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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR APRIL 2009

(Washington, D.C., July 16, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for April 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD April 2009 compared to the same 2008 four 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 April 2009 were 64,901 tons, a 62.7% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 261,757 tons, a 49.4% decrease; four month import penetration was 24.8%, an 8.8 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 12,370 tons, a 60.6% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 52,003 tons, a 45.8% decrease; four month import penetration was 23.8%, an 8.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 29,206 tons, a 30.1% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 55,807 tons, a 31.4% decrease; four month import penetration was 52.3%, a 1.0 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 4,082 tons, a 60.3% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 9,552 tons, a 54.2% decrease; four month import penetration was 42.7%, a 6.5 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 9,669 tons, a 32.5% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 12,857 tons, a 48.1% decrease; four month import penetration was 75.2%, a 17.3 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD April 2009 were **120,228** tons, a 55.8% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was **391,977** tons, a 47.1% decrease; four month import penetration was 30.7%, a 6.0 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 15,779 tons, a 59.0% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD April 2009 were 33,896 tons, a 17.6% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was 97,325 tons, a 26.6% decrease from April 2008; four month import penetration was 34.8%, a 3.8 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD April 2009 were **169,903** tons, a 51.6% decrease compared to YTD April 2008; U.S. consumption was **501,263** tons, a 44.6% decrease; four month import penetration was 33.9%, a 4.9 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			FOUR Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH APRIL 2009	YTD APRIL 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH APRIL 2009	YTD APRIL 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD APRIL 2009	YTD APRIL 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	15,261	64,901	-62.7%	60,294	261,757	-49.4%	24.8%	33.6%
Stainless Plate	2,863	12,370	-60.6%	13,619	52,003	-45.8%	23.8%	32.7%
Stainless Bar	7,044	29,206	-30.1%	13,268	55,807	-31.4%	52.3%	51.3%
Stainless Rod	1,212	4,082	-60.3%	2,280	9,552	-54.2%	42.7%	49.2%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,335	9,669	-32.5%	3,171	12,857	-48.1%	75.2%	57.9%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	28,714	120,228	-55.8%	92,632	391,977	-47.1%	30.7%	36.7%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	2,644	15,779	-59.0%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	4,388	33,896	-17.6%	19,421	97,325	-26.6%	34.8%	31.0%
Total Specialty	35,746	169,903	-51.6%	113,864	501,263	-44.6%	33.9%	38.8%

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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