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RUSSEL METALS ANNOUNCES 2013 ANNUAL MEETING VOTING RESULTS

TORONTO, CANADA – May 13, 2013 -- Russel Metals Inc. (RUS - TSX) announced voting results from its 2013 annual meeting of shareholders held on May 2, 2013. A total of 34,721,237 common shares were represented at the meeting in person or by proxy, representing 57.09% of the 60,816,440 issued and outstanding common shares as of the record date on March 15, 2013.

Shareholders voted in favour of all items of business, including the election of each nominee director by a substantial majority as follows:

- Alain Benedetti: 99.83%
- John M. Clark: 99.66%
- James F. Dinning: 97.28%
- Anthony F. Griffiths: 99.35%
- John A. Hanna: 99.72%
- Brian R. Hedges: 99.83%
- Alice D. Laberge: 99.79%
- Lise Lachapelle: 99.74%
- William M. O'Reilly: 99.76%
- John R. Tulloch: 99.79%

Additionally, the Company’s advisory “say on pay” resolution received 98.10% votes for.

Russel Metals is one of the largest metals distribution companies in North America. It carries on business in three metals distribution segments: metals service centers, energy products and steel distributors, under various names including Russel Metals, A.J. Forsyth, Acier Leroux, Acier Loubier, Acier Richler, Alberta Industrial Metals, Apex Distribution, Apex Remington, Arrow Steel Processors, B&T Steel, Baldwin International, Comco Pipe and Supply, Fedmet Tubulars, JMS Russel Metals, Leroux Steel, McCabe Steel, Mégantic Métal, Métaux Russel, Métaux

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