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ALGOMA STEEL IS HIRING TO INCREASE TRADES CAPABILITY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO - Algoma Steel Inc. announced today that it plans to hire over 80 tradespeople to build the organization's capability to undertake more construction and maintenance work in house. Internal and external postings went up today for the following trades:

- Fitter/Welders,
- Erectors,
- Machinists,
- Auto Repair Technicians,
- Hoisting Operators,
- HVAC Technicians (heating, ventilation, air conditioning),
- Electrical Maintenance Technicians,
- Mechanical Maintenance Technicians, and
- Bricklayers.

Steve Boniferro, Vice President of Human Resources emphasized the importance of this hiring campaign saying, "Pairing highly skilled new recruits with some of our more experienced tradespeople will help ensure the necessary knowledge transfer occurs." Boniferro went on to say, "In the event of a shortfall of qualified candidates, we are finalizing an apprenticeship program which will help close the gap today and develop our workforce for future needs."

The Company recently completed a detailed analysis of anticipated attrition over the next five years and this is one step in implementing a succession plan for trades. In 2006, Algoma Steel hired over 330 people for production, trades, technical and professional roles across the organization and it is anticipated this new trend will continue for the next three to five years as the Company replaces retiring employees and responds to changes in production and technology.

Detailed postings outlining role qualifications can be viewed under 'Career Opportunities' on the Company website at www.algoma.com.

Algoma Steel Inc. is an integrated steel producer based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Revenues are derived primarily from the manufacture and sale of rolled steel products including hot and cold rolled sheet and plate.

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