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SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR JULY 2010

(Washington, D.C., October 28, 2010) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for July 2010. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for YTD July 2010 compared to the same 2009 seven 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 July 2010 were 210,515 tons, a 84.0% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 716,567 tons, a 44.2% increase; seven month import penetration was 29.4%, a 6.4 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 45,026 tons, a 107.1% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 132,441 tons, a 35.8% increase; seven month import penetration was 34.0%, a 11.7 percentage point increase from 2009.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 58,597 tons, a 26.1% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 120,575 tons, a 35.2% increase; seven month import penetration was 48.6%, a 3.5 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 13,667 tons, a 91.5% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 35,792 tons, a 106.1% increase; seven month import penetration was 38.2%, a 2.9 percentage point decrease from 2009.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 24,957 tons, a 45.4% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 27,699 tons, a 13.6% increase; seven month import penetration was 90.1%, a 19.7 percentage point increase from 2009.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD July 2010 were **352,762** tons, a 70.5% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was **1,033,074** tons, a 42.4% increase; seven month import penetration was 34.1%, a 5.6 percentage point increase from 2009.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 43,052 tons, a 91.6% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD July 2010 were 52,684 tons, a 15.5% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was 114,298 tons, a 12.9% decrease from YTD July 2009; seven month import penetration was 46.1%, a 11.3 percentage point increase from 2009.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD July 2010 were **448,498** tons, a 63.1% increase compared to YTD July 2009; U.S. consumption was **1,174,470** tons, a 34.7% increase; seven month import penetration was 38.2%, a 6.7 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			SEVEN Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH JULY 2010	YTD JULY 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	MONTH JULY 2010	YTD JULY 2010	Increase/Decrease YTD 2010-09	YTD JULY 2010	YTD JULY 2009
Stainless Sheet/Strip	35,775	210,515	84.0%	85,532	716,567	44.2%	29.4%	23.0%
Stainless Plate	9,877	45,026	107.1%	18,420	132,441	35.8%	34.0%	22.3%
Stainless Bar	9,601	58,597	26.1%	18,618	120,575	35.2%	48.6%	52.1%
Stainless Rod	1,985	13,667	91.5%	5,303	35,792	106.1%	38.2%	41.1%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,682	24,957	45.4%	4,032	27,699	13.6%	90.1%	70.4%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	60,921	352,762	70.5%	131,905	1,033,074	42.4%	34.1%	28.5%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	8,231	43,052	91.6%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	7,459	52,684	15.5%	9,562	114,298	-12.9%	46.1%	34.8%
Total Specialty	76,611	448,498	63.1%	146,915	1,174,470	34.7%	38.2%	31.5%

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 June - December 2009 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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