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### **Republic Steel Lorain Rolling Mill Start up**

CANTON, Ohio (January 22, 2019) – Republic Steel, the nation’s leading provider of special bar quality (SBQ) steel, announced that it anticipates starting production on its Lorain, Ohio 9”-10” rolling mill in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019.

Republic had expected the 232 Steel Tariffs to create additional demand for domestic production, allowing production to begin in December 2018, however imports remain at historically high levels for products produced on this mill.

Over 60 employees have been hired and completed training, and the mill has undergone a complete refurbishment. We have successfully run internal production trials, and now anticipate receiving sufficient orders to support moving to a production mode in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of this year.

The 9”-10” rolling mill at Lorain has capacity of 35,000 tons per month, and will expand Republic’s size range down to 7.5mm for carbon, free machining and alloy grades, including 12L14 and other leaded steels.

### **About Republic Steel**

Republic Steel is North America’s leading supplier of special bar quality (SBQ) steel, a highly engineered product. Republic’s products include hot rolled steel bars, cold finished steel bars, cold heading quality rod and wire and leaded steel bars. With headquarters in Canton, Ohio and steelmaking capabilities in Canton, and Lorain, Ohio, the company also operates value-added rolling and finishing facilities in Canton, Lorain, Massillon, and Solon Ohio; and Lackawanna, N.Y. Republic employs approximately 850 people.

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