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## CST Industries, Inc. Announces Global Covers Manufacturing Center of Excellence

3/16/2017 – Kansas City, MO – CST Industries, Inc. announced today its plans to transform CST's Global Covers manufacturing footprint by creating a Global Manufacturing Center of Excellence in the Conroe, TX facility. The move consists of investments in the Conroe facility, equipment and people, as well as transferring the manufacturing equipment from the Rincon, GA plant.

"Combining these two facilities into a center of excellence, allows us to deliver on our strategy and continue at the forefront of Aluminum Dome and Covers manufacturing," said Brad Barkley, CST Industries' Vice President of Global Operations. Adding further, "This move will create the world's premier aluminum dome operation with state of the art equipment, world-class lean manufacturing and highly skilled employees."

The company is expected to begin the Conroe transformation and cease operations at the Rincon, GA facility. "Decisions that directly impact the lives of our associates are extraordinarily difficult," said Tim Carpenter, CST Industries' Chief Executive Officer. "The Rincon team is a talented, dedicated and loyal workforce and a solid support base in the Rincon community. We thank them for their hard work. Transitioning away from this facility was not a reflection of the Rincon team, but an appropriate decision and a key piece of our strategy."

The CST Industries Covers facility in Rincon, GA produces Aluminum Domes and Covers. It currently employs thirty-four associates. CST will consolidate production at the Covers facility in Conroe, TX and will add additional associates and space to support additional volume and production.

The company will work with the appropriate agencies and communities to help make the transition for all affected employees as smooth as possible, including providing separating pay and other benefits.

## **About CST**

CST's existing company portfolio consists of CST Storage, CST Covers and Vulcan Tanks. Five manufacturing facilities and technical design centers and multiple regional sales offices are located throughout North America and the United Kingdom. International offices are located in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Panama, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. Currently, more than 350,000 Tanks and 18,000 Covers have been installed in 125 countries throughout the world.

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