



GERDAU SIGNS \$7.35 MILLION CONTRACT TO PRODUCE STEEL FOR PART OF WORLD TRADE CENTER

TAMPA, FL Sept. 14, 2011 – Global steel company GerdaU signed a \$7.35 million contract with Navillus Inc., a contracting company in Manhattan, N.Y., to supply a major quantity of steel for a portion of the World Trade Center.

“This represents our first major contract in the New York City market and I cannot think of a better way to launch our presence than providing our steel to such an important and iconic project,” said Guilherme G. Johannpeter, president of GerdaU Long Steel North America.

Navillus Contracting won a \$76.5 million contract in 2011 from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to build the superstructure concrete of the World Trade Center Vehicle Security Center – the central artery for the site’s truck delivery and parking system. GerdaU will provide the rebar for approximately 34,000 yards of concrete.

To support the project, the company is adding a crew at its downstream facility in Perth Amboy, N.J. “It’s very exciting that our steel will be a part of this landmark and that it will create jobs for people in this area,” said Peter Campo, GerdaU Long Steel North America’s vice president of downstream operations.

GerdaU first became involved with the World Trade Center project in 2007, when the company donated wide flange beams for the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. They were shipped around the country as part of a tribute exhibition, sponsored by Owen Steel, the steel contractor on the project, to honor the lives lost on September 11 and to raise money for the museum. The beams will be used as support and exposed to show the signatures of fireman from around the country, as well as several of the GerdaU employees who rolled the beams at the company’s mill in Petersburg, Va.

Other major projects containing GerdaU steel are the Jefferson Memorial and Coast Guard headquarters, both in Washington, D.C., the Panama Canal Expansion Project and the new I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis, Minn.

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Founded in 1987, Navillus Contracting has become a premier contractor, specializing in high-end commercial concrete, masonry, tiling and stone.

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