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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant To Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 5, 2009**

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-3295

25-1190717

[REDACTED]
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

[REDACTED]
(Commission File
Number)

[REDACTED]
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

405 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY

10174-0002

[REDACTED]
(Address of principal executive offices)

[REDACTED]
(Zip Code)

(212) 878-1800

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 5, 2009 Minerals Technologies Inc. issued a press release regarding its financial performance for the fourth quarter of 2008 and the declaration of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.05 per share on its common stock. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 5, 2009

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kirk G. Forrest

Name: Kirk G. Forrest

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Date: February 5, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Subject Matter

99.1

Press Release dated February 5, 2009

News

For Immediate Release
February 5, 2009

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**MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES' FOURTH QUARTER
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE WERE \$0.41, EXCLUDING SPECIAL ITEMS,
REPORTED EARNINGS WERE \$0.31 PER SHARE**

FULL YEAR 2008 EARNINGS PER SHARE WERE A RECORD \$3.44

Board Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend of \$0.05 per Share

Highlights:

- Record Earnings for Full Year Despite Steep Fourth Quarter Decline
- Return on Capital of 8.0 Percent for 2008
- Precipitous Fourth Quarter Drop in End Market Demand
- Fourth Quarter Sequential Decline in EPS of 69 Percent
- Aggressive, Prudent Measures to Maintain Competitiveness

NEW YORK , February 5 - Minerals Technologies Inc. (**NYSE: MTX**) today reported net income of \$5.7 million, or \$0.31 per share, for the fourth quarter 2008, compared with \$16.8 million, or \$0.86 per share in the same period of 2007. Earnings per share were \$0.41 excluding restructuring charges and a gain on a sale of an idle facility.

"The company achieved its highest annual earnings in 2008, with the first three quarters setting record highs," said Joseph C. Muscari, chairman and chief executive officer. "In the fourth quarter, however, the precipitous downturn in our paper, steel, construction and automotive end markets resulted in a significant drop in demand for our products. As a result, our earnings per share decreased 64-percent from the fourth quarter of 2007 and 69-percent from the third quarter of 2008."

He continued: "In October when the financial crisis occurred and the economic downturn followed, we took rapid, decisive steps to maintain the company's competitiveness by conserving cash and containing costs. In addition to a reduction in workforce, our actions included shortening work weeks, reducing overtime and continuing our aggressive expense control measures. The result was that even in this weak economic environment, the company still generated \$53 million in cash flow from operations and free cash flow of \$46 million during the fourth quarter."

During the fourth quarter, the company recorded a pre-tax restructuring charge of

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approximately \$6 million, or \$0.22 per share after-tax, which was associated primarily with reducing the workforce by 12-percent through layoffs as well as permanent reductions.

The company's worldwide sales in the fourth quarter were \$240.0 million, a 13-percent decrease from the \$274.3 million recorded in the same period in 2007. Foreign exchange had an unfavorable impact on sales of approximately \$11.4 million or 4 percentage points. Operating income, excluding special items, was \$9.4 million, a 66-percent decrease from the \$28.0 million recorded in the same period in 2007.

Sequentially, operating income, excluding special items, also decreased 66 percent from the third quarter of 2008.

For the fourth quarter, worldwide sales in the company's Specialty Minerals segment, which consists of precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) and Processed Minerals, were \$159.8 million compared with \$180.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, an 11-percent

decrease. Both product lines in the segment experienced volume declines. Foreign exchange had an unfavorable impact on sales growth for the quarter of approximately 3 percentage points. For the fourth quarter, income from operations, excluding special items, was \$8.4 million, a decrease of 52 percent from \$17.6 million in the same period in 2007.

Sequentially, sales declined 14 percent in the Specialty Minerals segment from the \$186.7 million recorded in the third quarter of 2008, and income from operations, excluding special items, decreased 50 percent from the \$16.8 million recorded in the third quarter.

