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act as barriers to U.S. exports and investment, restrict producers' access to raw materials, and create an uneven playing field in international competition by unfairly advantaging certain countries' manufacturers to the detriment of U.S. producers. These include export restrictions, import barriers, investment barriers, subsidies, anti-competitive conduct of state-owned enterprises and barriers in government procurement policies," he said, citing recent reports by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

"AISI believes changing these foreign unfair trade practices, while continuing to aggressively enforce our unfair trade remedy laws, will have a demonstrable effect on the U.S. trade deficit and will benefit the U.S. economy and workforce," Dempsey said.

Dempsey said trade relief provided by some of the steel trade cases has somewhat reduced the volume of imports, but high volumes of steel continue to enter the U.S. market from countries not subject to AD/CVD relief, from countries where the AD/CVD relief has proven to be ineffective, and as a result of schemes by foreign producers and importers to evade the AD/CVD laws.

AISI's comments included an analysis of the countries with the most significant trade deficits with the steel industry, including Vietnam -- with whom the U.S. had a trade deficit of \$493 million in 2016, and China with whom the steel trade deficit exceeded three million net tons in 2014.

AISI also filed comments on China's non-market economy status, and stated that "China remains very much a state-directed, nonmarket economy country, and does not meet the basic requirements set forth by U.S. statutes and the Department of Commerce for a functioning market economy." The submission provided a detailed review of the current information related to the six statutory factors that would need to be met in order for China's to be recognized as a market economy, and examples of how China has not fulfilled the requirements.

Modulift Spreader Frame Lifts Iconic Horse Statues

Irish rental firm O'Carroll Haulage and Crane Hire used a modular spreader frame to lift two famous bronze statues and place them into temporary storage while a major construction project takes place at the Curragh Racecourse, located on the Curragh plain in County Kildare, Ireland.



The 100t Palfinger PK 100002 Performance loader crane mounted on an articulated truck lowers Nijinsky.

Co. Limerick-based O'Carroll utilised the Modulift CMOD modular spreader frame and supporting rigging gear below the hook of a 100t Palfinger PK 100002 Performance loader crane mounted on an articulated truck. The statues were both lifted, one at a time, onto the vehicle, secured and transported together to an on-site storage area approx. 500m away, where they were both offloaded. A lift area and pathway for the vehicle were prepared with hardcore prior to the lifting team's arrival onsite.

John Sisk & Son Limited, the main contractor for the work, presented O'Carroll with a challenging scope of work to remove the statues, weighing 6.7t and 4.5t respectively. It was considered to protect them under covering for the duration of the work but they were deemed of great historical importance to the course.

The larger statue, complete with jockey, commemorates the legendary Vin-

tage Crop, a British-bred, Irish-trained thoroughbred racehorse best known for becoming the first overseas runner to win Australia's premier race, the Melbourne Cup. The lighter statue represents Nijinsky, known in the United States as Nijinsky II, a Canadian-bred, Irish-trained thoroughbred and sire. Both statues had to be removed still attached to their concrete foundations.

Maurice O'Carroll, Director at O'Carroll Haulage, explained: "The only option was to bore through the concrete footings and cradle the loads with slings; there were no jacking points so that wasn't a viable solution. Four 3t slings were good for 12t capacity and, combined with the frame, we were able to create a stable and efficient lifting solution. The rig performed perfectly, as it has done when we've employed this solution in the past; the CMOD is a brilliant invention."

The crane and rigging equipment was

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