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TPCO America selects Yates Construction for Phase Two Pipe Rolling and Finishing Mill in San Patricio County, Texas

(San Antonio, TX – March 21, 2014) After multiple rounds of communication and negotiation with several construction companies, TPCO America selected Yates Construction for its Phase Two Pipe Rolling and Finishing Mill located on more than 300 acres east of Gregory, Texas, across U.S. 181 from Port Corpus Christi's La Quinta Trade Gateway site in San Patricio County. Ultimately, this \$1.1 billion steel processing plant will encompass 1.6 million square feet and represents the largest single investment by China in a United States manufacturing facility, as well as a brand new industry in South Texas. In the first 10 years alone, the economic impact to the Coastal Bend is estimated at \$3 billion.

Tianjin Pipe Corporation, the Chinese parent company of TPCO America, is that nation's largest producer of seamless steel pipe, a product that is in huge demand in the oil and gas industry, as well as in pipe products used in construction all around the world. The TPCO America facility will supply the considerable needs of the domestic oil and gas industry, while helping U.S. efforts to become energy independent and keep prices in check for energy consumers.

This project is expected to create thousands of jobs for American workers both during construction and when manufacturing operations come online afterwards. It is anticipated that the new facility will eventually employ a workforce of 600-800 people.

TPCO America recently issued a Notice to Proceed to Yates for construction of its Phase Two Pipe Rolling and Finishing Mill. Both TPCO and Yates encourage local subcontractors, material and service suppliers who may be interested in working on the construction of this major facility to contact Yates directly for more detailed information and opportunities. Subcontractor and Supplier Fairs are currently being planned to begin in mid-April 2014 throughout the Coastal Bend.

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For more information on the TPCO America project and associated careers visit:

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For Yates career and subcontractor opportunities visit:

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About TPCO America Corporation

The TPCO America Corporation, when fully operational, will annually produce approximately 500,000 metric tons of seamless steel pipe, used primarily in the energy industry. TPCO seamless steel pipe is sold to major international oil and gas companies. Using an advanced electric arc furnace to convert recycled scrap metal and pig iron into seamless steel pipe, TPCO is committed to utilizing best available control technology to reduce emissions and conserve energy and natural resources. The operational processes will recycle water several times within the facility and will retain storm water for reuse. Construction of the entire 1.6 million square foot facility is scheduled for completion in late 2016. Once production ramps up, the operational workforce is anticipated to reach 600-800 full time employees. The Tianjin Pipe (Group) Corporation intends to invest approximately \$1 billion into the TPCO America Corporation production facility, making this the single largest investment in the United States on a Greenfield site by a Chinese-backed manufacturing operation.

About Yates Construction

W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company (Yates Construction) is one of the nation's largest privately-held construction companies providing general construction, at-risk construction management, design-build, preconstruction and specialized turnkey services from multiple locations throughout North America, including Texas offices in San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston. Incorporated in 1964, Yates Construction is ranked 35th on *Engineering News-Record's* 2013 Top 400 Contractors list.

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