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

(Washington, D.C., September 3, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for May 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD May 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 May 2009 were 79,027 tons, a 63.7% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 331,893 tons, a 48.3% decrease; five month import penetration was 23.8%, a 10.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 15,461 tons, a 62.4% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 67,946 tons, a 39.9% decrease; five month import penetration was 22.8%, a 13.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 35,897 tons, a 30.7% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 68,045 tons, a 32.8% decrease; five month import penetration was 52.8%, a 1.7 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 4,817 tons, a 63.6% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 11,477 tons, a 56.9% decrease; five month import penetration was 42.0%, a 7.8 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 12,152 tons, a 34.9% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 16,134 tons, a 48.5% decrease; five month import penetration was 75.3%, a 15.7 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD May 2009 were **147,354** tons, a 57.0% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was **495,494** tons, a 45.8% decrease; five month import penetration was 29.7%, a 7.8 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 18,024 tons, a 61.8% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD May 2009 were 40,180 tons, a 14.6% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was 110,209 tons, a 30.5% decrease from YTD May 2008; five month import penetration was 36.5%, a 6.8 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD May 2009 were **205,558** tons, a 53.0% decrease compared to YTD May 2008; U.S. consumption was **619,096** tons, a 44.3% decrease; five month import penetration was 33.2%, a 6.1 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			FIVE Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH MAY 2009	YTD MAY 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH MAY 2009	YTD MAY 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD MAY 2009	YTD MAY 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	14,127	79,027	-63.7%	70,135	331,893	-48.3%	23.8%	34.0%
Stainless Plate	3,091	15,461	-62.4%	15,943	67,946	-39.9%	22.8%	36.4%
Stainless Bar	6,691	35,897	-30.7%	12,237	68,045	-32.8%	52.8%	51.1%
Stainless Rod	735	4,817	-63.6%	1,925	11,477	-56.9%	42.0%	49.8%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,482	12,152	-34.9%	3,277	16,134	-48.5%	75.3%	59.6%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>27,126</b>	<b>147,354</b>	<b>-57.0%</b>	<b>103,517</b>	<b>495,494</b>	<b>-45.8%</b>	<b>29.7%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	2,245	18,024	-61.8%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	6,284	40,180	-14.6%	12,884	110,209	-30.5%	36.5%	29.7%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>35,655</b>	<b>205,558</b>	<b>-53.0%</b>	<b>117,833</b>	<b>619,096</b>	<b>-44.3%</b>	<b>33.2%</b>	<b>39.3%</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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