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Heidtman Steel Commissions New East Chicago, Indiana Slitting Facility

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 27, 2015 –Toledo, Ohio based Heidtman Steel, a leading North American flat rolled carbon steel sales and processing organization, has announced that it has now fully commissioned its newest slitting plant in East Chicago, Indiana. The facility, which has been in a ramp up mode, is now in full production.

“We are pleased to have this facility fully online now,” explained Heidtman President, Tim Berra. “Despite the difficult steel market, we continue to expand our footprint, and we’re excited to commission such a sophisticated piece of equipment. This positions us well in marketing advanced high-strength steels (AHSS).”

The 120,000 sq. ft. building features a new Alcos slitter, designed to process AHSS. This state of the art line <https://youtu.be/HZbMmaWCgug> is capable of slitting material thicknesses from .015” to .250” in widths up to 78”. It can handle coils weighing up to 70,000 lbs. and measuring 84 inches in diameter. It further contains an inline leveler with light and heavy gauge capabilities, three slitting heads, X-Ray gauge monitoring and a turret recoiler.

“Being a pioneer in marketing high strength steels, it was a natural progression for us to move into the AHSS arena,” says Scott Carter, Heidtman’s vice president of operations. In addition to AHSS products, the line is able to precision-slit a full range of carbon flat rolled steel products, including surface critical HRPO, cold rolled, galvanized, galvanized and galvalume.

The plant is located adjacent to the Electric Coating Technologies facility, and in close proximity to several steel mills and five ports on Lake Michigan. The Indiana Harbor Belt

Railroad also serves the facility. "Heidtman chose East Chicago not just because of its mill proximity, but also because it is centrally located to more effectively serve many of our existing markets," said Troy Swaney, Heidtman's East Chicago operations manager. For more information on the E. Chicago facility go to www.heidtman.com//locations/echicago.aspx

About Heidtman Steel Products, Inc.: Known for expertise in high strength low alloy steels, Heidtman is capitalizing upon that reputation by being one of the first service centers to process and to market the next generation of steels. Heidtman presently operates ten direct or joint venture steel processing facilities, primarily in the industrial Midwest, serving a wide array of clients in various steel consuming markets. For more information on Heidtman Steel, log on to www.heidtman.com.

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