

Olympic Steel Appoints Vanessa L. Whiting to Board of Directors

CLEVELAND, OH - **Olympic Steel Inc. (Nasdaq: ZEUS)**, a leading national metals service center, announced the appointment of Vanessa L. Whiting to the Company's Board of Directors effective today. She will serve as an independent director.

Whiting is president of A.E.S Management, the Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen franchisee in Northeast Ohio. She is also an attorney, who has been named one of the top 100 lawyers by Northern Ohio Live, with extensive experience in real estate and small business enterprise law. A 2019 Cleveland Crain's Women of Note honoree, Whiting has been recognized for her local civic involvement in addition to her professional success.

"We look forward to Vanessa bringing her successful leadership and entrepreneurial experience to the Olympic Steel Board. Vanessa is not only an influential voice and leader in our community, but she is also a business powerhouse with experience in managing corporate finance, real estate and mergers and acquisitions to enhance value for all stakeholders," said Michael D. Siegal, Executive Chairman of the Company. "We are excited to bring a leader of her caliber to our Board."

Whiting is an active member of several boards across Northeast Ohio. She is Chair of the MetroHealth Board of Trustees and serves on the following boards: the Tri-C Foundation, which supports student success at the largest public community college in Ohio; the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the largest metropolitan chamber of commerce in the country; and the Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Whiting also co-chairs the Capital and Sustaining Campaign for Karamu House, the oldest African-American theater in the United States, and is a Life Member of the NAACP. She was named the Black Professional of the Year for 2019 by the Black Professional Association Charitable Foundation.

Whiting earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois. She also holds a master's degree from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a bachelor's degree from Duke University where she graduated cum laude.

About Olympic Steel

Founded in 1954, Olympic Steel is a leading U.S. metals service center focused on the direct sale of processed carbon, coated and stainless flat-rolled sheet, coil and plate steel, aluminum, tin plate, and metal-intensive branded products. The Company's CTI subsidiary is a leading distributor of steel tubing, bar, pipe, valves and fittings, and fabricates pressure parts for the electric utility industry. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Olympic Steel operates from 30 facilities in North America.

For additional information, please visit the Company's website at www.olysteel.com or http://ir.olysteel.com/Contact_Us?BzID=2195

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