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1. **Company:** Charter Steel Company.

2. **Location:** Saukville, Wisconsin.

3. **Description of principal production unit:** In February 2000, Charter Steel Company announced plans to build an electric furnace shop in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Four annealing furnaces are also being constructed at the site. The steel will be rolled at other mills.

4. **Start-up date:** Electric furnace first half of 2002.

5. **Effect on capacity:** The mill will produce about 150,000 tonnes.

6. **Effect on jobs:** 150 jobs will be created.

7. **Cost:** US $60 million.

8. **Grade:** Stainless and carbon steel.

NOTIFICATION OF TWO DISINVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. **Company:** Republic Technologies International.

2. **Location:** Akron, Ohio.

3. **Description of principal production unit:** In September 2000, Republic Technologies closed its 590,000 metric tonne melt shop in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The melt shop includes two 150 tonne electric furnaces and a billet caster.

4. **Effect on capacity:** - 590,000 metric tonnes.

5. **Effect on employment:** 262 jobs lost.

6. **Closure date:** September 2000.

7. **Grade:** SBQ.

1. **Company:** Gulf States Steel.

2. **Location:** Gadsden, Alabama.

3. **Description of principal production unit:** In August, operations of Gulf States Steel were shut down permanently. Closed facilities included two coke batteries (annual capacity 500,000 tonnes combined), a blast furnace (annual capacity 1 million tonnes), two 180 tonne basic oxygen furnaces with an annual capacity of 1.2 million tonnes, a slab caster, plate mill (134 in. with an annual capacity of 500,000 tonnes), one hot strip mill (900,000 tonnes), and hot dip galvanizing line.

4. **Closure date:** August 2000.

5. **Effect on capacity:** - 2.2 million tonnes.

6. **Effect on jobs:** 1700 jobs lost.