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## **LEECO STEEL ADDS PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TO ITS PORTAGE, IN DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

**Lisle, IL – March 8, 2023** – Leeco® Steel, the largest supplier of steel plate in North America, announces the addition of a Messer MPC2000 MC combination cutting and drilling machine at the company's Portage, IN distribution center.

This machine – which is capable of plasma cutting, oxy fuel cutting, beveling, drilling, tapping, counter sinking and etching – expands Leeco's processing capabilities for U.S. midwestern customers. Leeco can now readily supply customers in this region with steel plate parts, in addition to steel plate.



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“Adding a Messer combination machine to our Portage facility enables us to better serve midwestern customers,” said Denton Nordhues, President & CEO of Leeco Steel. “We are always seeking ways to improve our efficiency and create value for customers and will continue investing in equipment that allows us to do so.”

Leeco recently added LISSMAC deburring machines to its Ambridge, PA and Portage, IN distribution centers and a Messer MPC2000 to its Hamilton, ON facility. These machine upgrades were made to support Leeco's expanded plate processing services.

**About Leeco® Steel**

Leeco Steel (Leeco), an O'Neal Industries affiliate company, is North America's largest steel plate supplier, with 11 strategically-located distribution centers stocked with carbon, HSLA and alloy steel plate. Founded in 1882, Leeco is well-known for having deep inventories of steel plate, and also offers [steel plate processing services](#), including flame cutting, drilling and shot blasting. Backed by an award-winning safety program and ISO 9001 certified quality management system, Leeco delivers quality products with unmatched service, including digital document delivery on all orders and online ordering and order management via its [Leeco Pro](#) platform. Leeco supplies large quantity commodity products to companies around the world via its expert [Trading division](#). Learn more at [www.leecosteel.com](http://www.leecosteel.com).

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