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Announcements & Releases

LV Swiss, a precision CNC Milling and Swiss Screw Machining Company, Adds ISO13485 Medical Certification to their portfolio!



LV Swiss is proud to receive their ISO13485 on May 11, 2021 to round out their portfolio of industry certifications. Per Paul Klein, CEO, "Everyone at LV Swiss worked hard to make it possible for us to achieve ISO13485 Certification. Having gone through an extensive Quality processes earlier regarding certifications, we knew it would be a challenge. We were able to leverage the earlier successes and refinements we made to an already

robust Quality Management System. Leveraging our many years of experience supporting AS9100 Rev D and ISO 9001:2015 Certifications shorten the overall preparation time. Also, producing prototype parts for numerous medical companies, especially startups, for the last couple of years we knew what was expected. Our engineering staff consults with the customer during the prototype process to identify various means to improve the machinability of the design thus allowing for potential reductions of cost, and lead time, yet keeping the high quality required."

LV Swiss, located near the entrance of Zion National Park in Southern Utah, is a contract manufacturer that provides high precision CNC Milling and Swiss Screw Machining to Medical, Aerospace & Defense, Automotive, Industrial and Commercial industries since 2009. We are constantly adding new equipment, for example, this year we purchased a Hexagon Coordinate Measuring Machine (CMM) to assist our QA department with automation and inspection of highly intricate CNC milled parts and other small precision Swiss Screw Machine parts. High Quality and On-Time Delivery are the cornerstone of our business.

We would appreciate the opportunity to assist with your prototype and production requirements.

We are true believers in "Try Us! You'll Like Us!"

To request a quote or learn more about LV Swiss, please call 435-635-1482, or website www.LVSwiss.com or email at Quoting@LVSwiss.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

More than 300 Manufacturers Call on President to Terminate Steel, Aluminum Tariffs

A group of over 300 businesses manufacturing in the U.S.—from family-owned metalforming shops to nationally branded companies—sent a letter to President Joe Biden on May 6, requesting the immediate termination of the Section 232 steel and aluminum tariffs on our trade and national

security allies imposed three years ago under the previous administration. Together, the companies represent a broad swath of a U.S. manufacturing sector currently struggling to meet demand and stay competitive due to supply shortages, long lead times, and artificially high prices for their key inputs.

The White House confirmed receipt of the letter spearheaded by One Voice and sources indicate the administration is making incremental progress in talks with our allies on the Section 232 National Security 25% tariffs on steel and 10% tariffs on aluminum imports. One Voice members and manufacturers across the country report continued delays and record pricing as the domestic metals shortage continues. One Voice is working with the administration, partners on Capitol Hill, and others in industry to address China overcapacity in the metals markets while bringing relief from businesses manufacturing in America who are the ones paying the price of a restricted market, tariffs, and delays.

Equipment Finance Industry Confidence Remains Near Historic Highs

The Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation (the Foundation) releases the May 2021 Monthly Confidence Index for the Equipment Finance Industry (MCI-EFI). The index reports a qualitative assessment of both the prevailing business conditions and expectations for the future as reported by key executives from the \$900 billion equipment finance sector. Overall, confidence in the equipment finance market is 72.1, easing from April's all-time high of 76.1.

When asked about the outlook for the future, MCI-EFI survey respondent Bruce J. Winter, President, FSG Capital, Inc., said, "While vaccine 'herd immunity' may be unachievable, warmer weather, immunity provided by previous infections and over 105 million Americans fully vaccinated will allow most economic activity to resume at pre-pandemic levels this summer. Business owners are much more optimistic and stimulus sup-

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