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AIST PRESENTS 2009 PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD TO LATROBE SPECIALTY STEEL

Pittsburgh, Pa. March 8, 2010 — AIST and its Project and Construction Management Technology Committee proudly presented the 2009 Project Excellence Award to Latrobe Specialty Steel at the AIST Pittsburgh Member Chapter meeting on March 1, 2010, at the East Club Lounge at Heinz Field.

The Project Excellence Award is given annually to a steel manufacturing firm embarking on a project of significant capital investment. The committee evaluates entries on the project's business success, safety performance, technical success and project management success.

In December 2007, Latrobe Specialty Steel and its partners, Continental Design and Management Group, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Consarc, Rancocas, N.J., broke ground with a modified design-and-build technique to construct the world's largest vacuum induction melting (VIM) furnace in record time starting in the snowiest months on a brownfield site. Despite winter construction, hot commissioning of the furnace began on Sept. 1, 2008, with the first good production of heat tapped on Sept. 26, 2008. On June 1, 2009, Latrobe Specialty Steel officially dedicated the vacuum induction melting/vacuum arc remelting (VIM/VAR) facility.

Dan Hennessy, Latrobe Specialty Steel's vice president of manufacturing, said, "Our team, headed by Neal Fenton, used the most modern project management tools. At the same time, they cultivated unique relationships with the construction companies, an engineering firm, a key equipment supplier and the building trades. The construction project targeted the growing demand for premium vacuum-melted steel for the essential aerospace and defense markets. As a result of this expansion, customer lead times fell precipitously from 72 weeks to about 20 weeks. I congratulate the team on an award they deserved."

In addition to the award listed above, the recipients of the AIST Association–Level Awards, AIST Technology Division–Level Awards, AIST Member Chapter Awards and AIME Awards will be announced at the President's Award Breakfast during AISTech 2010 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., USA. Tickets to this event can be purchased at www.AISTech.org.

AIST is an international technical association of more than 13,800 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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