



Guardian Metal Sales, Inc.

Over 60 Years of Specialized Service

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To: All Customers

In June, Guardian Metal Sales Inc. was purchased by United States Brass & Copper Company. The purchase includes the name Guardian Metal Sales; all processing and production equipment located at Morton Grove, Illinois; the computer operating systems and all data and history.

Guardian Metal Sales and United States Brass & Copper have many similarities:

- Both trace their roots to Chicago...Guardian Metal Sales (North side) was founded in 1939, United States Brass & Copper (downtown Chicago) was founded in 1919.
- Both operations are independent service centers specializing in Copper and Copper Alloy Mill Products and have had only one additional owner since inception.
- Both companies have similar business models, purchase from top quality Mill suppliers, and solicit and service the highest quality customers while operating from a strong and consistent inventory position. Both companies promote lasting relationships with customers, suppliers and employees.

We are now in the process of installing the computer system and additional slitting and flattening lines at our plants in Downers Grove, Illinois. In addition to our inventory of coil/strip and sheet products, United States Brass & Copper also maintains an extensive inventory of Rod, Bar, Tube and Plate products, and we offer this to you as well.

Guardian Metal Sales was always known for their loyalty. This loyalty was extended to their suppliers, customers and their employees, and this loyalty was returned to them by their customers, suppliers and employees. We will do our best to provide you with the high quality and personal care you received from Guardian Metals and earn your loyalty.

I have enclosed a contact sheet, which includes direct phone and fax numbers of our sales team. Since we have all the records, your transition to our company will be very simple. More information and updates will soon be available and we welcome your phone calls (800) 821-2854 and faxes (630) 629-9350.

www.guardianmetal.com

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Phones, fax, email and sales inquires to Guardian Metals will be redirected to our office in Downers Grove.

Sincerely,

David J. Kavanaugh
President