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Maysteel Expands Production Operations with New Plant in Mexico

ALLENTON, Wis. – Wisconsin-based Maysteel LLC, a leading manufacturer of precision sheet metal enclosures, is expanding its sheet metal fabrication operations with the addition of a new plant in Monterrey, Mexico.

The 50,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility is expected to begin production in the first quarter of 2012 with 60 employees, according to Maysteel President and CEO J. Monte Roach. The new plant will be set up to provide complete sheet metal manufacturing and powder coating capabilities for complex weldments, chassis and enclosures for current and prospective customers in the region.

Products fabricated in Mexico will undergo the same rigorous new product development process that is used by Maysteel's U.S locations and is a key feature that differentiates Maysteel from typical metalforming companies. Maysteel will utilize its Program Management, Project Engineering and Technical Center in Allenton, Wis. for product and process validation before launching production of a new product in Monterrey. This approach ensures that product quality, efficient manufacturing processes and lowest total costs have been designed into the product prior to production launch.

The decision to locate a plant in Mexico is a response to key customers who have final assembly facilities located in Mexico and prefer to source their sheet metal enclosures in the region, Roach said. "Fabricating these enclosures near our key customers' final assembly point is more cost effective and requires fewer logistical considerations and less lead time than if they were fabricated in Wisconsin and transported to Mexico for final assembly," he said. "Our customers have told us they place a high value on Maysteel's partnership approach to new product development and robust manufacturing capabilities. Now they can have these benefits coupled with local fabrication in Mexico."

"Maysteel has been deeply rooted in southeastern Wisconsin for more than 75 years," he continued. "However, now we need to expand our footprint with regional manufacturing facilities in order to serve our customers today and in the future. Our customers are increasingly globalizing their footprint and it is a natural extension of our business to do the same to meet their needs."

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About Maysteel LLC

Maysteel LLC specializes in designing, engineering and manufacturing custom, precision, OEM sheet metal enclosures, electrical cabinets and metal fabricated assemblies. The company's product solutions are widely used in the banking, computing, telecom, kiosk, security monitoring, utility, harsh environment electrical equipment, and self-serve/vending machine industries and are also found in a variety of other applications. Maysteel specializes in providing the lowest total product cost by employing design for manufacturability (DFM) solutions throughout the product lifecycle. Maysteel was founded in 1936 and today has manufacturing locations in Allenton, Wis. and Creedmoor, N.C. in addition to the new Monterrey, Mexico facility. Maysteel is owned by the U.S.-based Everett Smith Group, Ltd.

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