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WELDSTAR ANNOUNCES NEW LOCATION IN MACHESNEY PARK, IL

AURORA, IL - January 8, 2014: Weldstar, a leader in welding, gas, and industrial supply distribution, announced the purchase of a new location in Machesney Park, IL. The new branch is located at 9710 Forest Hill Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 and is anticipated to open in the Spring of 2014.

“We are very excited to bring the kind of innovation and quality service to the greater Rockford area that only a local, independent distributor can offer. Weldstar is looking forward to working with community and business leaders of Winnebago County to help cultivate the manufacturing tradition for which it is known,” said Joseph Winkle of Weldstar.

Weldstar's new 9,216 sq. ft. location occupies the former site of D&D Countertops and Cabinets, and is being renovated to house an extensive warehouse of gas and industrial welding supplies, as well as an equipment showroom. The branch is located about 1/2 mile north of the intersection of Forest Hills Road and IL Rt 173, on the west side of Forest Hills Rd.

The Machesney Park location will be Weldstar's fourth location, with additional locations in Aurora, IL, University Park, IL, and Logansport, IN. “We believe the Rockford area is poised for a manufacturing renaissance, so much that we have chosen to invest in both a new facility and local talent,” says Matthew Winkle. “Weldstar is committed to becoming a strong partner in the Rockford manufacturing community. We want to be active participants in Rockford's return to prominence.”

For more information about the new Machesney Park, IL location, call 800-774-9063 or visit www.weldstar.com.

About Weldstar

Founded in 1936, servicing Northern Illinois and Northern Indiana, Weldstar is a distributor for a wide range of products, from welding machinery and gases to accessories and safety equipment. Weldstar is a member of the prestigious IWDC Group, which represents over 140 independent welding and gas distributors' throughout the continental United States, Canada and Mexico. In addition, Weldstar is the only independent welding distributor in the country since 1975 with an ASME Certificate, enabling us to inventory and sell tested welding materials internationally to the Nuclear Power industry.

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