Worldwide sales of PCC, which is used mainly in the manufacturing processes of the paper industry, were \$137.4 million, an 11-percent decrease from the \$154.1 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Sequentially, PCC sales declined 13 percent from \$157.2 million in the third quarter of 2008. This decrease was associated primarily with PCC volume declines caused by a worldwide decline in paper demand that resulted in both temporary and permanent paper mill shutdowns and production curtailments late in the fourth quarter.

Worldwide sales of Processed Minerals products were \$22.4 million, a 15-percent decrease from \$26.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2007. Processed Minerals products, which include ground calcium carbonate and talc, are used in the building materials, polymers, ceramics, paints and coatings, glass and other manufacturing industries. The

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decline in Processed Minerals products was a result of fourth quarter production curtailment by customers serving the already weak residential and commercial construction and automotive industries.

In the company's Refractories segment, sales in the fourth quarter 2008 were \$80.2 million, a 15-percent decline from the \$93.9 million recorded in the same period in 2007. Foreign exchange had an unfavorable impact on sales of \$6.3 million, or 7 percentage points for the fourth quarter.

The Refractory segment recorded operating income, excluding special items, of \$1.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with operating income of \$10.4 million in the same period in 2007.

Sequentially, sales in the Refractory segment, decreased 26 percent from the \$108.2 million recorded in the third quarter of 2008, and operating income, excluding special items, declined 86 percent from third quarter. The rapid collapse of North American steel production in the fourth quarter was the cause of this decline.

Full Year Results

For the full year, the company reported net income of \$65.3 million, or \$3.44 per share, compared with a net loss of \$63.5 million, or a loss of \$3.31 per share, in the prior year. Earnings per share, excluding special items, increased 22 percent to \$3.44 compared with \$2.82 in the prior year.

Worldwide sales for the full year 2008 were \$1.11 billion, a 3-percent increase over the \$1.08 billion reported in 2007. For the year, foreign exchange had a favorable impact on sales of \$25 million or 2 percentage points of growth. The company recorded operating income of \$82.0 million for the full year 2008 compared to an operating loss of \$8.5 million for the full year 2007, which included impairment of assets and restructuring charges relating to a major realignment of the company's operations in the third quarter of 2007.

Specialty Minerals segment sales were \$716.4 million, slightly lower than the \$716.6 million recorded in 2007. Foreign exchange had a favorable impact on sales of approximately 2 percentage points of growth. Specialty Minerals recorded operating income of \$57.0 million for 2008 compared with an operating loss of \$20.0 million in 2007 that was a result of the company's restructuring.

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PCC sales increased 1 percent for the full year 2008 to \$605.7 million from \$602.6 in 2007. Sales growth was attributable to increased selling prices from the pass through to customers of raw material cost increases and to foreign currency. Paper PCC sales volume decreased 4 percent from the prior year. Increased PCC volumes at several facilities and the ramp up of two new satellite plants were more than offset by paper industry production curtailments, primarily in North America .

Processed Minerals product sales decreased 3 percent in 2008 to \$110.7 million from \$114.0 million in 2007. This decrease was due primarily to the sharp fourth quarter drop off in demand from the previously weak commercial and residential construction and automotive industries.

Sales for the full year for the Refractories segment were \$395.8 million, a 10-percent increase over the \$361.1 million recorded in 2007. This increase was largely due to price increases necessitated by increased raw material costs. Foreign exchange had a favorable impact on sales of \$9.4 million for the year, or 3 percentage points of sales growth.

The Refractories segment operating income for 2008, excluding special items, was \$32.0 million, a 3-percent increase over the \$31.0 million recorded in the previous year. For the first nine months of 2008, the Refractories segment recorded 18-percent sales growth and a 47-percent increase in operating income, the highest earnings for that period in the segment's history. However, the collapse of steel production, especially in North America, dampened Refractories' full year financial results.

At year end, the company had \$182 million in cash and \$170 million of unused credit facilities. The debt to capital ratio was very low at approximately 14 percent. Operating cash flow for the full year was approximately \$132 million and free cash flow was \$115 million, as the company continues to reduce capital spending, focus on working capital management and reduce overall spending.

