

ITW Building Components Group

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**ITW BUILDING COMPONENTS GROUP WILL OPEN
NEW TRUSSTEEL® PLANT IN PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI**

VERNON HILLS, Ill., June 24, 2014 – To better serve its North American customers, ITW Building Components Group, a business unit of Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE: ITW), announced today that it will open a new TrusSteel® roll forming plant and distribution center in Pontotoc, Mississippi. The 150,000-square-foot facility will begin operating in the fourth quarter of 2014 and initially employ about 10 people.

The new plant will manufacture the chords and webs for the company's popular TrusSteel product line. TrusSteel is the non-residential construction industry's premier cold-formed steel truss system, offering unmatched strength, stiffness, design flexibility, and fire and insect resistance. The system is utilized in a wide range of applications ranging from light-commercial and institutional buildings to retail facilities, medical clinics and multifamily housing.

"The TrusSteel system enables building component manufacturers to design and fabricate steel trusses more quickly, efficiently and economically than other alternatives," said Dave Dunbar, TrusSteel national sales manager. "Our integrated software programs streamline the design process and enable designers to employ the most effective solutions, while we back our products and services with the industry's best engineering team."

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ITW Building Components Group is currently renovating an existing facility in Pontotoc to convert it to the new TrusSteel roll forming plant and distribution center.

“We are pleased to announce our investment in this state-of-the-art plant and are excited about joining the Pontotoc community,” said Kevin Viravec, ITW Building Components Group vice president and general manager. “The ability to manufacture, stock and stage our entire TrusSteel product line from a single location will enable us to enhance our industry-leading customer response times.”

ITW Building Components Group is a leading provider of building component software, metal connector products, equipment and the industry’s best service to truss manufacturers. The organization partners closely with customers to enhance their business and productivity. ITW Building Components Group is also a leader in delivering software solutions that increase home builder productivity and profitability. The company is a division of Illinois Tool Works Inc., a Fortune 200 global diversified manufacturer with \$14.1 billion in revenue in 2013.

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