Public Notice

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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Steel Dynamics Columbus, located at 1945 Airport Road in Columbus, MS, (662) 245-4200, has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for the modification of NPDES permit MS0059994 to discharge process wastewater into an unnamed tributary thence into Gilmer’s Creek. The applicant manufactures and finishes flat-rolled steel products and their operations fall within SIC Code 3312. The proposed modification is for the construction of a third Galvanizing Line (CGL3) and improvements to CGL1 and the Cold Mill. Also, treated process wastewater from the recently constructed Paint Line will be routed through the onsite wastewater treatment system for additional treatment. The proposed modifications affect the existing internal Outfall 101 which discharges through the existing external Outfall 001. There are no proposed modifications to the existing external Outfall 002. An anti-degradation study was completed for this project.

A Statement of Basis has been prepared that contains a discussion of the decision-making that went into the development of the permit and provides the permitting authority, the public, and other government bodies a record of the technical issues surrounding issuance of the permit. The Statement of Basis also addresses any changes to emissions and/or discharges resulting from any modification of the facility.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed this draft permit based on information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, appropriate State and Federal agencies and other interested parties. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed activity, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Rusty Parrish at the Permit Board's address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application(s). A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit(s). Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Rusty Parrish or the Chief of the Environmental Permits Division at the address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details about the application(s), including a copy of the draft permit(s), are available by writing or calling the Public Records Request Officer at the above Permit Board address and telephone number. Additionally, as a courtesy, for those with Internet access, a copy of the draft permit(s) may be found on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s website at: <http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/publicnotice.aspx> . This information is also available for review at the following location(s) during normal business hours:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

# Office of Pollution Control

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Jackson, MS 39201

Columbus-Lowndes Public Library

314 North Seventh Street

Columbus, MS 39701

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.