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by instituting full expensing of machinery and equipment for five years.

“Along with the sharply reduced corporate tax rate, the continuation of MACRS and the institution of expensing will help ensure that U.S. businesses can compete at home and abroad with businesses from anywhere in the world.

“The expensing provision would be most effective in helping to generate investment and growth if it was a permanent change but we understand policymakers need to make tradeoffs to reach the overall goal of pro-growth tax reform that can be signed into law. We intend to continue working to advocate for extending expensing, like bonus depreciation, to continue the policy trend toward faster cost recovery.”

### September Steel Shipments Up 11.7 Percent From September 2016

The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported that for the month of September 2017, U.S. steel mills shipped 7,559,625 net tons, a 4.7 percent decrease from the 7,928,795 net tons shipped in the previous month, August 2017, and a 11.7 percent in-

crease from the 6,769,312 net tons shipped in September 2016. Shipments year-to-date in 2017 are 68,427,747 net tons, a 4.0 percent increase vs. 2016 shipments of 65,803,018 net tons for nine months.

A comparison of September shipments to the previous month of August shows the following changes: cold rolled sheets, up 5 percent, hot rolled sheets, down 9 percent and hot dipped galvanized sheets and strip, down 9 percent.

### Dual Acquisition for Ben-Mor

Ben-Mor is proud to announce their newest acquisition of two leading companies in the rigging and lifting industry. The acquisition of Saturn Industries Ltd. and Roughrider Rigging became official as of September 30th, 2017. The acquisition of these two companies will allow Ben-Mor to expand its range of specialized lifting equipment with exclusive products.

Saturn Industries is located in Winnipeg and Roughrider Rigging is located in Regina and Saskatoon. Saturn Industries is also specialized in the manufacturing of custom trailers. There are 50 employees overall for the two companies.

Together, it will be business as usual; both companies will continue to operate independently. They will continue to provide excellent customer service that they have ensured over the past 40 years.

In the welcoming of this double acquisition; Ben-Mor still upholds its position of being the largest sling and cable assembly manufacturer in Canada. There are now more than 325 employees at the heart of Ben-Mor's success and 9 locations in North America.

For more information on Saturn Industries Ltd. go to [www.saturnind.com](http://www.saturnind.com), and for Roughrider Rigging go to [www.rrrigging.com](http://www.rrrigging.com)

### MHP's Overhead Alliance Launches New Virtual Reality Crane Game

The Overhead Alliance (OA), a marketing vehicle for trade association MHI's overhead lifting product groups, launched an interactive, virtual reality (VR) game in September, designed to engage students and others keen to learn about the technologies they represent.

OA serves as a commercial vehicle, promoting the collective interests of

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