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Specialty Metals Industry Group Releases One-Month Market Data

(Washington, D.C.) (April 20, 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 January 2007 compared to January 2006. Following data presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: Imports in January 2007 were 40,014 tons, a 10% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 145,707 tons, a 2% increase; one-month import penetration was 27%, a two percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel plate: Imports in January 2007 were 12,809 tons, a 113% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 36,545 tons, a 35% increase; one-month import penetration was 35%, a thirteen percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel bar: Imports in January 2007 were 11,923 tons, a 45% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 24,290 tons, a 36% increase; one-month import penetration was 49%, a three percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel rod: Imports in January 2007 were 2,976 tons, a 12% decrease compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 6,818 tons, an 8% increase; one-month import penetration was 44%, a ten percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel wire: Imports in January 2007 were 4,343 tons, a 2% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 7,185 tons, a 6% decrease; one-month import penetration was 60%, a four percentage point increase.

Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in January 2007 were 72,065 tons, a 23% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 220,545 tons, a 9% increase; import penetration was 33%, a four percentage point increase.

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- Alloy tool steel: Imports in January 2007 were 6,566 tons, a 27% decrease compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
- Electrical steel: Imports in January 2007 were 7,878 tons, a 203% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 35,450 tons, a 28% increase; one-month import penetration was 22%, a thirteen percentage point increase.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in January 2007 were 86,509 tons, a 24% increase compared to January 2006; U.S. consumption was 261,111 tons, a 10% increase; import penetration was 33%, a four percentage point increase. See chart for additional data on imports, U.S. consumption and import penetration for 2006 and 2005.

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; 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 1/
For Specialty Steel Product Lines
2007/2006/2005
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			One Month Import Penetration	
	Month Jan 2007	YTD Jan 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2007-06	Month Jan 2007	YTD Jan 2007	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	YTD Jan 2007	YTD Jan 2006
Stainless Sheet/Strip	40,014	40,014	10%	145,707	145,707	2%	27%	25%
Stainless Plate	12,809	12,809	113%	36,545	36,545	35%	35%	22%
Stainless Bar	11,923	11,923	45%	24,290	24,290	36%	49%	46%
Stainless Rod	2,976	2,976	-12%	6,818	6,818	8%	44%	54%
Stainless Wire 1/	4,343	4,343	2%	7,185	7,185	-6%	60%	56%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	72,065	72,065	23%	220,545	220,545	9%	33%	29%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	6,566	6,566	-27%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	7,878	7,878	203%	35,450	35,450	28%	22%	9%
Total Specialty	86,509	86,509	24%	261,111	261,111	10%	33%	29%

2005 and 2004 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2006	Increase/Decrease 2006 vs. 2005	2005	Increase/Decrease 06 vs. 05	2006	2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	515,017	36%	1,842,713	13%	28%	23%
Stainless Plate	112,479	35%	358,406	41%	31%	33%
Stainless Bar	120,456	-3%	233,278	-1%	52%	53%
Stainless Rod	31,479	-24%	71,361	8%	44%	63%
Stainless Wire	48,667	11%	83,806	10%	58%	57%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	828,098	23%	2,589,564	15%	32%	30%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	101,010	-17%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	81,784	-1%	439,208	8%	19%	20%
Total Specialty	1,010,892	15%	3,106,105	12%	33%	32%

NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.

1/ Year-to-date 2007 Shipments of Wire are estimated based on January - December 2006 data.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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