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WAUNAKEE BUSINESSMAN RECEIVES TOP HONOR IN STEEL PLUS NETWORK'S ANNUAL AWARDS

(LONGUEUIL, QC) - Kenneth Ballweg, President of Endres Manufacturing of Waunakee, Wisconsin, was awarded the prestigious Bob-Coffey Award at the Ninth Annual Convention of Steel Plus Network held in Mexico in January of this year.

Mr. Ballweg received this honor, named after the vice president and general manager of the Canam Steel Corporation plant in Sunnyside, Washington, who died in 1998. Mr. Ballweg was recognized for his exceptional contribution to the development of the steel industry and promoting networking within the business group.

Endres Manufacturing, the longest standing US-based member of Steel Plus Network, has been a leader in networking and subcontracting with fellow members at events and in building projects.

Commenting on the award, Mr. Ballweg said, "I'm very honored and it's an award that I have always respected. I admire everybody who ever won this award before. It's fantastic. I'm humbled by it."

Mr. Ballweg, whose wife is granddaughter of the founder of Endres Manufacturing, became president of the company in 1990 after starting in the steel plant in 1966. His son Sam plans to take over the family business, with 45 employees manufacturing 10,000 tons of structural steel annually. Kenneth is also well known in the community for his support of businesses, local organizations and engineering students participating in the University Steel Bridge Team Competition.

Steel Plus Network, a division of The Canam Manac Group, offers significant competitive advantages to its 156 structural steel fabricator members through an expanding purchasing group and a range of products and services.

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