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Aegis Metal Framing Promotes Green Focus through Fuel Efficient Transportation

CHESTERFIELD, MO, MARCH 16, 2009: Aegis Metal Framing, a division of MiTek Industries announced today a new element of their company-wide focus on environmental awareness and "green" initiatives. By relocating their new structural steel framing facility in Edenton, NC, Aegis is now able to receive its raw material(steel coils) via barge shipment, dramatically reducing the consumption of diesel fuel required for inbound freight.

According to Tom Valvo, president of Aegis Metal Framing, "We looked at several different MiTek facilities in which we could possibly locate. However, we kept coming back to Edenton. The labor force is excellent and the cost of raw materials is extremely attractive, due in part to our ability to receive barge shipments. The fact that we are also reducing our carbon footprint is an added bonus."

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Each barge-load contains 2,500 tons of steel coils. According to Simon Rich, a principal in Stevens Towing Company, Yorges Island, SC the haul from Aegis' steel suppliers to Edenton requires, "...approximately 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel for our new, Volvo tier 2 compliant engines--or a little less than 1 gallon of fuel to push one ton of freight over the 400 mile trip. To transport the same volume of steel, the same distance, via truck would require more than 20,000 gallons of diesel. That's a 10 fold reduction in fuel cost and emissions by utilizing barge transportation!"

Given the combined steel usage by Aegis and parent company MiTek at the Edenton plant, Valvo estimates that they will help reduce total diesel consumption by more than 400,000 gallons this year by shipping via barge. In addition, Rich of Stevens Towing points out that barge traffic, "...reduces highway congestion and noise pollution, and is a much safer means of transporting large volumes of freight over large distances."

"Aegis products are used extensively in construction projects that are certified through the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) program," commented Valvo. "Therefore, we like to 'practice what we preach.' We have implemented our own company-wide "green" program to promote recycling and resource management, and we have shifted much of our marketing and communications to electronic media to significantly reduce paper

consumption. The reduction in fuel consumption by barge-shipping our raw materials is just one more thing we can do to help preserve the environment."

Aegis Metal Framing is the leading provider of pre-fabricated cold-formed steel truss and panel systems, and services for commercial, institutional and residential construction. Aegis provides a complete line of cold formed steel framing (also known as light gauge steel framing) including the UltraSpan® truss system, TradeReady® products (floor joists, headers, Spazzer bars) and WallSolutions™ pre-fabricated panels. For more information, please visit our website at www.aegismetalframing.com or contact our toll free number at 1-866-902-3447.

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