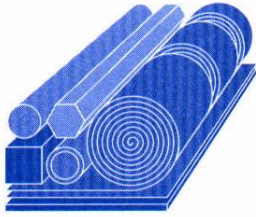


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STEPHEN SHAVER APPOINTED NEW CHAIR OF SSINA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

(Washington, D.C.) (March 6, 2006) -- The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) is pleased to announce that Stephen B. Shaver has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Environment Committee.

Mr. Shaver is the Corporate Environmental Manager for North American Stainless and has been employed there since before start-up of its new, state of the art facility located in Ghent, Kentucky. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Murray State University and served as an Adjunct Faculty Member. In the public sector, he has held an appointed position under Gov. Martha Layne Collins of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and was recruited as a civilian engineer under the Palace Chase/Acquire of the Department of Defense, assigned to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Georgia. He completed various course work while with the Department of Defense through the United States Air Force Technical School, United States Air Force Weapons Technical School, and United States Air Force War College. Mr. Shaver, as an active member of the SSINA since 1993, has served on many standing and ad hoc sub-committees. He is an Honorary Kentucky Colonel, Member of Ohio Valley Arts Council, and Sons of the American Revolution.

In addition, Elisabeth Torsner of Outokumpu has been appointed as the Committee's Vice-Chair. Outgoing Chairman Sean McGowan of Carpenter Technology will also serve as a Vice-Chair of the Committee. SSINA expressed its gratitude for Mr. McGowan's service as committee chairman during the last five years.

SSINA is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty metals producers. Specialty metals are high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products.

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