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AK STEEL REPORTS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

MIDDLETOWN, OH, April 19, 2002 -- AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) reported a net loss of \$25.6 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share of common stock, for the first quarter of 2002. Included in the first quarter results was a \$15.2 million after-tax gain, or \$0.14 per diluted share of common stock, resulting from the company's sale of approximately 1.5 million shares of Anthem common stock. As noted previously, AK Steel received the shares of Anthem, the company's primary health insurance carrier, as a result of Anthem's demutualization. On a pro-forma basis, excluding the Anthem share gain, AK Steel lost \$40.8 million, or \$0.38 per share in the first quarter of 2002.

Net sales for the 2002 first quarter were \$1,010.1 million, slightly higher than the \$998.8 million recorded in the first quarter of 2001 and about 4% higher than in the fourth quarter of 2001. Shipments of 1,510,300 tons in the first quarter of 2002 included 93.3% value-added carbon, stainless, electrical and tubular products. AK Steel said its average flat-rolled selling price in the 2002 first quarter was \$660 per ton, compared to \$648 per ton in the fourth quarter of 2001 and \$652 per ton in the year-ago quarter. The company said its average selling price was higher due to increased shipments to automotive customers and the effects of a \$25 per ton transaction price increase for the company's spot market business implemented in February.

AK Steel said the 2002 first quarter was impacted by significantly higher maintenance costs. Those costs included a planned hot-side maintenance outage at the company's Middletown Works and several other maintenance projects originally scheduled for later in the year but pulled forward into the first quarter to better position the company to meet increasing demand for its products for the balance of the year.

"While our first quarter results were clearly disappointing, we took the opportunity to prepare our operations for full-out schedules the balance of the year," said Chairman, President and CEO Richard M. Wardrop, Jr. "We are committed to returning AK Steel to profitability for the remainder of the year and I believe we have an excellent chance to do just that."

The company said there has been no change in the status of the dividends on its common and preferred stock, both of which were suspended in 2001.

AK Steel produces flat-rolled carbon, stainless and electrical steel products for automotive, appliance, construction and manufacturing markets, as well as standard pipe and tubular steel products. AK Steel is headquartered in Middletown, Ohio. It employs about 11,500 people in plants and offices in Middletown, Coshocton, Mansfield, Walbridge, Warren and Zanesville, Ohio; Ashland, Kentucky; Rockport, Indiana; and Butler, Sharon and Wheatland, Pennsylvania. AK Steel also produces snow and ice control products, and operates a major industrial park on the Houston, Texas ship channel.

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AK Steel Statement of Income & Earnings Per Share Data
(Dollars and Shares in Millions Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Shipments (000 tons)	1,510	1,508
Net Sales	\$ 1,010.1	\$ 998.8
Cost of Products Sold	917.8	863.7
Selling and Administrative Expense	67.2	63.7
Depreciation	<u>58.5</u>	<u>59.2</u>
Total Operating Costs	1,043.5	986.6
Operating Profit (Loss)	(33.4)	12.2
Interest Expense	31.8	34.4
Other Income	0.5	1.9
Income From Sale of Anthem Shares	<u>24.1</u>	--
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(40.6)	(20.3)
Income Tax Provision (Benefit)	<u>(15.0)</u>	<u>(7.5)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(25.6)	(12.8)
Less Preferred Dividends	--	<u>0.2</u>
Net Income (Loss) Applicable to Common Stock	\$ <u>(25.6)</u>	\$ <u>(13.0)</u>
<u>Basic Earnings Per Share</u>		
Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ <u>(0.24)</u>	\$ <u>(0.12)</u>
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	107.9	107.8
<u>Diluted Earnings Per Share</u>		
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share	\$ <u>(0.24)</u>	\$ <u>(0.12)</u>
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	107.9	107.8

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