## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### **SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

## INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 33)<sup>1</sup>

Steel Connect, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> <u>858098 20 5</u> (CUSIP Number)

Warren G. Lichtenstein Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, New York 10022 (212) 520-2300 (Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

<u>April 16, 2024</u>

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(g), check the following box  $\square$ .

*Note:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 33 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 33"). This Amendment No. 33 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) This statement is filed by Handy & Harman Ltd., a Delaware corporation ("HNH"), WHX CS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WHX CS"), Steel Excel Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Steel Excel"), WF Asset Corp., a Delaware corporation ("WF Asset"), WebFinancial Holding Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("WebFinancial"), Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Steel Holdings"), SPH Group LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SPHG"), SPH Group Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SPHG"), SPH Group Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SPHG"), Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Steel Holdings GP"), Warren G. Lichtenstein, Steel Partners, Ltd., a Delaware corporation ("SPL"), and Jack L. Howard. Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons."

Steel Holdings owns a majority of the membership interests of SPHG and owns 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of WebFinancial. SPHG is the sole member of SPHG Holdings. Steel Holdings GP is the general partner of Steel Holdings, the managing member of SPHG and the manager of SPHG Holdings. Accordingly, for purposes of this statement, each of Steel Holdings, SPHG and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares beneficially owned by SPHG Holdings and each of Steel Holdings and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares beneficially owned by WebFinancial.

HNH owns a majority of the outstanding membership interests of WHX CS. Steel Excel owns 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of HNH and is a majority shareholder of WF Asset. SPHG Holdings owns 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Steel Excel. Accordingly, for purposes of this statement, each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by WF Asset, and each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP, Steel Excel may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by WF Asset, and each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP, Steel Excel and HNH may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by WHX CS.

Warren G. Lichtenstein, Executive Chairman of Steel Holdings GP, is the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Chairman of the Issuer. Mr. Lichtenstein is the Chief Executive Officer of SPL. Accordingly, for purposes of this statement, Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by SPL.

Jack L. Howard, President and a director of each of Steel Holdings GP, HNH, WHX CS, Steel Excel, WebFinancial and WF Asset, is a director of the Issuer.

Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares owned directly by another Reporting Person, except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

Set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> annexed hereto ("<u>Schedule A</u>") is the name and present principal business, occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted of (i) the executive officers and directors of HNH, (ii) the executive officers and directors of WHX CS, (iii) the executive officers and directors of SPL, (iv) the executive officers and directors of Steel Holdings GP, (v) the executive officers and directors of Steel Excel, (vi) the executive officers and directors of WF Asset. To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, except as otherwise set forth herein, none of the persons listed on <u>Schedule A</u> beneficially owns any securities of the Issuer or is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding required to be disclosed herein.

(b) The principal business address of the Reporting Persons is 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10022.

(c) HNH is a diversified manufacturer of engineered niche industrial products. WHX CS is a holding company. SPL is a holding company. Steel Holdings is a global diversified holding company that engages or has interests in a variety of operating businesses through its subsidiary companies. The principal business of SPHG Holdings is holding securities for the account of Steel Holdings. The principal business of SPHG Holdings, the managing member of SPHG Holdings and other affiliates. The principal business of Steel Holdings GP is serving as the general partner of Steel Holdings, the managing member of SPHG and the manager of SPHG Holdings. Steel Excel is a global diversified company that engages or has interests in a variety of operating businesses. WebFinancial and WF Asset are holding companies. The principal occupation of Warren G. Lichtenstein is serving as Executive Chairman of Steel Holdings GP and Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. The principal occupation of Jack L. Howard is serving as the President of Steel Holdings GP and serving as a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer.

(d) No Reporting Person nor any person listed on <u>Schedule A</u> has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) No Reporting Person nor any person listed on <u>Schedule A</u> has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each of the individuals who are Reporting Persons or listed on <u>Schedule A</u> is a citizen of the United States of America. Each of the entities who are Reporting Persons are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate purchase price of the 1,311,700 Shares owned directly by WF Asset is approximately \$43,123,381, including brokerage commissions. Such Shares were acquired with the working capital of HNH, SPHG Holdings and Steel Holdings prior to being transferred to WF Asset. The 636,447 Shares owned directly by WHX CS were transferred to WHX CS by its parent HNH.

