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**Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Appoints New Board Members**

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, April 27, 2009 – The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors:

- Matthew Brace, Senior Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for CMC Americas, Seguin, Texas
- David R. Rosene, Region Manager for Gerdau Ameristeel at their Charlotte Reinforcing Steel location in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Anthony S. Buck, Senior Sales Manager for CMC Fontana Steel in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

The new Board members were elected by CRSI members at their 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting on April 21, 2009, in Tucson, Arizona.

Robert J. Risser, PE, President and CEO of CRSI, commented on the appointments saying, “Each of these gentlemen have been leaders in CRSI and the reinforcing steel industry at both the local and national level prior to joining the CRSI Board. We welcome their knowledge and experience as we continue executing CRSI’s strategic plans and moving the organization forward.”

For additional information on these appointments or CRSI, contact Darren Szrom, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, at (847) 517-1200 or via e-mail at [dszrom@crsi.org](mailto:dszrom@crsi.org).

#### About Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction.

Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions and design award programs. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, and professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois with regional offices located across the United States.

#### About Commercial Metals Company

Since 1915, Commercial Metals Company (CMC) has manufactured, recycled and marketed steel and metal products and related materials and services through a network including steel minimills, steel fabrication and processing plants, construction-related product warehouses, a copper tube mill, metal recycling facilities and marketing and distribution offices in the United States and in strategic international markets. CMC is an efficient, high quality, low-cost producer and is one of the few steel companies with investment grade public debt ratings. CMC has a high degree of vertical integration and is organized into two business units: CMC Americas and CMC International.

## About Gerdau Ameristeel

Gerdau Ameristeel is the second largest mini-mill steel producer in North America with annual manufacturing capacity of approximately 12 million tons of mill finished steel products. Through its vertically integrated network of 19 mini-mills (including one 50% owned joint venture mini-mill), 23 scrap recycling facilities and 61 downstream operations, Gerdau Ameristeel serves customers throughout the United States and Canada. The company's products are generally sold to steel service centers, steel producers, or directly to original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") for use in a variety of industries, including non-residential, infrastructure, commercial, industrial and residential construction, metal building, manufacturing, automotive, mining, cellular and electrical transmission and equipment manufacturing. Gerdau Ameristeel's majority shareholder is the Gerdau Group, a 100+ year old steel company, the largest producer of long steel products in the Americas and the world leader in specialty long steel for the automotive industry. Gerdau Ameristeel's common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol GNA.