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PRESS RELEASE

Tri Star Metals Announces Acquisition of Global Specialty Steel

Freeport, Illinois – October 2, 2026 – Tri Star Metals, LLC, a leading U.S.-based manufacturer and distributor of stainless steel, nickel alloy, and specialty wire products, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Global Specialty Steel, a well-established distributor of specialty steel and alloy wire based in Alsip, Illinois. The acquisition should be completed by the end of October.

Following the acquisition, Global Specialty Steel will continue to operate as an independent distributor under the leadership of **Joe Owoc**, who will remain President of Global and join the **Tri Star Metals Executive Committee**.

The acquisition brings together the manufacturing, distribution, technical, and sales capabilities of **Tri Star Metals, Siri Wire, and Global Specialty Steel**, creating a stronger nationwide platform to serve customers across a broad range of specialty wire markets.

Key Benefits of the Acquisition

Expanded Capabilities

Global will gain access to Tri Star Metals' nationwide sales and distribution network, as well as its metallurgical, engineering, production, quality, and IT resources. These additional capabilities will support continued growth, improved operational efficiencies, and new product development.

Broader Product Offering

Global, Siri Wire, and Tri Star Metals will benefit from a broader portfolio of products, alloys, and sizes by leveraging the manufacturing and distribution strengths of each company.

Investment in Growth

Tri Star Metals plans significant investment to expand Global's inventory and product availability in **music wire, galvanized wire, oil-tempered wire, chrome silicon, and other carbon wire products**. Global will also gain access to additional stocking and distribution locations in **Connecticut, Illinois, and Arizona**, providing customers with greater inventory availability and faster delivery throughout the United States.

Commitment to Customers and Tradition

The acquisition continues the Tri Star Metals/Bender Wire Group strategy of integrating strong, privately owned businesses while preserving their individual strengths, customer relationships, and entrepreneurial culture.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Joe Owoc and the entire Global Specialty Steel team into our family," said **Jay Mandel, President and CEO of Tri Star Metals**. "This strategic combination of U.S. manufacturing and distribution will allow Tri Star, Siri, and Global to better serve our customers with a broader product offering, increased inventory, and a stronger nationwide distribution network. We are also excited to bring Joe's years of experience into our group as we continue to expand our music wire, galvanized, and carbon wire businesses."

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“Our team at Global is excited about the opportunities this combination creates,” said **Joe Owoc, President of Global Specialty Steel**. “We will immediately gain access to Tri Star and Siri’s experienced sales organization, manufacturing capabilities, and nationwide distribution platform. This gives us additional resources to better serve our existing customers while accelerating Global’s growth.”

Juan Carlos Sala, Managing Director of WMC, added:

“WMC is proud of the growth and impact the Global team has achieved over the past several years. By joining the Tri Star Metals family, Global will be in an even stronger position to continue its growth story. We are also pleased to see Global and Tri Star become an increasingly important partner for our newly expanded PenggWMC Mill.”

About Tri Star Metals / Siri Wire

Tri Star Metals and Siri Wire are leading U.S. manufacturers and distributors of stainless steel, nickel alloy, and specialty wire products. The group operates **two domestic stainless and nickel alloy manufacturing facilities** supported by a coast-to-coast distribution network.

With a strong commitment to quality, technical expertise, innovation, and customer service, Tri Star Metals and Siri Wire serve a diverse range of industries throughout North America.

About Global Specialty Steel

Global Specialty Steel is an ISO-certified distributor specializing in **music wire, galvanized wire, oil-tempered wire, chrome silicon wire, and carbon wire products**. Global has built its reputation on product expertise, customer service, and reliable supply to customers throughout the specialty wire market.

About Bender Wire Group

The Bender Wire Group, headquartered in Hagen, Germany, is a family-owned, medium-sized group of companies with operations in Germany and the United States. For more than 200 years, the Bender family has helped shape the future of wire technology through a commitment to innovation, quality, and long-term customer relationships.

Today, the group’s activities extend beyond wire production into systems, cosmetics, and food products, while maintaining the tradition, entrepreneurial spirit, and passion that have defined the organization for generations.

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