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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

(Washington, D.C., December 30, 2009) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for September 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD September 2009 compared to the same 2008 nine 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 September 2009 were 151,227 tons, a 58.8% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 694,780 tons, a 32.8% decrease; nine month import penetration was 21.8%, a 13.8 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 29,934 tons, a 60.6% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 130,993 tons, a 30.9% decrease; nine month import penetration was 22.9%, a 17.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 55,826 tons, a 41.3% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 110,977 tons, a 39.4% decrease; nine month import penetration was 50.3%, a 1.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 9,455 tons, a 60.0% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 25,382 tons, a 48.2% decrease; nine month import penetration was 37.2%, a 11.1 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 22,290 tons, a 33.4% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 29,677 tons, a 44.9% decrease; nine month import penetration was 75.1%, a 12.9 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD September 2009 were **268,732** tons, a 54.9% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was **991,809** tons, a 34.3% decrease; nine month import penetration was 27.1%, a 12.4 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 26,850 tons, a 64.7% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD September 2009 were 53,547 tons, a 39.6% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was 158,243 tons, a 40.4% decrease from YTD September 2008; nine month import penetration was 33.8%, a 0.4 percentage point increase from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD September 2009 were **349,129** tons, a 54.1% decrease compared to YTD September 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,166,775** tons, a 36.5% decrease; nine month import penetration was 29.9%, a 11.5 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			NINE MONTH Import Penetration	
	MONTH SEPTEMBER 2009	YTD SEPTEMBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH SEPTEMBER 2009	YTD SEPTEMBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD SEPTEMBER 2009	YTD SEPTEMBER 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	18,977	151,227	-58.8%	100,276	694,780	-32.8%	21.8%	35.6%
Stainless Plate	5,918	29,934	-60.6%	19,451	130,993	-30.9%	22.9%	40.1%
Stainless Bar	4,810	55,826	-41.3%	11,228	110,977	-39.4%	50.3%	51.9%
Stainless Rod	1,347	9,455	-60.0%	4,630	25,382	-48.2%	37.2%	48.3%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,690	22,290	-33.4%	3,506	29,677	-44.9%	75.1%	62.2%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	33,743	268,732	-54.9%	139,091	991,809	-34.3%	27.1%	39.5%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	2,657	26,850	-64.7%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	4,490	53,547	-39.6%	11,463	158,243	-40.4%	33.8%	33.4%
Total Specialty	40,890	349,129	-54.1%	151,895	1,166,775	-36.5%	29.9%	41.4%

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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