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P&R Metals Expands in Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – P&R Metals, a leading distributor of industrial flooring products, recently completed a \$700,000 expansion at its Birmingham location. A new 8,000-square-foot building and 20,000 square feet of additional paved site work is a welcome addition to the company's campus, with sales expected to increase to \$10 million annually because of the expansion.

James Robinson, president of P&R Metals, believes the addition of a third building to its Birmingham campus was essential to progress. "This project provided the opportunity for continued manufacturing growth, doubling our manufacturing productivity and our footprint," Robinson said. "With the additional infrastructure, our entire campus flows with more ease, which will increase the rate of production and transportation of goods in a more efficient manner."

P&R Metals is a leading distributor and fabricator of steel, aluminum and fiberglass gratings, perforated metals, Gripstrut safety gratings, expanded metals, wire mesh, stair treads, non-slip flooring products, and structural fiberglass shapes. Founded in 1999, the company has serviced various locations in the Birmingham area that include Railroad Park and The Birmingham Zoo, and has provided materials for construction projects at Cape Canaveral, Disneyworld and Universal Studios, all located in Florida.

The City of Birmingham said projects like the P&R Metals expansion promote the type of growth the city needs.

"This is very good news as, once again, we see an existing Birmingham company choosing to expand and enjoy the advantages that come with doing business in the city," said Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. "Industries that locate and expand in Birmingham are very important as they bring great job opportunities for nearby residents and new tax revenues that help us provide better schools, streets, funding for public safety and infrastructure improvements that make for a better quality of life for our citizens throughout the city. We appreciate P&R and welcome this expansion."

Enabling growth for existing industry is a goal for Jefferson County, said County Commissioner David Carrington.

“In addition to recruiting new businesses, one of our community’s economic development goals is to work with existing businesses to expand their physical footprint, investment, sales and job opportunities,” he said. “We are excited about P&R Metals ongoing successes and look forward to assisting them however we can to enhance their business growth opportunities.”

The Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA) is excited about the continued growth that P&R Metals is experiencing. “The expansion of P&R Metals is a great example of how our manufacturing community is contributing to the ongoing success of the metro’s thriving economy,” said Mark Brown, vice president of business retention and expansion at the BBA.

The Birmingham Business Alliance is the lead economic development organization for the Birmingham region. For more information about the BBA visit its website at www.birminghambusinessalliance.com.

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