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Proplate Announces New Facility in Chunchula



Plasma cutting: Proplate, Oxelösund

MOBILE, Ala. – The Mobile Chamber is proud to announce a new economic development project in Chunchula, Alabama, with Proplate, a leading global provider of integrated production solutions in steel fabrication. Proplate will invest a million dollars in a new U.S. facility, bringing 30 new jobs to Mobile County within the first three years.

“We have been delivering components to USA from Sweden for many years. We are keen to secure our presence in this important market by establishing an integrated production facility in Alabama. This allows us to further improve our service to our existing customers and to expand our deliveries to new customers. We are all very excited about this new venture,” said **Ian Hardy**, member of the Proplate executive team and owner of the U.S. Project. “We are grateful for the assistance the Mobile Chamber has provided as we establish in the U.S.”

The Proplate facility will specialize in high-quality steel fabrication, including cutting, machining, grinding, painting, blasting and welding. This new site adds to Proplate's global presence, complementing its existing production capabilities in Sweden and expanding its reach in North America.

"Proplate's investment in Chunchula is a win for our community. It not only brings new jobs but also represents a long-term commitment to the growth and prosperity of North Mobile County. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on our local economy," said Mobile Chamber President and CEO **Bradley Byrne**.

Proplate will operate within the same location as G.A. West's structural steel fabrication facility on Celeste Road in Chunchula. “G.A. West is pleased and excited to participate and assist Proplate in their forward-looking transition to a U.S. production facility. More great news for Alabama!” said G.A. West President and CEO **Gary West**.

Proplate is known for providing turnkey manufacturing services, with expertise in cutting, machining, welding, and painting. Their clients include world-leading companies in industries such as construction equipment, wind power and mining. The company's commitment to quality

and innovation has made it a trusted partner for customers like Liebherr, Manitowoc, and Toyota Material Handling.

“We’re excited about the growth this project brings to the north central part of Mobile County. Proplate’s new facility is another example of global investment that will help strengthen our manufacturing sector, boost our local economy, and add new local jobs,” said Mobile County District 1 Commissioner **Merceria Ludgood**.

With its new facility, Proplate aims to provide local and regional customers with reliable, high-quality steel components and assemblies tailored to their specific needs. The company’s integrated production approach ensures a seamless experience from the drawing board to delivery, offering full traceability and synchronization with customer processes.

For more information about Proplate and its services, visit their website at <https://proplate.se/en/>.

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About the Mobile Chamber

The Mobile Chamber is a private business organization with more than 1,600 members and the economic developer for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. Over the last decade, Mobile's economic development efforts have created 8,838 new jobs, retained 692 existing jobs, recruited 29 new businesses and expanded 69 area companies. Capital investments for projects have topped \$5.8 billion. These economic development achievements are supported by public and private investors through the Chamber's Partners for Growth campaign. Additional information is on the Chamber’s [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Proplate

Proplate cuts, machines, welds and paints components and assemblies in steel plate for customers worldwide. Our established production unit in Oxelösund, Sweden is one of the most modern in the world. Our new production facility in Mobile, Alabama, USA will have the same high-quality equipment and will use the same well-established processes. Our customers tend to be market leading OEM’s including Liebherr, Kobelco, Manitowoc, Epiroc, Metso and Komatsu.