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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR JUNE 2010

(Washington, D.C., September 20, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for June 2010. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD June 2010 compared to the same 2009 six 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 June 2010 were 174,740 tons, a 81.7% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 631,035 tons, a 53.9% increase; six month import penetration was 27.7%, a 4.2 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 35,149 tons, a 90.0% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 114,021 tons, a 36.4% increase; six month import penetration was 30.8%, a 8.7 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 48,996 tons, a 20.0% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 101,956 tons, a 31.0% increase; six month import penetration was 48.1%, a 4.3 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 11,682 tons, a 103.9% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 30,489 tons, a 118.7% increase; six month import penetration was 38.3%, a 2.8 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 21,275 tons, a 45.9% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 26,181 tons, a 24.4 % increase; six month import penetration was 81.3%, a 12.0 percentage point increase from 2009.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD June 2010 were **291,841** tons, a 66.0% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was **903,682** tons, a 49.0% increase; six month import penetration was 32.3%, a 3.3 percentage point increase from 2009.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 34,821 tons, a 74.7% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD June 2010 were 45,225 tons, a 6.3% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was 104,736 tons, a 12.4% decrease from YTD June 2009; six month import penetration was 43.2%, a 7.6 percentage point increase from 2009.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD June 2010 were **371,887** tons, a 56.1% increase compared to YTD June 2009; U.S. consumption was **1,030,069** tons, a 39.2% increase; six month import penetration was 36.1%, a 3.9 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			SIX Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH JUNE 2010	YTD JUNE 2010	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2010-09	MONTH JUNE 2010	YTD JUNE 2010	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2010-09	YTD JUNE 2010	YTD JUNE 2009
Stainless Sheet/Strip	34,250	174,740	81.7%	94,118	631,035	53.9%	27.7%	23.5%
Stainless Plate	6,969	35,149	90.0%	14,095	114,021	36.4%	30.8%	22.1%
Stainless Bar	9,528	48,996	20.0%	18,551	101,956	31.0%	48.1%	52.4%
Stainless Rod	1,577	11,682	103.9%	4,884	30,489	118.7%	38.3%	41.1%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,778	21,275	45.9%	4,544	26,181	24.4%	81.3%	69.3%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	56,103	291,841	66.0%	136,191	903,682	49.0%	32.3%	29.0%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	6,964	34,821	74.7%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	7,202	45,225	6.3%	14,336	104,736	-12.4%	43.2%	35.6%
Total Specialty	70,268	371,887	56.1%	154,514	1,030,069	39.2%	36.1%	32.2%

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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