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Ball Completes Acquisition of Aerocan S.A.S.

Highlights

-- Ball has completed its previously announced acquisition of Aerocan S.A.S.

-- Aerocan is a leading supplier of extruded aluminum aerosol cans and bottles in Europe

-- The acquisition, combined with Ball's 2010 acquisition of Neuman Aluminum in the U.S., makes Ball a leading global supplier of aluminum slugs used to make extruded aluminum packaging

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Jan. 18, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL) today completed its acquisition of Aerocan S.A.S., a leading supplier of extruded aluminum aerosol cans and bottles in Europe. Ball announced the acquisition in December 2010.

Aerocan manufactures extruded aluminum aerosol cans and bottles, and aluminum slugs used to make them, for customers in the personal care, pharmaceutical, beverage and food industries. It operates three aerosol can manufacturing plants - in Velim, Czech Republic; Bellegarde, France; and Devizes, United Kingdom - and is a 51 percent owner of a joint venture aluminum slug plant in Beaurepaire, France. The plants employ approximately 560 people.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality packaging for beverage, food and household products customers, and of aerospace and other technologies and services, primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ more than 14,500 people worldwide and reported 2009 sales of more than $7.3 billion including discontinued operations. For the latest Ball news and for other company information, please visit http://www.ball.com.

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uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Key risks and uncertainties are summarized in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Exhibit 99.2 in our Form 10-K, which are available on our website and at www.sec.gov. Factors that might affect our packaging segments include fluctuation in product demand and preferences; availability and cost of raw materials; competitive packaging availability, pricing and substitution; changes in climate and weather; crop yields; competitive activity; failure to achieve anticipated productivity improvements or production cost reductions; mandatory deposit or other restrictive packaging laws; changes in major customer or supplier contracts or loss of a major customer or supplier; and changes in foreign exchange rates or tax rates. Factors that might affect our aerospace segment include: funding, authorization, availability and returns of government and commercial contracts; and delays, extensions and technical uncertainties affecting segment contracts. Factors that might affect the company as a whole include those listed plus: accounting changes; changes in senior management; the current global recession and its effects on liquidity, credit risk, asset values and the economy; successful or unsuccessful acquisitions; integration of recently acquired businesses; regulatory action or laws including tax, environmental, health and workplace safety, including U.S. FDA and other actions affecting products filled in our containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; governmental investigations; technological developments and innovations; goodwill impairment; antitrust, patent and other litigation; strikes; labor cost changes; rates of return projected and earned on assets of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; reduced cash flow; interest rates affecting our debt; and changes to unaudited results due to statutory audits or other effects.

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