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Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Rockport, Indiana's Rockport Roll Shop LLC with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN May 15, 2007 – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce that Rockport Roll Shop LLC of Rockport, Indiana has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Star" status.

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.

The award ceremony, held on Friday May 11, 2007 in Rockport, IN, gives the chance for company employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials. Commissioner Torres herself explains her goal in implementing this program: "As the Commissioner of Labor, I am committed to the growth and expansion of this program throughout the entire manufacturing industry in Indiana. This is an exemplary achievement for the steel industry. I am proud that this work environment can be productive and safe for all involved."

The Rockport Roll Shop facility is an onsite service provider for AK Steel. The main function of the shop entails the processing of steel rolls that are used in the onsite steel mill. Several actions are performed such as grinding, chrome plating, and applying textures to the steel rolls, which are then further processed for the steel and aluminum industries. The Rockport Roll Shop LLC site is one of six within the company of Court Holdings. It is a joint venture with Rockport, Inc. (AK Steel). This is the first VPP Star certification for any of the six company sites.

AK Tube LLC located in Columbus, IN was the first site in the country amongst manufacturers of steel tube and pipe to receive VPP designation. Headquartered in Middletown, Ohio, AK Steel produces flat-rolled carbon, stainless and electrical steel products, as well as carbon and stainless tubular steel products, for automotive, appliance, construction and manufacturing markets.

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