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AIST ANNOUNCES CREATION OF 30TH TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: DIRECT REDUCED IRON

PITTSBURGH, 3 December 2015 — [The Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\)](#)'s Board of Directors approved the formation of the Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) Technology Committee on 17 November. This marks AIST's 30th Technology Committee to address specific process, engineering, equipment, or reliability technologies associated with the iron and steel industry.

Initially a subcommittee of the Ironmaking Technology Committee, the DRI Technology Committee became its own entity due to the increase in use of DRI in today's steel mills. The DRI Technology Committee will focus on the emerging market and technological trends for the production, handling, and use of DRI and Hot Briquetted Iron products, as well as present and future technology for alternative iron production.

Specific tasks of the committee include:

- Organize AIST conferences and seminars relevant to DRI production, transportation, storage and use.
- Solicit papers and chair sessions pertaining to this topic at AIST's annual conference, AISTech — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition.
- Produce a DRI plant roundup that covers comprehensive steel production processes for publication in *Iron & Steel Technology*, AIST's monthly technical journal.
- Schedule meetings and encourage involvement of DRI producers, technology suppliers and users.

[AIST](#) is a non-profit technical association of 17,500 members from more than 70 countries, with the mission to advance the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel. The organization is recognized as a global leader in networking, education and sustainability programs for advancing iron and steel technology.

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