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Lapham-Hickey Steel Corporation is pleased to announce that effective April 18th, 2024 we have acquired the operating assets of Crystal Steel Corporation.

Crystal Steel is a distributor of carbon steel coil products located in Middleton, Massachusetts. The company was founded in 1979 by John Diamont, who for the past 45 years has grown Crystal Steel into a leading distributor of hot roll, cold roll, and coated slit coil in the New England market.

Over the next 3 months, Lapham-Hickey will be transitioning the Crystal equipment, inventory and customer service into our Pawcatuck, Connecticut location. Bob Edelstein, GM of Crystal Steel, will be joining the Lapham-Hickey team as a territory manager.

"Crystal Steel is a great complement to our existing Connecticut business" said Brian Hickey, President of Lapham-Hickey Steel. "The addition of two of their slitting lines to our Pawcatuck facility will nearly double our capacity as well as provide us with new and improved light gauge and narrow width capabilities. Our first priority will be ensuring all of Crystal's customers experience a seamless transition with Lapham-Hickey as their steel supplier. We are excited to have Bob Edelstein on the Lapham-Hickey team with his 34 years of experience and relationships. Our goal is to grow these long-standing customer partnerships for years to come as the premier value-added coil provider in the New England market.

Additionally, we will be relocating one of Crystal's slitting lines to our Madison, IL facility. This line will provide our Madison team with new light gauge slitting capabilities to service the cold rolled and coated markets."

John Diamont of Crystal steel remarked "I would like to thank all my employees, customers, and suppliers for giving me 45 great years as the founder and owner of Crystal Steel. Dealing with Brian Hickey was a pleasure for me and I am confident that my loyal customers will find Lapham-Hickey to be an excellent source of supply."

Lapham-Hickey Steel is a 4th generation family owned and operated full-line steel service center founded in 1926 and headquartered in Bedford Park, IL. With 13 total locations throughout the Midwest, East Coast, Southeast, and Mexico, Lapham-Hickey is an industry-leading supplier of slit coil, sheet, plate, electrical steels, hardened and tempered, bars, tubing and fabricated products.