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CHRG Metals, Formerly a Division of O'Neal Steel, Transitions to United Performance Metals

Hamilton, OH – October 21, 2013 On October 1st, 2013, CHRG Metals officially became a division of United Performance Metals. CHRG had previously operated as a division of O'Neal Steel. CHRG Metals, O'Neal Steel, and United Performance Metals are all affiliates of O'Neal Industries.

CHRG Metals is a supplier of corrosion and heat resistant stainless and nickel alloy sheet and plate. FIRSTCUT+[®] Services include hi-definition plasma cutting, shearing, laser/water jet cutting, sawing, forming and other processes. For more information, visit www.chrgmetals.com

The transition places both companies in a position to bring their customers additional products and services. United Performance Metals President, Tom Kennard commented, "The products offered by United Performance Metals and CHRG Metals represent a perfect complement to one another. The integration of both company's products and processing increases the value we're capable of delivering to all of the customers and markets we serve."

As a result of the transition, United Performance Metals gains a physical presence in Texas in addition to its Ohio and California locations. The company is now capable of offering Stainless Steel, Nickel Alloys, Cobalt Alloys, and other high temperature or corrosion resistant alloys in thicknesses from very light (precision) to very heavy (plate) that can be processed in-house to fulfill a customer's exact specifications.

About United Performance Metals

The United Performance Metals family of companies is a leading supplier of stainless, nickel, cobalt, aluminum and titanium. Our comprehensive inventory of high temperature, high strength and corrosion resistant alloys includes sheet, coil, plate and bar that can be processed to your exact specifications using our FIRSTCUT+[®] Services. Headquartered in Hamilton, Ohio, United Performance Metals maintains sales and stocking locations worldwide. The United Performance Metals family includes Plus Ten Stainless, Vulcanium, CHRG Metals Division and United Performance Metals Asia.

United Performance Metals is one of fourteen leading brands that comprise O'Neal Industries (onealind.com), the U.S.A.'s largest family-owned group of metals service centers. With sales of approximately \$2.5 billion in 2012, O'Neal Industries is based in Birmingham, Alabama, and has more than 90 specialized facilities throughout North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

For more information on United Performance Metals and its divisions, visit www.upmet.com.

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