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AISI AND AIST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Pittsburgh, PA – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and the Association for Iron & Steel Technology Foundation (AIST Foundation) have announced that applications for the FeMET and StEEL Scholarships are being accepted now through March 2, 2008. Each scholarship includes US\$5,000 for the scholar's junior year, a paid summer internship with a North American steel company between his/her junior and senior year, and an additional US\$5,000 toward his/her senior year tuition.

In addition, a new scholarship has been established beginning in 2008–2009, the "AISI/AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship." This scholarship will be awarded to the top-scoring applicant from both the FeMET and StEEL applications received. This scholarship includes US\$10,000 for the scholar's junior year, a paid summer internship with a North American steel company between his/her junior and senior year, and an additional US\$10,000 toward his/her senior year tuition.

The FeMET program's goals are to encourage more students to choose metallurgy or materials science as their field of study; to recruit more of such graduates into the steel industry; and to increase the number of professors knowledgeable in steel in North American universities. The StEEL program has similar industry objectives, but is open to all undergraduate engineering majors.

According to Ron Ashburn, Executive Director of the Association for Iron & Steel Technology, "Since inception in 2005, the FeMET and StEEL programs have fulfilled their objectives to attract qualified engineering students to the steel industry workforce. We look forward to continued industry support to allow these programs to expand and have an even greater impact in 2008. Every company in the steel industry can do its part by recruiting young people into its operations. If they need help getting started, just give us a call."

"During the past three years, nearly 50 students have chosen to accept the scholarship, a testimony to the success of the program," said Andrew G. Sharkey III, AISI president and CEO. "This clearly indicates the growing interest in steel industry careers among the students."

Instructions for applying can be found on the AISI and AIST Foundation Web sites, www.steel.org and www.aistfoundation.org. The application deadline is March 2, 2008.

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The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes that seeks to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in modern steelmaking. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to talented and dedicated students to encourage the pursuit of a career within iron and steel-related industries. Approximately \$403,000 will be awarded in 2008 through the AIST Foundation and its affiliated groups. The AIST Foundation is part of AIST, an international professional and technical association of more than 14,000 professional and student members. As the industry evolves, the AIST Foundation will strive to develop new and innovative programs to support the future of the iron and steel technology. For more information about AIST, visit www.aist.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 32 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 125 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent more than 75% of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at www.steel.org.

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