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### **THYSSENKRUPP'S ROBERT SOULLIERE TO ADDRESS ATTENDEES AT AISTECH 2008 — THE IRON & STEEL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION**

PITTSBURGH, February 12, 2008 — Robert P. Soulliere, president and chief executive officer of ThyssenKrupp Steel USA LLC, will be the keynote speaker at the AIST President's Award Breakfast, to be held Tuesday, May 6 at 8 a.m. in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Soulliere's presentation is entitled:

#### **“Balancing Global Trends With Regional Markets: ThyssenKrupp Steel's Strategy for Growth”**

The President's Award Breakfast is one of the signature events of AISTech 2008, to be held May 5–8. During this premier technology event, the global steel industry will converge in Pittsburgh for technical presentations, plant tours and keynote presentations by today's business leaders. In addition, the comprehensive industry exposition will showcase the products and services of more than 400 domestic and international companies. AISTech 2008 promises to be one of the largest gatherings of steel industry personnel in the world this year.

**Robert P. Soulliere** was appointed president and chief executive officer of ThyssenKrupp Steel USA LLC in February 2007. Soulliere is responsible for the project development of ThyssenKrupp's newly announced \$3.7 billion U.S. steel and stainless steel processing plant in Calvert, Ala. Once the plant is constructed, Soulliere will head its carbon steel operations. Soulliere most recently served as president and chief executive officer of automotive supplier ThyssenKrupp Budd Co. in Troy, Mich. In 2004, he was named president of ThyssenKrupp Budd's Body Sector, with responsibility for body stampings and plastics operations. In 2001, Soulliere was appointed president and chief executive officer of ThyssenKrupp Fabco, a supplier of metal stampings, stamped and tubular assemblies based in Windsor, Ont., Canada. He joined Fabco in 1978 and subsequently served in many different areas of the organization, including executive vice president and chief operating officer. Soulliere is a graduate of the University of Detroit's M.B.A. program.

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For more information or to order your tickets for the President's Award Breakfast, call 724.776.6040, ext. 1 or visit [www.aist.org](http://www.aist.org).

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