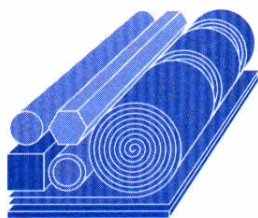


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Specialty Metals Industry Group Releases Ten-Month Market Data

(Washington, D.C.)(January 12, 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 October 2006 compared to the same ten-month period in 2005. Following data presented by specialty steel product line, total stainless steel, and total specialty steel:

- Stainless steel sheet/strip: YTD October imports were 436,249 tons, a 38% increase over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 1,564,103 tons, a 14% increase; ten-month import penetration was 28%, a five percentage point increase.
- Stainless steel plate: YTD October imports were 84,635 tons, a 20% increase over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 285,717 tons, a 33% increase; ten-month import penetration was 30%, a three percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel bar: YTD October imports were 97,080 tons, an 8% decrease over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 191,935 tons, a 5% decrease; ten-month import penetration was 51%, a one percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel rod: YTD October imports were 24,627 tons, a 32% decrease over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 56,170 tons, a 4% decrease; ten-month import penetration was 44%, an eighteen percentage point decrease.
- Stainless steel wire: YTD October imports were 40,380 tons, a 10% increase over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 71,228 tons, an 11% increase; ten-month import penetration remained at 57%.

Imports of total stainless steel (comprising the foregoing product lines) in January thru October 2006 were 682,971 tons, a 21% increase compared to the same 2005 period; U.S. consumption was 2,169,152 tons, a 14% increase; import penetration was 31%, a one percentage point increase.

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- Alloy tool steel: YTD October imports were 83,618 tons, an 18% decrease over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption and import penetration were not calculable.

- Electrical steel: YTD October imports were 62,213 tons, a 12% decrease over YTD October 2005; U.S. consumption was 367,639 tons, a 9% increase; ten-month import penetration was 17%, a four percentage point decrease.

Imports of total specialty steel (comprising stainless steel, alloy tool steel and electrical steel) in January thru October 2006 were 828,803 tons, a 12% increase compared to the same 2005 period; U.S. consumption was 2,600,277 tons, a 12% increase; import penetration was 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			Ten Month Import Penetration	
	Month Oct 2006	YTD Oct 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	Month Oct 2006	YTD Oct 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	YTD Oct 2006	YTD Oct 2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	49,505	436,249	38%	155,409	1,564,103	14%	28%	23%
Stainless Plate	10,341	84,635	20%	31,142	285,717	33%	30%	33%
Stainless Bar	12,777	97,080	-8%	21,914	191,935	-5%	51%	52%
Stainless Rod	2,893	24,627	-32%	6,722	56,170	-4%	44%	62%
Stainless Wire 1/	4,574	40,380	10%	7,619	71,228	11%	57%	57%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	80,090	682,971	21%	222,807	2,169,152	14%	31%	30%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	7,165	83,618	-18%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	10,051	62,213	-12%	38,336	367,639	9%	17%	21%
Total Specialty	97,307	828,803	12%	266,825	2,600,277	12%	32%	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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