The aggregate purchase price of the 35,000 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock of the Issuer (the "Series C Preferred Stock") owned directly by WebFinancial is \$35,000,000. The aggregate purchase price of the 7.50% Convertible Senior Note due 2024 of the Issuer (the "2024 Note") owned directly by WebFinancial is \$12,940,000. The Series C Preferred Stock and 2024 Note were acquired with the working capital of SPHG Holdings prior to being transferred to WebFinancial. The 3,500,000 shares of Series E Convertible Preferred Stock of the Issuer (the "Series E Preferred Stock") owned directly by each of WebFinancial and Steel Excel were acquired pursuant to the Exchange Agreement discussed in Item 4.

The aggregate purchase price of the 111,851 Shares owned directly by Steel Excel is approximately \$1,060,661, including brokerage commissions. Such Shares were acquired with the working capital of Steel Excel.

The aggregate purchase price of the 6,428 Shares owned directly by SPL is approximately \$411,192, including brokerage commissions. The Shares owned directly by SPL were acquired with the working capital of SPL.

Mr. Lichtenstein directly beneficially owns 187,886 Shares (including 10,610 unvested restricted Shares) awarded to him in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.

The aggregate purchase price of 1,071 Shares owned directly by Mr. Howard is approximately \$59,372, including brokerage commissions. Mr. Howard directly beneficially owns an additional 109,344 Shares (including 10,610 unvested restricted Shares) awarded to him in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.

#### Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer</u>.

Item 5(a) - (c) is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 6,304,750 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of April 17, 2024 based on information provided by the Issuer.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, WF Asset owned directly 1,311,700 Shares, constituting approximately 20.8% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationship with WF Asset discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP and Steel Excel may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by WF Asset.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, WHX CS owned directly 636,447 Shares, constituting approximately 10.1% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationship with WHX CS discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP, Steel Excel and HNH may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by WHX CS.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, WebFinancial beneficially owned (i) 1,913,265 Shares underlying the Series C Preferred Stock owned directly by WebFinancial, (ii) 19,175,628 Shares underlying the Series E Preferred Stock owned directly by WebFinancial, and (iii) 584,055 Shares underlying the 2024 Note owned directly by WebFinancial, constituting approximately 77.5% of the Shares.<sup>1</sup> By virtue of their relationship with WebFinancial discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Holdings and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares underlying the Series C Preferred Stock, Series E Preferred Stock and 2024 Note owned directly by WebFinancial.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, Steel Excel owned directly 111,851 Shares and beneficially owned 634,157 Shares underlying the Series E Preferred Stock owned directly by Steel Excel, which, in addition to the Shares owned directly by WF Asset and WHX CS that Steel Excel may also be deemed to beneficially own, constitute approximately 38.8% of the Shares.<sup>1</sup> By virtue of their relationship with Steel Excel discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by Steel Excel and underlying the Series E Preferred Stock owned directly by Steel Excel.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, SPL owned directly 6,428 Shares, constituting less than 1% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of his relationship with SPL discussed in further detail in Item 2, Warren G. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by SPL.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, Warren G. Lichtenstein owned directly 187,886 Shares (including 10,610 unvested restricted Shares), which, in addition to the Shares owned directly by SPL that Mr. Lichtenstein may also be deemed to beneficially own, constitute approximately 3.1% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, Jack L. Howard owned directly 110,415 Shares (including 10,610 unvested restricted Shares), constituting approximately 1.8% of the Shares outstanding.

This statement reports beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 24,671,832 Shares, including (i) 1,913,265 Shares underlying Series C Preferred Stock, (ii) 19,809,785 Shares underlying Series E Preferred Stock, and (iii) 584,055 Shares underlying the 2024 Note, constituting approximately 86.2% of the Shares.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This is not based solely on the number of outstanding Shares, but calculated pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d) of the Exchange Act.

