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Leeco Steel Opens in Hamilton, Ontario Distribution center will help better serve Canadian market

LISLE, Ill (March 27, 2013) – Leeco Steel, a leading global supplier of carbon, HSLA, heat-treated and alloy plate steel, has secured a facility in Hamilton, Ontario. The distribution center will begin shipping plate steel this month.

This is Leeco Steel's first distribution center in Canada. It is starting with a 30,000 square-foot facility that features:

- Full climate control
- Twin track indoor rail siding (14 car capacity)
- Three: 50-ton, overhead cranes
- One: 60,000 lb. fork lift
- Three: 15,000 lb. fork lifts
- Ability to receive and ship via rail

Leeco Steel's decision to expand into the southern Ontario area was customer generated. As Leeco's customer base continues to grow in the area, it became apparent that establishing a distribution center would be the best way to serve them in terms of more cost-effective supply-chain solutions, quicker delivery and overall customer service.

"We have a solid customer base in Ontario that's growing every day," says Denton Nordhues, President and CEO of Leeco Steel. "Establishing a location in Hamilton places our plate steel closer to where it needs to be and, therefore, eases the pressure on freight. It is part of our strategic vision to continually look for ways to best serve our customers, and establishing a Canadian presence was an easy decision to fulfill that mission."

Interested parties can reach the Hamilton, Ontario, location by calling toll-free to 888-533-2606.

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ABOUT LEECO STEEL

Leeco Steel, headquartered in Lisle, Illinois, maintains one of the nation's largest inventories of carbon, HSLA and alloy plate steel coming from the premier mills worldwide. Founded in 1882, Leeco Steel has seven locations in North America and a one in Santiago, Chile. Leeco Steel is part of the O'Neal Industrial Metals Group. For more information, visit leecosteel.com.

ABOUT O'NEAL INDUSTRIES

With annual sales of approximately \$2.5 billion in 2012, O'Neal Industries is the nation's largest family-owned metals service center. The company consists of 13 leading brands working cooperatively to provide added value to customers in diverse markets throughout the world. The Industrial Metals Group (IMG), composed of O'Neal Steel, Leeco Steel, O'Neal Flat Rolled Metals and CHRG Metals provides full-line products and processing, while the High-Performance Metals Group (HPMG), which includes Aerodyne Alloys, Supply Dynamics, TW Metals, and United Performance Metals, is focused on specialty products and services. [O'Neal Industries](http://O'NealIndustries.com) is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama and has more than 90 locations in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.