



NEWS FROM ACME METALS INCORPORATED

RIVERDALE, Ill., Dec. 18 /PRNewswire/ -- James W. Horton Jr. has joined Acme Metals Incorporated (Nasdaq-NNM: ACME) as director, internal audit. Prior to joining Acme, Horton held a variety of internal audit positions with LTV Corporation. Most recently, he was audit manager for the company's Steel Group in Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, he was with Price Waterhouse L.L.P. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Horton, a certified public accountant, brings more than 23 years of steel industry and auditing experience to the Acme organization. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Steel Producers Audit Directors, an association of steel industry audit executives.

Horton and his wife, Patricia, and their three children currently reside in Avon Lake, Ohio, and will relocate to the Chicago area next year.

Acme Metals Incorporated, through its operating subsidiaries, is a fully integrated producer of steel, steel strapping and strapping tools, welded steel pipe and tube, and automotive and light truck jacks. Its common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market System with the symbol ACME and on the Toronto Stock Exchange with the symbol AMK.