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Berg Steel Pipe Corp has selected Mobile, AL as the preferred site for its new spiral steel pipe manufacturing facility. The facility will be located on part of a former International Paper site, currently owned by the Alabama State Port Authority, located in the city of Mobile. The project is expected to invest approximately \$75 million in capital and employ approximately 100 people. The selection is contingent upon successfully closing on the property and completing other final documentation. It is expected that the facility will begin operations in mid-2008.

“Berg Steel Pipe is pleased to announce the selection of Mobile as our preferred location for our new spiral pipe plant. We considered locations in six states and in the end found the Mobile location the best fit for our project.” said Dave Delie, President of Berg Steel Pipe. “The Alabama State Port Authority was instrumental in securing this project for Mobile, and the state of Alabama, the County of Mobile and the City of Mobile all provided critical assistance to us as we worked through our location decision. We were impressed with the enthusiastic support demonstrated by all the parties and the Mobile community for our selection of the former IP site for our spiral pipe operation.”

Alabama Governor Bob Riley made the following comments about the company’s announcement today: “I’m enormously pleased that, once again, Mobile and Alabama have been chosen for an important new manufacturing facility. We look forward to officially welcoming Berg Steel Pipe and the new jobs and opportunities it will bring to our citizens. I know officials are working with the company to finalize this project, and we will continue working closely with Berg to help their success in our state.”

James K. Lyons, Director & CEO of the Alabama State Port Authority weighed in on the good news. “I’ve known Berg for nearly 25 years and I’ve worked with Berg for the past five years to bring this mill to reality in our community. The Port Authority is proud of its economic development record and the seaport continues to be key to attracting new industries to Alabama. We’re excited that Berg will join APM Terminals/CMA CGM, International Shipholding, Aker Kvaerner, and Standard Concrete as part of the Port Authority family of industries. It’s a fine company, led by fine people and this is a good day for Mobile.”



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Mayor Sam Jones welcomed the good news for the City of Mobile. "We certainly welcome Berg Steel Pipe to Mobile. This is an industry that fits well with our community, and they have selected an excellent site. This is another great example of the tremendous growth our city is undertaking. We look forward to their arrival and we are happy to have them here."

William Carroll, the City of Mobile Councilman for District 2 where the proposed Berg project is located, expressed his appreciation, "Today is a great day for Mobile, as we now know Berg Steel has chosen to become a part of the great city. We welcome the company here, and know they will provide a significant economic boost to local businesses and citizens here."

Juan Chastang, the Mobile County Commission President, also added, "On behalf of the Mobile County Commission, we're so pleased Berg Steel has selected Mobile as the site for their new pipe mill. I am convinced this project will be a step in the right direction for the revitalization of the Plateau community and Mobile."

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