PRESS RELEASE

All injuries and work-related illness can and must be prevented: the steel industry reaffirms its commitment to safety and health on Steel Safety Day

Brussels, 28 April 2017 - Today is Steel Safety Day. Aligned with the International Labour Organization’s World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Steel Safety Day sets out to create a safer working environment across the entire steel industry.

Established in 2014, Steel Safety Day reinforces awareness of the most common causes of serious safety incidents in the steel industry and contributes to creating a safer working environment worldwide. By focusing on prevention of incidents due to these most common causes worldsteel intends to set up a continuous improvement process and reiterate its commitment to the safety and health of the people who work in the industry.

Each Steel Safety Day highlights a particular safety incident cause and special attention is given to raising awareness of how to prevent associated risks. This year Steel Safety Day focuses on falling objects.

In 2016, 390,000 people from 350 sites worldwide took part in the Steel Safety Day audits to identify hazards. Nearly 900,000 employees and contractors work at sites involved in the audits.

All members are requested to carry out safety audits at their facilities and report their findings. worldsteel then compiles a summary report of member findings to create a benchmark for the industry.

For more information on Steel Safety Day and worldsteel’s other safety and health related activities visit the safety and health section on worldsteel.org. Photos of member safety audits are on worldsteel’s Flickr page.

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Notes to Editors:

- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world. worldsteel members represent approximately 85% of the world’s steel production, including over 160 steel producers with 9 of the 10 largest steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes.
STEEL SAFETY DAY
FOR A SAFER STEEL INDUSTRY

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY & HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY

ALL INJURY & WORK RELATED ILLNESS CAN & MUST BE PREVENTED

MANAGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE & ACCOUNTABLE FOR SAFETY & HEALTH PERFORMANCE

EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY & HEALTH SUPPORTS EXCELLENT BUSINESS RESULTS

ALIGNED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

CARRY OUT AN INDUSTRY WIDE SAFETY AUDIT ON THE MAIN CAUSES OF INJURY

ENGAGE 100% OF ALL EMPLOYEES & SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS THE ENTIRE GLOBAL STEEL INDUSTRY

HOW DO WE REDUCE THE 5 MAIN CAUSES OF INJURY

PROCESS SAFETY INCIDENTS

- Identify potential process safety hazards that could cause explosions or fires and take adequate precautions

MACHINERY INCIDENTS

- Isolate, lock or pin all energy sources before any machinery is accessed

WORKING WITH MACHINERY

- Provide regular training, appropriate harnessing equipment and ensure checks are in place when working at heights

ON-SITE TRAFFIC

- Ensure all on-site traffic - road, rail, pedestrian - operates safely and remove all unnecessary traffic

FALLING OBJECTS

- Ensure regular checks and in place to remove or secure objects in risk areas

OUR GOAL

AN INJURY-FREE, ILLNESS-FREE, & HEALTHY WORKPLACE WITH ZERO INCIDENTS

IN 2016...

390,000 PEOPLE FROM 350 SITES WORLDWIDE TOOK PART

NEARLY 900,000 EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS WORK AT SITES INVOLVED IN THE AUDIT

LOST TIME INJURY FREQUENCY RATE HAS IMPROVED BY 72% SINCE 2004

HELP KEEP OUR INDUSTRY SAFE AND GET INVOLVED IN THE STEEL SAFETY DAY 2017