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**JUMBO STEEL FOR WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM  
ARRIVES AT PORT OF SAVANNAH AFTER 4,771 MILE JOURNEY  
580 Metric Tons of Steel Milled in Luxembourg and Shipped to the U.S.  
Steel Structure to Rise at World Trade Center Site Later This Year**

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation today announced that approximately 580 metric tons (638 short tons) of jumbo steel I-beams to be used in the construction of the Memorial and Museum arrived at the Port of Savannah after a 4,771-mile journey. The steel, which was milled at Arcelor Mittal in Luxembourg, was loaded onto the *Marielle Bolten* and traveled to the United States, stopping in Philadelphia before arriving at Ocean Terminal in Georgia. Memorial Foundation President and CEO Joseph Daniels, along with Owen Steel President David Zalesne, were at the Port of Savannah today as the steel was transferred to waiting trucks.

“The arrival of the Memorial steel is another step forward in our effort to build a permanent national tribute to the innocent victims of the attacks,” New York City Mayor and WTC Memorial Foundation Chairman Michael R. Bloomberg said. “The steel symbolizes our resilience and resolve to rebuild the World Trade Center. The Memorial will be the heart of the rebuilt site, offering reflection on the past and hope for the future. Later this year, we expect the steel will begin to rise from the site.”

“This is an important moment for all those working to build the Memorial and Museum,” Memorial Foundation President Joe Daniels said. “The steel will now make its way to Columbia, South Carolina, where it will be turned into the jumbo steel columns that will support the entire project.”

On May 8, 2007, the Foundation and The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey selected Owen Steel Company, Inc. to supply, fabricate and erect the steel for the Memorial project. The jumbo steel represents approximately 20% of the steel for the project. The remaining 80% of the structural steel will be rolled at domestic mills and delivered to Owen Steel for fabrication.

In total, approximately 2,149 metric tons (2,362 short tons) of Arcelor jumbo steel sections will arrive in Savannah for the project. Only two steel mills in the world produce sections of steel that fit both the jumbo steel size requirements and U.S. specifications. Under the direction of Owen Steel Company, the jumbo steel was rolled at Arcelor Mittal in Luxembourg and shipped to the United States for fabrication. The Arcelor mill is one of a decreasing number of mills that are integrated. Integrated mills make the steel from its basic ingredients and not from scrap. Raw materials such as nickel, copper, sulphur and carbon are mixed and melted to produce the steel.

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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Chairman Anthony R. Coscia said, "This milestone is a clear indication that we are moving aggressively to build a Memorial that will ensure that future generations never forget the events of 9/11. The Port Authority is honored to take on this extraordinary challenge, and it will continue to monitor the progress of construction so that the Memorial is built on budget and on schedule."

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Anthony Shorris said, "This Memorial is our solemn tribute to our 84 colleagues and the nearly 2,700 others we lost on that tragic day - a physical reminder of our duty to honor those who died and inspire those who survived. When the steel arrives on site later this year and the Memorial begins to rise toward street level, we hope it will remind everyone who sees it of how far we've come in the last six years, and also of how much remains to be done."

Georgia Ports Authority Executive Director Doug J. Marchand said, "As the U.S. port of entry, the Port of Savannah is proud to have played a historic part in the movement of this very special cargo. Our role in helping to facilitate the building of the World Trade Center Memorial stands as an inspiration to our employees and all of Georgia. We are extremely appreciative of this opportunity."

Upon arrival at the Port this week, the steel was discharged from the vessel and was loaded onto trucks to be marshaled in a storage yard at Ocean Link, located in Savannah. Stevedoring Services of America worked under Owen's direction to discharge the vessel, and Gemi Trucking, Inc. will transport the steel to the storage yard. From there, the material will be shipped to Owen Steel Company's facilities in Columbia, South Carolina and will be fabricated to meet the specifications of the columns for the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum. During fabrication, Owen Steel will take the raw material from Arcelor and cut the material to the specified lengths. Secondary material will then be welded to the main members, necessary holes will be punched and drilled and the individual pieces that comprise the skeleton of the building will be shipped to the World Trade Center site.

Owen Steel Company President David Zalesne said, "Owen Steel Company is proud to be part of the team building the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum, honoring the memory of the victims of 9/11. The arrival of this first steel at our plant in Columbia, South Carolina, will be a major step in the construction process, and we are all excited about getting down to the hard work of turning raw steel into the Memorial. Owen Steel has built many landmark projects, but nothing has inspired our workforce quite like the opportunity to put their hands on the steel for the World Trade Center Memorial."

Construction of the World Trade Center Memorial began in March 2006 with preliminary work to cover the original box beam columns that outline the perimeters of the Twin Towers. In August 2006, heavy construction work began to build the footings that will hold up the Memorial, Museum and the Museum Pavilion. Work on the footings is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2007. Steel fabrication will begin later this year, and the first pieces of steel are expected to be erected at the World Trade Center site in December 2007.

## **ABOUT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, Inc. is the not-for-profit corporation established in 2003 to realize the Memorial quadrant at the World Trade Center site. The Foundation will raise the funds, oversee the design, and operate the Memorial and Museum located on 8 of the 16 acres of the site.

The Memorial will remember and honor the thousands of people who died in the horrific attacks of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001. The design, "Reflecting Absence," created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two pools that reside in the footprints of the original Twin Towers surrounded by a plaza of oak trees. The Arad/Walker design was selected from a design competition, which included more than 5,000 entrants from 63 nations.

The Museum will communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and the universal implications of the events of 9/11; document the impact of those events on individual lives, as well as on local, national and international communities; and explore the legacy of 9/11 for a world increasingly defined by global interdependency.

In April 2007, the Foundation announced that it has raised over \$300 million towards its \$350 million private fundraising goal. Over 33,800 donations have been made by donors in all 50 states and 27 foreign countries. Donations can be made through the Foundation's website, and more information on the Foundation can be found at, [www.buildthememorial.org](http://www.buildthememorial.org), or by calling 1-877-WTC-GIVE.

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