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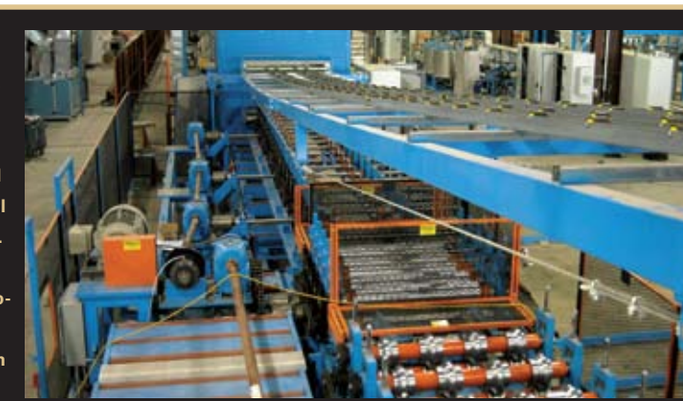
NCI Opens New Insulated Metal Panel Facility

By Brendan O'Neill

The grand opening of a new insulated metal panel manufacturing plant creates new jobs and boosts the local economy.

Wayne Dickinson, President and CEO of the Components Division for NCI Group Inc., cuts the ribbon at Grand Opening Ceremony for MBCI and IPS' new insulated metal panel manufacturing facility. From left: Benjie Barham, Director of Business Development, Hinds County Economic Development; Carolyn Harrison, Chairman of the Ambassador Council, Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership; Tate Reeves, Mississippi State Treasurer; Wayne Dickinson; George Smith, Supervisor, Hinds County; Blake Wallace, Executive Director of Development, Hinds County Economic Development; and Sean Perkins, Chief of Staff, City of Jackson.



Top: The insulated metal panel manufacturing line at NCI's new facility in Jackson, Miss. Bottom: The YMCA in Broken Arrow, Okla., utilizing panels from NCI's IPS insulated panel division.

The celebration kicked off May 25 in Jackson, Miss. with more than 140 people in attendance as NCI unveiled its new, state-of-the-art insulated metal panel manufacturing line. Wayne Dickinson, President and CEO of the Components Division for NCI Group Inc., received accolades from several state, county and city officials who were in attendance. When addressing the group Dickinson commented: "This operation has been a dream of ours for many years. The Jackson plant gives us three to four times the capacity we had in our insulated metal panel plant located in Stafford, Texas, and we are extremely proud of it."

Originally opened in 1994, the Jackson-area facility required additional square footage to accommodate the new manufacturing line. The planning process started in April 2008. The upgrades actually began in January 2009, and added 12,000 square feet (1,115 m^2) to the manufacturing area, with an additional 6,681 square (621 m^2) feet added for offices, resulting in a total of 129,150 square feet (11,998 m^2).

The new plant allows IPS, NCI's marquee insulated panel manufacturer, to produce higher quality products more efficiently. It also provides MBCI, NCI's industry-leading manufacturer of roof and wall panels, a wider breadth of products for its newest line of insulated metal panels, Eco-ficient. MBCI's industry experience and high standards for customer service have rapidly made Eco-ficient a popular new product in commercial and architectural applications.

"Demand is already dictating that we hire more people, and we're making plans right now to add a second shift. This facility will serve as a foundation for additional plants located strategically throughout the country," noted Dickinson.

The new production line allows MBCI and IPS to manufacture the highest quality insulated metal panels for both roof and wall applications. The IMPs consist of a water-resistant polyisocyanurate foam sandwiched between two single-skin metal panels. The panels are produced in a variety of profiles that apply to a wide array of applications and are mechanically connected utilizing strong, interlocking seams and concealed clips.

One of the more impressive aspects of the plant is the level of automation and efficiency. The line can be effectively run with minimal manpower and very little material handling, which limits the possibility for errors and defects. That said, Dickinson was quick to point out the value of the Jackson plant's employees.

"I can't imagine us getting this far without the unbelievable dedication of our employees," he said.

While speaking to the attendees, Dickinson thanked the employees that have been operating the facility and offices since it opened, including staff from the Jackson area, as well as those relocated from Houston, and especially the ones who have been traveling back and forth throughout the process.

Dickinson also acknowledged the vendors who contributed to the success of the plant, including PUMA, the Bradbury Co., Standex Corp., Entergy, Dow Chemical, Honeywell and Yates Construction.

He discussed the importance of Jackson's central location, making it ideal for customer orders throughout the country, and noted the plants convenient proximity to an NCI coil coating facility.

"It all made sense to us, and I think we made the right decision in choosing Jackson. The bottom line is that with this new state-of-the-art plant, MBCI and IPS are well positioned to provide our customers with high performance products and the same industry leading customer service for which we are known." MCN

For more information about MBCI and IPS, visit www.mbci.com or www.insulated-panels.com.

Panel widths:	**From 24 to 42 inches**
Skin gauges:	**22, 24, and 26, with others available upon request**
Thicknesses:	**Up to 6 inches**
Lengths:	**Up to 50 feet, depending upon the product and application**
Coatings:	**Wide range of Cool Roof colors using SMP and Kynar paint systems; Applied finishes that mimic stucco and various types of stone**

The panels are manufactured utilizing an environmentally friendly process without releasing any CFCs into the atmosphere. They contain up to 25 percent recycled content, offer numerous green advantages and have a high thermal resistance that contributes to LEED credits, as well as decreased energy costs.