

L.B. Foster Broadens Product Offerings With New PZC 26 Sheet Piling

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New section has application in multiple construction projects

PITTSBURGH, May 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Pittsburgh-based L.B. Foster Company (Nasdaq: FSTR) announced that it has begun to sell Chaparral Steel's (Nasdaq: CHAP) latest sheet piling product, PZC 26.

Per Stan Baucum, Director of Sales and Engineering Products for Chaparral, "This product is one of the two most widely demanded sizes for domestic sheet piling. It rounds out our product capabilities and we can now provide L.B. Foster with the majority of the necessary sizes that it needs to market sheet piling to its various customers throughout the USA."

According to Don Foster, Senior Vice President, Construction Products, L.B. Foster, the PZC line of sheet piling is unique in the marketplace. "PZC is the only wider, lighter and stronger sheet piling section made domestically with the easy to drive ball and socket interlock. This line presents the industry with a wide range of innovative and cost effective sheet piling solutions. With this new size, we can now offer our customers a wide variety of available sizes and shapes for any of their infrastructure requirements. In addition to receiving very positive initial feedback from operators of inland terminals, rivers and ports we are also targeting new applications with state Departments of Transportation and we have introduced this new, wider section to the Army Corp of Engineers."

L.B. Foster can ship direct from the mill to a project site and maintains inventory at several strategic stockpiling locations around the USA for immediate shipment if necessary.

The company can be reached via telephone at 412-928-3400 or 1-800-255-4500 and through its website, www.lbfoster.com.

Additional information on Chaparral can be found on its website, www.chapusa.com.

L.B. Foster is a leading manufacturer, fabricator and distributor of products for rail, construction, utility and energy needs.

Chaparral manufactures a full line of steel piling, structural shapes, and bar products. PZC(TM) is a trademark of Chaparral Steel.

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