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**AMERICAN METAL MARKET NAMES ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY 2011
LOGISTICS / TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER OF THE YEAR**

Mobile, Ala., June 28, 2011 – The Alabama State Port Authority has been named the winner for Logistics/Transportation Provider of the Year in *American Metal Market's* 2011 Awards for Steel Excellence. *American Metal Market* recognizes advancements rooted in pioneering and implementing business improvements that have delivered real change to the steel industry.

"The award winning companies have shown tremendous creativity, inventiveness and are pioneers in creating the way to a better future for the steel industry," said Raju Daswani, president of *American Metal Market*. "AMM's Awards for Steel Excellence recognize the key contributions of companies and individuals who through acumen, management, innovation and plain hard work are reinventing the steel supply chain."

The Alabama State Port Authority's Pinto Terminal at the Port of Mobile was designed to reduce handling and costs associated with transitioning steel slab from ocean-going vessels to barges for transport to ThyssenKrupp Steel USA LLC's mill some 43 miles north of the terminal. The proposed Pinto Terminal site wasn't large enough to accommodate a typical bulk handling operation, necessitating several facility layout and design innovations to make the slab-handling operation feasible. "Optimizing technology and reducing operating expenses were the primary objectives for this terminal and a driving factor in recruiting a major industry to our region," said Jimmy Lyons, director and chief executive for the Port Authority. "It is an honor to be recognized by the industry for our achievements in deploying the latest technological standard for marine terminal operations seen nowhere else in the world."

The resulting terminal layout consists of a 45-foot-draft, 1,050-foot-long ship berth, a slab storage yard and barge handling slip positioned between the ship's berth and shore-side storage yard. The terminal's gantry cranes straddle the barge slip, facilitating efficient steel slab handling direct from vessel to barge or vessel to the slab storage yard. Pinto Terminal's annual throughput capacity is about 5 million tons with a slab storage yard capacity of 150,000 tons. At full production, the new mill complex will process some 5.1 million tonnes of carbon and stainless steel annually and employ 2,700 people. Following ThyssenKrupp's May 2007 decision to build in Calvert, Ala., the Alabama State Port Authority had until December 2010 to complete a steel-handling terminal that would accommodate post-Panamax vessels carrying some 4.1 million tons of inbound carbon steel slab annually from Brazil and Germany and transload the slab to inland river barges bound for the mill's processing line on the Tombigbee River.

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“The range, quality and depth of the nominations submitted not only made the judging process that much more challenging but attest to the vitality, strength, and competitive prowess of the North American steel supply chain and the vendors who serve it”, said David Brooks, senior vice president of American Metal Market and member of the judging panel.

Along with David Brooks, additional members of the judging panel were Thomas Graham, founding member of T.C. Graham Associates and a former chairman and chief executive officer of AK Steel Corp. and Washington Steel Co., president of the U.S. Steel Group of USX Corp. and president and chief executive officer of Armco Steel Co. LP, Jo Isenberg-O'Loughlin, editor, steel and ferrous scrap, American Metal Market, John E. Lichtenstein, managing director-global metals & APAC natural resource industries, Accenture and Nick Sowar, partner and global steel industry leader, Deloitte & Touche LLP.

For more information including awards methodology, visit <http://www.amm.com/EventDetail/4070/AMM-Awards-for-Steel-Excellence-Nominations-and-Dinner.html>

About Alabama State Port Authority

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Ala., owns and operates the State of Alabama's deepwater port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handled 24 million tons of cargo last year. The Authority's container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at www.asdd.com.

About American Metal Market

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