

Nucor Breaks Ground on Kentucky Plate Mill

BRANDENBURG, KENTUCKY, October 23, 2020 – Nucor Corporation, Kentucky state officials, and local government leaders held a groundbreaking today for the company’s new steel plate mill in Brandenburg, Kentucky. The new \$1.70 billion plate mill will create more than 400 full-time jobs and be fully operational in 2022.

“We are very excited to begin construction on our new plate mill in Kentucky. This state-of-the-art mill will make us a market leader in steel plate products,” said Leon Topalian, President & CEO of Nucor Corporation. “We have been doing business in Kentucky for over a decade and have benefited from the strong business climate and great local workforce.”

When the mill is completed, Nucor will have the ability to produce 97 percent of the steel plate products consumed in the U.S. market. The location on the Ohio River will give Nucor transportation advantages in serving the Midwest plate market, which is the largest plate-consuming market in the U.S.

“The new plate mill helps us advance our goal of expanding our product portfolio, particularly growing our production of value-added plate products. When it is completed and operational, we’ll be one of only two companies that can produce essentially all of the plate sizes consumed in the U.S. today,” said Al Behr, Executive Vice President of Plate & Structural Products.

Nucor operates more than 15 facilities in the state and employs over 2,000 teammates. In addition to the new plate mill, Nucor has invested more than \$800 million in its steel sheet mill in Ghent to add a new galvanizing line and expand the production capacity of the mill – a project that is expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

“We want to thank Governor Beshear, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, and local officials in Meade County and the City of Brandenburg for their support of this project,” said Johnny Jacobs, Vice President & General Manager of Nucor Steel Brandenburg. “We look forward to growing our Brandenburg team and becoming an important part of this community.”