

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2009

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Or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Use of the term "United States" in the name of the registrant shall be limited to the United States of America.

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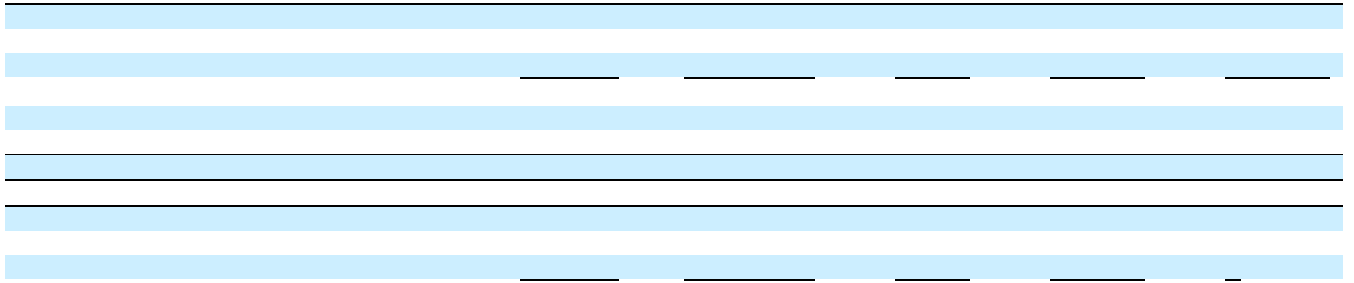
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel) produces and sells steel mill products, including flat-rolled and tubular, in North America and Central Europe. Operations in North America also include real estate management and development, transportation services and engineering and consulting services.

The year-end consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited statements but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Additionally, the year-end consolidated balance sheet data includes certain reclassifications and adjustments that were made to conform the presentation and disclosure to U. S. Steel's current presentation, as required by the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810 on consolidation. The other information in these financial statements is unaudited but, in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods covered. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature unless disclosed otherwise. These financial statements, including notes, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. U. S. Steel's consolidated financial statements are prepared in U.S. dollars.









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Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level annually in the third quarter and whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. The evaluation of impairment involves comparing the estimated fair value of the associated reporting unit to its carrying value, including goodwill. U. S. Steel completed its annual goodwill impairment test during the third quarter of 2009 and determined that there was no goodwill impairment for either reporting unit. Fair value was determined in accordance with the guidance in ASC Topic 820 on fair value which requires consideration of the income, market and cost approaches as applicable.

For the 2009 annual goodwill impairment test, U. S. Steel used fair values estimated under the income approach and the market approach. U. S. Steel did not utilize the cost approach as relevant data was not available.

The income approach is based upon projected future cash flows discounted to present value using factors that consider the timing and risk associated with the future cash flows. Fair value for the Flat-rolled and Texas Operations reporting units was estimated using probability weighted scenarios of future cash flow projections based on management's long range estimates of market conditions over a multiple year horizon. A three percent perpetual growth rate was used to arrive at an estimated terminal value. A discount rate of 11 percent was used for both reporting units and was based upon the cost of capital of other comparable steel companies, which we view as the most likely market participants, as of the date of our goodwill impairment test.

The market approach is based upon an analysis of valuation metrics for companies comparable to each reporting unit. Fair value for the Flat-rolled and Texas Operations reporting units was estimated using an appropriate valuation multiple based on this analysis, estimated normalized earnings and an estimated control premium.

In order to validate the reasonableness of the estimated fair values of the reporting units, a reconciliation of the aggregate fair values of all reporting units to market capitalization, using a reasonable control premium, was performed as of the valuation date. We further validated the reasonableness of the estimated fair values of our reporting units using other valuation metrics that included data from U. S. Steel's historical transactions as well as published industry analyst reports.

Goodwill impairment tests in 2008 did not indicate that goodwill was impaired for either reporting unit.

Amortizable intangible assets are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives and are detailed below:

(In millions)	Useful Lives	As of September 30, 2009			As of December 31, 2008		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount
Customer relationships	22-23 Years	\$ 213	\$ 21	\$ 192	\$ 204	\$ 14	\$ 190
Other	2-20 Years	25	11	14	25	8	17
Total amortizable intangible assets		\$ 238	\$ 32	\$ 206	\$ 229	\$ 22	\$ 207







