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For Immediate Release

Dietrich & ClarkWestern Announce New ProSTUD™ Drywall Framing System *Contractor Insight Spurs Co-Development of New Drywall Framing System*

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 17, 2009 – Leading steel framing manufacturers, Dietrich Metal Framing, a Worthington Industries company (NYSE:WOR), and ClarkWestern Building Systems, today announced the new ProSTUD™ Drywall Framing System. To meet the needs of today's steel framing applications, engineers from the two companies are co-developing the ProSTUD™ Drywall Framing System, the industry's next generation of drywall framing technology.

The patent pending ProSTUD Drywall Framing System combines innovative design with high-strength steel to set a new industry benchmark for high-performance drywall framing. The components in the system are lightweight and feature a number of technological advances to enhance stiffness. ProSTUD has also been extensively field-tested for quality and ease of installation.

"The performance benefits of the ProSTUD system are truly unmatched in the market today," said John Roberts, president of Dietrich Metal Framing. "Not only is ProSTUD easy to handle and install, it is a more efficient alternative to conventional framing as it requires less steel, which benefits contractors, architects and building owners."

"ProSTUD is an industry-changing product designed with the contractor in mind," said Bill Courtney, president and CEO of ClarkWestern Building Systems. "Through creative efforts like this, we will continue to raise the bar in innovation to provide our customers with the most efficient and cost-effective steel framing products."

While Dietrich Metal Framing and ClarkWestern Building Systems are co-developing the ProSTUD Drywall Framing System, they will be independently selling ProSTUD products. The first manufacturing facility conversions for ProSTUD Drywall Framing System will take place in the fourth quarter of 2009. For more information and an up-to-date launch schedule for ProSTUD Drywall Framing System, visit www.clarkwestern.com or www.dietrichmetalframing.com.

About ClarkWestern Building Systems

ClarkWestern Building Systems manufactures a full line of drywall studs and accessories, structural studs and joists, metal lath and accessories, and shaft wall studs and track. Quality manufacturing, a full-line inventory offering, engineering services, and responsive customer service all combine to make ClarkWestern Building Systems one of the largest and fastest growing manufacturers of light gauge steel framing in the United States.

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About Dietrich Metal Framing

Dietrich Metal Framing is the leading manufacturer of light-gauge framing and finishing products, systems and services for commercial and residential construction. Dietrich's employees use state-of-the-art equipment and in-house metallurgic labs to ensure superior product performance and competitive prices. Dietrich Metal Framing, founded in 1959, is a Worthington Industries Company.

About Worthington Industries

Worthington Industries is a leading diversified metal processing company with annual sales of approximately \$2.6 billion. The Columbus, Ohio based company is North America's premier value-added steel processor and a leader in manufactured metal products such as light gauge steel framing for commercial and residential construction; framing systems and stairs for mid-rise buildings; pressure cylinder products such as propane, oxygen and helium tanks, hand torches, camping cylinders, and scuba tanks; current and past model automotive service stampings; metal ceiling grid systems; steel pallets and racks; and laser welded blanks. Worthington employs approximately 6,400 people and operates 61 facilities in 10 countries.

Safe Harbor Statement

The company wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("the Act"). Statements by the company which are not historical information constitute "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Act. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ from those projected. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include risks described from time to time in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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