

## **WOODINGS CHOSEN TO FILL MAJOR BLAST FURNACE ORDER**

Woodings Industrial Corporation, a worldwide leader in the manufacture of metals industry equipment, has been selected to design, manufacture and install a substantial amount of equipment that will be a part of a leading steel producer's rebuild of its "A" blast furnace at its southern Illinois facility.

Woodings will provide 40 blowpipe assemblies and 28 downlegs for the blast furnace. Spares will also be provided by Woodings.

Working in a joint arrangement with Siemens VAI, Woodings will use the Siemens design for the tuyere stocks which feature a unique expansion bellows. The spherical nose on the blowpipe allows relative movement between blowpipe and tuyere. This design provides better control of movement, longer tuyere stock life, and an improved seal on the furnace for more consistent operation and less maintenance.



Two battery powered tuyere carts will also be supplied by Woodings to bring added efficiency and safety to tuyere maintenance.

In addition, Woodings is currently manufacturing four new, fully water-cooled hot blast stove valves as part of the project for the "A" furnace.

The entire order for tuyere stocks, valves and carts is expected to be shipped in the fall.

"Providing major equipment orders for world-class producers nothing out of the ordinary for us but it is satisfying to be able to handle a large order and meet our customer's requirements across the board," stated Rob Woodings, President. "This project underscores our reputation for providing performance and technology solutions for our hot metals customers."