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**PROLAMSA USA BEGINS PRODUCTION
AT ITS FIRST U.S. TUBULAR FACILITY**

Houston, TX, March 3, 2009 — Prolamsa USA announced today that it has begun production of mechanical tubing at its first U.S. manufacturing facility, located in Laredo, Texas. The facility, which will produce mechanical tubing from ½ to 2 ½ inches, also includes a cut-to-length line.

In addition to manufacturing mechanical tubing, the Laredo facility will also stock both mechanical and structural steel (HSS) tubing. A second facility in Laredo will stock metal building shapes and components, such as C- and Z-purlins, angles and channels, and slit red primed coils.

“These facilities will enable us to provide our U.S. customers faster deliveries, quicker turnaround times and JIT stocking programs,” said Jean-Marie Diederichs, general manager of Prolamsa USA. “We’re telling our customers that now we can deliver as fast as the speed-limit allows.”

Mr. Diederichs went on to explain that Prolamsa’s U.S. and Canadian customers have given Prolamsa’s products high quality marks, but that delivery from Prolamsa’s Escobedo plant in Mexico was sometimes delayed at the border. “The U.S. manufacturing location will eliminate that problem,” he said.

“Even though the economy is struggling right now, there isn’t a better time to invest in the U.S.,” Mr. Diederichs said. “If we invest in new facilities and train our new U.S. workers now, we’ll be ready to participate in the rebound and future growth of our economy.”

Prolamsa USA was started in 1996 to handle the marketing and sales activities in the United States and Canada for its parent company Prolamsa, a privately-owned concern that has manufacturing facilities in Mexico. Prolamsa produces a wide range of high-quality mechanical and structural tubing; UV coated, galvanized and primed tubular products; metal building components and shapes and; parts and components. For more information about Prolamsa USA, please visit its website at www.prolamsausa.com.

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