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Steel Imports Inch up in May

On Increase in Semifinished Arrivals in Weak Market

Falls Church, VA, June 26, 2013 - Steel imports increased in May over April by 2.3 percent based on preliminary government reporting. "Weak market conditions for imports as well as domestic suppliers continue to be reflected in these import levels. The increase in semifinished imports for use by the domestic integrated mills was greater than the increase in total imports," said David Phelps, president, AIIS.

For the year-to-date period, imports declined by 10.6 percent compared to 2012. "The sluggish economic conditions in the US economy continue to depress imports, domestic shipments and pricing. Recent price increase announcements by domestic mills give some optimism for improved market conditions, although the most important steel market, non-residential construction, continues to be far too weak to sustain strong market conditions," Phelps observed.

Total Steel imports in May 2013 were 2.801 million tons compared to 2.738 million tons in April 2013, 2.3 percent increase, and an 8.6 percent decrease compared to May 2012. For the year- to - date period, imports decreased from 14.812 million tons in the first five months of 2012 to 13.235 million tons in the same 2013 period, a 10.6 percent decrease.

The data show that imported semifinished products increased by 4.1 percent in May 2013 compared to May 2012, from 652 thousand tons in 2012 to 679 thousand tons in 2013, based on preliminary reporting. For the year- to - date period, imported semifinished products decreased from 3.411 million tons in the first five months of 2013 to 2.877 million tons in the same 2013 period, a 15.7 percent decrease.

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Steel Import Analysis, Preliminary					
(000s of net tons)					
<u>U.S. Steel Imports</u>					
	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>April 2013</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Total	2,801	2,738	2.3%	3,064	-8.6%
Japan	209	288	-27.3%	268	-21.9%
EU	419	477	-12.2%	504	-16.9%
Canada	457	498	-8.2%	514	-11.0%
Brazil	432	339	27.4%	279	54.8%
Korea	250	298	-16.1%	340	-26.4%
Mexico	284	260	9.4%	205	38.7%
Russia	139	139	-0.1%	265	-47.6%
China	185	112	65.3%	173	7.0%
Australia	-	22	-100.0%	76	-100.0%
South Africa	2	5	-55.9%	17	-87.0%
Indonesia	1	1	10.2%	5	-98.0%
Turkey	171	66	158.8%	132	29.4%
Ukraine	14	10	43.3%	20	-28.4%
India	86	60	43.3%	84	2.3%
Others	151	163	-7.4%	182	-17.0%
<u>Cumulative Imports</u>					
	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>YTD 2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>		
Total	13,235	14,812	-10.6%		
Japan	1,104	1,170	-5.6%		
EU	1,946	2,318	-16.1%		
Canada	2,348	2,545	-7.7%		
Brazil	1,780	1,778	0.1%		
Korea	1,555	1,574	-1.2%		
Mexico	1,270	1,073	18.4%		
Russia	595	1,214	-51.0%		
China	745	614	21.4%		
Australia	49	132	-62.9%		
South Africa	33	39	-14.9%		

Indonesia	3	23	-86.5%		
Turkey	640	816	-21.6%		
Ukraine	58	131	-55.5%		
India	330	396	-16.7%		
Others	778	989	-21.3%		
<u>Semifinished Imports</u>					
	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>		
	679	652	4.1%		
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	<u>YTD 2013</u>	<u>YTD 2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>		
	2,877	3,411	-15.7%		