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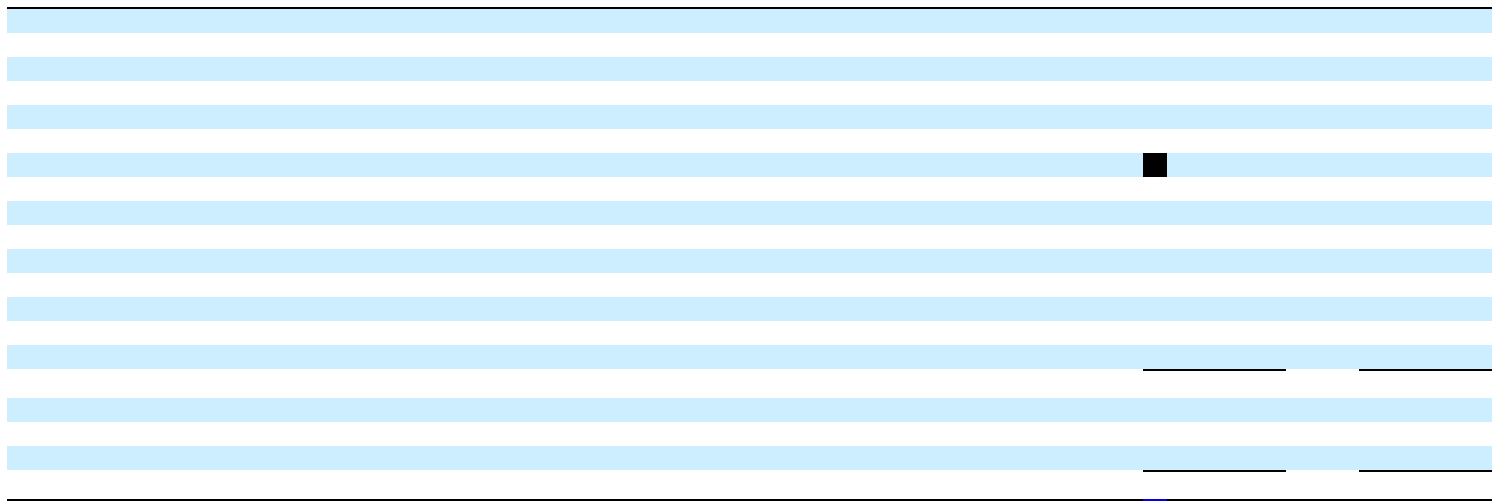
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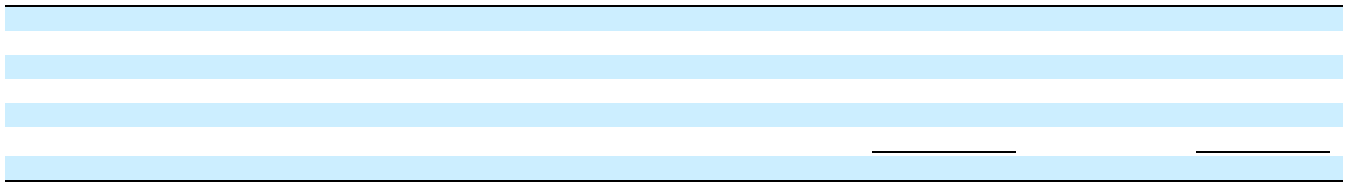



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U. S. Steel has no ownership interest in Gateway; however, because U. S. Steel is the primary beneficiary of Gateway, U. S. Steel consolidates Gateway in its financial results. The primary beneficiary designation was determined because U. S. Steel has a 15-year arrangement to purchase coke. Gateway is obligated to supply 90 percent to 105 percent of the expected annual capacity of the heat recovery coke plant, and U. S. Steel is obligated to purchase the coke from Gateway at the contract price. After January 1, 2010, a maximum default payment of approximately \$285 million would apply if U. S. Steel terminates the agreement.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, Gateway had added approximately \$295 million and \$162 million, respectively, in assets to our consolidated balance sheet. The assets were comprised mainly of construction in progress, which were entirely offset by the noncontrolling interest. Additionally, Gateway had added approximately \$18 million and \$19 million in liabilities at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The liabilities were comprised mainly of accounts payable, which were also entirely offset by the noncontrolling interest. Creditors of Gateway have no recourse to the general credit of U. S. Steel. For the three and nine months ended September 2009 and 2008, the consolidation of Gateway had an insignificant effect on U. S. Steel's results from operations.

### **20. Sale of Accounts Receivable**

U. S. Steel has a Receivables Purchase Agreement under which trade accounts receivable are sold, on a daily basis without recourse, to U. S. Steel Receivables, LLC (USSR), a wholly owned, bankruptcy-remote, special purpose entity used only for the securitization program. USSR can then sell senior undivided interests in up to \$500 million of the receivables to certain third-party commercial paper conduits for cash, while maintaining a subordinated undivided interest in a portion of the receivables. U. S. Steel has agreed to continue servicing the sold receivables at market rates. Because U. S. Steel receives adequate compensation for these services, no servicing asset or liability is recorded.

In June 2009, U. S. Steel entered into agreements which amended the Receivables Purchase Agreement. These agreements (a) revised pricing, increased reserve factors and percentages, (b) added a new termination event if there is a change of control of U. S. Steel, (c) changed the definition of "Eligible Receivables," (d) changed certain performance triggers and (e) made other conforming and clarifying changes. The amended Receivables Purchase Agreement expires on September 24, 2010.

Sales of accounts receivable are reflected as a reduction of receivables in the balance sheet and the proceeds and repurchases related to the securitization program are included in cash flows from operating activities in the statement of cash flows. Generally, the facility provides that as payments are collected from the sold accounts receivables, USSR may elect to have the conduits reinvest the proceeds in new eligible accounts receivable.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, \$413 million and \$500 million, respectively, of eligible accounts receivable were sold to the USSR.





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The fair value of financial instruments classified as current assets or liabilities approximates the carrying value due to the short-term maturity of the instruments. The fair value of investments and long-term receivables was based on discounted cash flows. U. S. Steel is subject to market risk and liquidity risk related to its investments; however, these risks are not readily quantifiable. The fair value of long-term debt instruments was based on the yield on public debt where available or current borrowing rates available for financings with similar terms and maturities.

