



TMS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES OSHA VPP CERTIFICATION

PITTSBURGH, March 28, 2016 – TMS International, a leading provider of outsourced industrial services to steel mills globally, proudly announced today that its Jewett, Texas operation has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star certification from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The Star-level award, the highest level granted by OSHA, recognizes TMS’ efforts in achieving exemplary occupational safety and health compliance.

“TMS is proud to earn and receive this certification at the Star level and delighted to have achieved this prestigious certification with an outstanding partner like Nucor. We thank Nucor and their teams for their invaluable contributions in helping us achieve this honor,” said Raymond Kalouche, TMS’ President and CEO. “I also want to thank Christy Holland, TMS Site Manager at Jewett, and the entire team for their outstanding efforts. TMS employees work hard every day to ensure the safety and health of their colleagues, our customers, our facilities and the communities in which we operate. We view this achievement as recognition of our long standing commitment to health and safety programs for all of our employees and sites.”

Ms. Holland added: “I want to thank all the TMS salary and hourly staff in Jewett for a tremendous job. And a special thanks to Randy Williams, TMS General Manager, Michelle Garcia, TMS Safety Manager, and Brandon Wells and Mark Payne, TMS Assistant Superintendents. We would not have been able to achieve this VPP Star status without our employees’ deep involvement and commitment to the health and safety programs at our operation.”

“We congratulate the entire TMS team on this outstanding achievement,” said Thad Solomon, General Manager of Nucor Steel Texas. “The TMS team has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to safety and continuous improvement. We are especially proud that OSHA has recognized those efforts today. Nothing is more important than safety!”

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The VPP qualification process included a comprehensive audit of the site's safety, health, training and operational programs; in-depth employee interviews about their understanding of TMS' safety programs; and detailed reporting on how TMS conducts business.

The VPP was created in 1982 to encourage industry-related facilities to strive for safety excellence. VPP sites have demonstrated that their commitment to employee protection extends beyond the OSHA standards. Companies who achieve the VPP Star Award display injury and illness rates at or below the national average of their competitors.

About TMS International

TMS International is the largest provider of outsourced industrial services to steel mills in North America as measured by revenue and has a substantial and growing international presence. The company provides mill services at 80 customer sites in 13 countries and our global raw material procurement network spans five continents. For additional information, visit the company's website at www.tmsinternational.com.

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