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### **Specialty Metals Industry Group Releases Six-Month Market Data**

(Washington, D.C.) (October 9, 2007)—The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) today released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for YTD June 2007 compared to the same 2006 six-month period. Following data presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 227,443 tons, a 6% decrease compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 800,972 tons, a 13% decrease; six-month import penetration was 28%, a two percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 79,525 tons, a 74% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 201,373 tons, a 22% increase; six-month import penetration was 39%, an eleven percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 65,004 tons, an 18% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 123,813 tons, an 11% increase; six-month import penetration was 53%, a four percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 16,796 tons, a 14% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 35,054 tons, a 7% increase; six-month import penetration was 48%, a three percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 23,696 tons, a 1% decrease compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 41,440 tons, a 4% decrease; six-month import penetration was 57%, a two percentage point increase..

Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD June 2007 were 412,463 tons, an 8% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 1,202,652 tons, a 6% decrease; six-month import penetration was 34%, a four percentage point increase.

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- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 52,275 tons, reflecting no percent change compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD June 2007 were 60,035 tons, an 87% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 227,930 tons, a 2% increase; six-month import penetration was 26%, a twelve percentage point increase.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD June 2007 were 524,773 tons, a 13% increase compared to YTD June 2006; U.S. consumption was 1,473,690 tons, a 4% decrease; six-month import penetration was 36%, a six percentage point increase. See chart for additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2006 and 2005.

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.

Member companies are: AK Steel Corporation, West Chester, OH; ATI Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA and ATI Allvac, Monroe, NC (both Allegheny Technologies companies); Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading, PA; Crucible Specialty Metals, Syracuse, NY; Electralloy, Oil City, PA; Haynes International Inc., Kokomo, IN; ThyssenKrupp Mexinox SA de CV, San Luis Potosí, S.L.P., Mexico; North American Stainless, Ghent, KY; Outokumpu Stainless, Inc., Schaumburg, IL; Precision Rolled Products, Inc., Florham Park, NJ; Latrobe Specialty Steel Company, Latrobe, PA; Universal Stainless and Alloy Products, Bridgeville, PA; and Valbruna Slater Stainless Inc., Fort Wayne, IN.

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**U.S. Imports, Consumption and Market Penetration Data 1/  
For Specialty Steel Product Lines  
2007/2006/2005  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Six Month Import Penetration	
	Month June 2007	YTD June 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2007-06	Month June 2007	YTD June 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2007-06	YTD June 2007	YTD June 2006
Stainless Sheet/Strip	43,007	227,443	-6%	133,311	800,972	-13%	28%	26%
Stainless Plate	20,649	79,525	74%	38,572	201,373	22%	39%	28%
Stainless Bar	10,808	65,004	18%	19,220	123,813	11%	53%	49%
Stainless Rod	2,309	16,796	14%	4,536	35,054	7%	48%	45%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,663	23,696	-1%	6,342	41,440	-4%	57%	55%
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>80,436</b>	<b>412,463</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>201,980</b>	<b>1,202,652</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	7,147	52,275	-0%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	12,682	60,035	87%	43,037	227,930	2%	26%	14%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>100,266</b>	<b>524,773</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>250,822</b>	<b>1,473,690</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>30%</b>

2006 and 2005 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2006	Increase/Decrease 2006 vs. 2005	2005	Increase/Decrease 06 vs. 05	2006	2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	515,017	36%	1,842,713	13%	28%	23%
Stainless Plate	112,479	35%	358,406	41%	31%	33%
Stainless Bar	120,456	-3%	233,278	-1%	52%	53%
Stainless Rod	31,479	-24%	71,361	8%	44%	63%
Stainless Wire	48,667	11%	83,806	10%	58%	57%
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>828,098</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>2,589,564</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	101,010	-17%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	81,784	-1%	439,208	8%	19%	20%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>1,010,892</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3,106,105</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>32%</b>

**NOTE:** Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.

2/ Shipments of Alloy Tool Steel unavailable; hence consumption and import penetration not calculable.

NC = Not calculable.

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