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Statement in solidarity with United Steelworkers' Hamilton and Lake Erie Stelco members

HAMILTON, ON – *Matthew Green, Member of Parliament for Hamilton Centre and NDP Critic for Labour, Employment, and Workplace Development, issued the following statement in response to the announcement of the sale of Stelco Holdings Inc.'s Hamilton Works and Lake Erie Works operations to Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.:*

"I stand in full solidarity with the United Steelworkers (USW) and the nearly 2,000 members employed at Stelco's Hamilton Works and Lake Erie Works operations. The recent announcement by Stelco Holdings Inc. regarding the sale to Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. brings to the forefront the critical need to ensure that any change in ownership prioritizes the well-being and security of Canadian workers and their communities.

New Democrats share the commitment by USW leadership in advocating for binding agreements that guarantee tangible benefits for their members. It is imperative that any sale respects the existing collective agreements, protects pensions and benefits, and commits to investments that secure and create jobs. The livelihoods of thousands of workers and the economic health of the communities in Hamilton and Nanticoke depend on these assurances.

As the NDP critic for Labour, Employment, and Workplace Development, I pledge to support the Canadian steel workers and their unions in this critical time. I will continue to advocate for policies and actions that protect workers' rights and ensure the long-term viability of our vital industries."

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