

## **ATERIAN INVESTMENT PARTNERS ACQUIRES U.S. ZINC**

NEW YORK, NY (January 07, 2019) – Aterian Investment Partners (“Aterian”), a private investment firm, announced it has acquired U.S. Zinc (the “Company”) in an international carve-out transaction from Votorantim Group. U.S. Zinc, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is among the world’s leading zinc chemistry and material science companies manufacturing diversified zinc products.

U.S. Zinc is a global market leader in zinc oxide, zinc dust, and Prime Western grade zinc metal products sold to the tire, chemical, coatings, and agriculture markets. The business is differentiated through nearly 70 years of technology and quality in the marketplace, with an expansive manufacturing footprint throughout five facilities in the United States and China.

Christopher H. Thomas, Partner at Aterian, said, “We are proud to invest and partner with U.S. Zinc, its experienced management team and dedicated employees. We look forward to supporting investments in research, technology, product expansion and capacity, both domestic and international.”

Joshua Ciampa, Principal at Aterian, added, “U.S. Zinc further complements Aterian investments in industry leading industrial companies where we can support strategic growth initiatives. Working alongside management and Votorantim, we diligently completed the cross-border carve-out in approximately 60 days.”

Tracy Baugh, CEO of U.S. Zinc, commented, “This transaction will give us the opportunity to further invest in U.S. Zinc and evolve with our customers and industry. By operating as a stand-alone we will be well positioned to capitalize on a wide range of new growth opportunities.”

Moelis & Company and Proskauer Rose advised Votorantim Group. Kirkland & Ellis LLP represented Aterian.

### **About Aterian Investment Partners**

Aterian Investment Partners is an operationally-focused middle market private investment firm with over \$700 million in capital under management, providing resources to further enhance operations, growth and investment initiatives. The firm invests in businesses generating \$25 million to \$500 million of annual revenue with strong, proven franchises. Aterian, in partnership with management, seeks to focus on the critical growth, operational and liquidity initiatives of a business in an effort to drive value creation for all stakeholders.

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### **About U.S. Zinc**

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, for more than 65 years, U.S. Zinc is the premier global leader in value added zinc products. U.S. Zinc manufactures zinc oxide, zinc dust and Prime Western grade zinc metal from special high grade (SHG) zinc metal and other zinc secondaries.

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