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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ROGER K. NEWPORT OF AK STEEL NAMED 2017 AIST STEELMAKER OF THE YEAR**

PITTSBURGH, 13 April 2017 — Roger K. Newport, chief executive officer and board member, AK Steel, will be named Steelmaker of the Year at [AISTech 2017 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition](#). The Steelmaker of the Year Award is presented annually by AIST to recognize notable leaders for their impact on the steel industry.

Mr. Newport is being recognized for his strategic and dynamic leadership at AK Steel, engaging and empowering employees to drive innovation, quality, safety, environmental stewardship, and productivity to meet the needs of its customers with outstanding products and processes — today and for the future. He is also a leader in the industry, fighting for steel manufacturing in America and serving as a voice for support and change in the domestic and global steel industry.

The award will be presented on 9 May 2017 during the [President's Award Breakfast](#), one of the signature events of AISTech. The breakfast program will consist of the presentation of several Board of Directors awards, followed by a keynote address titled, "Big River Steel: A Technology Company That Just Happens to Make Steel," by David Stickler, chief executive officer, Big River Steel.

Roger Newport was named chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors of AK Steel effective 1 January 2016. Newport started his career with the company in 1985 in the accounting department. He advanced through a number of increasingly responsible finance, sales and marketing roles at the corporate headquarters and the company's Middletown Works. He was named controller in 2001 and chief accounting officer in 2004. He advanced to vice president, business planning and development in 2010, and vice president, finance and chief financial officer in 2012. He was named senior vice president, finance and chief financial officer in 2014, and executive vice president, finance and chief financial officer in 2015.

Mr. Newport has steered efforts to strengthen the company's balance sheet and has helped to bring new steels to the market, including the company's NEXMET family of advanced high-strength steels. In addition, he has continued to support AK Steel's ongoing investment in research and innovation, which can be seen in the expansion of its research team and the opening of the company's brand new research center in Middletown, Ohio. As chief executive, Mr. Newport also helped to guide a significant upgrade to AK Steel's Dearborn Works to a successful completion late in 2016.

Newport serves as vice chairman of the board of directors of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and is chairman of the AISI Finance Committee. He is a member of the board of directors of the World Steel Association, and a member of the Steel Market Development Institute CEO Group. Newport is a member of the Washington, D.C., USA-based Business Roundtable. He is also a member of Financial Executives International.

Newport serves on the board of directors of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and the business advisory council for the Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati. Newport holds a B.B.A. degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati and an M.B.A. with honors from Xavier University.

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AISTech is the world's largest annual gathering of steel industry personnel. AISTech 2017 will be held 8–11 May 2017 at the Music City Center in Nashville, Tenn., USA, and will offer a program with hundreds of technical presentations, an expansive exposition, plant tours, a unique Town Fall Forum and keynote presentations by today's business leaders.

To attend the President's Award Breakfast or other events, please complete the [online press registration form](#).

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