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Bayou Steel Appoints James E. Howe as New Vice President of Sales

LaPlace, Louisiana (August 13, 2003) --- Bayou Steel Corporation (AMEX:BYX) is pleased to announce that James E. Howe has joined the organization as the Vice President of Sales. Mr. Howe has spent his entire thirty-five year career in the steel industry. Jim has served in sales, sales management, general management, and corporate officer roles. He has extensive knowledge and experience in managing the sales and marketing of structural, bar and light structural shape products with J&L Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Corporation, and most recently J&L Structural Inc. This will serve Bayou Steel and its customers well. Mr. Pitts, President and COO, commented "We are confident that Jim will be an excellent addition to the organization as we continue the development and implementation of our strategic plan to restructure the company. Jim's familiarity with our product line and his existing relationships with many of our customers will allow him to hit the ground running. We believe he will provide the sound leadership to successfully move forward our new sales initiatives which are vital to increasing our capacity utilization. We expect that Jim's contribution to the sales function will be significant as we emerge from bankruptcy."