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RUSSEL METALS DECLARES COMMON SHARE DIVIDEND

TORONTO, CANADA – May 12, 2010 -- Russel Metals Inc. (RUS - TSX) announced today that it has declared a dividend in the amount of Cdn$0.25 per share on its common shares, payable on June 15, 2010 to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 1, 2010.


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