Financial guarantees are U. S. Steel's only unrecognized financial instrument. For details relating to financial guarantees see Note 25.

## 22. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table reflects the components of comprehensive income (loss):

(In millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net (loss) income	\$ (307)	\$ 942	\$ (1,138)	\$ 1,856
Changes in foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	148	(244)	280	(192)
Changes in employee benefit accounts, net of tax	28	(750)	68	(710)
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (131)	\$ (52)	\$ (790)	\$ 954





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approximately 400 claims. New case filings in the year ended December 31, 2008 added approximately 450 claims. Most claims filed in 2008 and 2009 involved individual or small groups of claimants as many jurisdictions no longer permit the filing of mass complaints.

Historically, these claims against U. S. Steel fall into three major groups: (1) claims made by persons who allegedly were exposed to asbestos at U. S. Steel facilities (referred to as "premises claims"); (2) claims made by industrial workers allegedly exposed to products manufactured by U. S. Steel; and (3) claims made under certain federal and general maritime laws by employees of former operations of U. S. Steel. In general, the only insurance available to U. S. Steel with respect to asbestos claims is excess casualty insurance, which has multi-million dollar retentions. To date, U. S. Steel has received minimal payments under these policies relating to asbestos claims.

The asbestos cases allege a variety of respiratory and other diseases based on alleged exposure to asbestos. U. S. Steel is currently a defendant in approximately 1,000 asbestos cases. U. S. Steel is currently a defendant in approximately 1,000 asbestos cases.



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site in Elizabeth, PA, and the Duluth St. Louis Estuary and Upland Project. As of September 30, 2009, accrued liabilities for these two additional projects totaled \$32 million. U. S. Steel does not expect material additional costs related to these projects.

*Other Projects* – There are seven other environmental remediation projects which each had an accrued liability of between \$1 million and \$5 million. The total accrued liability for these projects at September 30, 2009 was \$15 million. These projects have progressed through a significant portion of the design phase and material additional costs are not expected.

The remaining environmental remediation projects each had an accrued liability of less than \$1 million. The total accrued liability for these projects at September 30, 2009 was \$9 million. We do not foresee material additional liabilities for any of these sites.

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The EPA has also proposed new permitting requirements for facilities emitting 25,000 metric tons or more per year of CO<sub>2</sub> based on requirements of the Clean Air Act. This proposal will be subject to public comment before being finalized. The EPA expects to have the new regulation in place by the first quarter of 2010. Evaluating the cost of compliance with this proposed regulation is not possible until the EPA has addressed all public comments.

On June 26, 2009, the United States House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act (also known as the Waxman-Markey Bill). Similar legislation is under consideration by the Senate in the form of a bill proposed by Senators Boxer and Kerry on September 30, 2009. These bills would establish a national cap-and-trade program (to be phased-in beginning in 2012) that would require entities emitting greenhouse gases (or in some instances the producers of fuels that would result in such emissions) to present allowances that account for each ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted, subject to yearly national caps on overall emissions from covered sources. The bills include provisions that would grant limited relief, including the allocation of free allowances, for qualifying energy-intensive and trade-sensitive industries, for which iron and steel producers should qualify. It is uncertain when the Senate will act on these matters. If this or similar legislation is adopted, it could have far ranging economic and operational consequences for U. S. Steel.

In July 2008, following approval by the European Commission of Slovakia's national allocation plan for the 2008 to 2012 trading period (NAP II), Slovakia granted USSK more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions allowances per year than USSK received for the 2005 to 2007 trading period. Based on actual carbon emissions to date, we believe that USSK will have sufficient allowances for the NAP II period without purchasing additional allowances. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, USSK entered into transactions to sell a portion of our allowances and recognized approximately \$34 million of gains related to these transactions. These gains are reflected in the net gains on disposal of assets line on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

On April 26, 2007, Canada's federal government announced an Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollut emrfr bbse





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partnership interest or (2) 40% of the average net book value of the partnership assets over the past 12 fiscal quarters. U. S. Steel estimates that the purchase price, which is expected to be paid by December 31, 2009, will be at least \$23 million.

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**Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*Certain sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis include forward-looking statements concerning trends or events potentially affecting the businesses of United States Steel Corporation (U. S. Steel). These statements typically contain words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends" or similar words indicating that future outcomes are not known with certainty and are subject to risk factors that could cause these outcomes to differ significantly from those projected. In accordance with "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, these statements are accompanied by cautionary language identifying important factors, though not necessarily all such factors that could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those projected.*





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realized prices for USSE decreased \$471 per ton from the same period last year. The decrease in sales for the Tubular segment resulted primarily from lower shipments and lower average realized prices, which decreased by \$916 per ton.

