

## Opta Minerals Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter Results for Fiscal 2010 28% increase in revenue and 9% increase in EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

WATERDOWN, ONTARIO--(Marketwire – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011) - Opta Minerals Inc. (TSX:OPM), today announced results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2010. All figures are reported in U.S. dollars and in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), except where otherwise noted.

### Financial Highlights (presented in \$000s USD except per share amounts):

|                        | 3 months<br>ended Dec<br>31, 2010 | 3 months<br>ended Dec<br>31, 2009 | Increase<br>(Decrease) | %       | 12 months<br>ended Dec<br>31, 2010 | 12 months<br>ended Dec<br>31, 2009 | Increase<br>(Decrease) | %      |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Revenue                | <b>\$21,376</b>                   | <b>\$16,716</b>                   | \$4,660                | 27.9%   | <b>\$80,868</b>                    | <b>\$62,526</b>                    | \$18,342               | 29.3%  |
| Gross Profit           | <b>4,864</b>                      | <b>3,484</b>                      | 1,380                  | 39.6%   | <b>20,036</b>                      | <b>13,081</b>                      | 6,955                  | 53.2%  |
|                        | <b>22.8%</b>                      | <b>20.8%</b>                      | 2.0%                   |         | <b>24.8%</b>                       | <b>20.9%</b>                       | 3.9%                   |        |
| EBITDA <sup>1</sup>    | <b>2,200</b>                      | <b>2,011</b>                      | 189                    | 9.4%    | <b>11,761</b>                      | <b>6,190</b>                       | 5,571                  | 90.0%  |
| EBIT <sup>2</sup>      | <b>1,166</b>                      | <b>962</b>                        | 204                    | 21.2%   | <b>7,662</b>                       | <b>(4,859)</b>                     | 12,521                 | 257.7% |
| Net Earnings<br>(Loss) | <b>234</b>                        | <b>616</b>                        | (382)                  | (62.0%) | <b>3,751</b>                       | <b>(6,205)</b>                     | 9,956                  | 160.5% |
| EPS <sup>3</sup>       | <b>\$0.01</b>                     | <b>\$0.04</b>                     | (\$0.03)               |         | <b>\$0.21</b>                      | <b>(\$0.34)</b>                    | \$0.55                 |        |

1) EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure; refer to Footnotes.

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3) Earnings Per Share includes the impact of an additional non-tax deductible stock compensation expense relating to the cancellation of stock options during the fourth quarter in the amount of \$456 or \$0.03 per share plus an additional valuation allowance for the benefit of non-capital losses in the amount of \$179 or \$0.01 per share.

David Kruse, President and CEO of Opta Minerals, noted “During the fourth quarter, Opta Minerals continued to see a steady but modest increase in demand in our related industries. We have continued to increase production and monitor our cost structure. We are pleased although cautious of the continued direction of the economic environment.”

### Operational Highlights:

- Revenue growth for the quarter and year in both operating segments as the Mill and Foundry Products and Services segment increased 28% year-over-year due to demand for magnesium based reagent blends and the Abrasive Products Manufacturing and Distribution segment increased 32% year-over-year due to demand for metallurgical slags.
- Gross profit increase as a result of the strengthening revenues and increased production, combined with the impact of cost reduction measures.
- Selling, general and administrative expenses remained constant at 12.4% of revenue for the fourth quarter of 2009 and 2010. On a year to date basis, selling, general and administrative expenses declined from 14.6% of revenue for 2009 to 13.1% of revenue in 2010. Most of the decrease was a result of the cost reduction initiatives put in place by management during the past few years offset by the strengthening Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar which impacted the reported value of corporate costs which are largely denominated in Canadian dollars.

