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Ferroglobe Announces Update on Q4 2016 Trading and Corporate Events

LONDON, Feb. 01, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ferroglobe PLC (NASDAQ:GSM), a leading global merchant producer of silicon metal and silicon- and manganese-based alloys and other specialty products, announced today the following trading update on the company's financial performance for the period from October 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016 ("Q4 2016" or the "Period"), as well as recent corporate events and general market outlook commentary.

This update is given in connection with refinancing activity that Ferroglobe is in the process of executing.

Market Conditions Stabilized During Q4 2016

- | Ferroglobe estimates \$400 - \$405 million in sales, a \$37 - \$51 million loss and \$9 - \$13 million in adjusted EBITDA (or also \$9 - \$13 million excluding adjusted EBITDA attributable to its hydro-electric business) for Q4 2016; and \$1,586 million - \$1,591 million in sales, a \$149 - \$163 million loss and \$73 - \$77 million in adjusted EBITDA (or \$65 - \$69 million excluding adjusted EBITDA attributable to its hydro-electric business) for FY 2016
- | Over the course of the fourth quarter, spot prices for our key products in the U.S. and Europe stabilized as compared to Q3 2016

Definitive Agreement to Sell Spanish Hydro-Electric Assets for €255 million (Approximately \$270 million) in Gross Proceeds

- | Ferroglobe has entered into a definitive agreement to sell the hydro-electric operations of its non-core Energy segment in Spain for estimated net cash proceeds of \$165 million (net of financing leases)
- | Ferroglobe expects to use the proceeds from the sale to repay certain existing indebtedness and for general corporate purposes
- | Closing of the transaction is subject to customary conditions, including government approvals
- | Ferroglobe is also pursuing the sale of its hydro-electric power operations in France for additional proceeds

Early Signs of Market and Pricing Recovery Across Key Products

- | European ferromanganese and silicomanganese prices have increased approximately 94% and 64%, respectively, since early October 2016
- | Silicon spot prices in the U.S. and Europe are up approximately 15% and 10%, respectively, since early October 2016
- | Ferroglobe has a full order book for manganese alloys and ferrosilicon for Q1 2017 due to increases in both demand and Ferroglobe's market share
- | Ferroglobe has entered into sales contracts for 2017 with prices that are 15 - 20% above Q4 2016 spot prices. However, the company expects to realize the full benefits of this recovery later in the year, as over the short-term, the improving spot prices will be partially offset by the roll-off of higher priced legacy contracts from late 2015 and by lower volumes for silicon metal in North America in Q1 2017
- | Total shipments for Q1 2017 are expected to be 190Kt - 210Kt versus total shipments of 227Kt for Q1 2016 and total shipments of 243Kt for Q4 2016. Most of the year-over-year decline comes from the interruption of loss-making exports from Venezuela and from specific incidents at one of Ferroglobe's key customers

"While pricing pressures persisted as we entered the fourth quarter, Ferroglobe's Q4 2016 financial results are expected to be in line with the prior quarter. Price movements over the past few months point to a meaningful market recovery across our key products, and we expect this to continue going forward. Demand across our end-markets continues to benefit from global trends such as light-weighting of automotive vehicles and increased demand for solar energy, which is reflected in market prices. At the same time, we remained disciplined in our approach to marketing and sales, and achieved sales contracts well above the index," said CEO Pedro Larrea. "However, as a result of our existing contract mix with a number of legacy longer-term contracts, we don't expect to realize the full benefit of this recovery until later in the year. As these contracts roll off, along with our continued focus on cost management, we will strongly benefit from the improved environment. Additionally, through the prospective sales of our hydro-electric operations, we expect to further bolster our balance sheet while preserving the long-term earnings capability of Ferroglobe," concluded Larrea.

The following tables provide a reconciliation of preliminary, unaudited estimates for Q4 and FY 2016 adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA excluding EBITDA attributable to our hydro-electric assets:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016 (\$ millions)	Quarter Ended December 31, 2016 (\$ millions)
Loss for the period	\$ (163) - (149)	(51) - (37)
Income tax benefit	(50) - (60)	(12) - (22)
Net finance expense	29	8
Exchange differences	3	-
Depreciation and amortization charges, operating allowances and write-downs	130	32
EBITDA	\$ (51) - (47)	(23) - (19)
Transaction and due diligence expenses	8	-
Impairment loss	74	7
Executive Chairman employment agreement expiration	24	24
Globe purchase price allocation adjustments	10	-
Business interruption	3	-
Inventory impairment	5	1
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding above items	\$ 73 - 77	9 - 13
Hydro-electric EBITDA	(8)	-
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding hydro-electric business	\$ 65 - 69	9 - 13

About Ferroglobe

Ferroglobe PLC is a leading global merchant producer of silicon metal, silicon-based specialty alloys, and ferroalloys serving a customer base across the globe in dynamic and fast-growing end markets, such as solar, automotive, consumer products, construction and energy. The company is based in London. For more information, visit <http://investor.ferroglobe.com>.

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