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ASSOCIATION FOR IRON & STEEL TECHNOLOGY EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

PITTSBURGH, 28 September 2016 — To accommodate future growth, the [Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\)](#) is expanding its international headquarters by acquiring 100% of its shared office building in Warrendale, Pa., USA.

Under a deal with AIST's sister organization, The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS), AIST will purchase and occupy the entire 24,000-square-foot structure at 184-186 Thorn Hill Road in the RIDC Thorn Hill Industrial Park. AIST and TMS have shared the building since its construction in 1999.

In announcing the purchase, AIST executive director, Ronald E. Ashburn said, "We are fortunate to be in a strong position to acquire the much-needed real estate to accommodate our steady growth."

The additional space will allow AIST to accommodate up to 30 additional employees, plus ancillary facilities such as a video conference room, training room and multimedia production studio.

AIST has engaged Design 3 Architecture of Monroeville, Pa., USA to create an optimal workplace environment to help AIST reach its strategic goals. These goals include boosting the number of domestic and international members, developing additional training programs focused on steel manufacturing technology, and recruiting more young people to seek employment in the steel industry.

The Iron & Steel Society (ISS), one of AIST's predecessor organizations, and TMS broke ground on the Thorn Hill Road building in June 1998, with construction being completed in early 1999. The building was designed with 7,500 square feet of office space for each of the two organizations, plus an additional 8,800 square feet of common space, surrounded by a 6-acre campus with ample parking.

AIST was created by the merger of ISS and the Association of Iron & Steel Engineers (AISE) in 2004. At the time of the merger, AIST had 8,810 members and 22 employees. Today, AIST has more than 18,000 members from 70 countries and 45 employees.

AIST and TMS are both member societies of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME). AIME is one of five Founder Societies established by the United States; AIME was founded in 1871 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., USA. In addition to AIST and TMS, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) and Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) are also Member Societies of AIME.

[AIST](#) is a non-profit technical association of 18,000 members from 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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