- Net earnings in the fourth quarter includes the impact of an additional \$456,000 in non-tax deductible stock compensation expense relating to the cancellation of stock options and an increase in the valuation allowance for the benefit of non-capital tax losses in the amount of \$179,000. Excluding these items, net earnings would be \$869,000 exceeding the results of the fourth quarter of the prior year by \$253,000 or \$0.01 per share.
- The prior year included a non-cash goodwill impairment charge in the amount of \$7.2 million recorded in the third quarter. Excluding the impact of this charge, pre-tax earnings have increased \$5.2 million over the prior year.
- For the three months ended December 31, 2010, cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital generated \$2.2 million versus \$1.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2009. The strong cash flow was used to finance payments on long-term debt in the amount of \$2.1 million. On a year to date basis, cash flows from operating activities before changes in working capital generated \$7.9 million versus \$3.0 million in 2009. The cash flow was used to finance working capital, repayment of long-term debt in the amount of \$4.6 million and an investment in property, plant and equipment in the amount of \$1.3 million. The cash flow was also used to pay additional consideration on prior acquisitions in the amount of \$0.5 million.
- The Company's working capital at December 31, 2010 amounts to \$14.1 million and total assets were \$88.0 million, as compared to \$12.2 million and \$86.9 million respectively for the same period in 2009.
- The debt-to-equity ratio at December 31, 2010 was 0.57 to 1.00, versus 0.70 to 1.00 at December 31, 2009.

Opta Minerals President and CEO, David Kruse, plans to host a conference call at 11:00AM Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to discuss fourth quarter 2010 results and recent corporate developments. After opening remarks, there will be a question and answer period. This conference call can be accessed with the toll free dial-in number 1-(866) 321-6651 or 1-(416) 642-5212; quote confirmation code 3511930. If you are unable to listen live, the conference call will be archived and can be accessed between March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with the toll free dial-in number 1-(888) 203-1112 or 1-(647) 436-0148 followed by pass code 3511930.

Opta Minerals is a vertically integrated provider of custom process solutions and industrial mineral products used primarily in the steel, foundry, loose abrasive cleaning, water-jet cutting and municipal water filtration industries. The Company has production and distribution facilities in Ontario, Quebec, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Texas, Florida, France and Slovakia. Opta has one of the broadest product lines in the industry.

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## FOOTNOTES:

Earnings before income taxes and interest (“EBIT”); and earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) as defined below, are both non-GAAP earnings measures that do not have standardized measures prescribed by GAAP, and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other publicly traded companies.

|   | For the three<br>Months Ended<br>December 31 |              | For the twelve<br>Months Ended<br>December 31 |                |
|---|--|--------------|---|----------------|
|   | 2010   | 2009         | 2010  | 2009           |
|   | \$   | \$           | \$  | \$             |
| <b>Net Earnings (Loss) for the Period</b>                           | 234  | 616          | 3,751   | (6,205)        |
| Interest Expense  | 500  | 340          | 1,990   | 1,588          |
| Provision for (recovery of) Income Taxes                            | 432  | 6            | 1,921   | (242)          |
| Depreciation and Amortization                                       | 1,034  | 1,049        | 4,099   | 3,851          |
| Goodwill Impairment   | -  | -            | -   | 7,198          |
| <b>EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>   | <b>2,200</b>                                 | <b>2,011</b> | <b>11,761</b>                                 | <b>6,190</b>   |
| Add (subtract):   |  |              |   |                |
| Depreciation and Amortization                                       | (1,034)                                      | (1,049)      | (4,099)                                       | (3,851)        |
| Goodwill Impairment   | -  | -            | -   | (7,198)        |
| <b>Earnings (loss) before income taxes and interest<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>1,166</b>                                 | <b>962</b>   | <b>7,662</b>                                  | <b>(4,859)</b> |

