

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In Re:	§	Jointly Administered Case
	§	No. 01-42530-H4-11
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Metals USA, Inc., <i>et al.</i>	§	Case Nos. 01-42530-H4-11
	§	through 01-42574-H4-11
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Debtors.	§	Chapter 11

**ORDER APPROVING FINAL APPLICATION OF
AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.,
COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICIAL JOINT COMMITTEE
OF UNSECURED BONDHOLDERS AND CREDITORS,
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES
RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED**

The Final Application of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. ("Akin Gump"), counsel to the Official Joint Committee of Unsecured Bondholders and Creditors (the "Committee"), for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred (the "Application") having been duly noticed was heard on February 14, 2002. After considering the Application and statements of Akin Gump the Court is of the opinion that the Application should be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED that Akin Gump is allowed and approved compensation for 948.85 hours of time spent for legal services furnished as attorney to the Committee during the period from September 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002, in the total amount of \$365,694.50. It is further

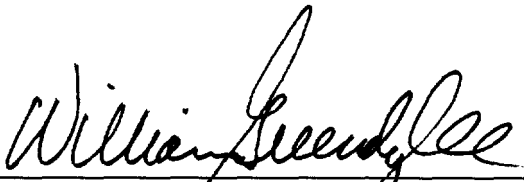
ORDERED that reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Akin Gump in the total amount of \$24,475.35 for the period from September 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002 is hereby allowed and approved.

ORDERED that final compensation for Akin Gump as attorney to the Committee during the period of November 27, 2001 through and including October 31, 2002, in the aggregate amount of \$1,029,696.50 (inclusive of amounts previously awarded and paid) is hereby approved in all respects. It is further

ORDERED that final reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Akin Gump during the period of November 27, 2001 through and including October 31, 2002 in the total amount of ~~\$111,480.31~~ ^{\$111,242.31} (inclusive of amounts previously awarded and paid) is hereby approved in all respects

ORDERED that Debtors shall pay Akin Gump the foregoing approved amounts (less amounts previously paid pursuant to the Administrative Fee Order) within ten (10) days from the entry of this Order.

DATED: 2/14/03



HONORABLE WILLIAM R. GREENDYKE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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