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### Klöckner & Co plans to sell off its Canadian subsidiary Namasco Ltd.

**DECEMBER 3, 2007** – Klöckner & Co intends to sell off its Canadian subsidiary Namasco Ltd. The company engaged an investment bank today to begin the sale process.

Namasco Ltd., based in Burlington, Canada, employs approximately 400 people and in financial year 2006 posted sales of around EUR 293 million. Namasco Ltd. primarily operates as a preprocessor of flat steel products for

the North American auto industry. Due to the structural changes in that industry and developments in the markets in recent years, the company will only be able to see progress in this business if it sets up the appropriate activities in the USA. But activities of this kind with major customers in the auto industry are not part of the core business of the Klöckner & Co Group.

Klöckner & Co will continue to focus on its core business, the distribution of steel and metals, in North America and will expand business accordingly. "Aside from the planned sale of the Canadian company, we will continue going forward with the expansion of our North American activities in the steel and metal distribution business. This year we

already took over three steel and metal distributors, Primary Steel, Premier Steel and Scan Steel, which greatly expanded our market share in the North American market," says Dr. Thomas Ludwig, Chairman of the Board of Management of Klöckner & Co AG.

With the US company Namasco Corporation, based in Atlanta, Klöckner & Co has just under 30 locations in the USA, an excellent foundation for further expanding its North America business. With its acquisitions in 2007, Namasco moved into the top ten North American steel and metal distributors. Namasco Corporation, including the acquired companies, is responsible for around 17 percent of the sales of the Klöckner & Co Group.