"The year 2008 reflected record-setting earnings for Minerals Technologies despite the fourth quarter's steep economic downturn that persists today," said Mr. Muscari. "I believe we are in a better position to effectively manage through these extraordinarily difficult, and uncertain times because of the actions we took in 2007 to restructure, realign and refocus our businesses. Although our fourth quarter results were poor, the company today

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has a stronger foundation than it did a year ago. We continue to have a strong balance sheet, good cash flow, leaner operations, and we will make the adjustments necessary to keep pace with changes in our customers' requirements and to effectively navigate this global recession."

The company also declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.05 per share on its common stock. The dividend is payable on March 18, 2009 to stockholders of record on February 27, 2009.

Minerals Technologies will sponsor a conference call tomorrow, February 6, 2009, at 11 a.m. The conference call will be broadcast live on the company web site: www.mineralstech.com.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 which describe or are based on current expectations. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations. In addition, any statements that are not historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates," and similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Forward-looking statements in this document should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect our businesses, particularly those mentioned in the risk factors and other cautionary statements in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

For further information about Minerals Technologies Inc. look on the internet at <http://www.mineralstech.com>.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
(in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

	Quarter Ended			% Growth		Year Ended		% Growth
	Dec 31, 2008	Sept 28, 2008	Dec 31, 2007	Prior Year	Prior Qtr.	2008	2007	Prior Year
Net sales	\$ 239,981	\$ 294,917	\$ 274,259	(13)%	(19)%	\$ 1,112,212	\$ 1,077,721	3%
Cost of goods sold	<u>201,959</u>	<u>235,482</u>	<u>214,648</u>	(6)%	(14)%	<u>891,738</u>	<u>845,136</u>	6%
Production margin	38,022	59,435	59,610	(36)%	(36)%	220,474	232,585	(5)%
Marketing and administrative expenses	23,218	26,009	25,550	(9)%	(11)%	101,857	104,649	(3)%
Research and development expenses	5,485	5,433	6,131	(11)%	1%	23,052	26,348	(13)%
Restructuring and other charges	6,021	5,013	3,867	56%	20%	13,365	16,017	(17)%
Impairment of assets	<u>209</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	±	±	<u>209</u>	<u>94,070</u>	±
Income (loss) from operations	3,089	22,980	24,062	(87)%	(87)%	81,991	(8,499)	*
Non-operating income (deductions) - net	<u>2,229</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>2,736</u>	(19)%	±	<u>276</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	*
Income (loss) before provision for taxes on income, minority interests and discontinued operations	5,318	23,265	26,798	(80)%	(77)%	82,267	(11,499)	*
Provision for taxes on income	1,152	6,329	8,711	(87)%	(82)%	24,079	11,266	114%
Minority interests	<u>738</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>743</u>	(1)%	(16)%	<u>3,183</u>	<u>2,904</u>	10%
Income (loss) from continuing operations	3,428	16,057	17,344	(80)%	(79)%	55,005	(25,669)	*
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	<u>2,309</u>	<u>2,951</u>	<u>(582)</u>	±	(22)%	<u>10,282</u>	<u>(37,845)</u>	±
Net income (loss)	\$ <u>5,737</u>	\$ <u>19,008</u>	\$ <u>16,762</u>	(66)%	(70)%	\$ <u>65,287</u>	\$ <u>(63,514)</u>	±
* Percentage not meaningful								
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic	18,710	18,859	19,238			18,893	19,190	
Diluted	18,756	18,962	19,444			18,983	19,190	
Earnings per share:								
Basic:								
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.90	(79)%	(78)%	\$ 2.91	\$ (1.34)	*
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	<u>0.12</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>(0.03)</u>	±	(25)%	<u>0.54</u>	<u>(1.97)</u>	±
Net income	\$ <u>0.31</u>	\$ <u>1.01</u>	\$ <u>0.87</u>	(64)%	(69)%	\$ <u>3.45</u>	\$ <u>(3.31)</u>	±
Diluted:								
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.89	(79)%	(78)%	\$ 2.90	\$ (1.34)	*
Income (Loss) from discontinued operations	<u>0.12</u>	<u>0.15</u>	<u>(0.03)</u>	±	(20)%	<u>0.54</u>	<u>(1.97)</u>	±
Net income	\$ <u>0.31</u>	\$ <u>1.00</u>	\$ <u>0.86</u>	(64)%	(69)%	\$ <u>3.44</u>	\$ <u>(3.31)</u>	±
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ <u>0.05</u>	\$ <u>0.05</u>	\$ <u>0.05</u>			\$ <u>0.20</u>	\$ <u>0.20</u>	
* Percentage not meaningful								

