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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR NOVEMBER 2009

(Washington, D.C., February 18, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for November 2009. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD November 2009 compared to the same 2008 eleven 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 November 2009 were 195,685 tons, a 53.8% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 881,517 tons, a 26.0% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 22.2%, a 13.4 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 44,088 tons, a 50.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 166,428 tons, a 25.1% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 26.5%, a 13.6 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 67,398 tons, a 40.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 134,804 tons, a 37.3% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 50.0%, a 2.7 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 12,803 tons, a 55.5% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 33,091 tons, a 43.2% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 38.7%, a 10.7 percentage point decrease from 2008.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 28,457 tons, a 29.6% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 40,403 tons, a 35.0% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 70.4%, a 5.4 percentage point increase from 2008.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD November 2009 were **348,431** tons, a 49.9% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,256,243** tons, a 28.2% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 27.7%, a 12.1 percentage point decrease from 2008.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 33,206 tons, a 62.9% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD November 2009 were 60,629 tons, a 45.3% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was 185,965 tons, a 41.5% decrease from YTD November 2008; eleven month import penetration was 32.6%, a 2.3 percentage point decrease from 2008.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD November 2009 were **442,265** tons, a 50.6% decrease compared to YTD November 2008; U.S. consumption was **1,462,044** tons, a 31.6% decrease; eleven month import penetration was 30.2%, a 11.7 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; Electralloy, Oil City, PA; 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			ELEVEN MONTH Import Penetration	
	MONTH NOVEMBER 2009	YTD NOVEMBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	MONTH NOVEMBER 2009	YTD NOVEMBER 2009	Increase/Decrease YTD 2009-08	YTD NOVEMBER 2009	YTD NOVEMBER 2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	21,917	195,685	-53.8%	104,735	881,517	-26.0%	22.2%	35.6%
Stainless Plate	6,638	44,088	-50.5%	19,790	166,428	-25.1%	26.5%	40.1%
Stainless Bar	6,229	67,398	-40.5%	12,098	134,804	-37.3%	50.0%	52.7%
Stainless Rod	1,866	12,803	-55.5%	4,388	33,091	-43.2%	38.7%	49.4%
Stainless Wire 1/	2,906	28,457	-29.6%	3,996	40,403	-35.0%	70.4%	65.0%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	39,557	348,431	-49.9%	145,007	1,256,243	-28.2%	27.7%	39.8%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	3,099	33,206	-62.9%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	3,577	60,629	-45.3%	13,138	185,965	-41.5%	32.6%	34.9%
Total Specialty	46,232	442,265	-50.6%	159,531	1,462,044	-31.6%	30.2%	41.9%

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 January - June 2009 data.

2/ Shipments of Alloy Tool Steel unavailable; hence consumption and import penetration not calculable.

NC = Not calculable.

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