

**Earnings Call Presentation** *For the Quarter ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023* 

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#### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company's fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. The Company and its subsidiaries' functional currency is the United States dollar ("US dollar" or "US\$"). The US dollar is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company and subsidiaries operate. The items included in the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are measured using the US dollar.

For reporting purposes, the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in millions of Canadian dollars ("C\$" or "\$"). The assets and liabilities are translated into the reporting exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expense items are translated at average exchange rates for the reporting period. Exchange differences arising are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading 'Foreign exchange on translation to presentation currency.'

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS"). IFRS differs in certain material respects from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). As such, the Company's financial statements are not comparable to the financial statements of U.S. companies prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

This presentation should be read in conjunction with, the Company's June 30th, 2023 unaudited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes.

#### NON-IFRS MEASURES

To supplement our financial statements, we use certain non-IFRS measures to evaluate the performance of Algoma. These terms do not have any standardized meaning prescribed within IFRS and, therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Rather, these measures are provided as additional information to complement those IFRS measures by providing a further understanding of our financial performance from management's perspective and providing management and investors with additional information for comparison of our operating results across different time periods and to the operating results of other companies. Accordingly, they should not be considered in isolation nor as a substitute for analysis of our financial information reported under IFRS. Please refer to the Company's most recent MD&A for further discussion of these non-IFRS financial measures, including Adjusted EBITDA, and for a reconciliation to comparable IFRS measures, including net income. See also Annex: Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation on slide 13.

### **Earnings Call Agenda**





**Today's Presenters:** 



Michael Garcia
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Financial Performance

Market Update

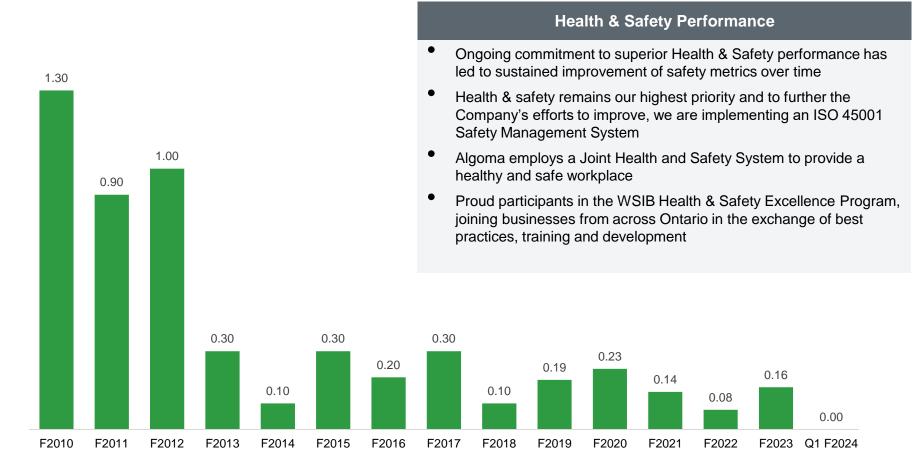
Strategic Update

**Questions & Answers** 

### **Safety Without Compromise**



#### Continued Focus and Improvement in Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)<sup>1</sup>



#### Safety is Top Priority for Algoma

### **Key Performance Highlights**

## ALGOMA STEEL INC.

#### Q1 FY2024 - Ended June 30th, 2023

- Shipping volume was 569K NT in Q1 FY2024, down 0.4% from 572K
   NT in Q4 FY2023 and up 6% from 538K NT in Q1 FY2023.
- Steel Revenue was \$755 million in Q1 FY2024, up 24% from \$609 million in Q4 FY2023 and down 14% from \$877 million in Q1 FY2023.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$191 million in Q1 FY2024, up 299% from \$48 million in Q4 FY2023 and down 47% from \$358 million in Q1 FY2023.
- Net Income was \$131 million in Q1 FY2024, up \$151 million from -\$20 million in Q4 FY2023 and down \$171 million from \$301 million in Q1 FY2023.
- Cash position was \$301 million at the end of Q1 FY2024 with availability of \$347 million under the Revolving Credit Facility

Q1 FY2024

570 kNT Shipments \$755 million Steel Revenue \$191 million Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA margin fiscal YTD was 23.1%



