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# Ohio Steel Industries Expands to 35,000 Square Foot Facility, Investing \$7.2 Million

Delaware project will support growth in plastic extrusion production

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio Steel Industries (OSI), a Columbus-based steel and plastics manufacturer, announced plans to expand its operations in the Columbus Region with a 35,000-square-foot facility in Delaware, investing \$7.2 million for the new facility, equipment and machinery. With this investment, the company will add 52 jobs including supervisors, rail operators, laborers, QC auditors and extrusion operators.

Located at 100 Colomet Dr., Delaware, OH 43015, the new facility will support the continued growth of OSI's plastic extrusion production. With existing facilities in Columbus and Pataskala, Ohio, OSI's expansion further establishes the Columbus Region as the center of the country's manufacturing industry.

"Ohio Steel Industries has been proud to call the Columbus Region home since our beginnings in 1958," said Doug Hill, President and CEO of Ohio Steel Industries. "To accommodate our company's growth, we evaluated locations both in and out of state, but when we saw a local opportunity in the Delaware area, we knew this was the right fit for our company and would truly benefit the community."

The 35,000-square-foot facility will be upgraded internally and externally to support Ohio Steel Industries' needs. The City of Delaware, JobsOhio and the Ohio Rail Development Commission have worked with OSI to contribute to the upgrades that made this a viable option immediately in the short-term while considering long-term growth potential.

"The Ohio Rail Development Commission is pleased to help Ohio Steel improve the rail infrastructure at its Delaware facility," said Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission. "Not only do these improvements assist with the Delaware facility, they also improve logistics for Ohio Steel's other facilities in the state."

The Columbus Region represents the future of manufacturing with over 1,700 manufacturing establishments and nearly 90,000 employees. Some of the world's largest brands manufacture products in the Columbus Region including Honda, Boeing, Scotts Miracle-Gro, Whirlpool and Abbott. OSI expands within a diverse and protracted manufacturing hub that spans industries from automotive and electronics to machinery, materials, aerospace and consumer goods.

"The Region has cemented itself as the core of U.S. manufacturing, and large manufacturing sites are going quickly," said Carolyn Ray Riggle, Mayor of the City of Delaware. "Delaware was able to support this project by providing one of the only sites available. The resulting investment and job creation will have a positive impact on our local community. We are excited to support Ohio Steel Industries expansion here in Delaware and the employment opportunities it will bring to our city."

"From humble beginnings as a small structural steel fabricator in 1958, Ohio Steel Industries has seen demand for its products and services grow worldwide," said J.P. Nauseef, JobsOhio president and CEO. "This investment will establish OSI's third manufacturing facility in the Columbus Region, bringing 52 new jobs and strengthening Ohio's reputation as a global steel and plastics manufacturing leader. JobsOhio plans to provide assistance for the project, which will be made public after a final agreement is executed."

## **About Ohio Steel Industries**

Founded in 1958, Ohio Steel Industries began business operating principally as a structural steel fabricator, in a 25,000 square feet facility in Columbus, Ohio. Their market and delivery areas then were primarily the Central Ohio area. Today, the company consists of over 200 employees and operates in multiple locations of more than 300,000 square feet providing material, products, and services throughout the world. Learn more at <a href="https://www.ohiosteel.com">www.ohiosteel.com</a>.

# **About Ohio Rail Development Commission**

The Ohio Rail Development Commission assists Ohio communities, companies and railroads in creating and retaining jobs by preserving rail service to existing shippers and providing rail service to new customers. In addition, the Rail Commission funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety for the traveling public. Learn more at <a href="https://www.rail.ohio.gov/home">www.rail.ohio.gov/home</a>.

#### **About JobsOhio**

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through <a href="Find Your Ohio">Find Your Ohio</a>. JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: <a href="Dayton Development Coalition">Dayton Development Coalition</a>, <a href="Ohio Southeast">Ohio Southeast</a>, <a href="One Columbus">One Columbus</a>, <a href="REDI Cincinnati">REDI Cincinnati</a>, <a href="Regional Growth Partnership">Regional Growth Partnership</a> and <a href="Team NEO">Team NEO</a>. Learn more at <a href="www.jobsohio.com">www.jobsohio.com</a>. Follow the company on <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.

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