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## **Milestones Made On Macsteel Service Centers USA Tucson Construction**

*- \$10 million dollar project hitting stride-*

**Newport Beach, CA, December 7, 2006** –In May, Macsteel Service Centers USA broke ground for the construction of a new \$10 million metals manufacturing and distribution facility in Tucson, Arizona.

Since that first ceremonial shovel of dirt was moved, progress on the 73,400 square-foot facility has proceeded exactly as planned and work continues on schedule. Located on an 8-acre site in the Century Park Research Center in Tucson, AZ, this state-of-the-art facility will process and distribute a full array of steel and non-ferrous products to customers in the Southwest U.S and Mexico. The operations will feature the most technologically advanced metals processing equipment available. A grand opening for the facility is expected in February, 2007.

A number of construction milestones have already been completed including the pouring of the slab and the installation of the structural steel and masonry walls. The siding for the facility is underway.

Equipment for the facility began arriving at the site and will include two cranes, a 72" slitter and a 60" CTL(cut-to-length) line. The slitter, which has a 60,000 lb. master coil capacity and features a turret recoiler, should be operational by the end of January. Thickness range of the slitter will be an impressive 0.011" to 0.187".

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The 60" CTL (cut-to-length) line, will be put in place and be operational by February 2007. The CTL line will have a 40,000 lb master coil capacity and will process material ranging from 0.020" to 0.138" in thickness.

Both the slitter and CTL line will be capable of processing cold rolled, galvanized, pre-painted, hot rolled pickled and oiled, stainless steel, and aluminum.

In addition to the processing equipment, construction of a rail spur coming into the building is under way.

### **Seeking applications**

The Macsteel Service Centers USA Tucson facility will initially employ approximately 20 people. Applications for available positions are now being taken and interviews will be conducted in the coming weeks. For information on employee applications, contact Ed Porembski, plant manager, at [eporembski@macsteelusa.com](mailto:eporembski@macsteelusa.com).

### **About Macsteel Service Centers USA**

Macsteel Service Centers USA is one of the leading companies in the North American metals service center industry. That achievement didn't occur by happenstance but rather through a well-planned approach of growth by acquisition and by adding value for its customers.

The company has a network of 32 locations, which includes the former Edgcomb Metals, Regal Steel, Baldwin Steel, Ferro Union, Hokin Katz and Alpha Steel, all of which now operate as Macsteel Service Centers USA. Macsteel Service Centers USA processes and distributes carbon, stainless, aluminum and specialty metals to customers throughout North America, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Products include a full range of flat rolled, plate, tubing, pipe, bar and structurals. The company also supplies a full range of steel building products, coated and prepainted metals. Macsteel Service Centers USA is headquartered in Newport Beach, CA and is owned by the global steel company, Macsteel Holdings. For more information visit us at: <http://www.macsteelusa.com>.