



GERDAU AMERISTEEL OPENS NEW REBAR FABRICATION FACILITY IN HOUSTON AREA

TAMPA, FL April 26, 2011 – Gerdau Ameristeel, an industry leader in structural steel production, has opened a new rebar fabrication facility in Navasota, Texas, to serve the Houston construction market. The company began renovating an existing 50,000-square-foot industrial property last fall and has been shipping to customers since early March. The facility will have an eventual capacity of 40,000 tons.

“The Texas economy has held up better than other areas nationally and is poised to lead as demand recovers,” said Peter Campo, vice president of the company’s downstream operations group. “We have enjoyed the strong support of the Navasota community and look forward to the improved service to our customers in the Houston area that this location provides.”

The investment in the Navasota facility follows the successful startup of another rebar fabrication facility in Farmersville, Texas, in 2009. The majority of the material sourced for both locations come from the company’s two Texas mills, located in Midlothian and Beaumont. These locations, combined with Dallas Reinforcing Steel, Beaumont Wire and Carrollton Wire, significantly increase Gerdau Ameristeel’s geographic footprint in the state of Texas.

Many Texans became aware of Gerdau Ameristeel during the Super Bowl, when the company erected a massive monument that was highly visible in Fort Worth’s Sundance Square, where ESPN’s coverage of the event originated. The inspiring 7-ton sculpture, known as “Cradle of Champions,” was made entirely of repurposed steel, including steel scraps from high school football facilities across the state and the recently demolished stadium in North Texas. It depicts the state of Texas and lists nearly 2,000 names of former Texas high school football players who have successfully reached the National Football League. The structure’s permanent home will be at Texas Christian University, where it will stand as a tribute to the widespread talent of Texas’ young athletes.

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About Gerdau Ameristeel

Gerdau Ameristeel is the second largest mini-mill steel producer in North America, with annual manufacturing capacity of approximately 10 million metric tons of mill finished steel products. Through its vertically integrated network of mini-mills, scrap recycling facilities and downstream operations, Gerdau Ameristeel serves customers throughout the United States and Canada. The Company’s products are generally sold to steel service centers, steel fabricators, or directly to original equipment manufacturers for use in a variety of industries, including non-residential, infrastructure, commercial, industrial and residential construction, metal building, manufacturing, automotive, mining, cellular and electrical transmission and equipment manufacturing. Gerdau Ameristeel is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gerdau S.A., the leading producer of long steel in the Americas and one of the world’s largest suppliers of specialty long steel.

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