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# NEWS RELEASE

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### New Steel Air Permit Subject of Ohio EPA Hearing

Ohio EPA will hold an open house, public information session and hearing at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2008, to accept comments regarding a draft air permit for a proposed new integrated steel mini-mill facility to be located on Gallia Pike, Franklin Furnace. The permit applications were submitted by New Steel International, Inc. (MMK Americas). The same night, Ohio EPA also will accept comments regarding a draft wastewater discharge permit and permit-to-install wastewater treatment equipment.

The meeting will be held at Green High School, 535 Junior Furnace/ Powellsville Road, Franklin Furnace.

The proposed facility would consist of steel melting, casting and finishing processes. Individual processes include continuous casting, vacuum degassing, acid pickling, hot and cold forming and hot dip galvanizing facilities. Slag also will be processed.

The applicant proposes to build the facility in two phases: the steel finishing portion would be built first, followed by the steel furnaces.

Ohio EPA air permits establish limits on emissions and the operation, and require the use of best available technology to control emissions. Emissions limits are established to ensure compliance with federal clean air standards and protect public health. This permit sets limits on the following pollutants:

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Tons Per Year</u>
Particulate matter (stack)	971.77
Particulate matter (fugitive)	173.48
Fine particulate matter (stack)	971.49
Fine particulate matter (fugitive)	38.01
SO2 (sulfur dioxide)	3,302.67
Nitrogen oxide (NOx)	3,758.10

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<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Tons Per Year</u>
Carbon monoxide (CO)	10,617.58
Volatile organic compounds (VOC)	288.60
Lead	0.59
Fluoride	82.67
Hydrogen fluorides (HF)	32.16
Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	268.80
Hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )	79.98
Mercury	0.91

During the open house, representatives from Ohio EPA will be available to speak one-on-one or in small groups. As part of the information session, Agency representatives will answer questions before the full audience about the proposed project. The public hearing will immediately follow the information session when the public can submit comments for the record regarding the draft air and wastewater permits.

The applicant also must receive a water quality certification from Ohio EPA. The water quality certification relates to wetlands impacts. A separate hearing will be held for this. The company also must apply for a general storm water permit at least 45 days before construction begins. No hearing will be scheduled for the general storm water permit.

Ohio EPA will accept written comments about the draft air permit through March 27, 2008. Anyone may submit written comments or request to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to: Cindy Charles, Portsmouth Local Air Agency, 605 Washington St., Third Floor, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. The draft permit is available on the Web at: [http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/pti\\_issued/pti\\_pdf\\_08/0700587d.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/pti_issued/pti_pdf_08/0700587d.pdf). The application and other related materials are available for review on the Web at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/transfer/newsteel/>.

Ohio EPA also will accept written comments regarding the draft wastewater permits through March 27, 2008. Anyone may submit written comments or request to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The application, draft permits and other related materials are available for review on the Web at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/NewSteelInternational.html>.