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Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Announces New Board Members

(SCHAUMBURG, IL – November 16, 2015) The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) announces the appointment of James L. (Pete) Diggs as Chairman of the Board along with four new officers to guide the Institute through its next two years of operations.

"I look forward to assuming stewardship of CRSI along with my fellow Board members," Pete Diggs stated. "All of the work done by the staff and member companies solidifies the Institute as a respected resource in the concrete industry. We intend to continue to promote new initiatives while enhancing our relationships with peer organizations."

Mr. Diggs serves as vice president of reinforcing steel for Gerdau Long Steel North America. In this role, he is responsible for overall management and administration of the Reinforcing Steel facilities' (50) operational activities – including business strategies, policies and annual objectives. Mr. Diggs has 30 years of industry experience, including more than 25 years with Gerdau.

In addition to Diggs' appointment, new officers on CRSI's Board include Brad Cotrell, Commercial Metals Company, as Secretary/Treasurer; David Rosene, Gerdau, Chris Stowers, Commercial Metals Company, and Kevin VanDeven, Nucor Corporation, as At-Large Directors.

The full Board of Directors was approved at the Business Meeting held during CRSI's Fall Business & Technical Meeting on November 4th, 2015 at The Peninsula Chicago. The 2015/2016 Board consists of:

At-Large Directors

- ***Chairman** – James L. (Pete) Diggs, Gerdau
- ***Vice Chairman** – Tim Thomas, American Steel Fabricators, Inc.
- ***Secretary/Treasurer** – Brad Cottrell, Commercial Metals Company
- ***At-Large Director** – Robert J. Stone, Nucor Corporation
- ***At-Large Director** – Jeff Estep, Farwest Steel Corporation
- ***Past Chairman** – Scott Stevens, Dimension Fabricators, Inc.
- At-Large Director** – Louis Colarusso, ERICO

At-Large Director – John Kinnischtzke, Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel

At-Large Director – Keith LePage, Whitacre Engineering

At-Large Director – Richard Martini, Gerdau

At-Large Director – David Rosene, Gerdau

At-Large Director – Chris Stowers, Commercial Metals Company

At-Large Director – Kevin VanDeven, Nucor Corporation

**Executive Committee Member*

Ex-Officio Directors

Chairman, Marketing Committee – William Brack, Harris Rebar

Chairman, Engineering Practice Committee – Dennis Hunter, Gerdau

Chairman, Member Services Committee – Matthew Schewe, Commercial Metals Company

Region Representative Directors

Southeast Region Director – Preston Sparkman, R&R Rebar Fabricators

Midwest Region Director – Jeffrey Albert, Harris Rebar

Western Region Director – Jeff Estep, Farwest Steel Reinforcing Company

Non-Voting Directors

Chairman, CRSI Education & Research Foundation – Robert J. Stone, Nucor Corporation

President and CEO – Dr. David McDonald, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a technical institute and Standards Developing Organization (SDO) that stands as the authoritative resource for steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of engineers, architects and construction professionals, the Institute publishes a variety of industry-trusted technical publications including standards documents, design aids, reference materials and offers on-demand and local educational opportunities. CRSI Industry members include manufacturers, fabricators, material suppliers and placers of steel reinforcing bars and related products. Our Professional members are involved in the research, design, and construction of steel reinforced concrete structures and pavements. CRSI's broad Region Professional network assists both members and industry professionals and creates awareness among the design/construction community through outreach activities. Together, they form a complete network of industry information and support.

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