

Mail Stop 3561

January 28, 2008

David H. Hannah  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.  
350 S. Grand Ave, Suite 5100  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Re: Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.**  
**Item 4.01 Form 8-K**  
**Filed January 23, 2008**  
**File No. 001-13122**

Dear Mr. Hannah:

We have reviewed the above referenced filing and have the following comment. We believe you should revise your filing in response to this comment. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your response.

The purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filings. We look forward to working with you in these respects and welcome any questions. Feel free to call us at the telephone number listed at the end of this letter.

Please file your response to our comment via EDGAR, under the label "corresp," within five business days.

1. Please amend your Form 8-K within the five days after the issuance of the audit report on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, which appears to be the date of your intended dismissal of Ernst & Young LLP, as stated in the Item 4.01 Form 8-K filed on January 23, 2008. The amended Form 8-K should indicate whether there are any disagreements through that date and include an updated letter from your former auditor addressing your revised disclosure, filed as an exhibit to your amended Form 8-K.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all information investors require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

You may contact me at 202-551-3308 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kuhn  
Staff Accountant