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## **SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR JANUARY 2009**

(Washington, D.C., April 17, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America ("SSINA") has released the first statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD January 2009 compared to the same 2008 one 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 January 2009 were 20,156 tons, a 50.1% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 69,265 tons, a 41.7% decrease; one month import penetration was 29.1%, a 4.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 4,887 tons, a 24.5% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 12,816 tons, a 17.4% decrease; one month import penetration was 38.1%, a 3.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 7,909 tons, a 12.6% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 14,871 tons, a 19.2% decrease; one month import penetration was 53.2%, a 4.1 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 1,248 tons, a 46.0% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 2,365 tons, a 54.1% decrease; one month import penetration was 52.8%, a 7.9 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 2,880 tons, a 14.5% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 3,718 tons, a 40.1% decrease; one month import penetration was 77.5%, a 23.2 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD January 2009 were **37,080** tons, a 39.8% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was **103,035** tons, a 37.2% decrease; one month import penetration was 36.0%, a 1.5 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 5,184 tons, a 53.7% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD January 2009 were 8,542 tons, a 33.2% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was 26,698 tons, a 31.0% decrease from January 2008; one month import penetration was 32.0%, a 1.1 percentage point decrease from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD January 2009 were **50,806** tons, a 40.6% decrease compared to YTD January 2008; U.S. consumption was **133,788** tons, a 37.2% decrease; one month import penetration was 38.0%, a 2.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.

For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2008 and 2007 please refer to the attached 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; ThyssenKrupp Mexinox SA de CV, San Luis Potosí, S.L.P., Mexico; North American Stainless, Ghent, KY; Outokumpu Stainless, Inc., Schaumburg, IL; 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  
For Specialty Steel Product Lines  
2009/2008/2007  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS			U.S. CONSUMPTION			One Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH JANUARY 2009	YTD JANUARY 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH JANUARY 2009	YTD JANUARY 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD JANUARY 2009	YTD JANUARY 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	20,156	20,156	-50.1%	69,265	69,265	-41.7%	29.1%	34.0%
Stainless Plate	4,887	4,887	-24.5%	12,816	12,816	-17.4%	38.1%	41.7%
Stainless Bar	7,909	7,909	-12.6%	14,871	14,871	-19.2%	53.2%	49.1%
Stainless Rod	1,248	1,248	-46.0%	2,365	2,365	-54.1%	52.8%	44.9%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,880	2,880	-14.5%	3,718	3,718	-40.1%	77.5%	54.3%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>37,080</b>	<b>37,080</b>	<b>-39.8%</b>	<b>103,035</b>	<b>103,035</b>	<b>-37.2%</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	5,184	5,184	-53.7%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	8,542	8,542	-33.2%	26,698	26,698	-31.0%	32.0%	33.1%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>50,806</b>	<b>50,806</b>	<b>-40.6%</b>	<b>133,788</b>	<b>133,788</b>	<b>-37.2%</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>40.2%</b>

**2008 AND 2007 STATISTICAL DATA IN TONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS		U.S. CONSUMPTION		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2008	Increase/ Decrease 2008 vs. 2007	2008	Increase/ Decrease 08 vs. 07	2008	2007
Stainless Sheet/Strip	441,313	4.7%	1,245,825	-18.1%	35.4%	27.7%
Stainless Plate	93,492	-35.4%	234,122	-30.0%	39.9%	43.2%
Stainless Bar	120,928	-1.5%	227,078	-0.1%	53.3%	54.0%
Stainless Rod	29,889	-2.2%	60,780	-4.8%	49.2%	47.9%
Stainless Wire	42,864	-6.8%	74,161	-3.9%	57.8%	59.6%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>728,487</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>1,841,966</b>	<b>-17.2%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	96,357	-7.3%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	120,898	9.3%	344,984	-19.7%	35.0%	25.7%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>945,742</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>2,262,832</b>	<b>-17.4%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>

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

1/ Monthly and year-to-date 2009 shipments of wire are estimated based on October - December 2008 data.  
2/ Shipments of Alloy Tool Steel unavailable; hence consumption and import penetration not calculable.

NC = Not calculable.

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