### **First Quarter Financial Highlights**



	Q1 FY2024	Q1 FY2023	Cha	inge	Q4 FY2023	Cha	nge
Shipping volume ('000s tons)	569	538	<b>↑</b>	6%	572	<b>↓</b>	-0.4%
Net Sales Realization per ton (\$/ton)	1,323	1,632	<b>↓</b>	-19%	1,066	1	24%
Steel Revenue(\$ million)	755	877	<b>\</b>	-14%	609	<b>↑</b>	24%
Cost of Steel Products Sold (\$/NT)	950	920	<b>↑</b>	3%	934	<b>↑</b>	2%
Adjusted EBITDA (\$ million)	191	358	<b>\</b>	-47%	48	1	299%
Net Income (\$ million)	131	301	<b>\</b>	-57%	(20)	1	N/A

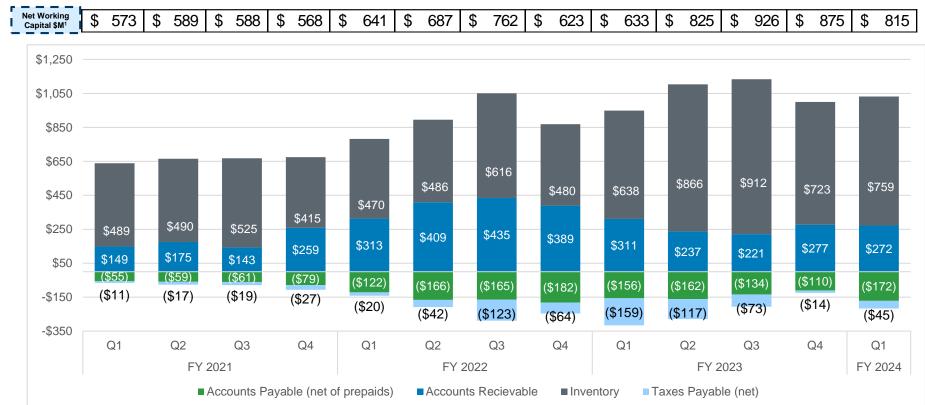
Algoma Q1 FY2024 Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA Margin was 23.1%

(\$ millions)

### **Overview of Net Working Capital Seasonality**



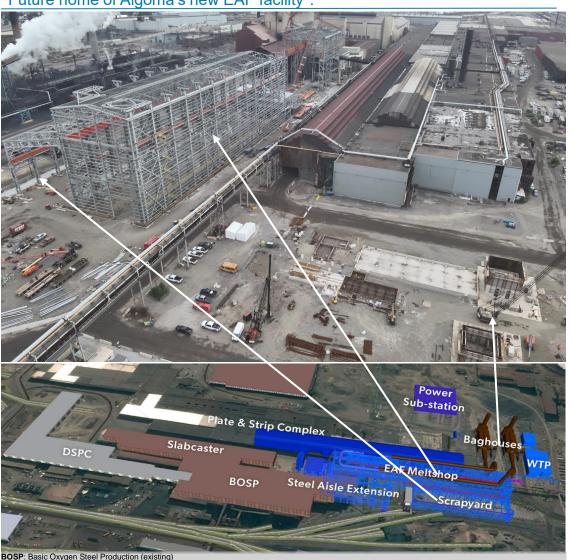




### **Construction Update**



Future home of Algoma's new EAF facility1:



#### Project Statistics<sup>2</sup>:

- Concrete poured: est. > 15,000m<sup>3</sup>
- EAF Building Foundations est. 100% complete
- EAF Equipment Piling 95% complete
- EAF Equipment Foundations Underway
- Fume Treatment Plant excavation and piling complete
- Fume Treatment Plant foundations 75% complete
- Primary steel for EAF building est. 15,000NT (8,000NT Installed)

#### By the numbers:

- Spending as of June 30, 2023 \$341M
- Remaining SIF Funding Available \$134M (\$18M Receivable)
- Total Project Commitments ~\$600M (as at July 31, 2023)
- Project Budget<sup>3</sup> \$828-878M

**BOSP**: Basic Oxygen Steel Production (existing) **DSPC**: Direct Strip Production Complex (existing)

EAF Meltshop: Electric Arc Furnace (new consisting of 2 independent -250NT Danieli Electric Arc Furnaces)