(b) Each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP, Steel Excel and WF Asset may be deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of the Shares owned directly by WF Asset. Each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings, GP, Steel Excel, HNH and WHX CS may be deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of the Shares owned directly by WHX CS. Each of Steel Holdings, Steel Holdings GP and WebFinancial may be deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of the Shares underlying the Series C Preferred Stock, Series E Preferred Stock and 2024 Note owned directly by WebFinancial. Each of Steel Holdings, SPHG, SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings GP and Steel Excel may be deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of the Shares owned directly by Steel Excel and underlying the Series E Preferred Stock owned directly by Steel Excel. Each of SPL and Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of all Shares he directly owns.

(c) On April 1, 2024, the Issuer awarded to each of Messrs. Lichtenstein and Howard, in his capacity as a director of the Issuer, 2,737 restricted Shares, which vest on April 1, 2025, provided that he remains a director of the Issuer on such vesting date. See Schedule B annexed hereto for all other transactions by the Reporting Persons in the securities of the Issuer during the past 60 days. All of such transactions were effected in the open market.

#### Item 6. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer</u>.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On April 16, 2024, Steel Excel entered into a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan (the "Plan") with B. Riley Securities, Inc. for the purpose of establishing a trading plan to allow Steel Excel to effect purchases of up to a maximum of 300,000 Shares of the Issuer beginning on May 16, 2024 in compliance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, including Rule 10b5-1 and Rule 10b5-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 7. <u>Material to be Filed as Exhibits</u>.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 10b5-1 Purchase Instructions by and between Steel Excel Inc. and B. Riley Securities, Inc., dated April 16, 2024.

### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 18, 2024

HANDY & HARMAN LTD.

/s/ Maria Reda		
Maria Reda		
Secretary		

### WHX CS LLC

By:	/s/ Maria Reda		
	Maria Reda		
	Secretary		

### STEEL PARTNERS, LTD.

By: /s/ Jason Wong Jason Wong Chief Financial Officer

### STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

- By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. General Partner
- By: /s/ Maria Reda Maria Reda Secretary

### SPH GROUP LLC

- By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. Managing Member
- By: /s/ Maria Reda Maria Reda Secretary

### SPH GROUP HOLDINGS LLC

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. Manager

By: <u>/s/ Maria Reda</u> Maria Reda Secretary

### STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS GP INC.

By: /s/ Maria Reda Maria Reda Secretary

## STEEL EXCEL INC.

By: <u>/s/ Maria Reda</u> Maria Reda Secretary

## WEBFINANCIAL HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Maria Reda Maria Reda Secretary

## WF ASSET CORP.

By: /s/ Maria Reda Maria Reda Secretary

/s/ Maria Reda MARIA REDA as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein

### /s/ Maria Reda

MARIA REDA as Attorney-In-Fact for Jack L. Howard

# SCHEDULE A

# Executive Officers and Directors of Handy & Harman Ltd.

Name and Position	Present Principal Occupation	Business Address
Jack L. Howard, President and Director	President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Gary Tankard, Vice President and Director	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Ryan O'Herrin, Senior Vice President and Director	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

### Name and Position

Jack L. Howard, President and Director

Gary Tankard, Vice President and Director

Ryan O'Herrin, Senior Vice President and Director

### **Executive Officers and Directors of WHX CS LLC**

Present Principal Occupation

President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company Business Address

c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

# Executive Officers and Directors of Steel Partners, Ltd.

Name and Position	Present Principal Occupation	Business Address
Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	Executive Chairman of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Jack L. Howard, Director, President and Secretary	President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Jason Wong, Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners, Ltd., a holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