## Notes

- 1) The term “EBITDA” refers to earnings before deducting interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization. The Company believes that EBITDA is useful supplemental information as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Company’s main business activities prior to taking into consideration how those activities are financed and taxed and also prior to taking into consideration asset depreciation. EBITDA is not a recognized measure under Canadian GAAP, and accordingly, investors are cautioned that EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings or loss determined in accordance with Canadian GAAP as an indicator of the financial performance of the Company or as a measure of the Company’s liquidity and cash flows. The Company’s method of calculating EBITDA may differ from other issuers and accordingly, EBITDA may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.
- 2) The term “EBIT” refers to earnings before income taxes and interest expense. The Company believes that EBIT is useful supplemental information as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Company’s main business activities prior to taking into consideration how those activities are financed or taxed. EBIT is a non-GAAP earnings measure that does not have standardized measures prescribed by GAAP, and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other publicly traded companies.

This press release may contain “forward-looking statements” which reflect the current expectations of management of the Company regarding the Company’s future growth, results of operations, performance, business prospects and opportunities. Wherever possible, words such as “may”, “would”, “could”, “should”, “will”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “plan”, “expect”, “intend”, “estimate”, “aim”, “endeavour”, “seek”, “predict”, “potential” and similar expressions have been used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management’s current beliefs with respect to future events and are based on information currently available to management of the Company. Forward-looking statements involve significant risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors could cause the Company’s actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, cancellations of or the failure to renew purchase orders; production and delivery issues; quality, pricing and availability of raw materials; compliance with environmental regulations; exchange rate fluctuations as well as the other risks identified in the “Risk Factors” section of the Company’s Annual Information Form and other public filings (copies of which may be obtained at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from those expressed or implied by this press release. These factors should be considered carefully and reader should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. Although any forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based upon what management currently believes to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure readers that actual results, performance or achievements will be consistent with these forward-looking statements, and management’s assumptions may prove to be incorrect. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this press release and, other than as required by law, the Company does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Earnings**  
**For the Three Month Periods Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars (except per share amounts)**

|  | 2010             | 2009             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>   | <b>\$ 21,376</b> | <b>\$ 16,716</b> |
| <b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>  | <b>16,512</b>    | <b>13,232</b>    |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>  | <b>4,864</b>     | <b>3,484</b>     |
| <b>Selling, General and Administrative Expenses</b>                                | <b>2,657</b>     | <b>2,067</b>     |
| <b>Earnings Before Undernoted Items, Income Taxes and Non-controlling Interest</b> | <b>2,207</b>     | <b>1,417</b>     |
| Interest expense on long-term debt   | 418              | 200              |
| Interest expense   | 82               | 140              |
| Amortization of intangible assets  | 459              | 477              |
| Stock compensation expense   | 559              | 75               |
| Other (income) expense   | -                | (68)             |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain)   | 23               | (35)             |
|  | <b>1,541</b>     | <b>789</b>       |
| <b>Earnings Before Income Taxes and Non-controlling Interest</b>                   | <b>666</b>       | <b>628</b>       |
| Provision for income taxes   | 432              | 6                |
| <b>Net Earnings Before Non-Controlling Interest</b>                                | <b>234</b>       | <b>622</b>       |
| Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interest                              | -                | 6                |
| <b>Net Earnings Attributable to Opta Minerals Inc.</b>                             | <b>\$ 234</b>    | <b>\$ 616</b>    |
| Earnings per share for the period  |                  |                  |
| - Basic and diluted  | <b>\$ 0.01</b>   | <b>\$ 0.04</b>   |

