

## Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation Announces Technology Initiatives Focused on Customer Service and Business Efficiencies

*Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation the latest client to integrate the STEELMAN Sems solution*

(PRWEB) January 13, 2005 -- Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation (Nasdaq: WPSC) announced recent technology initiatives designed to drive business efficiency and enhanced customer service. The Company currently uses solutions from i2 Technologies, Inc., and recently began implementing solutions from STEELMAN Software Solutions Inc. These technology upgrades to Wheeling-Pittsburgh's computerized planning, order management, mill scheduling and production tracking tools are designed to help the Company gain a competitive edge.

Working together with STEELMAN, Wheeling-Pittsburgh will implement Steel Enterprise Management Systems® (SEMS®) to replace several separate, mainframe-based systems with lesser capabilities that Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel has used for many years. STEELMAN captures and remembers metallurgical specifications of the customer order, prices orders, compares customer deliveries to current contracts, provides claims management and tracks production to outside processors and warehouses. Additionally, Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel uses solutions from i2 Technologies. i2 Factory Planner and Hot Mill Scheduler are currently being used to enhance the Company's corporate order planning and scheduling processes. Wheeling-Pittsburgh is also turning to i2 solutions to more efficiently manage the scheduling processes of its cold rolling and finishing operations.

Our strategy was to identify applications which best fit our manufacturing configuration and user needs," said Jeff Hoffman, Director of Systems Integration, Wheeling-Pittsburgh. Using that approach we have made major strides toward a significantly more efficient and intuitive set of tools for our sales, planning and operations groups. While the STEELMAN contract was signed in September, Hoffman notes that Wheeling-Pittsburgh has been working with STEELMAN Software Solutions Inc. since March and that a prototype was built and tested to ensure the new software meets company's requirements. The phased introduction of the various computer systems is already producing results.

Our technology initiatives have delivered benefits from improved booking and scheduling process in our Hot Mill," said Don Keaton, Vice President of Steelmaking and Procurement, Wheeling-Pittsburgh. More importantly, we have laid the foundation for an integrated and user-friendly system that will give our employees the tools to provide world class customer service.

STEELMAN SEMS are designed specifically to meet the needs of manufacturers/suppliers of metal products. STEELMAN's suite of products includes Sales Order Control, Order Booking, Warehouse Management, Manufacturing Control, Claims Management, Quality Assurance, and Business Financials.

About STEELMAN Software Solutions Inc.

Originally developed in 1994 by experienced steel and systems professionals, STEELMAN Software Solutions Inc. is a Toronto-based software manufacturer specializing in the development and installation of enterprise-wide software solutions exclusively for suppliers and processors of steel and other metal products. Its strength comes from a proven understanding of the steel business gained from extensive steel industry consulting history, successful system implementations, key industry partnerships, and hands on management and sales experience.

Imbedded with the Oracle 10g infrastructure software, STEELMAN's suite of products allow you to leverage your technology to increase profitability, stay ahead of the competition, and better understand your customers and marketplace. STEELMAN is an active member of the ACCPAC Business Partner program, Oracle Partner Network and Intermec Honors Partner program. For more information contact STEELMAN at 416-495-6939 or visit [www.esteelman.com](http://www.esteelman.com)

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About Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation

Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation is a metal products company with approximately 3,100 employees. It has facilities in Steubenville, Mingo Junction, Yorkville and Martins Ferry, OH; Beech Bottom and Follansbee, WV; and Allenport, PA.

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