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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR JUNE 2009

(Washington, D.C., September 18, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for June 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD June 2009 compared to the same 2008 six 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 June 2009 were 96,146 tons, a 62.7% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 409,951 tons, a 45.4% decrease; six month import penetration was 23.5%, a 10.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 18,497 tons, a 63.1% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 83,571 tons, a 37.2% decrease; six month import penetration was 22.1%, a 15.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 40,827 tons, a 35.4% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 77,844 tons, a 36.9% decrease; six month import penetration was 52.4%, a 1.2 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 5,729 tons, a 63.2% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 13,941 tons, a 56.5% decrease; six month import penetration was 41.1%, a 7.5 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 14,584 tons, a 34.6% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 19,383 tons, a 47.7% decrease; six month import penetration was 75.2%, a 15.0 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD June 2009 were **175,783** tons, a 57.1% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was **604,689** tons, a 43.8% decrease; six month import penetration was 29.1%, a 8.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 19,927 tons, a 64.1% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD June 2009 were 42,564 tons, a 22.7% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was 119,535 tons, a 33.8% decrease from YTD June 2008; six month import penetration was 35.6%, a 5.1 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD June 2009 were **238,274** tons, a 54.2% decrease compared to YTD June 2008; U.S. consumption was **738,332** tons, a 43.3% decrease; six month import penetration was 32.3%, a 7.6 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			SIX Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH JUNE 2009	YTD JUNE 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH JUNE 2009	YTD JUNE 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD JUNE 2009	YTD JUNE 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	17,119	96,146	-62.7%	78,058	409,951	-45.4%	23.5%	34.4%
Stainless Plate	3,036	18,497	-63.1%	15,625	83,571	-37.2%	22.1%	37.7%
Stainless Bar	4,930	40,827	-35.4%	9,799	77,844	-36.9%	52.4%	51.2%
Stainless Rod	912	5,729	-63.2%	2,464	13,941	-56.5%	41.1%	48.6%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,432	14,584	-34.6%	3,248	19,383	-47.7%	75.2%	60.2%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	28,429	175,783	-57.1%	109,195	604,689	-43.8%	29.1%	38.0%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	1,903	19,927	-64.1%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	2,384	42,564	-22.7%	9,326	119,535	-33.8%	35.6%	30.5%
Total Specialty	32,716	238,274	-54.2%	119,236	738,332	-43.3%	32.3%	39.9%

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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