



The The Gerdau Huntington facility recently reached three years without a lost time accident. Celebrating the occasion are (from left) members of the Gerdau-Huntington Safety Team, Matt Yoder, Alex Combs, Brayden Brennan, Kyle Marlow and Ted Carpenter; Mark Marcucci, president of Gerdau Special Steel North America; Adam Tabor, finishing regional manager, Michigan and Indiana operations Gerdau Special Steel North America; and Darrel Moore, vice president/general manager, Michigan and Indiana operations Gerdau Special Steel North America. Photo provided.

Gerdau Huntington facility achieves milestone safety mark

The Gerdau Huntington facility is celebrating a monumental milestone of having reached three years without a lost time accident, which means no employee has had to miss work because of an injury sustained on the job in three years.

“The team here has bought into the concept that we are all our brother’s keeper when it comes to safety,” Richard Card, plant manager, said. “If we see someone doing something that doesn’t seem safe, we say something to that person. We aren’t just responsible for our own safety but for the safety of those around us.”

Employees held a celebration Aug. 11, attended

by Gerdau Special Steel North America President Mark Marcucci.

According to the Steel Manufacturers Association, there were 816 injury incidents in 2016 for major domestic steel producers. In the manufacturing industry, one year without a lost time accident is a big accomplishment, Card says.

Card says the top priority for Huntington’s 74 employees is to make sure they all go home safe at the end of the day. He adds it’s the Huntington facility’s motto that keeps everyone focused.

“The team here utilizes the motto, ‘Safety First, Then Quality, Then Pro-

duction,’” he said. “In the short time I’ve been at the facility, I’ve witnessed this philosophy in action in the decisions made by our teams when trying to solve problems.”

Gerdau is the leading producer of long steel in the Americas, and one of the largest suppliers of special steel in the world. The Gerdau Huntington facility adds strength to its steel

bars produced in Monroe, MI, as well as cutting bars to customer-specified lengths, among other processes. The steel is used in automobile parts and other types of machinery.