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Mobil Steel Hires Experienced Steel Fabrication Project Manager and Estimator

HOUSTON (May 17, 2016) – <u>Mobil Steel International, Inc.</u> announced that Michael S. Dunavant, Sr. joined the company as project manager and estimator where he will help Mobil Steel meet growing customer demand for quality steel fabrication. Dunavant, who joins Mobil Steel with over 40 years of experience as an estimator and project manager, also will manage compliance functions for Mobil Steel's <u>American</u> <u>Institute of Steel Construction</u> (AISC) quality certification program.

Dunavant's work experience includes significant time meeting customer demand in the steel fabrication industry. While with a Houston area fabricator, Dunavant initiated that company's AISC certification program. AISC certification is the recognized national quality certification program for the structural steel industry. According to AISC, its rigorous certification process annually confirms that companies have personnel, knowledge, experience, processes and equipment to produce required quality of work.



Mobil Steel has demonstrated its commitment to quality by earning the AISC quality certification for 10 consecutive years. Mobil Steel is one of only seven Houston steel fabrication companies certified by AISC.

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"We are thrilled to have Michael Dunavant joining the Mobil Steel team. He is a highly experienced estimator and project manager and is dedicated to quality steel fabrication," said Leonard A. Bedell, President and CEO of Mobil Steel. "I am confident Michael will help Mobil Steel continue our superior customer service, and our reliable and quality steel fabrication."

Immediately before joining Mobil Steel, Dunavant served as senior estimator and project quality control manager at LoneStar Marine Shelters, a custom building fabricator specializing in offshore living quarter buildings. He also worked as chief estimator and quality manager for Malin International Ship Repair & Drydock, in addition to working for Jarco Steel, Shaw Group and SS&S Fabricators, among other leading companies.

"Mobil Steel provides me a great opportunity to join an established company with a recognized brand for flexible, reliable and quality service," said Dunavant. "I feel my experience will allow me to fit in well with the Mobil Steel culture and help meet and grow the demand for Mobil Steel's quality fabrication services."

Dunavant is a native of Memphis, Tennessee and a graduate of State Technical Institute - Memphis. Dunavant began his career in his hometown working for Memphis Blowpipe as a shop mechanic. Dunavant and his wife, Allison, son, Michael Jr. and daughter, Danielle moved to the Houston area in 2007. As a rabid LSU fan, Dunavant proudly points out that his son is an LSU graduate. His daughter attends high school in the Houston area.

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About Mobil Steel International, Inc.

<u>Mobil Steel International, Inc</u>. fabricates steel used in some of the world's essential industries: chemical, manufacturing, petroleum, communication, clean fuels, and power utilities, as well as commercial construction. Mobil Steel, which has been at its South Wayside Drive facility in Houston for 47 years, has a production capacity of more than 1,000 tons per month in its 80,000

square feet of plant and office 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 the Gulf Coast region. Mobil Steel is quality certified by the <u>American</u> <u>Institute of Steel Construction</u> (AISC). Mobil Steel is active in <u>Associated Builders and</u> <u>Contractors, Associated General Contractors, Association of Chemical Industry of Texas, and</u> <u>American Welding Society</u>. The company is a sponsoring member of <u>Economic Alliance</u> <u>Houston Port Region</u>, and a member of the <u>Pasadena Chamber of Commerce</u> and <u>Pearland</u> <u>Chamber of Commerce</u>. Mobil Steel is a registered small business with the Small Business Administration. For information about Mobil Steel visit <u>www.mobilsteel.com</u>.