WTP: Water Treatment Plant (new)

Photo taken Aug 10th<sup>t</sup> 2023
 Project Estimates at Aug 1, 2023

<sup>(3)</sup> Revised project budget from Q4F2023 release

### **Critical Equipment Arriving on Site**



#### **MV** Avonborg on route to Sault Ste Marie



### **Equipment Manufacturing on Track**

- Manufacturing and factory acceptance testing has been completed for key elements of Danieli EAF equipment including:
  - 6 Electric overhead cranes supporting scrapyard and steel making
  - Danieli Q-One Module transformer testing
  - Fume Treatment Plant components
  - Furnace assemblies with watercooled ducts
  - Several bulk vessels scheduled to ship Danieli equipment from global workshops to Algoma

### **Plate Mill Modernization Update**



Algoma's Path to Higher Plate Production







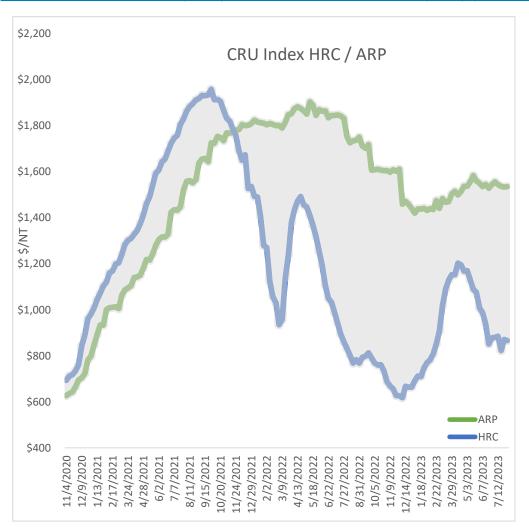


### **Market Update**



#### North American HRC price declining / Plate pricing remains strong

#### Historical Hot Rolled Coil (HRC) and As Rolled Plate Prices (ARP) (US\$/ton)



#### **Key Market Drivers**

- HRC steel prices have decreased \$340/NT since April 2023, peak of \$1,203. As rolled plate spread over HRC continues to be elevated with current spread of approx \$740/NT
- Scrap market prices have fallen in most global markets over the last month, driven by weaker steel demand and improved scrap steel supply. Prices continue to forecast declines in late 2023.
- UAW currently engaged in contract negotiations across North American OEM facilities

#### **Macro Economic Drivers**

- In June, inflation decelerated to 3%, sparking optimism that the record interest rate hikes might not lead to a recession. This hope is supported by positive indicators such as GDP growth, consumer spending, and job creation.
- US Federal Reserve raised its key interest in July by 0.25%; citing possible future hikes as the economy remains resilient.

