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AISI IS REACCREDITED BY ANSI AS AN AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPER

Revised procedures are posted on website

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) has been reaccredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under its recently revised operating procedures for documenting consensus on AISI-sponsored American National Standards, it was announced today. The revised procedures, which are posted here, replace the previous version that was approved in November 2011.

“As an American National Standards developer for steel structural members cold-formed to shape from carbon and low-alloy steels, AISI is committed to fairness, transparency and performance in our efforts to ensure steel’s competitiveness in the marketplace,” Jay Larson, P.E., F.ASCE, managing director, AISI Construction Technical Program, said. “The revised provisions allow us to continue to serve the steel industry in this critical role. We appreciate the ongoing support that ANSI provides by establishing its essential requirements for due process and in reaccrediting AISI as a standards developer.”

AISI has been involved in the development and maintenance of cold-formed steel codes, standards and specifications for 85 years. It sought ANSI accreditation and was approved as a developer of American National Standards in 1999. AISI serves as Secretariat for two standards-developing committees: 1) the Committee on Specifications, which covers the broad range of cold-formed steel structural member behavior and design for building construction, and materials up to 1-inch thickness; and 2) the Committee on Framing Standards, which focuses on light-frame steel construction system behavior and design, and materials up to roughly 1/8-inch thick. These
two committees facilitate a volunteer force of over 200 active participants through numerous subcommittees and task groups to develop and maintain a suite of nearly 30 design, installation and test standards, design guides and manuals.

The mission of AISI’s Codes and Standards team is to ensure that codes and standards for steel construction reflect state-of-the-art industry practices, are technically sound, permit the proper and safe use of steel, promote the recognition of concepts favorable to steel, and ensure that stakeholders have steel as a material of choice.

AISI’s codes and standards work is conducted under the Construction Market Council of the Steel Market Development Institute (SMDI), a business unit of AISI, which oversees the industry’s investment in advancing the competitive use of steel by meeting the demands of the marketplace. For more information on SMDI’s Construction Market program, visit www.smdisteel.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 24 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 124 associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI’s member companies represent over three-quarters of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI’s website at www.steel.org.

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