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Metro Metals Northwest Acquires Simon Metals in Tacoma

Tacoma, WA. – Metro Metals Northwest announced today that it has acquired Simon Metals in Tacoma. The acquisition of Simon metals means that with its holdings in Portland, Vancouver and Denver, Metro Metals Northwest is the largest privately held scrapyards west of the Mississippi.

“This acquisition not only made good business sense but, personally, it meant a lot to me,” said Victor Winkler, President and CEO of Metro Metals Northwest. “When I was 22 years old I partnered with Phil Simon on a national account. Our families have been close ever since.”

“Our business plan is to double exports at our Vancouver Washington facility, creating more jobs and revenues and adding to the strength of our region’s export economy,” Continued Winkler. “All while reducing emissions and being more environmentally responsible.”

“We currently run 12 trucks a day between Seattle and our Portland facility,” said Winkler. “Tacoma, with its location and excellent rail access, will cut down on truck trips and reduce truck emissions - helping our environment.”

“Victor and my sister went to the University of Washington together, and he and my father were friends and business partners,” said Jan Simon, Phil Simon’s daughter. “His company’s acquisition of Simon Metals is like our families coming full circle. I couldn’t be happier.”

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Metro Metals Northwest is the largest industrial-based scrap metal company in the region, serving customers throughout the Pacific Northwest. We combine efficient recycling with environmental responsibility. To learn more about our company visit our web site at <http://www.metrometalsnw.com/>.