Management's analysis of the **percentage change in net sales** ~~2020~~ ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~ ~~2016~~ ~~2015~~ ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~ ~~2011~~ ~~2010~~ ~~2009~~ ~~2008~~ ~~2007~~ ~~2006~~ ~~2005~~ ~~2004~~ ~~2003~~ ~~2002~~ ~~2001~~ ~~2000~~ ~~1999~~ ~~1998~~ ~~1997~~ ~~1996~~ ~~1995~~ ~~1994~~ ~~1993~~ ~~1992~~ ~~1991~~ ~~1990~~ ~~1989~~ ~~1988~~ ~~1987~~ ~~1986~~ ~~1985~~ ~~1984~~ ~~1983~~ ~~1982~~ ~~1981~~ ~~1980~~ ~~1979~~ ~~1978~~ ~~1977~~ ~~1976~~ ~~1975~~ ~~1974~~ ~~1973~~ ~~1972~~ ~~1971~~ ~~1970~~ ~~1969~~ ~~1968~~ ~~1967~~ ~~1966~~ ~~1965~~ ~~1964~~ ~~1963~~ ~~1962~~ ~~1961~~ ~~1960~~ ~~1959~~ ~~1958~~ ~~1957~~ ~~1956~~ ~~1955~~ ~~1954~~ ~~1953~~ ~~1952~~ ~~1951~~ ~~1950~~ ~~1949~~ ~~1948~~ ~~1947~~ ~~1946~~ ~~1945~~ ~~1944~~ ~~1943~~ ~~1942~~ ~~1941~~ ~~1940~~ ~~1939~~ ~~1938~~ ~~1937~~ ~~1936~~ ~~1935~~ ~~1934~~ ~~1933~~ ~~1932~~ ~~1931~~ ~~1930~~ ~~1929~~ ~~1928~~ ~~1927~~ ~~1926~~ ~~1925~~ ~~1924~~ ~~1923~~ ~~1922~~ ~~1921~~ ~~1920~~ ~~1919~~ ~~1918~~ ~~1917~~ 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assets of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). Excluding these charges, the increased expense in both periods mainly reflected the decreased funded status of the main U. S. Steel pension plan.

Costs related to defined contribution plans totaled \$2 million and \$22 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009, respectively, compared to \$9 million and \$26 million in the comparable periods in 2008. The first nine months of 2009 included \$13 million for VERP-related benefits under these plans.

Other benefits costs, including multiemployer plans, totaled \$45 million and \$146 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009, respectively, compared to \$39 million and \$107 million in the corresponding periods of 2008. The increases in both periods reflected the benefit enhancements encompassed by the 2008 CBAs, partially offset by lower costs at USSC as a result of favorable claims experience. The increase in the nine month period also reflected termination charges of \$13 million primarily related to the VERP that was offered in the first quarter of 2009.

**Postemployment benefits**

U. S. Steel recorded a credit of \$8 million in the third quarter of 2009 and net charges of \$107 million in the first nine months of 2009 related to the recognition of estimated future layoff benefits for employees associated with the temporary idling of certain facilities and reduced production at others. The favorable adjustments in the third quarter resulted from earlier than expected restarts of some idled facilities. The accrual was recorded in accordance with the guidance in ASC Topic 712, "Compensation – Nonretirement Postemployment Benefits," which requires that costs associated with ongoing benefit arrangements, such as supplemental unemployment benefits, salary continuance and the continuation of health care benefits and life insurance coverage, be recorded no later than the period when it becomes probable that the costs will be incurred and the costs are reasonably estimable.

**Selling, general and administrative expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$163 million in the third quarter of 2009, compared to \$151 million in the third quarter of 2008. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$460 million in the first nine months of 2009, compared to \$450 million in the first nine months of 2008.



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**Segment results for USSE**

	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2009	2008		2009	2008	
Income (loss) from operations (\$ millions)	\$ 7	\$ 173	-96%	\$ (205)	\$ 632	-132%
Raw steel production (mnt)	1,528	1,623	-6%	3,586	5,456	-34%
Capability utilization	82.0%	87.0%	-6%	64.8%	98.2%	-34%
Steel shipments (mnt)	1,285	1,409	-9%	3,217	4,743	-32%
Average realized steel price per ton	\$ 615	\$ 1,086	-43%	\$ 627	\$ 948	-34%

The decrease in USSE results in the third quarter of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 was primarily due to unfavorable change in steel price per ton of 43% and raw steel production of 6%.




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The **income tax benefit** in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009 was \$130 million and \$322 million, respectively, compared with provisions of \$339 million and \$652 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2008, respectively. The effective tax benefit rates in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009 are lower than the statutory rate because losses in Canada and Serbia, which are jurisdictions where we have recorded a full valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, do not generate a tax benefit for accounting purposes. Included in the tax benefit in the first nine months of 2009 is \$35 million of tax expense related to the net gain on the sale of EJ&E, \$13 million of tax expense related to the federal excise tax refund and a tax benefit of \$11 million related to adjustments of prior year taxes.

At September 30, 2009, the net domestic deferred tax asset was \$767 million compared to \$802 million at December 31, 2008. A substantial amount of U. S. Steel's domestic deferred tax assets relates to employee benefits that will become deductible for tax purposes over an extended period of time as cash contributions are made to employee benefit plans and payments are made to retirees. As a result of our cumulative historical earnings, we continue to believe it is more likely than not that the net domestic deferred tax asset will be realized.

At September 30, 2009, the net foreign deferred tax asset was \$107 million, net of an established valuation allowance of \$521 million. As of December 31, 2008, the net foreign deferred tax asset was \$32 million, net of an established valuation allowance of \$281 million. Net foreign deferred tax assets will fluctuate as the value of the U.S. dollar changes with respect to the euro, the Canadian dollar and the Serbian dinar. A full valuation allowance is provided for the Canadian deferred tax assets due to the absence of positive evidence at USSC to support the realizability of the deferred tax assets. A full valuation allowance is provided for the Serbian deferred tax assets because current projected investment tax credits, which must be used before net operating losses and credit carryforwards, are more than sufficient to offset future tax liabilities. If USSC and USSS generate sufficient income, the valuation allowances of \$436 million for Canadian deferred tax assets and \$74 million for Serbian deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2009, would be partially or fully reversed at such time that it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the deferred tax assets.

