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A.J. VENEKLASEN RANKED NATIONALLY AMONG TOP METAL BUILDERS

Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 23, 2005—a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. (AJV) has been ranked #38 out of the Top 100 Metal Builders in the nation by Metal Construction News magazine. This ranking is based on 1,495 total tons of steel installed in 2004.

“We had a great year in 2004, but we have had even larger volume years. We remained steady, although the industry as a whole was down in 2004 and that must have helped boost our ranking,” commented Chris Veneklasen, president of AJV.

This is the 10th straight year that a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. has made the prestigious list and is the companies highest ranking to date. Only four other Michigan firms were selected this year.

Metal Construction News has been publishing this list since 1990—ranking firms based on the previous year’s tonnage. This year the publication introduced an additional ranking based on the square footage of projects completed. AJV ranked #18 on the list based on 450,000 square feet of steel building construction.

a.j. Veneklasen, Inc., founded in 1975 by Alan J. Veneklasen, offers a comprehensive package of services including general contracting, design-build construction and construction management services. AJV has completed projects for Fortune 500 companies as well as medium-sized and small businesses throughout the Greater West Michigan region—from Drummond Island to South Bend, Indiana.

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