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JMC Steel Group Announces Investment in VectorBloc

CHICAGO (April 28, 2015) — [JMC Steel Group](#) and [Vector Praxis](#) announced today that JMC Steel Group is making a significant investment in VectorBloc, a structural connection system for modular construction developed by Vector Praxis.

“JMC will be providing capital and technical expertise for the support and development of the VectorBloc system,” said Barry Zekelman, chairman and CEO of JMC Steel Group. “This investment is paramount for the partnership of both of our companies. By investing in Vector Praxis and their VectorBloc system, JMC is enabling the development of exciting new opportunities for the structural steel industry.”

The main purpose of JMC’s investment in Vector Praxis is to develop the VectorBloc system’s potential in the modular construction marketplace. Since VectorBloc uses hollow structural sections (HSS) as the structural members of the modules, it is an ideal partnership for JMC as the system promotes the use of HSS in modular construction.

“We are extremely proud of the fact that JMC has thrown its support behind VectorBloc” said Julian Bowron, President of Vector Praxis and VectorBloc. “JMC’s vision and engineering support will be key as the VectorBloc connection system becomes a vehicle for scaling the modular industry through supplier collaboration”.

Vector Praxis specializes in high-end architectural fabrication founded on a multi-material, multi-process skill set. They also design and produce one-of-a-kind tooling and fixtures, led by a product management team consisting of North America’s most experienced fabrication and erection teams.

“With JMC’s support, Vector Bloc looks to grow and fulfill the potential that modular construction has to revolutionize the way buildings can be built,” added Brad Fletcher, structural engineer at Atlas Tube. “I look forward to working with the team of experts at Vector Praxis to help VectorBloc realize its full potential.”

To learn to learn more about Vector Praxis, visit vectorpraxis.com.

About Vector Praxis

Vector Praxis is a high-end, multi-material architectural fabrication company based in Toronto whose uniqueness lies in the extraordinary range of materials and project types that their team has successfully integrated, detailed and delivered. Combined with experience managing projects with values to \$15,000,000+, their unparalleled, multi-material, multi-process capability ensures timely design development and trouble-free production of challenging projects.

For more information, contact Vector Praxis at 416.766.9018 or visit vectorpraxis.com.

About JMC Steel Group

JMC Steel Group includes the operating divisions of Atlas Tube, Picoma, Energex Tube, Sharon Tube and Wheatland Tube. It is the largest independent manufacturer of hollow structural sections (HSS) and



steel pipe, and the top producer of electrical conduit and elbows, couplings and nipples in North America. JMC Steel Group delivers a broad range of pipe and tube solutions that build its customers' success.

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