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**TECHINT GROUP'S PAOLO ROCCA NAMED
STEELMAKER OF THE YEAR AT AISTECH 2011**

*Other Industry Leaders Recognized for Significant Contributions to AIST
and the Global Iron and Steel Industry*

PITTSBURGH, Pa., 4 May 2011 — **Paolo Rocca**, chairman and chief executive officer, Tenaris; chairman, Ternium; and CEO of the Techint Group, was named “Steelmaker of the Year” at [AISTech 2011 — The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition](#), managed by the [Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\)](#). The Steelmaker of the Year Award is presented annually by AIST to recognize notable leaders and their contributions to the steel industry.

Rocca received the honor on 3 May during the conference’s annual President’s Award Breakfast, in recognition of his dynamic and diverse leadership in the manufacturing of steel, most notably for the production of quality pipe and tube to support the world’s energy infrastructure. His outstanding legacy, guided by the spirit and inspiration of his father Roberto and his grandfather Agostino, personifies global awareness of social and economic responsibility, and highlights the important role of education in creating lasting value for the communities where steel is made.

While accepting the award, Rocca said, “I am really deeply honored by this award, recognition and tribute for the 50,000 people who work for Techint, people who are committed to safety and industrial advancement. I’m very confident about steel and the future of steel. AIST ought to be praised for its efforts in spreading the technology throughout our industry worldwide.”

Other award winners announced during the President’s Award Breakfast included:

AIST Distinguished Member and Fellow Awards — Established in 1975, the Distinguished Member and Fellow Award is presented to an AIST member who has attained eminent distinction in advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel and/or related activities of the industry and has performed meritorious service to the association.

**Daniel R. DiMicco, vice chairman, chief executive officer and president, Nucor Corp.
Charlotte, USA**

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DiMicco received this honor for his exceptional leadership and tireless pursuit to address issues facing the iron and steel industry. As CEO of the largest U.S. steel producer and world's largest recycler, DiMicco has emerged as a national leader in his "call to arms" to restore American manufacturing by addressing currency manipulation, climate change and illegal trade practices.

Joe Stratman accepted the award on behalf of DiMicco. Stratman said, "For those of you who know Dan, he would say, 'Any award of this magnitude is representative of a team effort, thanks to my Nucor team.'"

James C. Simmons, retired, Tenova Core, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA

Simmons received this honor for his expertise in the development and advancement of the vacuum degassing technology, for his dedication to the ironmaking and steelmaking industry in the United States and for his untiring service and contribution to AIST.

While accepting the award, Simmons said, "Thank you, AIST, for giving me the opportunities I've had."

AIST William T. Hogan, S.J. Lecture Award — Established in 1990, this honorary lecturer is selected in recognition of individual outstanding leadership to the iron and steel industry, with selected lectures covering trade, economics, steel industry operations, developments or forecasts. This award is given in appreciation of the keynote lecture presented during the AISTech President's Award Breakfast.

Frederick "Fritz" A. Henderson, chairman and CEO, SunCoke Energy Inc., Knoxville, Tenn., USA

Henderson's keynote presentation topic was "Observations Regarding Opportunities for Growth in the Steel Industry."

AIST Tadeusz Sendzimir Memorial Medal — This distinguished award was established in 1990 to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Tadeusz Sendzimir's achievements and engineering contributions in developing process equipment for the steel industry. The award is presented in recognition of an individual who has advanced steelmaking through the invention, development or application of new manufacturing processes or equipment.

J. Kevin Cotchen, principal process engineer, SMS Siemag LLC, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA

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Cotchen has worked for more than 30 years in the steel industry. Throughout his career, he has been involved with steelmaking equipment, focusing primarily on ladle metallurgy, but he also has experience with submerged arc furnaces. Cotchen has authored over 40 technical papers and is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania.

While accepting the award, Cotchen said “I would like to thank SMS Siemag for the opportunity they provide, my wife of 32 years, and the extremely talented people I work with and the customers for recognizing the value provided by our company. My participation in AIST has provided me with the experience to accomplish many successes in my career. I also encourage individuals associated with the iron and steel industry to get involved.”

Howe Memorial Lecture Award — This award was established in 1923 to honor the late professor Henry Marion Howe, who helped turn steelmaking from an art into a science. This honorary lecturer is selected in recognition of individual outstanding contributions to the science and practice of iron and steel metallurgy or metallography.

David K. Matlock, Armco Foundation Fogarty Professor, and director, Advanced Steel Processing and Products Research Center, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo., USA

Matlock’s lecture was entitled, “Dual-Phase Steels: A Look Back With an Eye to Advanced High-Strength Sheet Steel Innovations.”

John F. Elliott Lectureship Award — Established in 1990, this honorary lectureship is designed to acquaint students and engineers with the exciting opportunities in chemical process metallurgy and materials chemistry. This lecturer is selected in recognition of distinguished contributions in chemical process metallurgy and materials chemistry to the iron and steel industry.

Sridhar Seetharaman, assistant professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa., USA

Prof. Seetharaman will present a lecture, during the 2011–2012 school year, entitled “Interfacing Chemical and Physical Metallurgy,” to students at selected universities nationwide and internationally.

Benjamin F. Fairless Award (AIME) — This award was established in 1954 in honor of Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel, for his intense interest in the technology and development of the iron and steel industry. This award recognizes distinguished achievement in iron and steel production and ferrous metallurgy.

Leonard G. Nelson Jr., consultant, LGN Associates LLC, Brecksville, Ohio, USA

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Nelson received this award for his exceptional and selfless leadership and service to the American steel industry through his successful industrial career and extraordinary contributions as president of ISS (AIST), AIME and the ISS Foundation.

Hunt-Kelly Outstanding Paper Award (AIME) — This award recognizes the author(s) of the best published paper of the previous year: \$5,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place and \$1,000 for third place.

First Place — Dan G. Edelman, Peter C. Campbell, Chris R. Killmore, Kristin R. Carpenter, Harold R. Kaul, James G. Williams and Walter N. Blejde

These authors were selected to receive this year's honor for their paper entitled, "Recent Developments With Ultrathin Cast Strip Products."

Second Place — Eugene B. Pretorius, Helmut G. Oltmann and Thomas R. Cash

These authors were selected to receive this award for their paper entitled, "The Effective Modification of Spinel Inclusions by Ca Treatment in LCAK Steel."

Third Place — Siddhartha Misra, Yun Li and Il Sohn

These authors were selected to receive this award for their paper entitled, "Hydrogen and Nitrogen Control in Steelmaking at U. S. Steel."

AISTech 2011 was one of the largest gatherings of industry personnel in the world this year, with more than 6,000 people attending. The four-day conference program encompassed more than 450 technical presentations, and exhibits by over 400 domestic and international companies.

AIST is an international technical association of more than 11,000 professional and student members, representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

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