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RUSSEL METALS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD

TORONTO, CANADA – May 7, 2014 -- Russel Metals Inc. (RUS - TSX) announced today that Mr. James F. Dinning has been appointed as Chair of the Board of the Company to replace Mr. Anthony F. Griffiths who retired as a director and as Chair of the Board on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Anthony F. Griffiths was initially elected as a Director of the Company on May 14, 1997 and was appointed Chair of the Board on June 2, 1997. Mr. Brian Hedges, President and CEO commented, “It has been a pleasure to work with Tony. Tony has provided a great deal of leadership and wise counsel during these past 17 years.”

James F. Dinning has been a director of the Company since February 17, 2003. Mr. Hedges commented, “Jim’s extensive background and numerous roles as CEO, Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, Chancellor of the University of Calgary and as a member of various boards will provide outstanding leadership to the Company’s management team and Board of Directors to enable further growth and profitability of Russel Metals. We are thrilled to have a leader of this calibre chair our Board.”

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, Alberta Industrial Metals, Apex Distribution, Apex Monarch, 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 Russel Produits Spécialisés, Milspec, Norton Metals, Pioneer Pipe, Russel Metals Specialty Products, Russel Metals Williams Bahcall, Siemens Laserworks, Spartan Energy Tubulars, Sunbelt Group, Triumph Tubular & Supply, Wirth Steel and York-Ennis.

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