

## **GERDAU UPDATE**

Over the past week you may have seen several updates regarding Gerdau:

- On March 10, 2020, Gerdau announced it will be idling its St. Paul Minnesota operation at the end of June. This operation produced SBQ and rebar products and represented less than 1% of Gerdau shipments to NASA members.
- Gerdau will continue to operate six other long product mills across the United States, as well as three in Canada and will continue to produce rebar from their Whitby, Midlothian, Cambridge and Charlotte operations.
- Today Gerdau announced they have suspended melting and rolling operations at its special bar quality (SBQ) mills in Jackson and Monroe, Michigan, and Fort Smith, Arkansas. This closure is a result of curtailed automotive production and plant closures. These operations produce exclusively SBQ product and does not impact shipments to the co-op.
- Today Gerdau also announced a temporary shutdown of most operations at its merchant bar and structural steel mill in Cartersville, Georgia due to COVID-19 through the end of the month.
- While there are no confirmed cases at the Gerdau mill there have been confirmed cases at an adjacent manufacturing facility. Shipping crews are still onsite at the plant and will continue shipping product during the closure.
- Rolling schedules will be adjusted as needed and all customer service representatives are working remotely to answer your questions or to help expedite orders. [eGeradu](#) is an excellent source of information as well.

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***NASA will update this document when we receive new information from suppliers regarding COVID-19 disruptions.***