

Leeco Steel Announces Location in Houston

Sales and distribution center will help better serve south region

LISLE, IL (January 13, 2014) – Leeco Steel, a leading supplier of carbon, HSLA, heat-treated and alloy plate steel, has purchased a facility in Houston, Texas. This is Leeco Steel's second location in Texas and will be home to a sales and distribution center.

"We are making a substantial investment in Texas in an effort to better serve our customers and to take advantage of the potential business we've targeted while operating our Ft. Worth facility the past six years," says Denton J Nordhues, President and CEO of Leeco Steel. "We are expanding our reach in a market we currently serve, and the Houston facility will allow us to provide enhanced service, increased commercial coverage, and further penetration into the region. Houston is a perfect match with our strategic vision for Leeco Steel."

The 67,000 square-foot facility is located in northwest Houston on property with space for future expansion. The building is equipped for efficient distribution with drive-through bays and rail service.

The distribution center will be fully operational in February, 2014.

Leeco Steel has named CJ Tylka as Sales Manager for Houston. Tylka has been with Leeco since 2007 and currently is a National Account Manager at its corporate headquarters in Lisle, IL.

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 nine 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

Leeco Steel is one of more than a dozen companies that comprise O'Neal Industries, 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, Ala., and has more than 90 specialized facilities throughout North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.