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Loss)**  
**For the Twelve Month Periods Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars (except per share amounts)**

|   | 2010             | 2009              |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  | <b>\$ 80,868</b> | <b>\$ 62,526</b>  |
| <b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>   | <b>60,832</b>    | <b>49,445</b>     |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>   | <b>20,036</b>    | <b>13,081</b>     |
| <b>Selling, General and Administrative Expenses</b>   | <b>10,564</b>    | <b>9,106</b>      |
| <b>Earnings Before Undernoted Items, Income Taxes, Goodwill Impairment and Non-controlling Interest</b> | <b>9,472</b>     | <b>3,975</b>      |
| Interest expense on long-term debt  | 1,618            | 1,054             |
| Interest expense  | 372              | 534               |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 1,834            | 1,844             |
| Stock compensation expense  | 777              | 285               |
| Other (income) expense  | -                | 237               |
| Foreign exchange gain   | (801)            | (466)             |
|   | <b>3,800</b>     | <b>3,488</b>      |
| <b>Earnings Before Income Taxes, Goodwill Impairment and Non-controlling Interest</b>                   | <b>5,672</b>     | <b>487</b>        |
| Provision for (recovery of) income taxes  | 1,921            | (242)             |
| <b>Net Earnings Before Goodwill Impairment and Non-controlling Interest</b>                             | <b>3,751</b>     | <b>729</b>        |
| Goodwill impairment   | -                | 7,198             |
| <b>Net Earnings (Loss) Before Non-controlling Interest</b>  | <b>3,751</b>     | <b>(6,469)</b>    |
| Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest   | -                | (264)             |
| <b>Net Earnings (Loss) Attributable to Opta Minerals Inc.</b>   | <b>\$ 3,751</b>  | <b>\$ (6,205)</b> |
| Earnings (loss) per share for the period  |                  |                   |
| - Basic and diluted   | <b>\$ 0.21</b>   | <b>\$ (0.34)</b>  |

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars)

|  | 2010             | 2009             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                  |                  |
| <b>Current</b>   |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 495           | \$ 781           |
| Accounts receivable  | 11,464           | 9,422            |
| Inventories  | 19,259           | 17,181           |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | 538              | 628              |
| Income taxes recoverable   | -                | 584              |
|  | <b>31,756</b>    | <b>28,596</b>    |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>   | <b>17,273</b>    | <b>17,796</b>    |
| <b>Intangible and Other Assets</b>   | <b>29,255</b>    | <b>31,691</b>    |
| <b>Goodwill</b>  | <b>6,496</b>     | <b>6,019</b>     |
| <b>Future Income Taxes</b>   | <b>3,190</b>     | <b>2,779</b>     |
|  | <b>\$ 87,970</b> | <b>\$ 86,881</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                  |                  |
| <b>Current</b>   |                  |                  |
| Bank indebtedness  | \$ 3,546         | \$ 3,355         |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | 10,686           | 8,544            |
| Income taxes payable   | 250              | -                |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | 3,113            | 4,495            |
| Current portion of preference shares   | 46               | 44               |
|  | <b>17,641</b>    | <b>16,438</b>    |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>  | <b>16,559</b>    | <b>18,912</b>    |
| <b>Other Long-term Liabilities</b>   | <b>892</b>       | <b>1,387</b>     |
| <b>Future Income Taxes</b>   | <b>3,409</b>     | <b>2,674</b>     |
| <b>Future Income Taxes on Intangible Assets</b>                                      | <b>8,510</b>     | <b>9,213</b>     |
|  | <b>47,011</b>    | <b>48,624</b>    |
| <b>Shareholders' Equity</b>  |                  |                  |
| <b>Capital Stock</b>   |                  |                  |
| Authorized unlimited number of common shares and preference shares without par value |                  |                  |
| Issued -   |                  |                  |
| 18,036,974 (December 31, 2009 - 18,023,193) common shares                            | 17,632           | 17,612           |
| <b>Contributed Surplus</b>   | <b>2,727</b>     | <b>1,950</b>     |
| <b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</b>  | <b>1,656</b>     | <b>3,502</b>     |
| <b>Retained Earnings</b>   | <b>18,944</b>    | <b>15,193</b>    |
|  | <b>20,600</b>    | <b>18,695</b>    |
|  | <b>40,959</b>    | <b>38,257</b>    |
|  | <b>\$ 87,970</b> | <b>\$ 86,881</b> |

