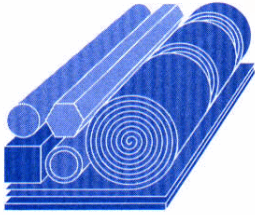


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## **SPECIALTY STEEL INDUSTRY OF NORTH AMERICA**

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### **New Leadership for Specialty Steel Industry Association**

(Washington, DC) (December 27, 2002) -- Paul A. Kelly, President and Chief Executive Officer of Slater Steel Inc., has been named Chairman of the Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA), effective January 1, 2003. Dr. Jack W. Shilling, an Executive Vice President with Allegheny Technologies, will become Vice Chairman. Mr. Kelly and Dr. Shilling bring more than 60 years of combined steel industry experience to SSINA, the association that represents the major North American producers of specialty steel.

Mr. Kelly was named President & Chief Executive Officer of Slater Steel Inc. in October 1998, having joined the company as President and Chief Operating Officer in May of that year. Mr. Kelly began his career in 1981 at Gerdau Steel (formerly Courtice Steel) where he held increasingly senior positions. During his 17-years with the organization, he served as Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Executive Vice President, and was appointed President in 1989. Mr. Kelly graduated from the University of Toronto with a major in Economics.

Slater Steel is a mini-mill producer of specialty steel products. The company is headquartered in Canada and has mini-mills in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Lemont, Illinois; Hamilton and Welland, Ontario; and Sorel-Tracy, Quebec.

Dr. Shilling was named the Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Technology and Chief Technology Officer of Allegheny Technologies in July 2001. He is responsible for new strategic initiatives focused on business development, product and process technologies, and mergers and acquisitions. Dr. Shilling joined Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, an Allegheny Technologies company, in 1973 as a Research Specialist, progressed in increasingly responsible positions in operational and technical management, and ultimately was named President in 1998. In 2000, Dr. Shilling became President of the High Performance Metals segment, Allegheny Technologies. He is also Chairman of the Board of the company's precision rolled strip joint venture in Shanghai, China. Dr. Shilling received his Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh; M.S. in physics, Cornell University; and B.A. in physics, Franklin & Marshall College.

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Allegheny Technologies is one of the world's largest and most diversified producers of specialty materials. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, it operates production facilities, service centers, and sales offices throughout the United States and in 17 other countries.

SSINA is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty steel producers. Specialty steels are high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products. While shipments of specialty steel account for only 2% of all steel shipped, annual revenues of approximately \$8 billion account for 14% of the total value of all steel shipped.

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