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## **Southern Metal Fabricators' Expands Facility 40% to Install State-of-the-Art Finishing Operation**

(ALBERTVILLE, Ala.) November 17, 2015 — Custom metal fabricator Southern Metal Fabricators, Inc. has opened a new wing of its facility, adding another 30,000 square feet to its shop floor, most of which will be devoted to a state-of-the-art automated finishing operation. This will allow Southern Metal Fabricators to bring all blasting and painting for its custom fabricated ducts, tanks, carts, and other metal products in house, greatly reducing finishing times for most projects.

The automated paint booth at the heart of the new finishing operation is a massive controlled booth capable of accommodating large roller carts, which will be used to wheel products such as carbon steel storage tanks in and out of the booth. Automated sprayers will hit inserted products from all directions at once, expediting painting times. Following paint application, the controlled environment inside the booth will rapidly dry products, reducing dry times from two days to two hours in some cases.

To keep pace with current and anticipated industry finishing regulations, Southern Metal Fabricators also installed steel grit blasting equipment — a superior technique to sand blasting that enables better-quality finishes and faster finishing times — as part of its finishing operation overhaul.

“With quality custom metal fabrication, you often spend almost as much on the finish as the base metal,” said Charles Bailey, General Manager at Southern Metal Fabricators. “We take this part of the custom fabrication process very seriously, which is why we decided to make this investment in a top-notch finishing operation — not only purchasing state-of-the-art equipment, but also expanding our facility by 40% in order to accommodate it. I am proud to say that we now have a blasting and paint shop that is up to the level of the rest of our operation.”

### **About Southern Metal Fabricators**

Established in 1991 as a two-man shop serving the maintenance and light fabrication needs of local industry, Southern Metal Fabricators, Inc. has become an aggressively growing custom metal fabricator located in Albertville, Ala. Vision driven, Southern Metal Fabricators continually seeks qualified employees, invests in

increased capabilities, and actively pursues broader markets. Its goal is to meet or exceed its clients' requirements when it comes to quality, budget, and delivery. To learn more about Southern Metal Fabricators, visit [www.southermetalfab.com](http://www.southermetalfab.com).

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