

Macsteel Service Centers USA Expands With New Facility in Portland, Oregon

New plant to service metal industry of Pacific Northwest

Portland, OR — December 2, 2008 — Macsteel Service Centers USA (www.macsteelusa.com) recently expanded its business operations with the opening of a new 100,000-square-foot service center in Portland, Oregon. A formal plant opening and ribbon-cutting event is planned for the spring of 2009.

The Portland plant will service the Pacific Northwest region including Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The service center will process and stock carbon, stainless and aluminum flat rolled and wide flange beams. Future plans call for the product line to include channels, angles, tubes and plates.

The new service center offers in-house saw cutting and cambering. It operates an Amada HK1000 Structural Band Saw with capacity to cut 40" beams, and a cambering machine that will camber 30" wide beams with weights as much as 148 pounds per foot.

James L. Rapae has been named manager of plant operations at the new facility. Rapae, the former operations manager for Ryerson at its Portland facility, has over 25 years of experience in the steel industry including a stint at Integris Metals. In addition to Rapae, Macsteel has hired six additional employees to fill out the Portland staff.

"Development of business in the Pacific Northwest is a top priority for Macsteel, and Portland is an ideal place for our continued growth as a company," said Russ Delaney, president of Western North America for Macsteel Service Centers USA.

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About Macsteel Service Centers USA

Macsteel Service Centers USA is one of the leading companies in the North American metals service center industry. That achievement didn't occur by happenstance but rather through a well-planned approach of growth by acquisition and by adding value for its customers.

The company has a network of 32 locations, which includes the former Edgcomb Metals, Regal Steel Company, Baldwin Steel, Ferro Union, Hokin Katz and Alpha Steel, all of which now operate as Macsteel Service Centers USA. Macsteel Service Centers USA processes and distributes carbon, stainless, aluminum and specialty metals to customers throughout North America, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Products include a full range of flat rolled, plate, tubing, pipe, bar and structurals. The company also supplies a full range of steel building products, coated and prepainted metals. Macsteel Service Centers USA is headquartered in Newport Beach, CA and is owned by the global steel company, Macsteel Holdings. For more information visit us at: <http://www.macsteelusa.com>

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