For further information on income taxes see Note 12 to the Financial Statements.

The **net loss attributable to United States Steel Corporation** was \$303 million and \$1,134 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009, respectively, compared to net income of \$919 million and \$1,822 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2008, respectively. The decrease in both periods primarily reflected the factors discussed above.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

**Receivables** decreased by \$650 million from year-end 2008 as third quarter 2009 average realized prices decreased compared to the fourth quarter of 2008.

**Inventories** decreased by \$815 million from December 31, 2008 as a result of low operating levels in the first nine months of 2009 and efforts to reduce working capital through consumption of existing inventory.

**Income tax receivable** represents a portion of the federal income tax refund that we expect to receive in 2010 as a result of carrying back our expected 2009 losses to prior years.

**Payroll and benefits payable** decreased by \$197 million from year end 2008 mainly due to the absence of accruals for profit-based employee payments in the first nine months of 2009 and reductions resulting from permanent and temporary workforce reductions which occurred in the first nine months of 2009, partially offset by accruals for layoff benefits.











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increase in orders or an unexpected need for funds that cannot be met with available cash and our liquidity facilities, we may need to access the capital markets. Over the longer term, we have significant future debt maturities (see Note 15 to the Financial Statements in U. S. Steel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008) and other obligations. Given the uncertainty regarding the duration of the global recession and the current turmoil in the financial markets, it is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty how much cash we will be able to generate, or the availability and terms of new borrowings or equity securities, to meet our long-term needs.

U. S. Steel management believes that U. S. Steel's liquidity will be adequate to satisfy our obligations for the foreseeable future, including obligations to complete currently authorized capital spending programs. Future requirements for U. S. Steel's business needs, including the funding of acquisitions and capital expenditures, scheduled debt maturities, contributions to employee benefit plans, and any amounts that may ultimately be paid in connection with contingencies, are expected to be financed by a combination of internally generated funds (including asset sales), proceeds from the sale of stock, borrowings, refinancings and other external financing sources. However, in the current unsettled financial markets it is unclear what terms and conditions may be available to us in the future.

Our opinion regarding liquidity is a forward-looking statement based upon currently available information. To the extent that operating cash flow is materially lower than recent levels or external financing sources are not available on terms competitive with those currently available, future liquidity may be adversely affected.

### **Debt and Senior Convertible Notes Ratings**

On April 27, 2009, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) lowered its ratings assigned to our senior unsecured debt from Baa3 to Ba3, assigned a Ba3 rating to our 4% Senior Convertible Notes due 2014 and changed our outlook to negative. The downgrade reflects Moody's expectations that our debt protection ratios and leverage ratios will weaken significantly over the course of 2009. The downgrade also reflects Moody's expectation that improvement in industry fundamentals will only come very gradually over the course of 2010 and our return to profitability and improved metrics will be over a protracted time frame.

On April 28, 2009, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P) lowered its ratings assigned to our senior unsecured debt from BB+ to BB, assigned a BB rating to our 4% Senior Convertible Notes due 2014 and assigned us a stable outlook. The ratings reflect challenging steel industry conditions, the unpredictable timing of a rebound and S&P's expectations for a long, slow recovery. The ratings also reflect our capital-intensive operations, exposure to highly cyclical and competitive markets, a high degree of operating leverage, aggressive financial leverage (including underfunded post-retirement benefit obligations), our good liquidity, good scope and breadth of product and operations, and benefits of our backward integration into iron ore and coke production.

On April 15, 2009, Fitch Ratings (Fitch) affirmed its BBB- ratings assigned to our senior unsecured debt and revised our outlook to negative. On April 27, 2009, Fitch assigned a BBB- rating to our 4% Senior Convertible Notes due 2014. The negative outlook reflects Fitch's view that the steel market will be extremely weak over the near term, that capacity utilization rates are historically low and that there is limited visibility on earnings.

### **Off-balance Sheet Arrangements**

U. S. Steel did not enter into any new material off-balance sheet arrangements during the first nine months of 2009.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

U. S. Steel has incurred and will continue to incur substantial capital, operating and maintenance, and remediation expenditures as a result of environmental laws and regulations. In recent years, these expenditures have been mainly for process changes in order to meet Clean Air Act obligations and similar obligations in Europe, although ongoing compliance costs have also been significant. To the extent that these expenditures, as with all costs, are not ultimately reflected in the prices of our products and services, operating results will be reduced. U. S. Steel believes that our major North American and many European integrated steel competitors are confronted by substantially similar conditions and thus does not believe that our relative position with regard to such competitors is materially affected by the impact of environmental laws and regulations. However, the costs and operating restrictions necessary for compliance with environmental laws and regulations may have an adverse effect on our competitive position with regard to domestic mini-mills, some foreign steel producers (particularly in developing economies such as China) and producers of materials which compete with steel, all of which may not be required to incur equivalent costs in their operations. In addition, the specific impact on each competitor may vary depending on a number of factors, including the age and location of its operating facilities and its production methods. U. S. Steel is also responsible for remediation costs related to our prior disposal of environmentally sensitive materials. Most of our competitors do not have similar historic liabilities.