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Jack L. Howa President and

Ryan O'Herri Senior Vice P Officer

Lon Rosen, Director

John P. McNi Director

James Benen Director

Eric P. Karros Director

Rory H. Taha Director

Gary Tankard Vice Presider

Joseph Martin Chief Admin Officer<sup>2</sup>

### Executive Officers and Directors of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc

<b>Executive Officers and Directors of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.</b>				
Name and Position	Present Principal Occupation	Business Address		
ichtenstein, hairman and Director	Executive Chairman of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
vard, d Director	President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
rin, President and Chief Financial	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
	Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for the Los Angeles Dodgers	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
Viff,	Chairman of Discovery Capital Management, LLC, a multi-strategy hedge fund	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
nson III,	Director and Co-President of Summa Holdings, Inc. ("Summa"), a holding company, and director and Co-President of Industrial Manufacturing Company and Industrial Manufacturing Company International, subsidiaries of Summa that own various diversified industrial businesses	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
08,	Television analyst for FOX Sports and works for the Los Angeles Dodgers	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
ari,	Co-founder, State of Mind Partners, a strategic branding and investment firm	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
rd, ent and Chief Accounting Officer	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		
tin, nistrative Officer and Chief Legal	Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legal Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of the close of business on April 17, 2024, Joseph Martin directly owned 7,751 restricted Shares, all of which are unvested. All of such Shares were awarded to Mr. Martin in his capacity as a director of the Issuer. Mr. Martin has the sole power to vote such Shares and, once vested, will have the sole power to dispose of such Shares and the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, such Shares. On April 1, 2024, the Issuer awarded to Mr. Martin, in his capacity as a director of the Issuer, 2,737 restricted Shares, which vest on April 1, 2025, provided that he remains a director of the Issuer on such vesting date.

### Name and Position

Jack L. Howard, President and Director

Gary Tankard, Vice President and Director

Ryan O'Herrin, Senior Vice President and Director

### **Executive Officers and Directors of Steel Excel Inc.**

Present Principal Occupation

President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company Business Address

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# **Executive Officers and Directors of WebFinancial Holding Corporation**

Name and Position	Present Principal Occupation	Business Address
Jack L. Howard, President and Director	President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Gary Tankard, Vice President and Director	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Ryan O'Herrin, Senior Vice President and Director	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company	c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

Name and Position

Jack L. Howard, President and Director

Gary Tankard, Vice President and Director

Ryan O'Herrin, Senior Vice President and Director

### Executive Officers and Directors of WF Asset Corp.

Present Principal Occupation

President of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., the General Partner of Steel Partners Holdings L.P., a global diversified holding company c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

**Business Address** 

c/o Steel Partners Holdings L.P. 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10022

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# SCHEDULE B

# **Transactions in the Shares During the Past 60 Days**

Class of Security	Class of SecuritySecuritiesPurchased		Date of <u>Purchase</u>	
STEEL EXCEL INC.				
Common Stock	18,605	8.9314	04/10/2024	
Common Stock	23,698	9.4428	04/11/2024	
Common Stock	6	9.3500	04/12/2024	
Common Stock	6	9.3500	04/12/2024	



### **10b5-1 Purchase Instructions**

10b5-1 Purchase Instruction (this "Instruction"), dated April 16, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), between Steel Excel, Inc. ("Steel Excel"), a subsidiary of Steel Partners Holdings L.P. (the "Issuer"), and B. Riley Securities, Inc. (the "Broker").

WHEREAS, Steel Excel, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer, desires to repurchase, for and on behalf of the Issuer, common shares (the "Common Shares") of Steel Connect Inc. (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, Steel Excel desires to appoint Broker to repurchase shares of Common Shares on its behalf in accordance with this Instruction;

NOW, THEREFORE, Steel Excel and Broker hereby agree as follows:

### 1. <u>Trading Requirements</u> (Amount/Price/Date).

a) Broker shall effect a purchase (each a "Purchase") of Common Shares in accordance with the instructions set forth in Schedule A hereto (the "Trading Requirements").

OR

- b) Broker shall purchase up to 300,000 Common Shares on the open market subject to (i) the Trading Requirements, (ii) the termination provisions for this Instruction as set forth in Section 2 below, and (iii) any other limitations as set forth in this Instruction.
- c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total number of Common Shares to be purchased on any day shall not exceed the then applicable volume limitation of Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").
- d) Except to clarify the Trading Requirements or to confirm transactions related thereto, Broker shall not consult with Steel Excel regarding any purchases of Common Shares to be made pursuant to this Instruction and Steel Excel shall not seek to control or influence or disclose to Broker any information concerning the Company or its securities that might influence the execution by Broker of this Instruction.
- 2. <u>Effective Date/Termination.</u> The Instruction shall become effective on May 16, 2024 and shall terminate upon the earlier of:

### a) June 7, 2024;

- b) The date on which a total of 300,000 Common Shares have been repurchased under this Instruction;
- c) Upon receipt of written notice from Steel Excel requesting the termination of the Instruction; or

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d) Any time any trade contemplated hereunder shall result in a violation of, or adverse change consequences under, applicable securities laws.

