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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Butler, Indiana's Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Flat Roll Division with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN April 1, 2010** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce that Steel Dynamics – Flat Roll Division, located in Butler, Indiana has achieved “Merit” status in Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Flat Roll Division is the first company located in Butler, Indiana to achieve VPP status.

Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Flat Roll Division employs over 700 employees. The site produces hot-rolled steel, finishing and coating a high proportion of the coils it produces. The Flat Roll Division is capable of producing steel coils up to 61 inches in width and specializes in thin-gauge, high-strength alloy steels that can be rolled down to .045-inch thickness. “The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to certify Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Flat Roll Division as a VPP ‘Merit’ worksite. They serve as a model employer for occupational safety and health,” commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Among other requirements, to participate in VPP, both an employer’s Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) and Days Away Restricted and Transfer (DART) rate must be below the industry’s most recent national rate as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Steel Dynamics, Inc. – Flat Roll Division’s three-year TCIR was nearly 34% below the national average for their industry. Additionally, the company’s DART rate was nearly 45% below the BLS national average for the industry.

Steel Dynamics achieved VPP “Merit” status in February 2009.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683.

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#### **About VPP:**

VPP, Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

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