Our U.S. facilities are subject to the U.S. environmental standards, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Natural Resource Damage Assessments and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as well as state and local laws and regulations.

USSC is subject to the environmental laws of Canada, which are comparable to environmental standards in the United States. Environmental regulation in Canada is an area of shared responsibility between the federal government and the provincial governments, which in turn delegate certain matters to municipal governments. Federal environmental statutes include the federal Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and the Fisheries Act. Various provincial statutes regulate environmental matters such as the release and remediation of hazardous substances; waste storage, treatment and disposal; and air emissions. As in the United States, Canadian environmental laws (federal, provincial and local) are undergoing revision and becoming more stringent.

USSK is subject to the environmental laws of Slovakia and the European Union (EU).

USSS is subject to the environmental laws of Serbia. Under the terms of the acquisition, USSS will be responsible for only those costs and liabilities associated with environmental events occurring subsequent to the completion of an environmental baseline study. The study was completed in June 2004 and submitted to the Government of Serbia.

Many nations, including the United States, are considering regulation of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. International negotiations to supplement or replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol are ongoing. The integrated steel process involves a series of chemical reactions involving carbon that create CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This distinguishes integrated steel producers from mini-mills and many other industries where CO<sub>2</sub> generation is generally linked to energy usage. The EU has established greenhouse gas regulations; Canada has published details of a regulatory framework for greenhouse gas emissions; and the United States has passed a bill in the House of Representatives. Such regulations may entail substantial capital expenditures, restrict production, and raise the price of coal and other carbon-based energy sources. In recognition of increased global attention to industrial greenhouse gas emissions, U. S. Steel established several years ago policies, organizations, and practices that are allowing us to continuously improve corporate-wide performance in this area and to be prepared to respond to future legal and regulatory requirements.

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To comply with the 1997 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the European Commission (EC) has created an Emissions Trading System (ETS). Under the ETS, the EC establishes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions limits for every EU member state and approves grants of CO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances to individual emitting facilities pursuant to national allocation plans that are proposed by each of the member states. The allowances can be bought and sold by emitting facilities to cover the quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> they emit in their operations.

In July 2008, following approval by the EC of Slovakia's national allocation plan for the 2008 – 2012 trading period (NAP II), Slovakia granted USSK more CO<sub>2</sub> allowances per year than USSK received for the 2005 to 2007 trading period. Based on actual carbon emissions to date, we believe that USSK will have sufficient allowances for the NAP II period without purchasing additional allowances. During the second quarter of 2009, USSK entered into transactions to sell and swap a portion of our emissions allowances and recognized \$34 million of gains related to these transactions.

On April 26, 2007, Canada's federal government announced an Action Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Air Pollution (the Plan). The Plan would set mandatory reduction targets on all major greenhouse gas producing industries to achieve an absolute reduction of 150 megatonnes in greenhouse gas emissions from 2006 levels by 2020. On March 10, 2008, Canada's federal government published details of its Regulatory Framework for Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions (the Framework). The Plan and the Framework provide that facilities existing in 2004 will be required to cut their greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 18 percent below their 2006 baseline by 2010, with a further two percent reduction in each following year. The Framework provided that newer and future facilities would be subject to phased in two percent annual emissions intensity reduction obligations and clean fuel standards. Companies will be able to choose the most cost-effective way to meet their targets from a range of options which include carbon trading, offsets and credit for early action (between 1992 and 2006). The Framework effectively exempts fixed process emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, which could exclude certain iron and steel producing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from mandatory reductions. More recently, the federal government has indicated that it may reconsider its proposed intensity-based approach in light of potential U.S. legislation which may impose emission caps and import duties on countries which do not have a comparable regime. On June 12, 2009, Canada's federal government released for comment two draft guides related to the establishment of an Offset System in Canada. These draft documents propose rules and provide guidance on the requirements and processes to create offset credits and the requirements and processes to verify the eligible greenhouse gas reductions achieved from an offset project. Canada's federal government has stated that, once in place, the Offset System will establish tradable credits and encourage cost-effective domestic greenhouse gas reductions in areas that will not be covered by planned federal greenhouse gas regulations.

In December 2007, the Ontario government announced its own Action Plan on Climate Change (the Ontario Action Plan). The Ontario Action Plan targets reductions in Ontario greenhouse gas emissions of six percent below 1990 levels by 2014, 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. In December 2008, Ontario launched a consultation process towards the development of a cap-and-trade system to be implemented as early as 2010. In May 2009, Ontario released proposed amendments to the Environmental Protection Act that would provide, if passed, the regulatory authority to set-up a greenhouse gas cap-and-trade system. At the same time, the Ontario government also released a discussion paper, "Moving Forward: A Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade System for Ontario" which (i) helps clarify the cap-and-trade approach being considered in Ontario and the different options for elements of the approach and (ii) seeks stakeholder input on various elements of the proposed cap-and-trade system. Comments were accepted until July 26, 2009. The Ontario government released a draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting regulation for public comment on October 7, 2009. The reporting regulation is intended to provide the foundation for Ontario to implement a cap and trade program for greenhouse gases. The Ontario government has indicated that it plans to develop a cap-and-trade system that aligns with other systems developing in North America, including in the United States.



