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Specialty Metals Industry Group Releases Year-End 2006 Market Data

(Washington, D.C.) (March 13, 2007)—The Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA) today released the latest available statistical data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for year-end 2006 compared to 2005. Following data presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: Imports in 2006 were 515,017 tons, a 36% increase compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 1,842,713 tons, a 13% increase; twelve-month import penetration was 28%, a five percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in 2006 were 112,479 tons, a 35% increase compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 358,406 tons, a 41% increase; twelve-month import penetration was 31%, a two percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in 2006 were 120,456 tons, a 3% decrease compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 233,278 tons, a 1% decrease; twelve-month import penetration was 52%, a one percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in 2006 were 31,479 tons, a 24% decrease compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 71,361 tons, an 8% increase; twelve-month import penetration was 44%, a nineteen percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in 2006 were 48,667 tons, an 11% increase compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 85,819 tons, a 12% increase; twelve-month import penetration remained at 57%.

Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in 2006 were 828,098 tons, a 23% increase compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 2,591,577 tons, a 15% increase; import penetration was 32%, a two percentage point increase.

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- Alloy tool steel: Imports in 2006 were 101,010 tons, a 17% decrease compared to 2005; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in 2006 were 81,784 tons, a 1% decrease compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 439,208 tons, an 8% increase; twelve-month import penetration was 19%, a one percentage point decrease.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in 2006 were 1,010,892 tons, a 15% increase compared to 2005; U.S. consumption was 3,108,118 tons, a 12% increase; import penetration was 33%, a one percentage point increase. See chart for additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2005 and 2004.

SSINA is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing virtually all continental specialty metals producers. Specialty metals are high technology, high value stainless and other specialty alloy products.

Member companies are: AK Steel Corporation, Middletown, OH; ATI Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA and ATI Allvac, Monroe, NC (both Allegheny Technologies companies); Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading, PA; Crucible Specialty Metals, Syracuse, NY; Electralloy, Oil City, PA; Haynes International Inc., Kokomo, IN; ThyssenKrupp Mexinox SA de CV, San Luis Potosí, S.L.P., Mexico; North American Stainless, Ghent, KY; Outokumpu Stainless, Inc., Schaumburg, IL; Precision Rolled Products, Inc., Florham Park, NJ; Special Metals Corporation, Huntington, WV; Timken Latrobe Steel, 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 1/
For Specialty Steel Product Lines
2006/2005/2004
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	Month Dec 2006	YTD Dec 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	Month Dec 2006	YTD Dec 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	YTD Dec 2006	YTD Dec 2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	35,958	515,017	36%	132,412	1,842,713	13%	28%	23%
Stainless Plate	12,762	112,479	35%	34,081	358,406	41%	31%	33%
Stainless Bar	11,297	120,456	-3%	19,767	233,278	-1%	52%	53%
Stainless Rod	3,417	31,479	-24%	7,238	71,361	8%	44%	63%
Stainless Wire 1/	4,287	48,667	11%	7,484	85,819	12%	57%	57%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	67,720	828,098	23%	200,982	2,591,577	15%	32%	30%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	7,767	101,010	-17%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	11,135	81,784	-1%	37,846	439,208	8%	19%	20%
Total Specialty	86,622	1,010,892	15%	245,097	3,108,118	12%	33%	32%

2005 and 2004 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2005	Increase/Decrease 2005 vs. 2004	2005	Increase/Decrease 05 vs. 04	2005	2004
Stainless Sheet/Strip	378,748	-13%	1,624,772	-10%	23%	24%
Stainless Plate	83,374	22%	253,462	-12%	33%	24%
Stainless Bar	124,008	48%	236,185	15%	53%	41%
Stainless Rod	41,538	-13%	66,095	-10%	63%	65%
Stainless Wire	43,654	4%	76,289	-7%	57%	51%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	671,322	-1%	2,256,803	-8%	30%	28%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	121,860	29%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	82,595	-5%	406,473	2%	20%	22%
Total Specialty	875,778	2%	2,764,237	-6%	32%	29%

NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.

1/ Year-to-date 2006 Shipments of Wire are estimated based on January - September 2006 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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