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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR JULY 2009

(Washington, D.C., November 10, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for July 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD July 2009 compared to the same 2008 seven 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 July 2009 were 114,434 tons, a 62.0% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 497,051 tons, a 41.3% decrease; seven month import penetration was 23.0%, a 12.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 21,737 tons, a 64.4% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 97,502 tons, a 36.9% decrease; seven month import penetration was 22.3%, a 17.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 46,462 tons, a 38.3% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 89,159 tons, a 38.6% decrease; seven month import penetration was 52.1%, a 0.3 percentage point increase from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 7,136 tons, a 62.9% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 17,369 tons, a 55.0% decrease; seven month import penetration was 41.1%, a 8.7 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 17,163 tons, a 33.6% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 22,858 tons, a 46.4% decrease; seven month import penetration was 75.1%, a 14.5 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD July 2009 were **206,931** tons, a 57.1% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was **723,939** tons, a 41.0% decrease; seven month import penetration was 28.6%, a 10.7 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 22,473 tons, a 64.4% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD July 2009 were 45,628 tons, a 33.0% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was 131,296 tons, a 37.3% decrease from YTD July 2008; seven month import penetration was 34.8%, a 2.3 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD July 2009 were **275,032** tons, a 55.2% decrease compared to YTD July 2008; U.S. consumption was **870,246** tons, a 41.5% decrease; seven month import penetration was 31.6%, a 9.6 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			SEVEN Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH JULY 2009	YTD JULY 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH JULY 2009	YTD JULY 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD JULY 2009	YTD JULY 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	18,288	114,434	-62.0%	87,100	497,051	-41.3%	23.0%	35.6%
Stainless Plate	3,240	21,737	-64.4%	13,931	97,502	-36.9%	22.3%	39.5%
Stainless Bar	5,634	46,462	-38.3%	11,315	89,159	-38.6%	52.1%	51.8%
Stainless Rod	1,407	7,136	-62.9%	3,428	17,369	-55.0%	41.1%	49.8%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,579	17,163	-33.6%	3,475	22,858	-46.4%	75.1%	60.6%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	31,149	206,931	-57.1%	119,249	723,939	-41.0%	28.6%	39.3%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	2,546	22,473	-64.4%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	3,063	45,628	-33.0%	11,761	131,296	-37.3%	34.8%	32.5%
Total Specialty	36,758	275,032	-55.2%	131,914	870,246	-41.5%	31.6%	41.2%

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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