Zacks Sell List Highlights: Frontline Ltd., Imperial Oil Limited, Ternium S.A. and Randgold Resources

CHICAGO, Jan. 4, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Zacks.com releases details on a group of stocks that are currently members of the exclusive Zacks #5 Rank List - Stocks to Sell Now. These stocks are currently rated as a Zacks Rank #5 (Strong Sell): Frontline Ltd. and Imperial Oil Limited. Further, Zacks announced #4 Rankings (Sell) on two other widely held stocks: Ternium S.A. and Randgold Resources Ltd.. To see the full Zacks #5 Rank List - Stocks to Sell Now visit: http://at.zacks.com/?id=92

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Since inception in 1988, the S&P 500 has outperformed the Zacks #5 Rank List of Stocks to Sell Now by 80% annually (+2% vs. +10%). While the rest of Wall Street continued to tout stocks during the market declines of the last few years, Zacks told investors which stocks to sell or avoid.

Here is a synopsis of why FRO and IMO have a Zacks Rank of #5 (Strong Sell) and should most likely be sold or avoided for the next one to three months. Note that a #5 Strong Sell rating is applied to 5% of all the stocks in the Zacks Rank universe:

Frontline Ltd.'s third-quarter earnings of 16 cents per share, reported on November 30, came in a penny lower than analysts' expectations. For 2010, the Zacks Consensus Estimate moved down 40 cents to a profit of \$1.85 per share over the past couple of months. The forecast for 2011 dropped 91 cents to \$2.03 per share in the same period.

Imperial Oil Limited posted a third-quarter earnings of 48 cents per share on November 1 in contrast to the Zacks Consensus Estimate for a profit of 52 cents. The full-year average forecast is pegged at a profit of \$2.25 per share, which declined from \$2.27 in the last 30 days. During that time, next year's estimate slid 8 cents to \$2.80 per share.

Here is a synopsis of why TX and GOLD have a Zacks Rank of 4 (Sell) and should also most likely be sold or avoided for the next one to three months. Note that a #4 Sell rating is applied to 15% of all the stocks ranked by Zacks;

Ternium S.A. third - quarter earnings of 76 cents per share, announced on November 3, missed analysts' expectations by a percent. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for 2010 dipped 19 cents to \$3.16 per share over the 60 days as the covering analysts revised downwards. The same period has seen a decline of 35 cents in the forecast for 2011, which now stands at \$3.58 per share.

Randgold Resources Ltd. reported a third-quarter profit of 26 cents per share in the month of November while analysts anticipated a profit of 32 cents. The Zacks Consensus

Estimate for the current year dipped 4 cents to a profit of \$1.76 per share in the last 60 days as covering analysts pulled back on expectations. Estimate for next year is pegged at \$4.17 per share which is 3 cents worse than a month-ago projection.

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