



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Largest Regional Steel Industry Conference Opens In Singapore

SINGAPORE, 14 May 2001 - The 45th South East Asia Iron and Steel Institute (SEAISI) Singapore conference was officially opened today by Mr. Tang Guan Seng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry. This year's conference is held in conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Institute.

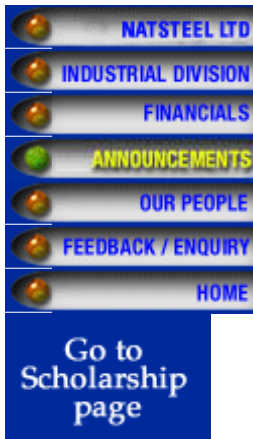
The SEAISI Conference is the largest annual meeting organised for the iron and steel industry in the South East Asia region. Over 400 delegates from iron and steel and related companies as well as government representatives from the region are expected to attend the 3-day conference at Suntec City. Participation from organisations in the region including Australia, Japan, Korea and Taiwan (ROC) is also expected.

The theme of the conference is " Challenges for the Asian Steel Industry in the New Era". Main topics to be discussed at the conference will include globalisation and restructuring of the steel industry, success factors for Asian steel, E-commerce and its impact, benefits from improved environment management and technology, raw materials development and applications to promote steel industry and lastly new technologies and processes from ironmaking through to finished product.

The Conference programme includes keynote paper presentations by industry experts, technical sessions and an exhibition showcasing the latest products and technology from all over the world.

This year's conference is held in Singapore. Mr Ang Kong Hua, President, NatSteel said : " As a longstanding and active member of SEAISI, this year's conference has a special significance for us as we are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of SEAISI. SEAISI was founded here 30 years ago, we take great pleasure in welcoming it back at the first conference of the new millennium".

SEAISI is a professional technical institute established to represent the iron and steel industry in South East Asia; with the aim of promoting the development of the industry through regional cooperation, technical exchange and project assistance at all levels of the industry.



**Notes to Editors:  
About NatSteel Ltd**

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*For 2000, NatSteel recorded a turnover of \$1.4 billion and profit before tax of \$985m. NatSteel has been listed on the Stock Exchange of Singapore since 1964.*

*The Steel Division has a regional network of mini-mills in Singapore, Malaysia, China, the Philippines and Vietnam, and an investment in an integrated mill in Brazil. Singapore serves as the hub providing R&D, engineering, logistics, sourcing and other support services.*

*The Industrial Division is one of the key players for cement, concrete, precast concrete, premix mortar and related building products in Singapore. Other activities in this division include specialty and environmental chemicals, engineering products and services.*

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