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### **SSINA RELEASES NOVEMBER MARKET DATA**

(Washington, D.C., February 13, 2008) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America ("SSINA") today released statistical data on total imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for YTD November 2007 compared to the same 2006 eleven-month period. The following data is presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 389,046 tons, an 18.8% decrease compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 1,401,536 tons, an 18.1% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 27.8%, down 0.2% from 2006.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 138,010 tons, a 38.4% increase compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 317,914 tons, a 2% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 43.4%, a 12.7 percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 112,642 tons, a 3.2% increase compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 210,258 tons, a 1.5% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 53.6%, a 2.5 percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 28,592 tons, a 1.9% increase compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 58,628 tons, an 8.6% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 48.8%, a five percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 42,739 tons, a 3.7% decrease compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 75,633 tons, a 2.3% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 56.5%, down 0.8 % from 2006.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD November 2007 were 711,028 tons, a 6.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 2,063,969 tons, a 13.6% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 34.4%, a 2.6 percentage point increase.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 94,813 tons, a 1.7% increase compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD November 2007 were 103,443 tons, a 46.4% increase compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 396,928 tons, a 1.1% decrease from November 2006; eleven-month import penetration was 26.1%, an 8.5 percentage point increase.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD November 2007 were 909,285 tons, a 1.6% decrease compared to YTD November 2006; U.S. consumption was 2,540,249 tons, an 11.2% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 35.8%, a 3.5 percentage point increase. For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2006 and 2005, please refer to the chart.

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, Middletown, 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			Eleven Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH NOVEMBER 2007	YTD NOVEMBER 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2007-06	MONTH NOVEMBER 2007	YTD NOVEMBER 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2007-06	YTD NOVEMBER 2007	YTD NOVEMBER 2006
Stainless Sheet/Strip	29,124	389,046	-18.8%	131,697	1,401,536	-18.1%	27.8%	28.0%
Stainless Plate	8,083	138,010	38.4%	19,488	317,914	-2.0%	43.4%	30.7%
Stainless Bar	8,738	112,642	3.2%	16,807	210,258	-1.5%	53.6%	51.1%
Stainless Rod	2,039	28,592	1.9%	5,021	58,628	-8.6%	48.8%	43.8%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,399	42,739	-3.7%	6,470	75,633	-2.3%	56.5%	57.3%
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>51,384</b>	<b>711,028</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>179,484</b>	<b>2,063,969</b>	<b>-13.6%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	12,920	94,813	1.7%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	10,880	103,443	46.4%	33,280	396,928	-1.1%	26.1%	17.6%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>75,184</b>	<b>909,285</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>224,505</b>	<b>2,540,249</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>32.3%</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	36.0%	1,842,713	13.4%	27.9%	23.3%
Stainless Plate	112,479	34.9%	358,406	41.4%	31.4%	32.9%
Stainless Bar	120,456	-2.9%	233,278	-1.2%	51.6%	52.5%
Stainless Rod	31,479	-24.2%	71,361	8.0%	44.1%	62.8%
Stainless Wire	48,667	11.5%	83,806	9.9%	58.1%	57.2%
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>828,098</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>2,589,564</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>29.7%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	101,010	-17.1%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	81,784	-1.0%	439,208	8.1%	18.6%	20.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>1,010,892</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>3,106,105</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>31.7%</b>

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

1/ Year-to-date 2007 Shipments of Wire are estimated based on January - June 2007 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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