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PRAIRIE CAPITAL ADVISORS ANNOUNCES RECENT TRANSACTION: MANCHESTER METALS, LLC HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY UNITED STARS, INC.

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL – April 23, 2014 –Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc. a leading corporate finance advisory and investment banking firm, announced it helped close the recent acquisition of Manchester Metals, LLC, a manufacturer of grey and ductile iron casting, by United Stars, Inc., a manufacturer (through its subsidiaries) of welded stainless steel tubing products. Prairie Capital Advisors acted as exclusive financial advisor to Manchester Metals, LLC.

About Manchester Metals, LLC

Manchester Metals, LLC (“Manchester” or the “Company”) operates a grey and ductile iron foundry focused on producing complex, multi-core casting serving an array of end markets including oil and gas, municipal water systems, industrial machinery, heavy transportation and construction. With a niche in short to medium volume production runs, the Company produces casting that weigh from less than a pound to 2,000 pounds. Manchester was founded in 1911 and is headquartered in North Manchester, IN. In April 2014, United Stars, Inc. acquired substantially all of the assets of Manchester. Prairie Capital Advisors acted as exclusive financial advisor to the Company in the sale to United Stars, Inc.

About United Stars, Inc.

United Stars, Inc., through its subsidiaries, manufactures welded stainless steel tubing products for sanitary/pharmaceutical/BPE tubing, heat exchanger tubing, ornamental tubing, bio-pharmaceutical, semiconductor/electronics, and salt/sea water applications. United Stars, Inc. was incorporated in 1999 and is based in Beloit, WI.

About Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc.

Prairie is an employee owned company that offers investment banking, ESOP advisory and valuation services to support the growth and ownership transition strategies of middle-market companies. Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, with offices in Atlanta, Cedar Rapids, Chicago and Philadelphia, the company is a leading advisor to closely-held companies nationwide.

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