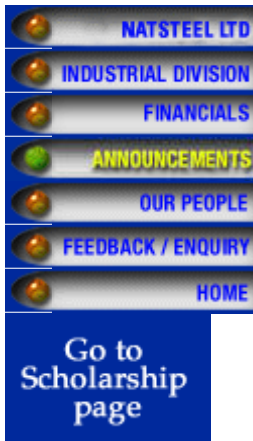




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**28 August 2000**

**NatSteel amongst the first mini mills in the world to achieve ISO 14001 certification**



SINGAPORE, 28 August 2000 -NatSteel Ltd, has successfully achieved the ISO 14001 certification on environmental management system for the manufacture of steel products. It is amongst the first mini mills in the world to be certified to this international standard.

This certification follows NatSteel's ranking as a finalist in last year's Singapore Environmental Achievement Award organized by the Singapore Environmental Council, a non-government and non-profit organization which promotes greater public awareness of the natural environment.

"NatSteel believes it is important for businesses to be socially responsible, " said Mr Ang Kong Hua, President of NatSteel. "NatSteel has invested heavily in technology and research, as well as to work closely with various institutes of higher learning on environmental improvement and management projects for implementation throughout all its businesses. This award is a recognition of our continuing efforts in environmental management."

These efforts include energy conservation by recovering heat from flue gas to preheat steel scrap before melting and water conservation whereby rainwater and industrial water are extensively collected and recycled in the steel plant.

"As a corporate citizen, we have a responsibility to care for the environment," said Mr Chong Wai Siak, Chairman of Environmental Management Review Board. "Achieving this prestigious international certification has reaffirmed our commitment to remain an environmentally responsible organization."

The commitment to have effective environmental management systems is seen throughout the NatSteel Group. Three of its other companies- NatSteel Chemicals, Eastern Concrete and NatSteel Electronics - achieved the ISO 14001 certification last year.

*[About the NatSteel Group](#)*

*A multi-industry manufacturing group headquartered in Singapore. NatSteel has three core businesses -- Steel, Industrial (comprising Construction Products, Chemicals and Engineering) and Electronics.*

*For 1999, NatSteel recorded a turnover of S\$1.4 billion and a profit before tax of S\$131 million. It has over 17,000 employees in 15 countries. NatSteel was listed on the Stock Exchange of Singapore in 1964.*

*Steel is the pioneer business of the NatSteel Group and continues to be one of its core businesses. Today, the NatSteel steel network includes mini mills in Singapore, Malaysia, China, the Philippines and Vietnam, as well as a blast furnace integrated mill which produces intermediate products like billets and slabs in Brazil.*

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