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Three Month Periods Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars**

|  | 2010           | 2009           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash Provided By (Used in) -</b>                                  |                |                |
| <b>Operating Activities</b>  |                |                |
| Net earnings for the period  | \$ 234         | \$ 622         |
| Items not affecting cash:  |                |                |
| Amortization of property, plant and equipment                        | 575            | 572            |
| Amortization of intangible assets                                    | 459            | 477            |
| Stock compensation expense   | 559            | 75             |
| Future income taxes expense  | 416            | 87             |
| Realized foreign exchange gain on foreign operations                 | (71)           | (180)          |
| Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment                | -              | (12)           |
|  | <b>2,172</b>   | <b>1,641</b>   |
| Changes in non-cash working capital:                                 |                |                |
| Accounts receivable  | 1,074          | 26             |
| Inventories  | 1,024          | 294            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                            | 316            | 679            |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                             | (1,619)        | 721            |
| Income taxes recoverable / payable                                   | (684)          | (404)          |
|  | <b>2,283</b>   | <b>2,957</b>   |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>  |                |                |
| Proceeds from issuance of common shares - net of issuance costs      | 6              | 6              |
| Increase (decrease) in bank indebtedness                             | 531            | (2,322)        |
| Repayment of long-term debt  | (2,073)        | (509)          |
|  | <b>(1,536)</b> | <b>(2,825)</b> |
| <b>Investing Activity</b>  |                |                |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                         | (175)          | (510)          |
| Acquisition of other assets  | (510)          | -              |
| Additional consideration paid on acquisitions                        | (477)          | -              |
|  | <b>(1,162)</b> | <b>(510)</b>   |
| <b>Foreign Exchange (Loss) Gain on Cash Held in Foreign Currency</b> | <b>1</b>       | <b>(2)</b>     |
| <b>Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                         | <b>(414)</b>   | <b>(380)</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                                     |                |                |
| Beginning of Period  | 909            | 1,161          |
| End of Period  | <b>\$ 495</b>  | <b>\$ 781</b>  |
| <b>Additional Cash Flows Information:</b>                            |                |                |
| Interest paid  | \$ 567         | \$ 325         |
| Income taxes paid  | 753            | 324            |

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|  | 2010           | 2009           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash Provided By (Used in) -</b>                                  |                |                |
| <b>Operating Activities</b>  |                |                |
| Net earnings (loss) for the period                                   | \$ 3,751       | \$ (6,469)     |
| Items not affecting cash:  |                |                |
| Amortization of property, plant and equipment                        | 2,265          | 2,007          |
| Amortization of intangible assets                                    | 1,834          | 1,844          |
| Goodwill impairment  | -              | 7,198          |
| Other (income) expenses  | -              | (96)           |
| Stock compensation expense   | 777            | 285            |
| Future income taxes recovery   | (345)          | (1,044)        |
| Realized foreign exchange gain on foreign operations                 | (346)          | (798)          |
| Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment                | -              | 68             |
|  | <b>7,936</b>   | <b>2,995</b>   |
| Changes in non-cash working capital:                                 |                |                |
| Accounts receivable  | (2,223)        | 65             |
| Inventories  | (2,036)        | 6,201          |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                            | 97             | 1,219          |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                             | 1,947          | 284            |
| Income taxes recoverable / payable                                   | 808            | (221)          |
|  | <b>6,529</b>   | <b>10,543</b>  |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>  |                |                |
| Proceeds from issuance of common shares - net of issuance costs      | 20             | 25             |
| Increase (decrease) in bank indebtedness                             | 88             | (5,463)        |
| Proceeds from long-term debt   | -              | 795            |
| Repayment of long-term debt  | (4,561)        | (4,648)        |
|  | <b>(4,453)</b> | <b>(9,291)</b> |
| <b>Investing Activity</b>  |                |                |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                         | (1,333)        | (2,507)        |
| Acquisition of other assets  | (510)          | -              |
| Additional consideration paid on acquisitions                        | (477)          | -              |
| Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment                | -              | 651            |
|  | <b>(2,320)</b> | <b>(1,856)</b> |
| <b>Foreign Exchange (Loss) Gain on Cash Held in Foreign Currency</b> | <b>(42)</b>    | <b>8</b>       |
| <b>Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                         | <b>(286)</b>   | <b>(596)</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                                     |                |                |
| Beginning of Year  | 781            | 1,377          |
| End of Year  | \$ 495         | \$ 781         |
| <b>Additional Cash Flows Information:</b>                            |                |                |
| Interest paid  | \$ 2,098       | \$ 1,677       |
| Income taxes paid  | 1,362          | 986            |

