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A. M. CASTLE & CO. RECEIVES NOTICE REGARDING NYSE CONTINUED LISTING STANDARDS

OAK BROOK, IL, January 22, 2016 - A. M. Castle & Co. (NYSE: CAS) (the "Company"), a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products, value-added services, and supply chain solutions, today announced that on January 21, 2016, the Company received written notice from the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") that it is not in compliance with the continued listing standards set forth in Section 802.01B of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. The Company is considered below criteria established by the NYSE for continued listing because its average market capitalization has been less than \$50 million over a consecutive 30 trading-day period, and at the same time its last reported stockholders' equity was below \$50 million.

The Company plans to notify the NYSE within 10 business days of its intent to submit a plan that demonstrates its ability to return the Company to conformity with the continued listing standards within 18 months of receipt of the notice. The Company intends to submit the plan within 45 days. The NYSE will have 45 days after receipt of the plan to review and determine whether the Company has made a reasonable demonstration of its ability to come into conformity with the relevant standards within the 18-month period. The NYSE will either accept the plan, at which time the Company would be subject to ongoing monitoring for compliance with the plan, or the NYSE will not accept the plan and the Company would be subject to suspension and delisting procedures.

As previously announced, the Company commenced a refinancing plan to address the forthcoming maturity of its public debt as well as general liquidity needs. President and CEO Steve Scheinkman commented, "The refinancing plan, which is subject to noteholder approval,

is designed to provide the Company with the financial flexibility needed to execute our long-term business plan and position the Company for future growth."

The Company's shares will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE, subject to its continued compliance with the plan and other NYSE continued listing standards. The Company can provide no assurances that it will be able to satisfy any of the steps outlined above and maintain a listing of its shares.

There is no immediate impact on the listing of the Company's common stock, which will continue to trade on the NYSE, subject to the Company's compliance with other listing standards. The Company will continue to file periodic and other reports with the SEC under applicable federal securities laws.

About A. M. Castle & Co.

Founded in 1890, A. M. Castle & Co. is a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products and supply chain services, principally serving the producer durable equipment, oil and gas, commercial aircraft, heavy equipment, industrial goods, construction equipment, retail, marine and automotive sectors of the global economy. Its customer base includes many Fortune 500 companies as well as thousands of medium and smaller-sized firms spread across a variety of industries. Within its metals business, it specializes in the distribution of alloy and stainless steels; nickel alloys; aluminum and carbon. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Total Plastics, Inc., the Company also distributes a broad range of value-added industrial plastics. Together, Castle and its affiliated companies operate out of 42 service centers located throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CAS".

Cautionary Statement on Risks Associated with Forward Looking Statements

Information provided and statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forwardlooking statements only speak as of the date of this release and the Company assumes no obligation to update the information included in this release. Such forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations, including descriptions of our business strategy, and the cost savings and other benefits that we expect to achieve from our facility closures and organizational changes. These statements often include words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "predict," "plan," "should," or similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and they involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, there are many factors that could affect our actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including our ability to effectively manage our operational initiatives including restructuring activities, the impact of volatility of metals and plastics prices, the cyclical and seasonal aspects of our business, our ability to effectively manage inventory levels, our ability to successfully manage our strategic refinancing process and the impact of our

substantial level of indebtedness, as well as those risk factors identified in Item 1A "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. All future written and oral forward-looking statements by us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to above. Except as required by the federal securities laws, we do not have any obligations or intention to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances in the future, to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or for any other reason.