



The AIST Road Show Visits Steel Dynamics Inc. – Engineered Bar Products Division

The AIST Road Show couldn't wait to get on the road again, and visited the Steel Dynamics Inc. (SDI) – Engineered Bar Products Division plant in Pittsboro, Ind., USA, on 4 November 2015. The AIST Road Show was created to directly promote the value of AIST membership while on-site at individual plants, with an emphasis on training programs and networking activities that will benefit any AIST member. Information on these opportunities is displayed during the Road Show visit, with AIST staff available to identify specific programs that might suit the plant's employees.

The second AIST Road Show followed up a successful inaugural event at SDI – Flat Roll Group Columbus in July. The temperatures were significantly milder in Pittsboro in November compared to the 105° heat in Columbus, Miss., USA. The Engineered Bar Products Division was extremely supportive of the Road Show visit.

During breakfast and lunch, more than 140 SDI employees stopped by to learn about improving their skill sets and increasing their plant's efficiency. The ability to create new networks, as well as re-establish prior ones, and to solve problems related to individual sections of the steelmaking process was highlighted. SDI employees were able to discuss their personal and professional development, and how it can be advanced through AIST activities, including Technology Training courses, 30 Technology Committees and 22 Member Chapters.

"The AIST Road Show exposed our employees to the training opportunities and networking resources available through AIST," said Dan Keown, operations manager, SDI – Engineered Bar Products Division.

"We had great attendance at the show, and the AIST crew did a wonderful job communicating the available resources to our employees. Overall, the experience was great for our division, and we would recommend visiting or scheduling an AIST Road Show for the benefit of your employees."

ANDRITZ Metals sponsored the Road Show visit, offering a tabletop display for plant employees.

Similar to the first stop on the Road Show, AIST staff was energized by this visit and looks forward to upcoming events. The Road Show enables AIST to accomplish its mission of advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel by visiting facilities, interacting with and providing support to the people who make up the industry and our association.

Thank you again to Dan Keown, Greg Hoefgen, Sherrie Dickerson and the entire SDI team in Pittsboro for their support in making the second Road Show another success.

If your company is interested in hosting the AIST Road Show, or would like to become a sponsor at an upcoming visit, please contact Bill Albaugh at balbaugh@aist.org or +1.724.814.3010. We hope to see you soon!

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