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Segmented Information**  
**For the Three Month Period Ended December 31, 2010**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars**

|   | Three Month Period Ended December 31, 2010   |   |             |           |
|---|--|---|-------------|-----------|
|   | Mill and Foundry<br>Products and<br>Services | Abrasive<br>Products Manu-<br>facturing and<br>Distribution<br>Operations | Unallocated | Total     |
| External revenue by market  |  |   |             |           |
| Canada  | \$ 1,807                                     | \$ 1,180  | \$ -        | \$ 2,987  |
| U.S   | 9,127  | 6,376   | -           | 15,503    |
| Europe  | 2,806  | -   | -           | 2,806     |
| Other   | 21   | 59  | -           | 80        |
| Total revenue from external customers                               | \$ 13,761                                    | \$ 7,615  | -           | \$ 21,376 |
| Segment earnings (loss) before interest<br>expense and income taxes | 1,265  | (304)   | 205         | 1,166     |
| Interest expense on long-term debt                                  |  |   |             | (418)     |
| Interest expense  |  |   |             | (82)      |
| Provision for income taxes  |  |   |             | (432)     |
| Net earnings for the period   |  |   |             | 234       |
| Total assets as at December 31, 2010                                | 53,214                                       | 31,650  | 3,106       | 87,970    |
| Amortization of property, plant and<br>equipment                    | 230  | 284   | 61          | 575       |
| Amortization of intangible assets                                   | 453  | 6   | -           | 459       |
| Goodwill and intangible assets<br>as at December 31, 2010           | 31,742                                       | 3,583   | 426         | 35,751    |
| Expenditures on property, plant<br>and equipment                    | 51   | 90  | 34          | 175       |
| Expenditures on other assets  | \$ -   | \$ -  | \$ 510      | \$ 510    |

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**For the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2010**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars**

|   | Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2010  |   |             |               |
|---|--|---|-------------|---------------|
|   | Mill and Foundry<br>Products and<br>Services | Abrasive<br>Products Manu-<br>facturing and<br>Distribution<br>Operations | Unallocated | Total         |
| External revenue by market  |  |   |             |               |
| Canada  | \$ 9,127                                     | \$ 5,740  | \$ -        | \$ 14,867     |
| U.S   | 32,577                                       | 22,136  | -           | 54,713        |
| Europe  | 11,019                                       | 11  | -           | 11,030        |
| Other   | 57   | 201   | -           | 258           |
| Total revenue from external customers                               | <b>52,780</b>                                | <b>28,088</b>   | -           | <b>80,868</b> |
| Segment earnings (loss) before interest<br>expense and income taxes | 7,146  | 623   | (107)       | 7,662         |
| Interest expense on long-term debt                                  |  |   |             | (1,618)       |
| Interest expense  |  |   |             | (372)         |
| Provision for income taxes  |  |   |             | (1,921)       |
| Net earnings for the year   |  |   |             | <u>3,751</u>  |
| Amortization of property, plant and<br>equipment                    | 1,078  | 1,037   | 150         | 2,265         |
| Amortization of intangible assets                                   | 1,810  | 24  | -           | 1,834         |
| Expenditures on property, plant<br>and equipment                    | 250  | 992   | 91          | 1,333         |
| Expenditures on other assets  | \$ -   | \$ -  | \$ 510      | \$ 510        |

