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Mobil Steel Celebrates Steel Day with Focus on Quality, Service

September 18, 2009 (Houston, Texas) – Employees at Mobil Steel International, Inc., recognized the first annual Steel Day in the U.S. with cake and ice cream and a discussion focused on quality and customer service at the Houston steel fabricator. The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), which designated Friday, September 18th as the first annual Steel Day in the U.S., sponsored more than 80 events across the nation highlighting the value of steel construction.

The Houston region is a large player in the steel construction industry with steel a core construction element in Houston's high-rise buildings, Houston's refining, chemical, power and energy industries, and in Houston's port deliveries. The Port of Houston handled a record 6.3 million tons of steel in 2008.

Steel Day activities focused on the steel construction industry's contribution to sustainable design and construction. The steel industry has made advances toward a sustainable environment by building high-performance projects that minimize impact on the planet, incorporating high-technology equipment and improving production and efficiency. Even in the face of an uncertain and turbulent market, Mobil Steel recently added a Peddinghaus 9 Spindle Drill to provide more effective steel fabrication and efficient customer service.

Mobil Steel has fabricated steel for the steel construction industry since 1969 and is proud to be one of only a few steel fabricators in Houston who are quality certified by AISC. "Mobil Steel takes the extra step to meet stringent AISC certification standards which help us provide quality and reliable service to our industrial and commercial customers," said Leonard A. Bedell, president and chief executive officer of Mobil Steel.

Across the nation, steel fabricators, mills, service centers, galvanizers, bender-rollers and others opened their facilities, jobsites, and offices, offering tours and inviting the architecture, engineering and construction community and general public to see how the steel industry contributes to building America.

"Steel Day in the U.S. is an opportunity for people to see how the structural steel industry operates, ask questions, and learn about our processes," said Chris Moor, director of industry mobilization at AISC.

Mobil Steel fabricates steel used in the commercial and industrial fields, including the petroleum, petrochemical, and power generation industries. Mobil Steel's South Wayside facility in Houston has a production capacity of 1,200 tons per month in its 80,000 square feet of plant facilities under roof, providing flexibility to manage multiple projects. The 8.5-acre site is located within major freeway access to the refining and petrochemical complex in Harris and Galveston counties.

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