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

- 1) Sales decreased in the United States 12% in the fourth quarter and increased 1% for the full year of 2008 as compared with the comparable periods of the prior year. International sales decreased 13% in the fourth quarter and increased 6% for the full year of 2008 as compared with the comparable periods of the prior year.
- 2) In the third quarter of 2007, the Company initiated a plan to realign its operations as a result of an in-depth strategic review of all of its operations. Additional charges were recorded in 2008 associated with this realignment in 2008. In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company recorded additional restructuring charges of approximately \$3.9 million associated with a further reduction of its workforce by approximately 12%. The impairment of assets charges and restructuring charges recorded in the fourth quarter and full year of 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Full Year	
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	2008	2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Impairment of assets charges					
Paper PCC	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 65.3
Specialty PCC	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>12.7</u>
Total PCC	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	78.0
Processed Minerals	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>1.3</u>
Specialty Minerals Segment	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	79.3
Refractories Segment	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>14.8</u>
Consolidated	\$ <u>0.2</u>	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$ <u>0.0</u>	\$ <u>0.2</u>	\$ <u>94.1</u>
	Three Months Ended			Full Year	
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	2008	2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Restructuring and other costs					
Severance and other employee benefits	\$ 3.9	0.3	4.3	6.1	13.5
Pension settlement loss	2.1	4.7	0.0	6.8	0.0
Contract termination costs	0.0	0.0	(0.5)	0.0	1.8
Other exit costs	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.7</u>
	\$ <u>6.0</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>16.0</u>

As a result of the workforce reduction associated with the restructuring program and the related distribution of pension benefits, the Company recognized a pension settlement loss of \$6.8 million in for the full year of 2008 related to its defined benefit plan in the U.S in accordance with SFAS 88. Approximately \$2.1 million of the pension settlement loss was recognized in the fourth quarter.

- 3) To supplement the Company's consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the following is a presentation of the Company's non-GAAP income (loss), excluding special items, for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively and for the three-month period ended September 28, 2008. The Company's management believe these non-GAAP measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding its performance as inclusion Company's of such special items are not indicative of the ongoing operating results and thereby affect the comparability of results between periods. The Company feels inclusion of these non-GAAP measures also provides consistency in its financial reporting and facilitates investors' understanding of historic operating trends.

	Three Months Ended			Full Year	
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	2008	2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Net Income (loss), as reported	\$ 5.7	\$ 19.0	\$ 16.8	\$ 65.3	\$ (63.5)
Special items:					
Inventory writedowns included in cost of goods sold	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
SG&A reversal related to restructuring	0.0	0.0	(1.4)	0.0	(1.4)
Impairment of long-lived assets	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	140.9
Restructuring and other costs	6.1	5.4	4.0	13.4	18.3
Insurance recovery gains	0.0	0.0	(3.0)	0.0	(3.0)
Gain on sale of assets	(3.5)	(3.7)	0.0	(13.7)	0.0
Related tax effects on special items	(0.9)	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.1	(37.7)
Reverse minority interest portion of impairment charge	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.2)
Net income, excluding special items	\$ 7.6	\$ 20.1	\$ 16.3	\$ 65.3	\$ 54.8
Basic earnings per share, excluding special items	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.07	\$ 0.85	\$ 3.45	\$ 2.85
Diluted earnings per share, excluding special items	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.84	\$ 3.44	\$ 2.82

4) During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company exited its Synsil® Products product line and reclassified such operations as discontinued. In addition the Company reclassified to discontinued operations its two Midwest plants located in Mt. Vernon, Indiana and Wellsville, Ohio. All assets held are classified as held for disposal as of December 31, 2008 and 2007.

