



News release

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BAHEP welcomes multi-business conglomerate JSW Steel, USA Inc.

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – JSW Steel, USA Inc. services shipyards, oilfield fabricators, heavy equipment producers, machinery makers, and many other end users and distributors who need high quality carbon plate. With one of the widest mills in North America, the JSW plate division mill rolls hot-rolled plate widths up to 160 inches (4.1m) and thicknesses up to six inches (152.4mm). With thermo-mechanical controlled rolling for high-grade steel applications, the plate division produces plates to exacting customer specifications. JSW Steel, USA Inc. is the newest member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

BAHEP President Bob Mitchell stated, “I have personally walked from one end of this steel mill to the other, and I must say that I was extremely impressed. This is a first-class operation which is about to grow and get even better. We are very pleased to welcome JSW Steel, USA Inc. to membership in BAHEP.”

John Hritz has been chief executive officer of JSW Steel, USA Inc. since 2015. He has spent more than 40 years in steel and heavy industry utilizing his extensive background in engineering, law, and frontline and executive management. He stated, “At JSW Steel, USA Inc. our philosophy is fairly straightforward. In all aspects of our business, we’re committed to providing our customers with products and services of compelling value. I believe that BAHEP and we have much in common in that regard.”

The plate mill is an ISO 9001:2008 certified mill that produces a large number of steel grades ranging from structural quality (A36) to higher quality grades (such as for the pipe application API Grades to X80). The facility is equipped with a 2-high roughing mill, a 4-high finishing mill,

hydraulic automatic gauge control and a Plan View Rolling system. The company owns and operates its own barge dock and has full rail access. The company's pipe division mill produces DSAW pipe to service energy and petrochemical markets, including large diameter line pipe for onshore and offshore use, heavy duty casing, and piling.

Significant re-investment is underway to update facilities and to realize the fullest potential of facilities for optimum customer solutions. The company will spend tens of millions of dollars on the first phase of its development and modernization plan, followed by hundreds of millions in phase two, according to Hritz. "The technology we're installing is going to be Star Wars-like compared to what exists in the U.S. today," he stated.

The company is ideally sited to serve the needs of the global energy and petrochemicals industry. Strategically located at 5200 E. McKinney Road in Baytown, Texas, just 30 miles outside Houston, JSW Steel, USA Inc. currently employs 450 people with that number to grow considerably following its new development. For more information, visit www.jswsteel.us or call 281.383.5110.

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