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ARCELOR CEO AND LEADING STEEL EXECUTIVES HIGHLIGHT AISTECH 2006

PITTSBURGH, March 14, 2006 — A keynote address by Guy Dollé, chief executive officer of Arcelor, will be one of two major highlights for AISTech 2006 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition, May 1–4 at the Cleveland Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

The second highlight will be the Town Hall Forum on Tuesday, May 2, featuring seven industry executives participating in a moderated discussion of current global steel industry issues, concerns and opportunities. The forum will include an interview-and-discussion format to stimulate ideas and debate and will explore numerous topics necessary for the creation of a sustainable steel industry, including:

1. Where are we today... how healthy are the steel markets in 2006?
2. NAFTA consolidation... is round two upon us?
3. Is China's massive expansion good or bad for steel?
4. What about other emerging market trends?
5. How reliable is our raw material sourcing and delivery?
6. How do we deal with soaring energy costs?
7. Who's advancing technology R&D?
8. How should we develop the next generation of industry personnel?
9. Are we doing what we should to protect the environment?
10. What does the future steel industry look like today?

Panel members will include:

John H. Goodish, chief operating officer, United States Steel Corp.

Rauke Henstra, executive director, Corus Strip Products Division

John F. Kaloski, senior vice president — operations, AK Steel Corp.

Mark Millett, vice president and general manager, Steel Dynamics Inc. Flat Roll Div.

Malay Mukherjee, chief operating officer, Mittal Steel Co.

Joseph A. Rutkowski, executive vice president — business development, Nucor Corp.

Stephan H.J.V. Weber, general manager — technology and operations, Hlsmelt Pty. Ltd.

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Guy Dollé, CEO of Arcelor, will deliver the keynote address on Wednesday, May 3 at the annual President's Award Breakfast, which will take place in the Public Auditorium inside the Cleveland Convention Center. Arcelor holds leadership positions in its main markets: automotive, construction, household appliances and packaging as well as general industry. The company — number one steel producer in Europe and Latin America — intends to further expand internationally in order to capture the growth potential of developing economies and offer technologically advanced steel solutions to its global customers.

AISTech 2006 will represent the largest gathering of industry personnel and the most comprehensive collection of industry technology in the world this year, reaching out to the entire spectrum of steel consumers, producers, suppliers and academia. AISTech 2006 will include a four-day conference program with 280 scheduled technical presentations organized into 67 technology sessions. The three-day exposition will include more than 330 domestic and international companies.

For more information or to exhibit at AISTech 2006, call 724.776.6040, ext. 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 technical association 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:

Mr. Dollé and several other major steel executives will host a **press conference** following the President's Breakfast on May 2. **Complimentary seating** for the President's Breakfast and Town Hall Forum are 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.