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27 VALVES ON THE WAY WOODINGS FILLS GREAT BIG ORDER FOR GREAT LAKES

(February 25, 2008)--In making a complete overhaul to its B-2 stove #3, US Steel-Great Lakes has called on Woodings Industrial to supply 27 valves for the project. The equipment includes two hot blast valves, three chimney valves, ten lever valves, four double eccentric valves, six regulating butterfly valves and two goggle valves—all of which have been designed, engineered and manufactured by Woodings.

Designed to provide US Steel-Great Lakes with excellent efficiency, the Woodings valves feature a variety of design elements that contribute to smooth, uninterrupted every-day production and long-term performance.

- **Hot Blast valves**—fully water cooled and refractory lined.
- **Chimney Valves**—feature a 90-degree elbow design with the disc rotating from the closed to open position. Spherical roller bearings on the main shaft. Stainless steel overlaid seats on the disc and the body.
- **Lever Valves**—pressure vessel steel construction, stainless steel overlay on valve and disc seat, robust design for linkages, pins and bushings.
- **Butterfly Valves**—two types: rubber seated valves for positive shutoff and clearance type regulating valves that do not seal but regulate flow. The regulating valves have spherical roller bearings on the main shaft. Both feature pressure vessel steel construction.
- **Goggle Valves**— Mechanical valve with stainless steel seats and rubber seals. Limitorque operators are used on both the clamping drive and the open/close drive on the goggle plate.

Despite the size of the order, the need for speed in terms of delivery is a critical component of the project. Woodings delivered five of the valves in November and will ship the remaining valves by the end of 2007. Spares for the project will be delivered to Great Lakes early in 2008.

As is the case with all Wooding orders, each of the 27 valves were specifically designed and built to meet US Steel-Great Lakes exact requirements.

About Woodings Industrial Corp. The only hot metal equipment supplier offering design, engineering, manufacturing and service from one source, Woodings Industrial Corp. is the oldest continuous family-operated business in North America's steel industry. A worldwide leader in the manufacture of metals industry equipment, Woodings uses the most current technologies to design, engineer and manufacture an extensive line of traditional and not-so-traditional hot metal equipment, such as tap hole drills, clay guns, tuyere stocks, blast furnace valves, hydraulic charging units (BF top equipment), and specialty products for continuous casters. Woodings is the exclusive supplier of Grabe overlay components in North America and has plants at its headquarters in Mars and Harmony, Pa., along with offices in Detroit, Mich. and Gary, Ind.

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