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Harrison Steel Opens Commercial Pattern Shop For Outside Customers

ATTICA, Ind., February 16, 2010 - - Harrison Steel Casting Company is turning its century-plus experience building highly engineered, pour-ready patterns for steel castings into a profit center. Starting in January, the company began supplying prototype and production patterns for all grades of steel to customers and other foundries that do not have the expertise or facilities to build their own patterns.

Harrison Steel Vice President/General Manager Geoff Curtis says that the specialized nature of pattern making and the increasing globalization of the steel foundry industry have created unique opportunities for the Indiana company. "Pattern making is definitely an art, particularly today when they must be engineered and built to exacting specifications. Harrison Steel has been building patterns since 1906, and is capable of producing patterns that require extremely tight tolerances for precision steel castings. There is demand from other foundries that do not have on-site pattern shops or that need additional expertise on a project. For years our customers have given us feedback that our pattern equipment is industry leading. We are pleased to open our pattern shop to outside customers."

Continued Curtis, "Manufacturers that use massive cast steel parts in their products, things like heavy construction, mining equipment, oil drilling and energy generation equipment, want the flexibility and cost advantages of sourcing their castings globally. To ensure consistent, quality castings, they need a pattern supplier with the engineering expertise, the technology, quality programs, and age-old craftsmanship to build patterns that can be used in any foundry, whether it's in Mexico, China or Eastern Europe. That creates a tremendous opportunity for Harrison Steel, which is recognized for high quality, precision patterns."

Harrison Steel builds both prototype and production patterns in the customer's choice of mahogany, white pine, or epoxy in a 24,000-square-foot facility in Indiana that combines state-of-the-art technology with old-world craftsmanship. Harrison Steel's experienced team includes engineers and artisans who employ sophisticated software and equipment like a F5-Axis CNC router along with time-tested hand methods to render highly engineered patterns that result in precise, often complex castings. The Harrison Steel pattern shop can also assist in updating patterns as engineering changes are required from the customer.

Harrison Steel-built patterns are stored in boxes and/or skids to facilitate shipping, storage and production. The company's centralized mid-western location is readily accessible via rail and Interstates 65, 74, 80 and 94.

About Harrison Steel Castings Company

Founded more than 100 years ago by J.W. Harrison, Harrison Steel Castings Company is a world leader in the production of highly engineered carbon and low/medium alloy steel castings and a preferred supplier to many of the world's most prestigious names in agriculture, heavy equipment, energy, military, mining, and the oil and gas industries. Family-owned, Harrison Steel operates a state-of-the-art, technology-driven international engineering and manufacturing organization capable of castings ranging from 350 to 14,000 pounds net casting weight. For information, visit www.hscast.com.