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mit Transport 2021 initiative will be invaluable as companies look for ways to expand their efficiency and ultimately their bottom line.”

As always, the Symposium will also host an extensive exhibit center featuring 58 of the industry’s leading companies showcasing products and equipment on the market. Additionally, the Leadership Forum is returning for its second year, an event intended to engage rising stars in their 20s and 30s and provide them with the necessary tools to leverage their SC&RA memberships for company and career success. For more information about the Leadership Forum or to apply, visit www.scranet.org/LeadershipForum.

Registration for the 2018 Specialized Transportation Symposium opens on November 14, and discounted early-bird registration will close on Dec. 8. Updates and further information can be found at www.scranet.org/Events.

AISI Releases October SIMA Imports Data

Import Market Share 26% in October

Based on the Commerce Department’s most recent Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) data, the

American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported that steel import permit applications for the month of October totaled 3,110,000 net tons (NT)*. This was a 0.8% increase from the 3,084,000 permit tons recorded in September and a 0.3% decrease from the September final imports total of 3,118,000 NT. Import permit tonnage for finished steel in October was 2,419,000, down 3.4% from the final imports total of 2,504,000 in September. For the first ten months of 2017 (including October SIMA permits and September final data), total and finished steel imports were 32,841,000 NT and 25,375,000 NT, up 19.4% and 15.1%, respectively, from the same period in 2016. The estimated finished steel import market share in October was 26% and is 27% year-to-date (YTD).

Finished steel imports with large increases in October permits vs. the September final included steel piling (up 159%), tin free steel (up 45%), structural pipe and tubing (up 32%), cut lengths plates (up 25%), plates in coils (up 20%), hot rolled bars (up 17%) and standard pipe (up 13%). Products with significant year-to date (YTD) increases vs. the same period in 2016 include oil country goods (up 231%), line pipe (up 61%), standard pipe (up 44%), mechanical tubing (up 34%), structural pipe and tubing (up 29%), cold rolled sheets (up 26%), hot rolled bars (up 24%), sheets and strip all other metallic coatings (up 23%), and sheets and strip hot dipped galvanized (up 16%).

In October, the largest finished steel import permit applications for off-shore countries were for South Korea

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