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Steel Imports Increase in January over December

But Lower than January 2012

Falls Church, VA, March 1, 2013 – Steel imports increased 4.6 percent in January 2013 compared to December 2012 according to preliminary government data. “Import levels improved in January in a normal seasonal rebound from end of the year declines as many consumers and distributors delay purchases to January due to inventory tax costs at the end of December. On the other hand, imports remained almost 8.4 percent below January 2012, reflecting the lower levels of demand as a result of uncertainty at the time these imports are ordered caused by concerns related to the then looming fiscal cliff. The normal first quarter seasonal improvement in demand has apparently delayed as a result,” said David Phelps, president AIIS.

Total Steel imports in January 2013 were 2.579 million tons compared to 2.466 million tons in December 2012, a 4.6 percent increase, and an 8.4 percent decrease compared to January 2012. The data show that imported semifinished products decreased by 2.8 percent in January 2013 compared to January 2012, from 487 thousand tons in 2012 to 473 thousand tons in 2013, based on preliminary reporting.

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Steel Import Analysis, Preliminary

(000s of net
tons)
U.S. Steel
Imports

	<u>January</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>December</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>January</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Total	2,579	2,466	4.6%	2,815	-8.4%
Japan	176	124	42.2%	226	-22.0%
EU	354	421	-16.0%	419	-15.6%
Canada	485	387	25.3%	468	3.6%
Brazil	349	298	17.2%	309	13.1%
Korea	349	159	119.7%	350	-0.2%
Mexico	216	251	-13.9%	185	16.8%
Russia	96	320	-70.0%	259	-63.0%
China	165	170	-2.8%	102	62.1%
Australia	1	72	-98.6%	24	-95.8%
South Africa	13	2	561.2%	1	1222.4%
Indonesia	-	-	#DIV/0!	1	#DIV/0!
Turkey	132	49	169.9%	168	-21.3%
Ukraine	22	13	69.5%	43	-48.7%
India	65	44	47.8%	41	58.6%
Others	154	156	-1.0%	219	-29.5%

Cumulative
Imports

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Semifinished
Imports

<u>January 2013</u>	<u>January 2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
473	487	-2.8%
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