The following table details selected financial information for the businesses included within discontinued operations in the Consolidated Statements of Income (millions of dollars):

	Three Months Ended			Full Year	
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	2008	2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Net sales	\$ 4.5	\$ 6.0	\$ 6.4	\$ 23.2	\$ 30.2
Production margin	0.3	1.5	0.1	3.3	(5.3)
Total expenses	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8	4.1
Restructuring charges (reversals)	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	2.3
Impairment of assets	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>46.8</u>
Income (loss) from operations	0.1	0.9	(0.8)	2.4	(58.5)
Provision for taxes on income	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.9</u>	<u>(20.7)</u>
Income (loss) from operations, net of tax	0.1	0.6	(0.6)	1.5	(37.8)
Pre-tax gains on sales of discontinued business	3.5	3.7	0.0	13.7	0.0
Provision for taxes on gains	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ <u>2.3</u>	\$ <u>3.0</u>	\$ <u>(0.6)</u>	\$ <u>10.3</u>	\$ <u>(37.8)</u>

5) The following table reflects the components of non-operating income and deductions (thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended			Full Year	
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	2008	2007
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
Interest income	\$ 1.3	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 4.9	\$ 3.1
Interest expense	(1.4)	(1.2)	(1.5)	(5.2)	(8.7)
Insurance recovery gains	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	2.5	0.3	0.6	1.7	0.5
Other deductions	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>(0.6)</u>	<u>(1.1)</u>	<u>(0.9)</u>
Non-operating income (deductions), net	\$ <u>2.2</u>	\$ <u>0.3</u>	\$ <u>2.7</u>	\$ <u>0.3</u>	\$ <u>(3.0)</u>

6) The analyst conference call to discuss operating results for the fourth quarter is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009 at 11:00 am and will be broadcast over the Company's website (www.mineralstech.com). The broadcast will remain on the Company's website for no less than one year.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA
MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
(millions of dollars)
(unaudited)

SALES DATA	Quarter Ended			% Growth		Full Year Ended		% Growth
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	Prior Year	Prior Qtr.	Dec 31,	Dec 31,	Prior Year
	2008	2008	2007			2008	2007	
United States	\$ 126.5	\$ 154.2	\$ 143.8	(12)%	(18)%	\$ 587.5	\$ 581.9	1%
International	113.5	140.7	130.7	(13)%	(19)%	524.7	495.8	6%
Net Sales	\$ 240.0	\$ 294.9	\$ 274.3	(13)%	(19)%	\$ 1,112.2	\$ 1,077.7	3%
Paper PCC	\$ 125.5	\$ 141.7	\$ 139.5	(10)%	(11)%	\$ 547.2	\$ 542.0	1%
Specialty PCC	11.9	15.5	14.8	(18)%	(23)%	58.5	60.6	(3)%
PCC Products	\$ 137.4	\$ 157.2	\$ 154.1	(11)%	(13)%	\$ 605.7	\$ 602.6	1%
Talc	\$ 7.4	\$ 9.8	\$ 9.1	(19)%	(24)%	\$ 35.9	\$ 37.3	(4)%
Ground Calcium Carbonate	15.0	19.7	17.2	(13)%	(24)%	74.8	76.7	(2)%
Processed Minerals Products	\$ 22.4	\$ 29.5	\$ 26.3	(15)%	(24)%	\$ 110.7	\$ 114.0	(3)%
Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 159.8	\$ 186.7	\$ 180.4	(11)%	(14)%	\$ 716.4	\$ 716.6	(0)%
Refractory products	\$ 65.2	\$ 86.7	\$ 76.2	(14)%	(25)%	\$ 320.8	\$ 290.5	10%
Metallurgical Products	15.0	21.5	17.7	(15)%	(30)%	75.0	70.6	6%
Refractories Segment	\$ 80.2	\$ 108.2	\$ 93.9	(15)%	(26)%	\$ 395.8	\$ 361.1	10%
Net Sales	\$ 240.0	\$ 294.9	\$ 274.3	(13)%	(19)%	\$ 1,112.2	\$ 1,077.7	3%

