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**News Digest**

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**ing Materials, Louisville, KY.**

Metals distributor **Ryerson Holding Corporation**, Chicago, IL, reported sales for the third quarter of \$948 million, an increase of 10.25 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The company reported a net loss of \$34.7 million, compared to a profit of \$3 million the same quarter in 2013. For the first nine months, sales were \$2.8 billion, an increase of 3.6 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The company reported a net loss of \$30.5 million, compared to a profit of \$9.1 million a year ago.

**Houston Wire & Cable Company**, Houston, TX, reported third-quarter sales of \$96.7 million, up 1.6 percent year over year. Profit was \$3.5 million, compared to a year-ago loss of \$3.2 million. Sales for the nine-month period were up 4 percent versus the prior year period. Profit for the period was \$11.3 million, compared to year-ago profit of \$4.8 million.

**BlueLinx Holdings Inc.**, Atlanta, GA, a distributor of building products in North America, reported sales for the third quarter ended Oct. 4 of \$549.8 million, a year-over-year decrease of 1 percent. For the first nine months of the fiscal year, sales were \$1.5 billion, a year-over-year

decrease of 8 percent. Net loss for the period was \$6.2 million, compared to year-ago net loss of \$38.2 million.

Building products company **Builders First-Source Inc.**, Dallas, TX, has promoted Chad Crow to president and COO.

**The Home Depot**, Atlanta, GA, reported sales for the third quarter of \$20.5 billion, a 5.4 percent increase over the same period a year ago. Profit increased 13.8 percent to \$1.5 billion. For the first nine months, sales were \$64 billion, up 4.7 percent over the same period one year prior. Profit increased 13.6 percent to \$5 billion.

**Bearing Headquarters**, Broadview, IL, has appointed Brent Harting to vice president of General Markets – Central. His areas include Alton, IL, Blytheville, AR, Decatur, IL, Mt. Vernon, IL, and St. Louis, MO.

**Economic News**

The index of **industrial production** edged down 0.1 percent in October, and the index for manufacturing output increased 0.2 percent for the second straight month. **Capacity utilization** for the industrial sector decreased 0.3 percentage points in October to 78.9 percent.

**Calculation of MDM Inflation Index for October 2014**

	BLS Price Indices Oct '14	BLS Price Indices Sept '14	BLS Price Indices Oct '13	Weighted % Sales Weight	Weighted Indices Oct '14 (1)X(4)	% Change Oct '14 Sept '14	% Change Oct '14 Oct '13
1136 Abr. Prod.	573.5	573.5	561.1	19.1	109.54	0.00	2.22
1135 Cutting Tools	495.7	495.7	488.3	18.9	93.68	0.00	1.50
1145 Power Trans.	806.0	803.8	801.6	15.4	124.13	0.27	0.55
1081 Fasteners	506.4	506.6	503.7	9.0	45.57	-0.05	0.54
1149.01 Valves, etc.	964.2	961.4	952.5	7.6	73.28	0.29	1.22
1132 Power Tools	362.5	362.5	358.2	6.5	23.56	0.00	1.18
1144 Mat. Handling	582.3	582.0	568.8	6.2	36.10	0.05	2.37
0713.03 Belting	838.5	838.5	842.7	6.1	51.15	0.00	-0.50
1042 Hand Tools	777.8	776.8	774.1	8.1	63.00	0.13	0.48
108 Misc. Metal	478.3	478.9	477.2	3.1	14.83	-0.12	0.24

"New" October Index	331.7	October Inflation Index	634.84	0.10	1.08
"New" September Index	331.4	September Inflation Index	634.23		
		October 2013 Inflation Index	628.08		

New index reflects 1977-100 base other #: 1967 To convert multiply by .52247