Source: Market data as of Aug 2, 2023

# Committed to our Path Forward, Creating a Track Record of Success



#### **Strategic Direction**

Operational & Capital Improvements Algoma has developed and executed numerous operational and capital projects that add long term value to the business	DSPC Automation Upgrade Improves grade range and product offering Jun 2020	Ladle Met Furnace #2 debottlenecks operations and increases capacity Feb 2021	Project Aurora \$50M annualized efficiency Improvement across the steel works 2021-2022	EAF Approval Received board approval to begin construction of Electric Arc Furnace Nov 2021	PMM Phase 1 Enhancing quality and expanding grade range on Canada's only discrete plate mill 2022	LSP Power Plant Installation of new turbines to support power generation for EAF project  June 2023	EAF Project Construction progresses on transformative electric arc furnace 2021-2024E	PMM Phase 2 Enhancing productivity and expanding capacity ahead of schedule on Canada's only discrete plate mill 2023-2024
Financial Discipline Algoma is has focused on streamlining its balance sheet, finding effective sources of capital to fund its strategic initiatives and providing long term value to stakeholders	\$420M Federal Financing announcement for EAF Project  Jul 2021	Return to Public Markets including Equity injection of \$306M USD Oct 2021	Debt pay down Algoma extinguished all of its \$358M USD Sr. Secured debt  Nov 2021	Regular Dividend Algoma commenced quarterly dividend of \$.05 / share  Mar 2022	Substantial Issuer Bid Algoma buys back approx. 1/3 of outstanding shares Aug 2022	Normal Course Issuer Bid Algoma renewed its NCIB for share repurchases 2023/24	ABL Renewal Amend and extend Algoma's now upsized US\$300M asset-based loan May 2023	Low Leverage Profile Algoma maintains a robust balance sheet with liquidity to support market fluctuations and its capital initiatives Ongoing
Strategic Partnerships Algoma continues to develop partnerships focused on de- risking the organization and creating long term value for stakeholders	United States Steel New iron ore contract de-risking supply of largest input May 2020	Triple M Metals JV with Triple M Metals for supply of scrap and metallic units to meet needs Nov 2021	PUC Transmission local 230KV power line to support Algoma's EAF transformation.	Suncoke 5 Year contract to facilitate the migration to EAF operations 2022-2026E	Walters Selected to fabricate and construct EAF Meltshop Building and other EAF equipment 2023-2025E	EllisDon Construction mgmt support contract for EAF construction 2023-2025E	DSV Global logistics support for delivery of EAF equipment 2023-2025E	EAF Contractors Remaining contract awards partering with select contractors for equipment and infrastructure installation 2024
ESG Focus  Algoma is committed to initiatives geared at driving performance, reducing risk and developing a culture of organizational excellence that improve our ESG performance	Secured Algoma's Legacy Environmental Action Plan  Nov 2018	Focus on Safety Including zero lost time incidents for the past 2 Fiscal Quarters  Apr – Sep 2021	Newly Constituted Board diversity of experience, thought and perspective Oct 2021	Performance Management Implemented a robust performance management system May 2019	Enterprise Risk Management Develop a culture of risk management  Nov 2019	ESG Position Paper Published Algoma's approach to ESG April 2023	ESG Sustainability Report Algoma to publish its inagural ESG Sustainability report 2023	Emission Reduction EAF project expects to reduce emissions 70% and improve GHG performance  2024E
	Ongoing	Recently Announced	Upcoming					

We are positioning Algoma for a new era in steel, well-capitalized to make critical investments that enhance long term performance and create value for our shareholders

### **Annex: Revenue and Cost of Sales**



	change			hree onths ed June , 2023	Three months ended June 30, 2022	
tons Steel Shipments	t	5.9%		569,433	537,524	
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millions of dollars						
Revenue	1	11.4%	C\$	827.2	C\$	934.1
Less:						
Freight included in revenue				(52.2)		(45.1)
Non-steel revenue			_	(20.5)	_	(11.6)
Steel revenue	Ţ	14.0%	C\$	754.5	C\$_	877.4
Cost of steel revenue	t	9.0%	C\$	566.8	C\$	520.1
Amortization included in cost of steel revenue				(23.2)		(22.5)
Carbon tax included in cost of steel revenue			_	(2.5)	_	(3.0)
Cost of steel products sold	Ť	9.4%	C\$_	541.1	C\$_	494.6
dollars per ton						
Revenue per ton of steel sold	t	16.4%	C\$	1,453	C\$	1,738
Cost of steel revenue per ton of steel sold	t	2.8%	C\$	995	C\$	968
Average net sales realization on steel sales (i)	1	18.9%	C\$	1,323	C\$	1,632
Cost per ton of steel products sold	1	3.3%	C\$	950	C\$	920

<sup>(</sup>i) Represents Steel revenue (being Revenue less (a) Freight included in revenue and (b) Non-steel revenue) divided by the number of tons of Steel Shipments during the applicable period.

### **Annex: Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**



millions of dollars	ended	months June 30, 023	Three months ended June 30, 2022		
Net income	C\$	130.9	C\$	301.4	
Amortization of property, plant and equipment and amortization of intangible					
assets		23.3		22.6	
Finance costs		5.1		4.7	
Interest on pension and other post-employment benefit obligations		4.8		3.4	
Income taxes		39.3		84.9	
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		11.0		(11.7)	
Finance income		(3.3)		(1.9)	
Inventory write-downs (amortization on property, plant and equipment in inventory)		0.4		0.3	
Carbon tax		2.5		3.0	
Decrease in fair value of warrant liability		(17.5)		(38.4)	
Decrease in fair value of earnout liability		(2.0)		(4.1)	
Decrease in fair value of share-based payment compensation liability		(4.0)		(9.4)	
Share-based compensation		0.7		2.9	
Adjusted EBITDA	C\$	191.2	C\$	357.7	
Net Income Margin		15.8%		32.3%	
Net Income / ton	C\$	229.9	C\$	560.7	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		23.1%		38.3%	
Adjusted EBITDA / ton	C\$	335.8	C\$	665.4	

<sup>(</sup>i) See "Non-IFRS Measures" for information regarding the limitations of using Adjusted EBITDA.

