

Cargill, Robinson finalize deal for joint facility in Granite City

CHICAGO — Cargill Inc., Minneapolis, and Robinson Steel Co. Inc., East Chicago, Ind., said they had completed a deal announced in August to jointly own a production facility in Granite City, Ill., and supply Cargill with products from other Robinson lines.

The venture, operating as Cargill Robinson LLC, will jointly operate the 100,000-square-foot Granite City plant. It will have capacity of 200,000 tons a year of panel-flat, cut-to-length and hot-rolled steel.

Cargill is also a licensed distributor of Robinson's trademarked Robinson Processing System (RPS) sheet and plate with permanent shape correction. It will have access to production from Robinson's other processing lines in Granite City and East Chicago under terms of the agreement (*AMM*, Aug. 24).

The financial terms of the transaction between Cargill and Robinson were not disclosed.

In addition to cold-reduction lines, Robinson also operates seven laser production and distribution centers in Missouri, Iowa, Texas, North Carolina, Alabama and Illinois, supplying precision-cut parts to original equipment manufacturers and fabricators.

Cargill has seven flat-rolled steel service centers in Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and Tennessee.

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