

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

IN RE:

IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 11

WCI STEEL, INC.,  
an Ohio Corporation,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44662

WCI STEEL, INC., PRODUCTION  
CONTROL SERVICES, INC.,  
an Ohio Corporation,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44663

WCI STEEL, INC., METALLURGICAL  
SERVICES, INC.,  
an Ohio Corporation,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44665

WCI STEEL, SALES L.P.  
SERVICES, INC.,  
an Ohio Limited Partnership,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44666

YOUNGSTOWN SINTER COMPANY,  
an Ohio Corporation,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44667

NILES PROPERTIES, INC.,  
an Ohio Corporation,  
Debtor.

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CASE NO. 03-44668

TRANSFER ORDER

On September 16, 2003, WCI Steel, Inc., *et al.*, filed voluntary petitions for relief commencing Case No. 03-44662 and several related cases (the "Bankruptcy Cases") in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division at Youngstown. The Bankruptcy Cases were originally assigned to Hon. William T. Bodoh. Subsequent to his retirement on January 4, 2004, the Bankruptcy Cases were temporarily reassigned to Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum for further adjudication. Judge Shea-Stonum presided over all aspects of the Bankruptcy Cases from January 4, 2004 through July 7, 2004 when Judge Kay Woods was sworn in as the Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, at Youngstown.

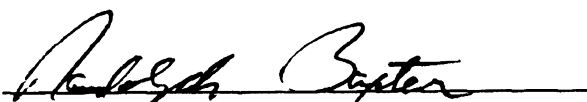
Subsequently, after consultation with Judge Shea-Stonum and Judge Woods, and based upon judicial economy, this Court entered Administrative order No. 05-3, which provides that Judge Shea-Stonum would continue to preside over all matters related to confirmation of a chapter 11 plan of reorganization in the Bankruptcy Cases and Judge Woods would preside over all other matters and proceedings arising in or related to the Bankruptcy Cases.

After further consultation with Judge Shea-Stonum and Judge Woods, it appears that nearly all of the Debtors' efforts are geared to effect confirmation of a plan of reorganization. It would be in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors and the estates for one judge to preside over all of the remaining matters in the Bankruptcy Cases.

IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT that Judge Shea-Stonum shall forthwith preside over all aspects of the Bankruptcy Cases and the Bankruptcy Cases shall be transferred to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, at Akron.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2005

  
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RANDOLPH BAXTER  
CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT