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AIST ANNOUNCES THE 2016 RELIABILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

PITTSBURGH, 9 December 2015 — [The Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\)](#) proudly announced the 2016 Reliability Achievement Awards on 1 December 2015. This award recognizes companies and the individuals within them that have developed, applied, and proved a new practice, policy or procedure that significantly improves iron- and steelmaking reliability in North America.

The AIST Reliability Achievement Award was established by the AIST Maintenance & Reliability Technology Committee to recognize iron and steel producing companies for reliability improvements and achievements that can be demonstrated as unique or first in the industry. The award is given on three levels — gold, silver and bronze. Award finalists will be invited to present papers on their achievements at future AIST Maintenance & Reliability Technology Committee events.

The 2016 AIST Reliability Achievement Award Recipients are:

- **Gold — Steel Dynamics Inc. – Structural and Rail Division, Columbia City, Ind., USA**
“EAF Offgas and Baghouse Systems Upgrade”
Submitted by Bill Bennett, meltshop and rolling mill mechanical engineer
- **Silver — ArcelorMittal Dofasco Inc., Hamilton, Ont., Canada**
“Transition Flap House Reliability Improvements”
Submitted by Doug MacLean, manager, steelmaking maintenance
- **Bronze — ArcelorMittal Flat Carbon – Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, USA**
“A Thermography Program — C6 Blast Furnace Campaign Extension”
Submitted by Paul Arendash, manager — operation technology and mechanical infrastructure

More information on the awards will be published in an upcoming issue of *Iron & Steel Technology* and will be available on [AIST.org](#).

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