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## Council Member Mike Sullivan Tours Mobil Steel Plant

March 23, 2009 (Houston, Texas) - Houston Council Member <u>Mike Sullivan</u> received a positive reception during a recent tour and business overview of the <u>Mobil Steel International</u>, <u>Inc.</u> steel fabrication plant. Mobil Steel management and employees expressed appreciation to the council member for his efforts to repair area roads and his general support of small business. They also demonstrated a new Peddinghaus drill purchased in December to position Mobil Steel as a viable and reliable fabrication source to meet industry requirements.

Leonard A.Bedell, President & CEO of Mobil Steel, said he and other businesses in the area were concerned with roadway safety for employees, suppliers and customers, as well as residents who live nearby. "During a neighborhood meeting, Mike Sullivan said he would address the road safety issue," Bedell said. "Mike saw to it that the city took action. We appreciate that kind of assistance from our council member."

Bedell believes that Sullivan's experience as a small business owner gives the council member a unique perspective in managing District E city business. "As a small business owner himself, Mike knows how to manage a budget and set priorities, and he understands our issues and challenges. He knows business is tough in today's climate. He values businesses and employees who are safely and productively performing jobs that contribute to the local economy."

Mobil Steel serviced a record number of customer projects at its plant in 2008, and in the face of tough economic times, invested in a new Peddinghaus drill/cutting machine that provides more effective steel fabrication and efficient customer service. "Even in the face of an uncertain and turbulent market, we are continuing to invest and to meet our customers' needs," Bedell said. "I believe the council member appreciates our aggressive commitment to investing for future work, just as we appreciate his action to improve roads to get our products, employees and customers safely to our plant."

Mobil Steel fabricates steel used in the commercial and industrial fields, including the petroleum, petrochemical, power generation and other industrial and commercial industries. Mobil Steel's South Wayside facility in Houston has a production capacity of 1,100 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.

Mobil Steel, celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year in the steel fabrication business, is one of only a handful of Houston steel fabricators certified by the <u>American Institute of Steel Construction</u>,

having met the strict requirements of the <u>AISC Certification</u> Program. As a member of AISC, <u>Associated Builders and Contractors</u>, <u>Associated General Contractors</u>, and <u>American Welding</u> <u>Society</u>, Mobil Steel qualifies to appear on essential industrial and commercial bid lists within the industry.

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## Leonard A. Bedell is the newest member, and treasurer of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation Board of Trustees

KINGSVILLE, TX - Leonard A. Bedell, a senior business executive in Houston, has joined the Board of Trustees of <u>Texas A&M University-Kingsville</u> Foundation and been elected to serve as its Treasurer.

Bedell graduated from Texas A&I University in 1968 after earning a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting and was recruited and joined the Houston Office of the international firm of Arthur Andersen, LLP. His career has spanned the fields of public accounting, management consulting and finance; and also included senior management positions in public and private firms specializing in food distribution, financial services, transportation, manufacturing, construction of commercial and residential projects, technology manufacturing, and medical waste management.

He is currently President, CEO and a board member of <u>Mobil Steel International</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, a 40 year-old industrial steel fabrication business serving the petrochemical, refining, power and energy industries. Bedell has also served on the Board of Directors of Live Oak Consulting, American Medical Technologies, Tidel Technologies, MedCon, and 3CI Complete Compliance Corporation where he also served on the Audit and Compensation Committees. Bedell actively maintains his Certified Public Accountant certification. -more-

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Bedell has been active throughout his career in serving his community and profession in various organizations. After serving for over two decades on the Boys and Girls Country of Houston Board, he is currently an honorary life member of that board. He has also served several tenures on the Board of Trustees of Chapelwood United Methodist Church where he has served on the finance committee, building committee, and Treasurer; and previously served as director of Good Neighbor Healthcare Center. He has also been president of the Texas A&I Alumni Association and served on the alumni association board of directors, is a member of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville College of Business Administration Advisory Board, and has served on numerous community and professional organization committees and special project groups.

Other professional memberships include the <u>American Institute of Steel</u> <u>Construction, Associated Builders and Contractors</u> where he is a member of the Industrial and PAC Committees, Houston Entrepreneurs Forum, <u>Financial Executives International</u>, Vistage International, Association for Corporate Growth, American Institute & Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Javelina Alumni Association Lifetime Century Club, Texas A&M-Kingsville President's Circle, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (Lifetime Member), <u>Coastal Conservation Association</u> (Lifetime Member), and 100 Club of Houston (Lifetime Member).

Bedell was raised in South Texas, attended public school in Corpus Christi; is married, has four children and seven grandchildren.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation is the non-profit corporation established in 1972 for the purpose of supporting Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The Foundation Board of Trustees is composed of up to 21 members who assist in fundraising, investment and management of donations to support more 100 programs and scholarships at the university. The position of Treasurer was created in August 2008 and Bedell was elected to the Board of Trustees and the treasurer's position November 14, 2008.

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