

OneSteel Awarded apics NSW Company of the Year

Sydney, September 8th 2009 – apics NSW today announced that OneSteel has been awarded Company of the Year in recognition for its support to apics over many years and commitment to driving value through supply chain.

Chris Hogan, apics NSW President, awarded to OneSteel the prize for apics NSW Company of the Year, with Scott Githens, OneSteel's Supply Chain Effectiveness Manager, accepting the award on behalf of OneSteel. Chris highlighted how OneSteel have supported the Chapter through its long-standing membership, participation in programs such as the Women in Manufacturing Stepping Up program and the Advanced Manufacturing Special Interest Group as well as through attendance at apics' certification courses and monthly meeting presentations.

In making the award, Chris said, "it is through the support of companies like OneSteel, that apics NSW is able to continue with its aim to improve professionalism and to drive best practice within the supply chain sector."

When accepting the award Scott reinforced the value that OneSteel gains from its APICS participation: "We have been engaged in a complex, multiyear supply chain transformation across OneSteel. Having key people aware, educated and skilled in supply chain concepts and practices across steel and other industries, as well as having a consistent framework to approach supply chain is an important contributor to our success. The APICS body of knowledge, available through the CPIM (Certified in Production & Inventory Management) and CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional), as well as point opportunities such as short courses, monthly presentations, and site visits are an important component in our overall knowledge and change management approach and have supported our successes to date. We look forward to working with APICS into the future as we continue to drive value from our supply chain"

About apics – The Australasian Production & Inventory Control Society is a non-profit organisation that exists to foster professionalism in manufacturing and associated supply chain activities, through the services we provide both to our members and Australian Industry. apics goal is to continue to set the standard as the recognised Australian leader and premier provider of resource management and purchasing education and information for individuals and organisations.

About OneSteel - OneSteel is a fully integrated, global manufacturer and distributor of steel and finished steel products with revenues in excess of \$7 billion Australian dollars. It has over 200 locations across Australia as well as facilities in New Zealand, Asia, the Pacific and the United States. In total OneSteel services more than 30,000 customers, offers more than 40,000 products globally and employs over 11,000 people delivering structural, rail, rod, merchant bar, cold finished bar, chrome plated bar, reinforcing, wire, tube, pipes, fittings, valves and actuation, rail wheels and axles, lite steel beam, grinding media and recycled metals. The majority of OneSteel's products are used in the construction, manufacturing, housing, mining and agricultural industries.

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