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LEADING STEEL EXECUTIVES DEBATE INDUSTRY'S KEY ISSUES AT AISTECH 2008 TOWN HALL FORUM

PITTSBURGH, February 28, 2008 — A moderated panel discussion featuring seven of the steel industry's most influential executives, representing integrated and minimill producers as well as raw material suppliers, will take place at the AISTech Town Hall Forum, to be held Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Panel members will include:

- **Keith E. Busse**, chairman and chief executive officer, Steel Dynamics Inc.
- **Joseph Curtin**, president and chief operating officer, Tube City Div., Tube City IMS Corp.
- **Mario Longhi**, chief executive officer and president, Gerdau Ameristeel
- **Russ Rinn**, executive vice president, Commercial Metals Co., and president, CMC Americas
- **Louis L. Schorsch**, executive vice president, ArcelorMittal, and president and chief executive officer, ArcelorMittal Flat Americas
- **R. Joseph Stratman**, executive vice president, Nucor Corp.
- **John P. Surma**, chairman, chief executive officer and president, U. S. Steel

The panelists will debate numerous key issues necessary for the creation of a sustainable steel industry, including:

- The steel economy finally has a weak dollar — are we happy now?
- Major capital expenditures in the NAFTA region — it's been a long time coming!
- Vertical integration is making a comeback, and look who's involved this time.
- Raw materials — are we leveraging technology to balance cost, quality and supply?
- Cap and trade — will it really protect the environment?
- Dealing with the industry brain drain — are we moving quickly enough?
- Steel 2010: Is our industry an attractive, viable career for young people?

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On May 5–8, the global steel industry will converge in Pittsburgh for AISTech 2008 – The Iron and Steel Technology Conference and Exposition. In addition to the Town Hall Forum, AISTech will include technical presentations, plant tours, a comprehensive industry exposition and keynote presentations by today's business leaders.

Representing all steel-related technologies, AISTech 2008 promises to be one of the largest gatherings of industry personnel in the world this year. The conference program currently includes 350 scheduled technical presentations organized into 78 technology sessions. The three-day exposition will include more than 410 domestic and international companies.

For more information or to exhibit at AISTech 2008, call 724.776.6040 ext. 1 or visit www.aist.org.

AIST is an international technical association of more than 14,400 professional and student members, representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

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Editor's Note:

Robert P. Soulliere, president and chief executive officer of ThyssenKrupp Steel and Stainless USA LLC, and several other steel executives will host a **press conference** following the President's Award Breakfast on May 6. **Complimentary seating** for the President's Award Breakfast and Town Hall Forum is available to members of the media. For more information, or to reserve a space at these events, please call Stacy Varnecky at 724.776.6040, ext. 637.