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U. S. Steel is the subject of, or a party to, a number of pending or threatened legal actions, contingencies and commitments involving a variety of matters, including laws and regulations relating to the environment. The ultimate resolution of these contingencies could, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the U. S. Steel Financial Statements. However, management believes that U. S. Steel will remain a viable and competitive enterprise even though it is possible that these contingencies could be resolved unfavorably to U. S. Steel.

**OUTLOOK**

We expect improvement in our overall fourth quarter results mainly as a result of increased demand for Flat-rolled products in North America, driven primarily by automotive markets and continued strength in tin mill markets. However, we expect to report an overall operating loss in the fourth quarter due primarily to continued low operating rates and idled facility carrying costs for our Flat-rolled and Tubular segments. We remain cautious in our outlook for end user demand as customer order rates in Flat-rolled and USSE have decreased from the third quarter, partly due to seasonal slowdowns, and we will continue to adjust production to meet our customers' demand. Despite these concerns and uncertainties, we believe that the U.S. and global economies are in the early stages of a gradual recovery, which has been aided by global stimulus policies and may be supported by continued improvement in credit markets and inventory restocking.

For Flat-rolled, fourth quarter results are expected to improve somewhat from the third quarter due primarily to higher average realized prices and increased shipments; however, we expect to report an operating loss for the fourth quarter primarily due to low operating rates and continued carrying costs for idled facilities. In order to adjust production to meet customer order rates, during the fourth quarter we expect to idle the #14 Blast Furnace at our Gary Works for necessary repairs, as well as one of two furnaces at Granite City Works. As a result, we currently expect fourth quarter raw steel capability utilization rates to be in line with third quarter levels. The labor agreement covering our Lake Erie Works operations has expired and we have not yet reached a successor agreement.

We expect fourth quarter results for U. S. Steel Europe to be in line with the third quarter as higher average realized prices are offset by higher raw material costs and slightly lower shipments. Due to a planned maintenance outage for one of the three blast furnaces at USSK, we expect raw steel capability utilization rates to be lower than third quarter levels. The blast furnace operating configuration in Serbia will be adjusted as required in the fourth quarter to coincide with customer order rates.

Fourth quarter results for Tubular are expected to be comparable to the third quarter as operating levels, shipments and prices remain around prior quarter levels and we continue to incur carrying costs for idled facilities.

On October 9, 2009, USSC entered into an agreement with an unaffiliated third party providing for the sale of USSC's 44.6 percent interest in the Wabush Mines Joint Venture (Wabush) for approximately \$53 million. Wabush owns and operates iron ore mining and pellet facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec, Canada. On October 12, 2009, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., one of the other owners of Wabush, exercised its right of first refusal and is now obligated to acquire USSC's interest in Wabush. Completion of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals and third party consents, and is scheduled to occur in the fourth quarter of 2009.

This outlook contains forward-looking statements with respect to market conditions.



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petitioners. The petitions were filed in response to an incredible surge of seamless pipe imports from China. The volume of U.S. imports from China soared from 158,128 net tons in 2006 to 366,091 net tons in 2008. The ITC is expected to vote on October 30, 2009 as to whether there is a reasonable indication that the U.S. industry is materially injured or is threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized and dumped imports of certain seamless pipe from China. An affirmative vote will cause the investigation to continue with the DOC making preliminary and final countervailing and anti-dumping determinations late this year into early 2010.

**ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) No. 167, "Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)" (FAS 167). FAS 167 is a revision to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities," and amends the consolidation guidance in the Table of Contents. Additionally, FAS 167 will require additional disclosures about involvement with variable interest entities and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. FAS 167 is effective January 1, 2010 for companies reporting on a calendar-year basis. U. S. Steel does not expect any material financial statement impacts or risks relating to the adoption of FAS 167.

In June 2009, the FASB issued FAS No. 166, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets" (FAS 166). FAS 166 is a revision to FAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities," and will require more information about transfer of financial assets, including securitization transactions, and enhanced disclosures when companies have continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. Additionally, FAS 166 defines the concept of a qualified special purpose vehicle (SPV) (FAS 166). FAS 166 is effective January 1, 2010 when companies reporting on a calendar-year basis.



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natural gas with a total notional value of approximately \$34 million that are subject to mark-to-market accounting. The fair value of our natural gas derivatives is determined using Level 2 inputs. The inputs used include forward prices derived from the New York Mercantile Exchange. A 10 percent decrease in natural gas prices for open derivative instruments as of September 30, 2009, would not result in a material charge to income.

U. S. Steel also held commodity contracts for natural gas that qualified for the normal purchases and normal sales exemption with a total notional value of approximately \$39 million at September 30, 2009. Total commodity contracts for natural gas represent approximately 39 percent of our North American natural gas requirements.

**INTEREST RATE RISK**

U. S. Steel is subject to the effects of interest rate fluctuations on certain of its non-derivative financial instruments. A sensitivity analysis of the projected incremental effect of a hypothetical 10 percent increase/decrease in September 30, 2009 interest rates on the fair value of U. S. Steel's non-derivative financial assets/liabilities is provided in the following table:

(Dollars in millions)	Fair Value	Incremental Increase in Fair Value
<b>Non-Derivative Financial Instruments</b>		
Financial assets:		
<b>Investments and long-term receivables</b>	\$ 13	\$ -
Financial liabilities:		
<b>Long-term debt</b>	\$3,724	\$ 139

Fair values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, notes payable, accounts payable and accrued interest approximate carrying value and are relatively insensitive to changes in interest rates due to the short-term maturity of the instruments. Accordingly, these instruments are excluded from the table.

