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### **SSINA RELEASES MARKET DATA FOR OCTOBER 2011**

(Washington, D.C., January 12, 2012) – The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (“SSINA”) has released statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption, and import penetration for YTD October 2011. The data represents U.S. consumption, imports, and import penetration for October 2011 compared to the same 2010 ten 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 October 2011 were 344,606 tons, a 10.4% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 1,330,659 tons, a 29.2% increase; ten month import penetration was 25.9%, a 4.4 percentage point decrease from 2010.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 138,967 tons, a 78.7% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 294,540 tons, a 37.9% increase; ten month import penetration was 47.2%, a 10.8 percentage point increase from 2010.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 119,300 tons, a 38.3% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 218,564 tons, a 23.4% increase; ten month import penetration was 54.6%, a 5.9 percentage point increase from 2010.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 22,837 tons, a 17.1% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 60,632 tons, a 12.0% increase; ten month import penetration was 37.7%, a 1.7 percentage point increase from 2010.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 38,872 tons, a 6.9% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 50,979 tons, a 5.1% decrease; ten month import penetration was 76.3%, a 1.4 percentage point increase from 2010.

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Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in YTD October 2011 were **664,583** tons, a 24.9% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was **1,955,373** tons, a 28.3% increase; ten month import penetration was 34.0%, a 0.9 percentage point decrease from 2010.

- Alloy tool steel: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 91,146 tons, a 35.2% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in YTD October 2011 were 95,219 tons, a 21.5% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was 191,533 tons, a 20.5% increase from YTD October 2010; ten month import penetration was 49.7%, a 0.4 percentage point increase from 2010.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in YTD October 2011 were **850,948** tons, a 25.5% increase compared to YTD October 2010; U.S. consumption was **2,195,031** tons, a 27.4% increase; ten month import penetration was 38.8%, a 0.5 percentage point decrease from 2010.

For additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2011 and 2010 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; Crucible Industries, Solvay, NY; Electralloy, Oil City, PA; North American Stainless, Ghent, KY; 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  
2011/2010/2009  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS			U.S. CONSUMPTION			Ten Month Import Penetration	
	MONTH OCTOBER 2011	YTD OCTOBER 2011	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2011-10	MONTH OCTOBER 2011	YTD OCTOBER 2011	Increase/ Decrease YTD 2011-10	YTD OCTOBER 2011	YTD OCTOBER 2010
Stainless Sheet/Strip	31,264	344,606	10.4%	118,894	1,330,659	29.2%	25.9%	30.3%
Stainless Plate	9,227	138,967	78.7%	23,878	294,540	37.9%	47.2%	36.4%
Stainless Bar	11,629	119,300	38.3%	20,069	218,564	23.4%	54.6%	48.7%
Stainless Rod	1,853	22,837	17.1%	4,668	60,632	12.0%	37.7%	36.0%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,692	38,872	6.9%	4,981	50,979	5.1%	76.3%	74.9%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>57,666</b>	<b>664,583</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>172,490</b>	<b>1,955,373</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	9,434	91,146	35.2%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	10,710	95,219	21.5%	22,596	191,533	20.5%	49.7%	49.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>77,810</b>	<b>850,948</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>200,006</b>	<b>2,195,031</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>39.3%</b>

**2010 AND 2009 STATISTICAL DATA IN TONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	IMPORTS		U.S. CONSUMPTION		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2010	Increase/ Decrease 2010 vs. 2009	2010	Increase/ Decrease 10 vs. 09	2010	2009
Stainless Sheet/Strip	387,564	76.4%	1,250,105	29.6%	31.0%	22.8%
Stainless Plate	97,414	92.1%	258,881	44.0%	37.6%	28.2%
Stainless Bar	108,621	46.4%	218,319	48.9%	49.8%	50.6%
Stainless Rod	24,306	68.4%	65,391	78.0%	37.2%	39.3%
Stainless Wire	44,790	41.0%	57,587	36.2%	77.8%	75.2%
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>662,695</b>	<b>69.6%</b>	<b>1,850,283</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>28.5%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	85,046	125.9%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	94,314	43.7%	196,549	-1.0%	48.0%	33.1%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>842,055</b>	<b>70.4%</b>	<b>2,100,227</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>40.1%</b>	<b>31.0%</b>

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

1/ Monthly and year-to-date 2011 shipments of wire are estimated based on January - March 2011 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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