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## **SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR NOVEMBER 2008**

(Washington, DC, February 18, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) has released the statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for November 2008. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD November 2008 compared to the same 2007 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 2008 were 423,593 tons, an 8.9% increase compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 1,191,478 tons, a 15.0% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 35.6%, a 7.8 percentage point increase from 2007.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 89,124 tons, a 35.4% decrease compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 222,110 tons, a 30.1% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 40.1%, a 3.3 percentage point decrease from 2007.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 113,340 tons, a 0.6% increase compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 214,934 tons, a 2.2% increase; eleven-month import penetration was 52.7% a 0.9 percentage point decrease from 2007.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 28,779 tons, a 0.7% increase compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 58,228 tons, a 0.7% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 49.4%, a 0.6 percentage point increase from 2007.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 40,420 tons, a 5.4% decrease compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 68,946 tons, a 4.0% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 58.6%, a 0.9 percentage point decrease from 2007.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD November 2008 were **695,256** tons, a 2.2% decrease compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was **1,755,696** tons, a 14.8% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 39.6%, a 5.1 percentage point increase from 2007.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 89,563 tons, a 5.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD November 2008 were 110,895 tons, a 7.2% increase compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was 318,134 tons, a 19.9% decrease from November 2007; eleven-month import penetration was 34.9%, an 8.8 percentage point increase from 2007.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD November 2008 were **895,714** tons, a 1.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2007; U.S. consumption was **2,144,133** tons, a 15.4% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 41.8%, a 5.9 percentage point increase from 2007.

For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2007 and 2006 please refer to the following chart.

### **About Specialty Steel Industry of North America**

Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty metals producers, which include high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products.

SSINA member companies include: ATI Allegheny Ludlum, 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  
2008/2007/2006  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS			U.S. CONSUMPTION			Eleven Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH NOVEMBER 2008	YTD NOVEMBER 2008	Increase/Decrease YTD 2008-07	MONTH NOVEMBER 2008	YTD NOVEMBER 2008	Increase/Decrease YTD 2008-07	YTD NOVEMBER 2008	YTD NOVEMBER 2007
Stainless Sheet/Strip	23,546	423,593	8.9%	62,720	1,191,478	-15.0%	35.6%	27.8%
Stainless Plate	6,476	89,124	-35.4%	14,281	222,110	-30.1%	40.1%	43.4%
Stainless Bar 1/	8,795	113,340	0.6%	13,950	214,934	2.2%	52.7%	53.6%
Stainless Rod 1/	2,557	28,779	0.7%	3,884	58,228	-0.7%	49.4%	48.8%
Stainless Wire 2/	3,365	40,420	-5.4%	5,747	68,946	-4.0%	58.6%	59.5%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>44,740</b>	<b>695,256</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>100,582</b>	<b>1,755,696</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 3/	6,548	89,563	-5.5%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	11,217	110,895	7.2%	20,343	318,134	-19.9%	34.9%	26.1%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>62,505</b>	<b>895,714</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>124,915</b>	<b>2,144,133</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>35.9%</b>

**2007 AND 2006 STATISTICAL DATA IN TONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS		U.S. CONSUMPTION		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2007	Increase/Decrease 2007 vs. 2006	2007	Increase/Decrease 07 vs. 06	2007	2006
Stainless Sheet/Strip	421,510	-18.2%	1,521,146	-17.5%	27.7%	27.9%
Stainless Plate	144,638	28.6%	334,499	-6.7%	43.2%	31.4%
Stainless Bar	122,734	1.9%	227,392	-2.5%	54.0%	51.6%
Stainless Rod	30,567	-2.9%	63,862	-10.5%	47.9%	44.1%
Stainless Wire	45,971	-5.5%	77,151	-7.9%	59.6%	58.1%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>765,420</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>2,224,050</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	103,950	2.9%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	110,612	35.2%	429,651	-2.2%	25.7%	18.6%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>979,981</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>2,740,593</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>

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

1/ Year-to-date 2008 shipments of bar and rod estimated based on 2007 data.

2/ Year-to-date 2008 shipments of wire are estimated based on January - March 2008 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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