### 3. <u>Representations and Warranties.</u>

- a) Steel Excel represents and warrants that the Purchase of Common Shares pursuant to this Instruction has been duly authorized by the Issuer.
- b) Steel Excel understands that Broker may not be able to effect a Purchase due to a market disruption or a legal, regulatory or contractual restriction applicable to the Broker. If any Purchase cannot be executed as required by paragraph 1, due to a market disruption, a legal, regulatory or contractual restriction applicable to the Broker or any other event, Broker agrees to effect such Purchase as promptly as practical after the cessation or termination of such market disruption, applicable restriction or other event.
- c) Steel Excel represents and warrants that it is not aware of material, nonpublic information and is entering into this Instruction in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibition of Rule 10b5-1.
- d) Broker has implemented reasonable policies and procedures, taking into consideration the nature of Broker's business, to ensure that individuals making investment decisions will not violate the laws prohibiting trading on the basis of material nonpublic information. These policies and procedures include those that restrict any purchase or sale, or causing any purchase or sale, of any security as to which Broker has material nonpublic information, as well as those that prevent such individuals from becoming aware of or in possession of such material nonpublic information.

### 4. Compliance with the Securities Laws.

- a) Broker agrees to comply with Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act in effecting any Purchase of Common Shares pursuant to this Instruction.
- b) It is the intent of the parties that this Instruction comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1)(i)(B) under the Exchange Act and this Instruction shall be interpreted to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c).
- c) Broker will provide Steel Excel, at the end of each day on which Common Shares are purchased by Broker in accordance with this Instruction, with all relevant information regarding such purchases as may be necessary to enable Steel Excel and/or Issuer to comply with its reporting and other obligations under applicable securities laws, including the number of Common Shares purchased in each trade and the price(s) paid.

- 5. Confidentiality. "Confidential Information" means this Agreement and all information disclosed by Steel Excel to the Broker, in writing, orally or by inspection of tangible media. Confidential Information shall not include any information which (a) was publicly known prior to the time of disclosure or becomes publicly known after disclosure by Steel Excel through no breach of this Instruction by the Broker; (b) at the time of disclosure is, or thereafter becomes, available to the Broker or its representatives on a non-confidential basis from a third-party source, provided that, to the Broker's knowledge, such third party is not and was not prohibited from disclosing such Confidential Information to the Broker or its representatives by any contractual obligation; (c) was known by or in the possession of the Broker or its representatives prior to being disclosed by or on behalf of Steel Excel pursuant to this Instruction; or (d) is independently developed by the Broker or its representatives without reference to Steel Excel's Confidential Information. Broker agrees (i) not to use or disclose to any third party Confidential Information for any purpose other than as contemplated by this Instruction, and (ii) to use reasonable efforts to protect the secrecy of and avoid unauthorized use and disclosure of the Confidential Information, including without limitation, using at least the same degree of care it uses to protect its own confidential information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Broker may use or disclose Confidential Information to the extent necessary to exercise its rights or fulfill its obligations hereunder, and/or comply with applicable law or regulation; provided that it Broker is required by law or regulation to make any public disclosures of Confidential Information, to the extent it may legally do so, it will give reasonable advance notice to Steel Excel of such disclosure and will use its reasonable efforts to secure confidential Information prior to its disclosure.
- 6. **Modification.** This Instruction may be modified by Steel Excel provided such modification (i) is in writing; (ii) is made in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade prohibitions of Rule 10b-5; and (iii) is in accordance with the terms of this Instruction.
- 7. <u>Governing Law</u>. The Instruction shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of the <u>State</u> of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Instruction as of the date first written above.

### STEEL EXCEL:

#### STEEL EXCEL, INC.

## BROKER:

**B.** Riley Securities, Inc.

By: /s/ Ryan O'Herrin

Name:Ryan O'HerrinTitle:SVP

By: /s/ Andy Moore Name: Andy Moore Title: CEO

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