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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR AUGUST 2009

(Washington, D.C., November 20, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for August 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD August 2009 compared to the same 2008 eight 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 August 2009 were 132,250 tons, a 60.9% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 594,503 tons, a 36.8% decrease; eight month import penetration was 22.2%, a 13.7 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 24,016 tons, a 65.0% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 111,542 tons, a 35.9% decrease; eight month import penetration was 21.5%, a 17.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 51,016 tons, a 40.7% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 99,749 tons, a 38.9% decrease; eight month import penetration was 51.1%, a 1.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 8,107 tons, a 61.9% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 20,752 tons, a 52.1% decrease; eight month import penetration was 39.1%, a 9.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 19,599 tons, a 34.9% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 26,171 tons, a 46.1% decrease; eight month import penetration was 74.9%, a 12.9 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD August 2009 were **234,989** tons, a 56.8% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was **852,718** tons, a 37.8% decrease; eight month import penetration was 27.6%, a 12.1 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 24,192 tons, a 64.8% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD August 2009 were 49,058 tons, a 37.7% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was 146,780 tons, a 37.5% decrease from YTD August 2008; eight month import penetration was 33.4%, a 0.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD August 2009 were **308,239** tons, a 55.4% decrease compared to YTD August 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,014,880** tons, a 38.9% decrease; eight month import penetration was 30.4%, a 11.2 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			EIGHT MONTH Import Penetration	
	MONTH AUGUST 2009	YTD AUGUST 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH AUGUST 2009	YTD AUGUST 2009	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD AUGUST 2009	YTD AUGUST 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	17,816	132,250	-60.9%	97,453	594,503	-36.8%	22.2%	35.9%
Stainless Plate	2,279	24,016	-65.0%	14,041	111,542	-35.9%	21.5%	39.4%
Stainless Bar	4,554	51,016	-40.7%	10,590	99,749	-38.9%	51.1%	52.7%
Stainless Rod	971	8,107	-61.9%	3,383	20,752	-52.1%	39.1%	49.0%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,437	19,599	-34.9%	3,313	26,171	-46.1%	74.9%	62.0%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	28,057	234,989	-56.8%	128,779	852,718	-37.8%	27.6%	39.7%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	1,720	24,192	-64.8%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	3,430	49,058	-37.7%	15,484	146,780	-37.5%	33.4%	33.6%
Total Specialty	33,208	308,239	-55.4%	144,635	1,014,880	-38.9%	30.4%	41.6%

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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