



FINKL STEEL

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3 North American forging steel manufacturers unite as Finkl Steel

CHICAGO (April 9, 2015) — A. Finkl & Sons, Composite Forgings and Sorel Forge announced today that they are uniting to form Finkl Steel, a subsidiary of the SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Group. This change equips the new company with improved manufacturing efficiencies, increased product availability and an enhanced global presence.

“By combining three strong independent businesses into one, Finkl Steel leverages the strengths of each to provide better customer service and product availability, making us more competitive worldwide,” said Mark Shirley, CEO of Finkl Steel. “We believe that we are stronger together, and we will bring our customers more value as a result.”

The newly formed Finkl Steel has 18 metallurgists on staff and extensive expertise and technological capabilities, with manufacturing facilities in Chicago, Detroit and Quebec. The three complementary plants enable Finkl Steel to offer broader product solutions to its customer base as well as best-in-class lead times and delivery performance.

“Finkl, Composite and Sorel have long histories of offering superior-quality product and service, and by combining forces we further strengthen our commitment to being the best in the industry,” added Shirley.

Visit the new Finkl Steel in booth #219 at Forge Fair 2015, April 14–16, at the Cleveland Convention Center.

About Finkl Steel

Finkl Steel is the world's leading supplier of forging die steels, plastic mold steels, die casting tool steels and custom open-die forgings. We manufacture our products at three production facilities in Chicago, Detroit and Quebec. We distribute domestically and to 18 countries worldwide. With more than 100 patents, our steel formulations and steelmaking technologies set worldwide standards. In recognition of Finkl Steel's product quality, our facilities were the first in America to receive ISO 9000 certification. For more information, visit finkl.com, email sales@finkl.com or call toll free 800-DIE-BLOCK.

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Today, the SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH Group is one of the world's leading providers of customised solutions in the special long steel products business. A global name in tool

steel and stainless long steel, the Group is one of the two largest companies in Europe for alloy and high-alloy special and engineering steel. With around 10 000 employees at its own production and distribution companies in 38 countries across five continents, the Company supports and supplies customers wherever they operate. Besides a comprehensive Production and Sales & Services portfolio, customers benefit from the Company's technological expertise, consistent high quality worldwide and in-depth knowledge of local markets.