% during the last five years. That percentage is an additional reduction to the one obtained with the programs applied since the last decade.

As a result, AHMSA has achieved the main objectives from its adjustment plan stated since 2008: To maintain the operation of its main production lines, to keep its labor force and to sustain its investment capacity, with more than US\$200 million invested during the first nine months of the year.

In that subject, it stands out the construction of Blast Furnace No. 6, a project with a 66% progress. The Blast Furnace No. 6 is carried out with in-house resources and is designed to guarantee AHMSA's production capacity in the long term.

During the Board meeting it was pointed out that the uncertainty in the financial markets maintains in a delay compass the basic understanding with the creditors for the end of the suspension of payments, process that is already completed in the case of the subsidiaries.

The following table shows the main results for the Third Quarter of 2008 and 2009.

Jul/Sep 2008/2009			
Concepto	Jul-Sep 2008	Jul-Sep 2009	Variation
Profit from Operations (millions of pesos)	+2,611	+327	-87.5%
Net Income (millions of pesos)	+1773	+112	-93.7%
EBITDA (millions of US dollars)	+319.6	+79.9	-75.0%