**Opta Minerals Inc.**  
**Segmented Information**  
**For the Three Month Period Ended December 31, 2009**  
**Expressed in Thousands of U.S. Dollars**

|  | Three Month Period Ended December 31, 2009   |   |              |               |
|--|--|---|--------------|---------------|
|  | Mill and Foundry<br>Products and<br>Services | Abrasive<br>Products Manu-<br>facturing and<br>Distribution<br>Operations | Unallocated  | Total         |
| External revenue by market   |  |   |              |               |
| Canada   | \$ 1,835                                     | \$ 1,355  | \$ -         | \$ 3,190      |
| U.S  | 7,021  | 3,858   | -            | 10,879        |
| Europe   | 2,468  | -   | -            | 2,468         |
| Other  | -  | 179   | -            | 179           |
| <b>Total revenue from external customers</b>   | <b>11,324</b>                                | <b>5,392</b>  | <b>-</b>     | <b>16,716</b> |
| Segment earnings loss before interest<br>expense, income taxes and<br>non-controlling interest | 1,198  | (164)   | (66)         | 968           |
| Interest expense on long-term debt   |  |   |              | (200)         |
| Interest expense   |  |   |              | (140)         |
| Provision for recovery of income taxes   |  |   |              | (6)           |
| Non-controlling interest share of net<br>earnings  | (6)  | -   | -            | (6)           |
| <b>Net earnings for the period</b>   |  |   |              | <b>616</b>    |
| <b>Total assets as at December 31, 2009</b>  | <b>56,661</b>                                | <b>28,121</b>   | <b>2,099</b> | <b>86,881</b> |
| Amortization of property, plant and<br>equipment   | 306  | 246   | 20           | 572           |
| Amortization of intangible assets  | 471  | 6   | -            | 477           |
| Goodwill and intangible assets<br>as at December 31, 2009                                      | 34,105                                       | 3,605   | -            | 37,710        |
| <b>Expenditures on property, plant<br/>and equipment</b>                                       | <b>\$ 24</b>                                 | <b>\$ 443</b>   | <b>\$ 43</b> | <b>\$ 510</b> |

Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2009

|   | Mill and Foundry<br>Products and<br>Services | Abrasive<br>Products Manu-<br>facturing and<br>Distribution<br>Operations | Unallocated | Total         |
|---|--|---|-------------|---------------|
| External revenue by market  |  |   |             |               |
| Canada  | \$ 7,708                                     | \$ 5,447  | \$ -        | \$ 13,155     |
| U.S   | 24,482                                       | 15,537  | -           | 40,019        |
| Europe  | 8,874  | -   | -           | 8,874         |
| Other   | 148  | 330   | -           | 478           |
| <b>Total revenue from external customers</b>  | <b>41,212</b>                                | <b>21,314</b>   | <b>-</b>    | <b>62,526</b> |
| Segment loss before interest<br>expense, income taxes and<br>non-controlling interest | (1,749)                                      | (3,097)   | (277)       | (5,123)       |
| Interest expense on long-term debt  |  |   |             | (1,054)       |
| Interest expense  |  |   |             | (534)         |
| Recovery of income taxes  |  |   |             | 242           |
| Non-controlling interest share of net<br>loss   | 264  | -   | -           | 264           |
| Net loss for the year   |  |   |             | (6,205)       |
| Amortization of property, plant and<br>equipment                                      | 1,081  | 855   | 71          | 2,007         |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 1,820  | 24  | -           | 1,844         |
| Goodwill impairment   | 4,101  | 3,097   | -           | 7,198         |
| Expenditures on property, plant<br>and equipment                                      | \$ 204                                       | \$ 2,194  | \$ 109      | \$ 2,507      |