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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 5, 2009. Each scholarship includes \$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 \$5,000 toward the student's senior year tuition.

In addition, the AISI/AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship will be awarded to the top-scoring applicant from both the FeMET and StEEL applications received. This scholarship includes \$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 \$10,000 toward the student's senior year tuition.

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

"For the right individuals, there is significant opportunity for rewarding employment and rapid career advancement in today's steel industry. The industry-led FeMET and StEEL Initiatives have worked successfully for four years to help find those individuals," said Ron Ashburn, executive director of AIST.

"Partnering with AIST, AISI is pleased once again to be offering scholarships for dedicated students that help pave the way toward being part of the technologically-advanced steel industry," AISI President and CEO, Thomas J. Gibson, said. "The North American steel industry is committed to building a sustainable future through continued environmental achievements, innovative new steel applications and a talented workforce. Students taking part in the FeMET and StEEL program can be part of that vision for the future."

Application instructions for the FeMET and StEEL scholarships can be found at www.femet.org. The application deadline is March 5, 2009.

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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 \$450,000 will be awarded in the 2009-2010 academic year through the AIST Foundation and its affiliated groups. The AIST Foundation is part of AIST, an international professional and technical association of more than 14,700 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.aistfoundation.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 27 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 138 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 75 percent 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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