

# Gira tripled their output

with Voortman drilling & sawing system



*In less than one year Gira Steel has tripled their output by investing in a Voortman drilling & sawing system. Pleased with this result, the management team of Gira Steel decided to invest again within 5 months. This time they ordered a Voortman V550 punching & shearing system.*

**G**ira Steel was established in 1998 in Columbia, South Carolina (USA). Columbia historically has always been a strong area for structural steel fabrication so the skills that Gira Steel required were readily available.

Gira Patel, CEO of Gira Steel has guided the company from simple beginnings to a major and well respected fabricator in only a few short years. Gira Steel primarily covers the Carolinas and Georgia but has also exported to as far way as Trinidad.

#### Latest technology

In October of 2005 the management team at Gira Steel decided to continue there growth by looking to invest in the latest technology to improve there efficiency and output of there facility. After some months of consideration of all the major suppliers of equipment to the fabrication industry the management team decided to purchase a Voortman V603M drilling

system in combination with the VB1050 miter saw and automated material handling system.

#### Key factors in choosing

The key factors in choosing Voortman over other competitors was the superior technology, performance and a level of automation not available or demonstrated by any other suppliers. Another deciding factor was the ability of Voortman to provide quality service and support that was already proven in the field. Many existing end users where able to give us the confidence to purchase from Voortman.

#### Again a Voortman system

In May of 2006 the sawing and drilling system was installed in the old facility. Today Gira Steel has moved to a new 13 acre site in Columbia and the Voortman system has been again installed at the new site. Within 5 months of the installation of the first machines, Gira Steel again decided to

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purchase a second automated Voortman V550 for the processing of flats and angle material.

#### Extremely happy

Gira said, "In less than one year we have been able to triple our output with no additional labor. We directly download from our 3D detailing package using DSTV to our equipment eliminating costly mistakes that can occur using the old manual methods. Voortman has become our partner rather than just another supplier, we are extremely happy with our equipment as well as the relationship we have built with Voortman."



3-axis drilling system with feeder rolls

