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## **SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR APRIL 2010**

(Washington, D.C., July 23, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for April 2010. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD April 2010 compared to the same 2009 four 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 April 2010 were 108,722 tons, a 67.5% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 429,846 tons, a 64.2% increase; four month import penetration was 25.3%, a 0.5 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 22,925 tons, a 85.3% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 80,788 tons, a 55.4% increase; four month import penetration was 28.4%, a 4.6 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 29,839 tons, a 2.2% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 64,925 tons, a 16.3% increase; four month import penetration was 46.0%, a 6.3 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 8,226 tons, a 101.5% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 20,118 tons, a 110.6% increase; four month import penetration was 40.9%, a 1.8 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 14,048 tons, a 45.3% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 17,442 tons, a 24.7 % increase; four month import penetration was 80.5%, a 11.4 percentage point increase from 2009.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD April 2010 were **183,761** tons, a 52.8% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was **613,120** tons, a 56.0% increase; four month import penetration was 30.0%, a 0.6 percentage point decrease from 2009.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 20,015 tons, a 26.8% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD April 2010 were 30,325 tons, a 10.5% decrease compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was 73,336 tons, a 24.6% decrease from YTD April 2009; four month import penetration was 41.4%, a 6.6 percentage point increase from 2009.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD April 2010 were **234,102** tons, a 37.8% increase compared to YTD April 2009; U.S. consumption was **698,555** tons, a 39.0% increase; four month import penetration was 33.5%, a 0.3 percentage point decrease from 2009.

For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2010 and 2009 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  
2010/2009/2008  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS			U.S. CONSUMPTION			FOUR Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH APRIL 2010	YTD APRIL 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	MONTH APRIL 2010	YTD APRIL 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	YTD APRIL 2010	YTD APRIL 2009
Stainless Sheet/Strip	30,021	108,722	67.5%	113,481	429,846	64.2%	25.3%	24.8%
Stainless Plate	6,310	22,925	85.3%	21,565	80,788	55.4%	28.4%	23.8%
Stainless Bar	9,134	29,839	2.2%	19,106	64,925	16.3%	46.0%	52.3%
Stainless Rod	2,618	8,226	101.5%	5,845	20,118	110.6%	40.9%	42.7%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,784	14,048	45.3%	4,520	17,442	24.7%	80.5%	69.1%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>51,867</b>	<b>183,761</b>	<b>52.8%</b>	<b>164,516</b>	<b>613,120</b>	<b>56.0%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	6,220	20,015	26.8%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	9,918	30,325	-10.5%	17,828	73,336	-24.6%	41.4%	34.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>68,005</b>	<b>234,102</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>186,439</b>	<b>698,555</b>	<b>39.0%</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>

**2009 AND 2008 STATISTICAL DATA IN TONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS		U.S. CONSUMPTION		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2009	Increase/Decrease 2009 vs. 2008	2009	Increase/Decrease 09 vs. 08	2009	2008
Stainless Sheet/Strip	219,710	-50.2%	964,919	-22.5%	22.8%	35.4%
Stainless Plate	50,723	-45.7%	179,799	-23.2%	28.2%	39.9%
Stainless Bar	74,188	-38.7%	146,650	-35.4%	50.6%	53.3%
Stainless Rod	14,434	-51.7%	36,743	-39.5%	39.3%	49.2%
Stainless Wire	31,776	-25.9%	44,796	-31.4%	70.9%	65.6%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>390,831</b>	<b>-46.4%</b>	<b>1,372,908</b>	<b>-25.1%</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	37,649	-60.9%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	65,624	-45.7%	198,507	-42.5%	33.1%	35.0%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>494,105</b>	<b>-47.8%</b>	<b>1,594,438</b>	<b>-29.3%</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>42.0%</b>

**NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.**

1/ Monthly and year-to-date 2010 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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