



## **GERDAU MILL IN PETERSBURG RAISES MORE THAN \$16,000 FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

PETERSBURG, VA, Oct. 18, 2011 – The Gerdau steel mill in Petersburg, Va., has raised nearly \$16,500 in preparation for the 2011 Start! Richmond Heart Walk this Saturday, Oct. 22. The event, which benefits the American Heart Association, will take place at the Snag-A-Job Pavilion in Innsbrook from 9 a.m. to noon.

Gerdau employees raised the money at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gerdau Golf Tournament on Sept. 8 at Lake Chesdin Golf Club in Chesterfield, Va. The mill has chosen a different charity to donate the proceeds to each year. “The American Heart Association is an organization that has personally affected many of our employees’ lives,” said Greg Bott, the vice president and general manager of the Gerdau mill in Petersburg. “From their great educational programs to the funding of life-saving research, we consider it to be a very worthy cause.”

More than 110 employees, vendors and friends played in the tournament. Many vendors were also sponsors, increasing the funding for the American Heart Association. The company’s Petersburg mill manufactures products used in the civil construction and consumer product markets, including sheet piling, dimensionally square structural beams known as H piling and wide flange beams.

Gerdau is a major supporter of the American Heart Association nationwide. Hundreds of employees from the company’s other steel mills and production facilities participate in fundraising events in their respective communities. The support of American Heart Association fits into the health and wellness pillar of Gerdau’s social responsibility program. Other pillars of the program include education, community, history and culture and affordable housing.

The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – America’s No. 1 and No. 3 killers. They team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-800-AHA-USA1, visit [heart.org](http://heart.org) or call their Greater Richmond Area office at (804) 747-8334.

### **About Gerdau**

Gerdau is the leading producer of long steel in the Americas and one of the largest suppliers of special long steel in the world. It has over 45,000 employees and industrial operations in 14 countries with operations in the Americas, Europe, and Asia, which together represent an installed capacity of over 25 million metric tons of steel per year. It is the largest recycler in Latin America and around the world it transforms millions of metric tons of scrap into steel every year. Gerdau is listed on the stock exchanges of São Paulo, New York, and Madrid and has approximately 140,000 shareholders.

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