



**NILES EXPANDED METALS & PLASTICS**

# Press Release

## **NILES EXPANDED METALS & PLASTICS ANNOUNCES A JOINT VENTURE WITH FRATELLI MARIANI IN ITALY**

**Niles, Ohio -- January 30, 2008 --** Niles Expanded Metals & Plastics has announced that they have formed a partnership with Fratelli Mariani, a leading European manufacturer of micromesh and wire cloth located in Milan, Italy. The partnership agreement gives Niles Expanded Metals exclusive agent and distribution responsibilities in North America. This joint venture with Niles Expanded Metals & Plastics now allows the United States to expand its product line and carry a high quality micromesh material.

Fratelli Mariani is a privately held company with 78 years experience in manufacturing expanded metal and wire cloth. Fratelli is ISO 9001:2000 Certified and has 150 employee's in two locations in Milan, Italy. Fratelli specializes in micromesh expanded metal that can be supplied in both coil and sheet in all grades of stainless steel, aluminum, copper, bronze and nickel. This material can be punched, stamped, welded and formed into a cylinder upon request, special testing and rapid prototyping is also available.

For more information regarding the new product line, please call Claudine Cioffi, Director of Sales or Ian Thompson, Director of Operations at 800-321-2727.

Niles Expanded Metals & Plastics is an ISO 9001-2000 Certified company who manufactures a complete line of expanded metal and grating products for domestic and export use. The company was founded in 1959 and is under the guidance of William E. Phillips, Chairman of the Board & CEO and William E. Phillips, Jr., President/COO. For more information view [www.nilesexpandedmetals.com](http://www.nilesexpandedmetals.com) or call 800-321-2727.

**HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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