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

(Washington, D.C., January 14, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for October 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD October 2009 compared to the same 2008 ten 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 October 2009 were 173,767 tons, a 56.6% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 776,782 tons, a 31.2% decrease; ten month import penetration was 22.4%, a 13.0 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 37,449 tons, a 54.7% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 146,638 tons, a 29.4% decrease; ten month import penetration was 25.5%, a 14.3 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 61,169 tons, a 41.5% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 122,707 tons, a 38.9% decrease; ten month import penetration was 49.8%, a 2.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 10,937 tons, a 58.3% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 28,703 tons, a 47.2% decrease; ten month import penetration was 38.1%, a 10.2 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 25,551 tons, a 31.0% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 33,645 tons, a 42.2% decrease; ten month import penetration was 75.9%, a 12.2 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD October 2009 were **308,874** tons, a 52.5% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,108,474** tons, a 32.8% decrease; ten month import penetration was 27.9%, a 11.5 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 30,107 tons, a 63.7% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD October 2009 were 57,051 tons, a 42.8% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was 172,827 tons, a 42.0% decrease from YTD October 2008; ten month import penetration was 33.0%, a 0.5 percentage point decrease from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD October 2009 were **396,033** tons, a 52.5% decrease compared to YTD October 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,299,751** tons, a 35.5% decrease; ten month import penetration was 30.5%, a 10.9 percentage point decrease from 2008.

For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2009 and 2008 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			TEN MONTH Import Penetration	
	MONTH OCTOBER 2009	YTD OCTOBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH OCTOBER 2009	YTD OCTOBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD OCTOBER 2009	YTD OCTOBER 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	22,540	173,767	-56.6%	82,002	776,782	-31.2%	22.4%	35.4%
Stainless Plate	7,515	37,449	-54.7%	15,644	146,638	-29.4%	25.5%	39.8%
Stainless Bar	5,343	61,169	-41.5%	11,730	122,707	-38.9%	49.8%	52.0%
Stainless Rod	1,483	10,937	-58.3%	3,321	28,703	-47.2%	38.1%	48.3%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,261	25,551	-31.0%	3,968	33,645	-42.2%	75.9%	63.7%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>40,142</b>	<b>308,874</b>	<b>-52.5%</b>	<b>116,665</b>	<b>1,108,474</b>	<b>-32.8%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	3,257	30,107	-63.7%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	3,504	57,051	-42.8%	14,584	172,827	-42.0%	33.0%	33.5%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>46,904</b>	<b>396,033</b>	<b>-52.5%</b>	<b>132,976</b>	<b>1,299,751</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>41.4%</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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