



ADVANCING THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND APPLICATION OF IRON AND STEEL

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INFLUENTIAL STEEL EXECUTIVES DEBATE INDUSTRY'S KEY ISSUES AT AISTECH 2007 TOWN HALL FORUM

PITTSBURGH, April 23, 2007 — The Town Hall Forum, a moderated panel discussion featuring seven of the steel industry's most influential executives, representing integrated and minimill producers as well as a supplier of consumable materials, will be one of the highlights of AISTech 2007. The forum will include an interview-and-discussion format to stimulate ideas and provide insight on key issues during this evolutionary period in steel.

AISTech 2007 — The Iron and Steel Technology Conference and Exposition will be held May 7–10 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Ind. The Town Hall Forum will take place on Wednesday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m. Key discussion points will include:

1. Moderating the economic cycles: Are we getting smarter?
2. Mega-merger consolidation trends: How big is too big?
3. Raw materials: How do we balance cost, quality and supply?
4. Transportation: Is the system improving?
5. Fossil fuels vs. renewable energy: Are we advancing fast enough?
6. Research and development: Who's doing it?
7. Cultivating the next generation: How do we attract the best talent?
8. Environmental stewardship: Are we doing the right thing?
9. What does the steel future look like today?

Panel members will include:

Alain F. Bouruet-Aubertot, senior vice president, Minerals Technologies Inc. (MTI), and president and general manager, Minteq
Larry T. Brockway, vice president and treasurer, United States Steel Corp.
Leonard H. Chuderewicz, executive vice president — operations, Mittal Steel USA
Giffin F. Daughtridge, vice president and general manager, Nucor Steel—Hertford County
Mark D. Millett, executive vice president, and president and chief operating officer for flat rolled steels and ferrous resources, Steel Dynamics Inc.

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Joseph D. Russo, senior vice president and chief technical officer, IPSCO Inc.
Michael J. Wagner, executive vice president and chief commercial officer, SeverCorr LLC

On May 7–10, the global steel industry will converge in Indianapolis for four days of technical presentations, plant tours, a comprehensive industry exposition and keynote presentations by today's business leaders. AISTech 2007 promises to be one of the largest gatherings of industry personnel in the world this year. The four-day conference program currently includes 350 scheduled technical presentations organized into 76 technology sessions. The three-day exposition will include more than 395 domestic and international companies.

For more information or to exhibit at AISTech 2007, call (724) 776-6040 x 1 or visit www.aist.org.

The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) was formed on Jan. 1, 2004, by the merger of the Iron & Steel Society and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. AIST is an international professional and technical association of more than 13,300 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:

Keith E. Busse, chairman and chief executive officer of Steel Dynamics Inc., and several other major steel executives will host a **press conference** following the President's Award Breakfast on May 9. **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.