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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR MAY 2010

(Washington, D.C., August 19, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for May 2010. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD May 2010 compared to the same 2009 five 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 May 2010 were 140,490 tons, a 77.8% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 536,917 tons, a 61.8% increase; five month import penetration was 26.2%, a 2.4 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 28,180 tons, a 82.3% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 99,926 tons, a 47.1% increase; five month import penetration was 28.2%, a 5.4 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 39,468 tons, a 9.9% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 83,405 tons, a 22.6% increase; five month import penetration was 47.3%, a 5.5 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 10,105 tons, a 109.8% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 25,605 tons, a 123.1% increase; five month import penetration was 39.5%, a 2.5 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 17,497 tons, a 44.0% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 21,638 tons, a 24.4 % increase; five month import penetration was 80.9%, a 11.0 percentage point increase from 2009.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD May 2010 were **235,739** tons, a 60.0% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was **767,491** tons, a 54.5% increase; five month import penetration was 30.7%, a 1.0 percentage point increase from 2009.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 27,857 tons, a 54.6% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD May 2010 were 38,023 tons, a 5.4% decrease compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was 90,399 tons, a 18.0% decrease from YTD May 2009; five month import penetration was 42.1%, a 5.6 percentage point increase from 2009.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD May 2010 were **301,619** tons, a 46.7% increase compared to YTD May 2009; U.S. consumption was **875,555** tons, a 41.1% increase; five month import penetration was 34.4%, a 1.3 percentage point increase 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			FIVE Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH MAY 2010	YTD MAY 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	MONTH MAY 2010	YTD MAY 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	YTD MAY 2010	YTD MAY 2009
Stainless Sheet/Strip	31,768	140,490	77.8%	107,071	536,917	61.8%	26.2%	23.8%
Stainless Plate	5,254	28,180	82.3%	19,138	99,926	47.1%	28.2%	22.8%
Stainless Bar	9,628	39,468	9.9%	18,480	83,405	22.6%	47.3%	52.8%
Stainless Rod	1,879	10,105	109.8%	5,486	25,605	123.1%	39.5%	42.0%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,449	17,497	44.0%	4,195	21,638	24.4%	80.9%	69.9%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	51,978	235,739	60.0%	154,370	767,491	54.5%	30.7%	29.7%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	7,842	27,857	54.6%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	7,697	38,023	-5.4%	17,064	90,399	-18.0%	42.1%	36.5%
Total Specialty	67,517	301,619	46.7%	177,000	875,555	41.1%	34.4%	33.1%

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%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	390,831	-46.4%	1,372,908	-25.1%	28.5%	39.7%
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%
Total Specialty	494,105	-47.8%	1,594,438	-29.3%	31.0%	42.0%

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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