

Press Release: Structural Coatings Hertford

Structural Coatings Hertford, Cofield, N.C., has announced plans to construct and operate a state of the art plate painting facility. The Cofield location will offer a value added service to steel plate customers for blasting and priming of steel plate.

“The location for this facility was selected by our company based on several factors, two of which are the strategic location in close proximity to Nucor Plate Mill and the need for business development in Northeastern North Carolina,” said Ray Hales, President.

The facility, located on approximately 40 acres of land, will be equipped with fully automated blast cleaning and paint processing equipment within a 45,000 square foot facility. The estimated investment for this facility is \$10 million.

The Steel Plate Painting process has been widely embraced as a method of protecting steel plate during transit, fabrication and service for many industries for over 25 years. The new facility will promote the use of pre-construction primers for markets such as marine, rail, wind energy and mining equipment.

Start up of the new facility is scheduled for the 1st Quarter of 2012. Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC will be managed by The Hales Group, Inc.

The Hales Group Inc. located in Johnston County N.C., owns and operates three divisions: Structural Steel Products Corporation, The Hales Company and Structural Coatings, Inc. The divisions specialize in Fabrication for Steel Structures, Logistics and Coatings for various markets including Bridge and Highway, Oversize/Over length freight and coatings for substructure piling in areas throughout the Mid Atlantic and Gulf Coast States.

Plans are to initially hire 20-25 employees, utilizing North Carolina Employment Security Commission, NC Career Readiness Certification Program, Hertford County Job Link and other industry organizations for hiring.

Hertford County Economic Development Director, Bill Early, said, “We are happy that Structural Coatings chose Hertford County as a good place to expand its current business operations. It has been a pleasure working with the officials of Structural Coatings in locating this expansion in Hertford County. We look forward to a long-term partnership.”

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