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WTO Ministerial Receives Mixed Reviews from Steel Industry Association; U.S. Negotiating Team Commended for Leadership

Statement of David A. Hartquist, Counsel Specialty Steel Industry of North America

(September 15, 2003) (Washington, DC) -- *The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) commends U.S. negotiators for their leadership and energetic efforts on behalf of the United States to make progress during last week's World Trade Organization (WTO) ministerial meeting in Cancun, Mexico.*

We regret that WTO countries were unable to develop a consensus to move forward in support of rules-based fair trade and restrain the recent growth of government subsidization. SSINA will continue its active participation in the OECD negotiations to prohibit steel subsidies.

SSINA is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty steel producers. Specialty steels are high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products. While shipments of specialty steel account for only 2% of all steel shipped, annual revenues of approximately \$8 billion account for 14% of the total value of all steel shipped.

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