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## NEWS RELEASE

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### AIIST FOUNDATION ADDS TWO NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8, 2005 – AIST announces the addition of **Frederick T. Harnack**, general manager—research, U. S. Steel Research and Technology Center and **George J. Koenig**, president, Berry Metal Co. to the AIST Foundation Board of Trustees (BOT). The foundation board is governed by 14 trustees representing various interests within the steel industry.

The AIST Foundation seeks to attract young technology-oriented professionals to the industry by promoting the high-tech, diverse and well-paying nature of careers in modern steelmaking. Scholarships and grants are awarded on an annual basis to talented and dedicated students to encourage the pursuit of a career within iron and steel-related industries. Approximately \$240,000 has been awarded in 2005 through the AIST Foundation and its affiliated groups. The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that is part of AIST, an international professional and technical association of more than 9,000 members.

**Frederick T. Harnack**, general manager—research, U. S. Steel Research and Technology Center

Harnack earned a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering in 1976 and an M.B.A. in 1982, both from the University of Pittsburgh. He began his career with U. S. Steel in 1976 as a management trainee at the slab mill at Mon Valley Works' Edgar Thomson Plant in Braddock, Pa. After serving in various operating and maintenance positions at the slab mill and former Homestead (Pa.) Works, he became area manager for maintenance at the Edgar Thomson slab mill in 1987. Later, he moved to Mon Valley Works' Irvin Plant in West Mifflin, Pa., as area manager of galvanizing. From 1990 to 1993, Harnack was the operations consultant for the PRO-TEC Coating Co. in Leipsic, Ohio, a joint venture between U. S. Steel and Kobe Steel of Japan. PRO-TEC produces hot-dip galvanized products mainly for the automotive industry. In 1993, he returned to the Mon Valley Works as the casting and rolling operating director. Harnack was named plant manager at the Edgar Thomson Plant in 1996 and was promoted to general manager of Mon Valley Works in November 1999. In 2003, following the acquisition of National Steel, he was named general manager of Great Lakes Works near Detroit. He was assigned to his current position as general manager—research, U. S. Steel Research and Technology Center, Monroeville, Pa., in August 2005.

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**George J. Koenig**, president, Berry Metal Co.

Koenig is a 30-year veteran in the steel industry, who today serves as president of Berry Metal Company. Koenig joined Berry Metal in 2000 as vice president of Sales and Marketing. Under his direction, Berry Metal advanced from the world's leading technology-based designer and manufacturer of Injection Lances for the steelmaking industry to a global industry leader in promoting advanced steelmaking technologies—primarily through the institution and expansion of strategic partnerships with other innovative companies serving the steel industry. Prior to his success with Berry Metal, Koenig worked for 25 years in marketing and sales with Philadelphia-based steel industry supplier Hereaus Electro-Nite. The Philadelphia native earned a B.S. degree in business management and marketing from Drexel University in 1976 and an associate's degree in metallurgy from the Pennsylvania State University in 1979. He and his wife, Donna, live in Cranberry Township, PA. They have eight children.

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