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## **VESTED METALS ANNOUNCES NEW FORT WAYNE, INDIANA LOCATION**

St. Augustine, FL metal supplier expands with new state-of-the-art sales + service center

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida (October 27, 2024)—Vested Metals is a raw material specialty steel and metals supplier with expertise in the medical, defense and government contracting, aerospace, industrial, energy, automotive and transportation markets. With its headquarters in historic St. Augustine, Florida, Vested Metals has continued to be a growing force in the local business community. It is pleased to announce it is expanding with a dedicated Sales and Service Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which officially opened this month, October 2024.

"This new location will allow us to expand our product offering and capabilities and better service our customers in the Midwest and beyond," says Viv Helwig, President of Vested Metals. "It's a major step in expanding our footprint and increasing our efficiency. Fort Wayne is a strategic nexus for our customers West of the Mississippi. It's within an hour of major manufacturing hubs like Chicago, Indianapolis, and Detroit. It is also located next to Warsaw, IN, known as 'The Orthopedic Capital of the World.' This will help us reduce lead times and continue to offer competitive rates for high-quality products."

The new center is a state-of-the-art powerhouse. With 20,000 square feet of space, the increased warehouse capacity allows Vested Metal to stock a broader range of materials and greater inventory to fulfill customer orders. The large facility also allows for advanced processing capabilities. The center boasts cutting-edge processing saws, allowing precision cutting tailored to each customer's needs and space for tumbling services to refine a product's finish. An upgraded packaging department allows staff to create custom packing solutions to ensure materials are safely and securely shipped. Additional capabilities will be offered, and for the first time, Vested Metals will offer local flatbed truck delivery of products on its own trucks and serviced by its staff. Vested Metals was launched as a start-up in 2014 by Viv Helwig and focused on raw material specialty metals and steel distribution, value-added processing, and metallurgical consulting. Vested Metals has earned a spot on Inc. Magazine's 5000 fastest-growing companies list five years in a row (2019-2023).

"We are thrilled to join the business community in Fort Wayne," shares Helwig. "Something we take pride in at Vested Metals is doing good where we do business. Our first and most important core value is 'People Are Forever.' We're excited to become a part of a growing community and be active partners in its success."

Vested Metals' new Sales and Service Center is located at 6450 Innovation Boulevard, Suite 102, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 24th, 2024, and are planning a future open house. Photos to accompany the press release can be found here.

**ABOUT VESTED METALS INTERNATIONAL** – Vested Metals International was founded in 2014 by Viv Helwig, a Jamaican native who grew up in Palm Bay, Florida and graduated from Flagler College. The fast-growing distribution company is headquartered in St. Augustine, Florida and sources and stocks hard-to-find alloys, grades, and sizes for niche applications and markets such as medical, defense, aerospace, industrial, and power generation. For more information, visit vestedmetals.net.