

Press Release

H.C. Starck and Leading Edge Metals & Alloys Synergize Business Strengths

Euclid, Ohio, February 2, 2011 – H.C. Starck Inc. recently signed an agreement with Leading Edge Metals & Alloys to supply flat and round mill products for made-to-finish customer orders. H.C. Starck's choice of Leading Edge and its strategic West coast location will provide faster turnaround of products, reduce lead time constraints on minimum quantity orders, and improve product availability.

The collaboration will promote business synergy by combining H.C. Starck's strengths in raw material processing and fabrication of refractory materials with those of Leading Edge, a leading stocking distributor of high-quality, specialty materials.

H.C. Starck is well-known for its ability to engineer materials to solve unique customer application challenges from its core competency, high-purity level materials: molybdenum, tungsten, tantalum, niobium, and their alloys.

Leading Edge will stock H.C. Starck materials in sheet, plate, coil, rod and bar in varying sizes and shapes for off-the-shelf delivery direct to customers from its southern California warehouse.

By extending its vertically integrated supply chain to include the finishing processes of Leading Edge, H.C. Starck will be better positioned to meet market demands and the growth potential presented through this relationship. As customer demands increase, additional products will be stocked at the warehouse.

About H.C. Starck

The H.C. Starck Group is a leading global supplier of refractory metals, technical ceramics, and serves growing industries such as the electronics, chemicals, automotive, medical technology, aerospace, energy technology, and environmental technology industries, as well as mechanical engineering and tool manufacturers. H.C. Starck has its own manufacturing facilities located in Europe, America, and Asia, with close to 3,000 employees worldwide.

About Leading Edge Metals & Alloys

Leading Edge is a customer-focused, relationship-oriented company located in Brea, California. It has extensive knowledge of metals and the materials industry. Many materials are available for immediate shipment from its west coast warehouse in southern California. Leading Edge services a wide variety of markets including aerospace, electronics, magnetic shielding and medical.

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