Reflects the estimated incremental effect of a hypothetical 10 percent increase/decrease in interest rates at September 30, 2009, on the fair value of U. S. Steel's financial instruments. For financial liabilities, this assumed a 10 percent decrease in the weighted average yield to maturity of U. S. Steel's long-term debt at September 30, 2009.

Includes amounts due within one year and excludes capital leases.

Fair value was based on the yield on our public debt where available, or current borrowing rates available for financings with similar terms and maturities.

U. S. Steel's sensitivity to interest rate declines and corresponding increases in the fair value of our debt portfolio would unfavorably affect our results and cash flows only to the extent that we elected to repurchase or otherwise retire all or a portion of our fixed-rate debt portfolio at prices above carrying value. At September 30, 2009, U. S. Steel's portfolio of debt included \$200 million of our four-year floating rate debt portfolio in the fair value. A

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**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

U. S. Steel has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2009. These disclosure controls and procedures are the controls and other procedures that were designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that are filed with or submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is: (1) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable law and regulations. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2009, U. S. Steel's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

**CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Company continued implementing a corporate-wide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system during the third quarter of 2009. As a result, changes in internal controls over financial reporting were made at U. S. Steel Canada that will impact U. S. Steel's other locations as the ERP system implementation continues. There have not been any other changes in U. S. Steel's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report, which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, U. S. Steel's internal control over financial reporting.









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**Fairless Plant**

In January 1992, U. S. Steel commenced negotiations with EPA regarding the terms of an Administrative Order on consent, pursuant to RCRA, under which U. S. Steel would perform an RFI and a CMS at our Fairless Plant. A Phase I RFI report was submitted during the third quarter of 1997. A Phase II/III RFI will be submitted following EPA approval of the Phase I report. While the RFI/CMS will determine whether there is a need for, and the scope of, any remedial activities at the Fairless Plant, U. S. Steel continues to maintain interim measures at the Fairless Plant and has completed investigation activities on specific parcels. No remedial activities are contemplated as a result of the investigations of these parcels. The cost to U. S. Steel to continue to maintain the interim measures and develop a Phase II/III RFI Work Plan is estimated to be \$631,000. It is reasonably possible that additional costs of as much as \$70 to \$90 million may be incurred at this site in combination with five other projects. See Note 25 to the Financial Statements "Contingencies and Commitments – Environmental Matters – Remediation Projects – Projects with Ongoing Study and Scope Development."

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EPA Region V has conducted inspections and issued information and emission testing requests under Section 114 of the Clean Air Act regarding operations at Granite City Works. U. S. Steel has responded to the requests, continues to respond to the requests and has held discussions with EPA Region V and IEPA regarding the requests and the regulatory agencies' concerns. Further discussions are planned later in 2009.

At Granite City Works, U. S. Steel and Gateway Energy & Coke Company, LLC (Gateway), a subsidiary of SunCoke Energy, Inc., have agreed with two environmental advocacy groups to establish an Environmental Trust Fund (Trust), which requires the permittees (U. S. Steel and Gateway) to collectively deposit \$1.0 million by September 30 of each year, beginning September 30, 2008 and ending September 30, 2012. U. S. Steel contributed \$500,000 to the Trust on September 30, 2008, which amounted to its share of the required 2008 deposit. On September 30, 2009, U. S. Steel contributed an additional \$500,000 to the Trust pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. As grantors, U. S. Steel and Gateway have established the Trust as a part of the cost to construct and operate the new blast furnace at Granite City Works. The capital contribution and fee payments to the Trust will be used to fund the cost of the new blast furnace at Granite City Works.



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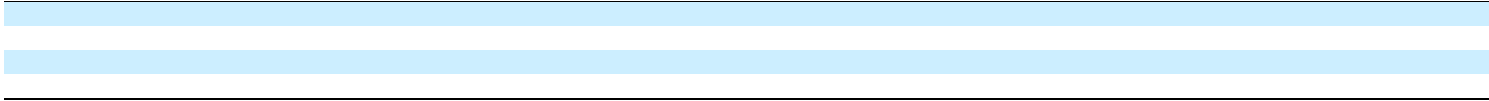
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costs for investigating the site, making U. S. Steel's share 33 1/3 percent. On December 10, 2008, TCEQ approved the Affected Properties Assessment Report.

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exposure to asbestos, if any, on U. S. Steel's premises. U. S. Steel has noted over the yea U U U A











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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned chief accounting officer thereunto duly authorized.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

By /s/ Gregory A. Zovko

Gregory A. Zovko  
Vice President and Controller

October 27, 2009

**WEB SITE POSTING**

This Form 10-Q will be posted on the U. S. Steel web site, [www.ussteel.com](http://www.ussteel.com), within a few days of its filing.





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, John P. Surma, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of United States Steel Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are ~~reasonably~~ **materially** likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Gretchen R. Haggerty, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of United States Steel Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by the report.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

I, Gretchen