SEGMENT OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) DATA

Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 5.1	\$ 13.5	\$ 16.3	(69)%	(62)%	\$ 57.0	\$ (20.0)	┆
Refractories Segment	\$ (1.4)	\$ 9.9	\$ 7.8	(118)%	(114)%	\$ 26.3	\$ 11.5	129%
Unallocated Corporate Expenses	\$ (0.6)	\$ (0.4)	\$ 0.0	┆	50%	\$ (1.3)	\$ 0.0	┆
Consolidated	\$ 3.1	\$ 23.0	\$ 24.1	(87)%	(87)%	\$ 82.0	\$ (8.5)	┆

SEGMENT RESTRUCTURING and IMPAIRMENT COSTS

Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 3.3	\$ 3.3	\$ 1.3	154%	0%	\$ 7.9	\$ 90.6	(91)%
Refractories Segment	\$ 3.0	\$ 1.7	\$ 2.6	15%	76%	\$ 5.7	\$ 19.5	(71)%
Consolidated	\$ 6.3	\$ 5.0	\$ 3.9	62%	26%	\$ 13.6	\$ 110.1	(88)%

To supplement the Company's consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the following is a presentation on the Company's non-GAAP operating income, excluding special items for the three-month and twelve months periods ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, and for the three-month period ended September 28, 2008. The Company's management believe these non-GAAP measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding its performance as inclusion Company's of such special items are not indicative of the ongoing operating results and thereby affect the comparability of results between periods. The Company feels inclusion of these non-GAAP measures also provides consistency in its financial reporting and facilitates investors' understanding of historic operating trends.

SEGMENT OPERATING INCOME, EXCLUDING SPECIAL ITEMS	Quarter Ended			% Growth		Full Year Ended		% Growth
	Dec 31,	Sept 28,	Dec 31,	Prior Year	Prior Qtr.	Dec 31,	Dec 31,	Prior Year
	2008	2008	2007			2008	2007	
Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 8.4	\$ 16.8	\$ 17.6	(52)%	(50)%	\$ 64.9	\$ 70.6	(8)%
Refractories Segment	\$ 1.6	\$ 11.6	\$ 10.4	(85)%	(86)%	\$ 32.0	\$ 31.0	3%
Consolidated	\$ 9.4	\$ 28.0	\$ 28.0	(66)%	(66)%	\$ 95.6	\$ 101.6	(6)%

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	December 31, <u>2008</u> *	December 31, <u>2007</u> **
Current assets:		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 181,876	\$ 128,985
Short-term investments	9,258	9,697
Accounts receivable, net	163,475	180,868
Inventories	133,983	103,373
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23,281	22,773
Assets held for disposal	<u>19,674</u>	<u>27,614</u>
Total current assets	531,547	473,310
Property, plant and equipment	1,324,231	1,351,843
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>894,638</u>	<u>862,457</u>
Net property, plant & equipment	429,593	489,386
Goodwill	66,414	71,964
Prepaid pension costs	483	53,667
Other assets and deferred charges	<u>39,583</u>	<u>40,566</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>1,067,620</u>	\$ <u>1,128,893</u>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Short-term debt	\$ 14,984	\$ 9,518
Current maturities of long-term debt	4,000	7,210
Accounts payable	67,393	66,084
Restructuring liabilities	6,840	14,479
Other current liabilities	56,902	65,057
Liabilities of assets held for disposal-current	<u>734</u>	<u>4,801</u>
Total current liabilities	150,853	167,149
Long-term debt	97,221	111,006
Other non-current liabilities	<u>107,962</u>	<u>99,565</u>
Total liabilities	356,036	377,720
Total shareholders' equity	<u>711,584</u>	<u>751,173</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ <u>1,067,620</u>	\$ <u>1,128,893</u>

* Unaudited

** Condensed from audited financial statements.