



New Star Metals Makes Multi-Million Investment to Expand Capacity, Product Range at U.S. Metals & Supply in St. Louis

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LOMBARD, Ill., October 11, 2010 – A multi-million capital investment in U.S. Metals & Supply, a division of New Star Metals, Inc., will significantly boost output and productivity while expanding the range of products available from its St. Louis, Mo., plant.

“Since its founding in the spring of 2010, New Star Metals has been evaluating capital investments to accelerate growth within our family of businesses and expand our participation in the North American steel service center industry. Our investment in U.S. Metals & Supply is another step in accomplishing this growth goal,” said Patrick J. Murley, Chief Executive Officer, New Star Metals.

The cornerstone of the expansion is the installation of a .135” x 72” stretcher leveler with multi-blanking capabilities and a .250” x 72” tension slitter equipped with a cluster leveler. Also, overhead crane capacity will be increased to accommodate coils up to 30 tons. The addition of this new equipment will double U.S. Metals & Supply’s annual capability to 150,000 tons.

U.S. Metals & Supply, which has been in operation since 1992, will also benefit from the implementation of the New Star Metals’ enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. The completion of this ERP project will be a milestone for New Star Metals in converting all its subsidiary companies onto a single information technology platform, which will fully integrate the flow of information across the divisions and among customers.

“The new equipment will allow us to broaden our product offerings to the marketplace. The expanded products will include additional hot rolled capabilities and will enhance our current flat rolled product base, which includes a variety of cold rolled and coated products. We expect to improve our productivity, expand our gauge range and provide better information to our customers. We look forward to expanding into



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new markets and products with our valued current and future customer base,” said Perry Bumpus, President of U.S. Metals & Supply.

The capital upgrades will be fully operational by January 1, 2011. The increase in capacity at U.S. Metals & Supply will create additional jobs in the St. Louis community.

New Star Metals, with headquarters in suburban Chicago, is engaged in the processing and distribution of value-added steel products with about 500,000 tons of current processing capacity serving customers across a variety of end markets in the Midwest. The company is currently composed of four divisions including Miami Valley Steel Service, Premier Resource Group, Electric Coating Technology and U.S. Metals & Supply.

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