<sup>(</sup>ii) Adjusted EBITDA Margin is Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue.

### **Annex: Selected Quarterly Information**



otherwise noted)		2024			2023			2022					
As at and for the three months ended <sup>1</sup>		Q1		Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1		Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	
Financial results													
Total revenue	C\$	827.2	C\$	677.4 C\$	567.8 C\$	599.2 C\$	934.1	C\$	941.8 C\$	1,064.9 C\$	1,010.2 C\$	789.1	
Steel products		754.5		609.2	512.0	551.5	877.4		879.9	1,009.5	938.5	722.9	
Non-steel products		20.5		14.1	12.1	8.2	11.6		13.9	14.2	31.8	24.4	
Freight		52.2		54.1	43.7	39.5	45.1		48.0	41.2	41.9	41.8	
Cost of sales		639.5		630.7	611.8	569.4	576.8		603.2	599.9	578.7	510.2	
Administrative and selling expenses		23.4		25.0	21.7	24.2	28.4		28.0	18.9	29.4	26.7	
Income (loss) from operations		164.3		21.7	(65.7)	5.6	328.9		310.6	448.1	402.1	252.2	
Net income (loss)		130.9		(20.4)	(69.8)	87.2	301.4		242.9	123.0	288.2	203.7	
Adjusted EBITDA	C\$	191.2	C\$	47.9 C\$	(35.9) C\$	82.7 C\$	357.7	C\$	334.4 C\$	457.3 C\$	430.6 C\$	280.8	
Per common share (diluted) <sup>3</sup>													
Net income (loss)	C\$	0.85	C\$	(0.2) C\$	(0.6) C\$	0.38 C\$	1.49	C\$	1.45 C\$	0.92 C\$	4.02 C\$	2.83	
Financial position													
Total assets	C\$	2,627.8	C\$	2,455.6 C\$	2,549.0 C\$	2,716.0 C\$	3,070.5	C\$	2,693.6 C\$	2,520.7 C\$	2,185.7 C\$	1,697.2	
Total non-current liabilities		665.0		650.0	663.4	693.3	618.0		573.5	640.1	1,038.8	1,002.5	
Operating results													
Average NSR per nt <sup>2</sup>	C\$	1,323	CS	1,068 C\$	1,116 C\$	1,266 C\$	1,632	CS	1,608 C\$	1,827 C\$	1,594 C\$	1,185	
Adjusted EBITDA per nt <sup>2</sup>		335.8		83.8	(78.3)	189.9	685.4		611.1	827.6	733.1	460.3	
Shipping volume (in thousands of nt)													
Sheet		498		505	421	411	485		486	481	514	541	
Plate		70		66	37	23	52		61	72	73	69	
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<sup>1 -</sup> Period end date refers to the following: "Q4" - March 31, "Q3" - December 31, "Q2" - September 30 and "Q1" - June 30.

Further, on February 9, 2022, the Company is sused 35,883,692 common shares in connection with the earnout rights granted to non-management shareholders that existed prior to the Merger.

On March 3, 2022, the Company commenced a normal course issuer bid for which the Company purchased and cancelled 3,364,262 common shares as at March 31, 2023.

On June 21, 2022, the Company commenced a substantial issuer bid in Canada and a Tender Offer (the "Offer") in the United States. On July 27, 2022, the Offer was completed and 41,025,641 common shares were purchased for cancellation.

<sup>2 -</sup> The definition and reconciliation of these non-IFRS measures are included in the "Non-IFRS Financial Measures" section of this MD&A.

<sup>3 -</sup> Pursuant to the Merger with Legato, on October 19, 2021, the Company effected a reverse stock split retroactively, such that each outstanding common share became such number of common shares, each valued at \$10.00 per share, as determined by the conversion factor of 71.76775% (as defined in the Merger Agreement), with such common shares subsequently distributed to the equity holders of the Company's former ultimate parent company.

