

CWB Association advocates for mitigation of the  
negative impact of steel tariffs on the Canadian welding industry

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The Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) Association is very concerned about the impact of the steel tariffs on the viability and health of the Canadian welding industry. Canada's welding industry employs thousands of men and women in manufacturing and construction jobs from coast to coast, border to border. The recent implementation of tariffs on steel and aluminum by the US Government and the retaliatory tariffs imposed by the Canadian Government is creating a significant negative impact on the welding companies, especially on these inputs for their businesses. The CWB Association is cautioning that without timely resolution, the current situation unheeded will impact the strength and diversity of many sectors within the Canadian welding industry.

The CWB Association affirms that the impact on Canadian welding companies is significant, widespread and concerning. Canadian welding companies are experiencing major setbacks related to the costs and availability of steel, increased pricing on other materials and labor, creating an uncertain climate for all those involved. Of further concern to the CWB Association is that the immediate and unexpectedly broad consequences of the steel tariffs on Canadian welding companies are not being mitigated by the government support measures announced in June.

The CWB Association is committed to understanding the needs of the welding sector in improving productivity and global competitiveness. In August, the CWB Association initiated an ongoing industry engagement program to fully understand the national experience of companies in the welding industry. Hundreds of welding companies nationwide shared their experiences of the negative consequences of the tariffs with CWB Association, through an online survey and one-on-one discussions.

The results are alarming. 98% of welders and the employees of Canadian



## About the CWB Group and the CWB Association:

The CWB Association is a not-for-profit division of the CWB Group. As a national member-driven association which promotes and supports the welding and joining industry in Canada.

The CWB Group is a Canadian government service organization, honored to provide comprehensive and integrated services to the welding and joining industry. The Group is comprised of five divisions including CWB Certification, CWB Education, CWB Registration, CWB Consulting, and CWBAs.

The CWB Group is also affiliated with the CWB Welding Foundation, a national registered charity which supports the Canadian welding sector by increasing public safety awareness in welding and addressing the welding skilled trade shortage in Canada.

CWB Group is headquartered in Milton, Ontario, with staff and offices across the Canada. CWB Certification is accredited by, and operates under the authority of, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) as a Certification Body for the administration of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) welding related standards.

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