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### **Specialty Metals Industry Group Releases Eleven-Month Market Data**

(Washington, D.C.)(February 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 covering year-to-date November 2006 compared to the same eleven-month period in 2005. Following data presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: YTD November imports were 479,059 tons, a 38% increase over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 1,710,302 tons, a 15% increase; eleven-month import penetration was 28%, a five percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel plate: YTD November imports were 99,717 tons, a 30% increase over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 324,321 tons, a 40% increase; eleven-month import penetration was 31%, a two percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel bar: YTD November imports were 109,159 tons, a 5% decrease over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 213,510 tons, a 3% decrease; eleven-month import penetration was 51%, a one percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel rod: YTD November imports were 28,062 tons, a 28% decrease over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 64,124 tons, a 1% increase; eleven-month import penetration was 44%, a seventeen percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel wire: YTD November imports were 44,380 tons, a 10% increase over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 78,335 tons, an 11% increase; eleven-month import penetration remained at 57%.

Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in January thru November 2006 were 760,377 tons, a 23% increase compared to the same 2005 period; U.S. consumption was 2,390,592 tons, a 15% increase; import penetration was 32%, a two percentage point increase.

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- Alloy tool steel: YTD November imports were 93,243 tons, a 17% decrease over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.
  
- Electrical steel: YTD November imports were 70,650 tons, an 8% decrease over YTD November 2005; U.S. consumption was 401,361 tons, a 7% increase; eleven-month import penetration was 18%, a three percentage point decrease.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in January thru November 2006 were 924,270 tons, a 14% increase compared to the same 2005 period; U.S. consumption was 2,863,018 tons, a 13% increase; import penetration remained at 32%. 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 |                  |                               | Eleven Month Import Penetration |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|  | Month Nov 2006 | YTD Nov 2006   | Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05 | Month Nov 2006   | YTD Nov 2006     | Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05 | YTD Nov 2006                    | YTD Nov 2005 |
| Stainless Sheet/Strip  | 42,810         | 479,059        | 38%                           | 146,199          | 1,710,302        | 15%                           | 28%                             | 23%          |
| Stainless Plate  | 15,082         | 99,717         | 30%                           | 38,604           | 324,321          | 40%                           | 31%                             | 33%          |
| Stainless Bar  | 12,080         | 109,159        | -5%                           | 21,575           | 213,510          | -3%                           | 51%                             | 52%          |
| Stainless Rod  | 3,435          | 28,062         | -28%                          | 7,954            | 64,124           | 1%                            | 44%                             | 61%          |
| Stainless Wire 1/  | 4,000          | 44,380         | 10%                           | 7,107            | 78,335           | 11%                           | 57%                             | 57%          |
| <b>Total Stainless Steel</b><br>(Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire) | <b>77,406</b>  | <b>760,377</b> | <b>23%</b>                    | <b>221,440</b>   | <b>2,390,592</b> | <b>15%</b>                    | <b>32%</b>                      | <b>30%</b>   |
| Alloy Tool Steel 2/  | 9,625          | 93,243         | -17%                          | NC               | NC               | NC                            | NC                              | NC           |
| Electrical Steel   | 8,436          | 70,650         | -8%                           | 33,723           | 401,361          | 7%                            | 18%                             | 21%          |
| <b>Total Specialty</b>   | <b>95,468</b>  | <b>924,270</b> | <b>14%</b>                    | <b>262,740</b>   | <b>2,863,018</b> | <b>13%</b>                    | <b>32%</b>                      | <b>32%</b>   |

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%        |
| <b>Total Stainless Steel</b><br>(Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire) | <b>671,322</b> | <b>-1%</b>                      | <b>2,256,803</b> | <b>-8%</b>                  | <b>30%</b>                      | <b>28%</b> |
| Alloy Tool Steel 2/  | 121,860        | 29%                             | NC               | NC                          | NC                              | NC         |
| Electrical Steel   | 82,595         | -5%                             | 406,473          | 2%                          | 20%                             | 22%        |
| <b>Total Specialty</b>   | <b>875,778</b> | <b>2%</b>                       | <b>2,764,237</b> | <b>-6%</b>                  | <b>32%</b>                      | <b>29%</b> |

**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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