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worldsteel's 4th Steel Safety Day

Brussels, 28 March 2017 - The World Steel Association (worldsteel) holds its 4th Steel Safety Day on Friday, 28 April 2017. 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.

Steel Safety Day is an industry-wide initiative designed to find the areas of hazards and risks for the top five causes of serious safety incidents in the steel industry: moving machinery, falling from heights, falling objects, on-site traffic and process safety incidents. Each year one of the five causes is highlighted and special attention is given to raising awareness of how to prevent associated risks. This year’s Steel Safety Day focuses on falling objects.

All members are requested to carry out safety audits at their facilities in the weeks preceding Steel Safety Day and report their findings on the day itself. worldsteel then compiles a summary report of member findings to create a measure for the industry. worldsteel convenes Task Forces made up of industry
experts to produce guidance notes on the common causes of serious safety incidents, which members can use for their audits. Photos of members carrying out last year’s Steel Safety Day audits on falling from heights can be seen on worldsteel’s Flickr page.

“In 2016, 390,000 people from 350 sites worldwide took part in Steel Safety Day. Nearly 900,000 employees and contractors work at sites involved in the audit,” said Henk Reimink, Director, Industry Excellence, worldsteel.

“All injuries and work-related illnesses can and must be prevented. worldsteel supports its members to implement best practices, to prevent occupational injuries and illnesses, and set up process safety as part of the industry’s duty of care and corporate governance. Through this relentless leadership effort, the industry has achieved significant improvements in safety and health and with continued support it can continue to do so in the coming years.”

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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.