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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR MARCH 2009

(Washington, D.C., June 8, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for March 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD March 2009 compared to the same 2008 three 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 March 2009 were 49,640 tons, a 61.3% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 201,463 tons, a 45.5% decrease; three month import penetration was 24.6%, a 10.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 9,507 tons, a 60.5% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 38,384 tons, a 41.2% decrease; three month import penetration was 24.8%, a 12 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 22,162 tons, a 27.3% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 42,539 tons, a 31.2% decrease; three month import penetration was 52.1%, a 2.8 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 2,870 tons, a 58.6% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 7,272 tons, a 50.4% decrease; three month import penetration was 39.5%, a 7.8 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 7,335 tons, a 28.7% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 9,686 tons, a 46.8% decrease; three month import penetration was 75.7%, a 19.2 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD March 2009 were **91,514** tons, a 54.3% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was **299,345** tons, a 43.5% decrease; three month import penetration was 30.6%, a 7.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 13,135 tons, a 54.9% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD March 2009 were 29,508 tons, a 3.7% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was 77,903 tons, a 17.5% decrease from March 2008; three month import penetration was 37.9%, a 5.5 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD March 2009 were **134,157** tons, a 48.4% decrease compared to YTD March 2008; U.S. consumption was **387,399** tons, a 40.3% decrease; three month import penetration was 34.6%, a 5.4 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			THREE Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH MARCH 2009	YTD MARCH 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH MARCH 2009	YTD MARCH 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD MARCH 2009	YTD MARCH 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	15,537	49,640	-61.3%	58,315	201,463	-45.5%	24.6%	34.8%
Stainless Plate	1,641	9,507	-60.5%	10,236	38,384	-41.2%	24.8%	36.8%
Stainless Bar	7,782	22,162	-27.3%	13,847	42,539	-31.2%	52.1%	49.3%
Stainless Rod	852	2,870	-58.6%	2,452	7,272	-50.4%	39.5%	47.3%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,311	7,335	-28.7%	2,999	9,686	-46.8%	75.7%	56.5%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	28,123	91,514	-54.3%	87,849	299,345	-43.5%	30.6%	37.8%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	3,944	13,135	-54.9%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	8,817	29,508	-3.7%	24,071	77,903	-17.5%	37.9%	32.4%
Total Specialty	40,885	134,157	-48.4%	114,817	387,399	-40.3%	34.6%	40.0%

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%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	728,487	-4.8%	1,841,966	-17.2%	39.5%	34.4%
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%
Total Specialty	945,742	-3.5%	2,262,832	-17.4%	41.8%	35.8%

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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