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Paragon Steel breaks ground on major expansion; investing in new equipment; adding jobs

Fort Wayne, Indiana – August 31, 2007 – In an effort to better service its Midwest customers, Fort Wayne-based Paragon Steel has broken ground on a major expansion at its Butler, Indiana plant #1. The 64,000 sq. ft. expansion will increase the original plant's size by nearly 65%.

The expansion will enable the flat-roll steel processor to install a recently acquired 3/16" x 60" Pro Eco slitter with an in-line Kor-Flex leveler. The new equipment will complement the plant's two premium steel slitters, which process hot-rolled, hot-rolled pickled and hot-dipped galvanized steel.

"We are tremendously excited about this expansion," says Thomas C. Barnett, CEO of Paragon Steel. "It will enable us to process virtually every product our primary supplier, Steel Dynamics, manufactures, while enhancing our ability to service many nearby processors."

Barnett said the expansion is expected to be complete in November and will result in the addition of at least 10 new jobs.

Founded in 1994 by Jerome F. Henry, Jr., Paragon Steel has grown into one of the region's premier processors of flat-rolled steel. The company maintains an extensive inventory of prime, excess and secondary steel can be processed and shipped from either one of its two Butler locations.

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