

International Stainless Steel Forum



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International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) launches 100 Years of Stainless Steel website to celebrate a century of innovation

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The global stainless steel community marking a century since stainless steels were first created, patented and produced. Over that time, stainless steel has grown to be an integral part of our modern world. To celebrate the anniversaries, the International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has launched this website –www.stainlesssteelcentenary.info – dedicated to the history of stainless steel and its innovative applications.

A travelling exhibition about stainless steel which will be launched in Beijing (China) on 15 May 2012. After Beijing, the exhibition will move to a number of other locations around the world. As well as the list of celebratory events, this website features many interesting facts about stainless steel, stunning images of stainless steel applications from the past century, and a detailed history of this amazing material.

The metallurgists and industrialists who pioneered the stainless steel industry could scarcely have imagined how it would grow. Production has increased dramatically over the past ten years to a record 31 million metric tonnes in 2010 (see Table 1). That growth is only likely to increase as the sustainability benefits of stainless steel become better known. Its relatively low carbon footprint and 100% recyclability are ensuring that stainless steel will have a major role to play in a sustainable future world.

Table 1: Global stainless steel production 2001-2010 (in millions of metric tonnes (mmt))

| Year | Production (mmt) |
|------|------------------|
| 2001 | 19.2 |
| 2002 | 20.7 |
| 2003 | 22.8 |
| 2004 | 24.6 |
| 2005 | 24.5 |

| Year | Production (mmt) |
|------|------------------|
| 2006 | 28.7 |
| 2007 | 28.1 |
| 2008 | 26.2 |
| 2009 | 24.9 |
| 2010 | 31.1 |

Although organised under the auspices of ISSF, the 100 Years of Stainless Steel website and exhibition are sponsored by ISSF and the members of the Team Stainless network. Team Stainless is an informal network of industry associations which represent the stainless steel industry and its main alloying elements. Members include ISSF; Euro Inox; the International Chromium Development Association (ICDA); the International Molybdenum Association (IMOA); and the Nickel Institute.

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Dedicated logo



The website and exhibition utilise the 100 Years of Stainless Steel logo which was specifically developed for the celebrations. As well as appearing on the website and throughout the exhibition, the logo can also be utilised by registered companies and publications who are planning special events to mark the centenary. (To register as a supporter, please contact ISSF.)

The logo represents the number 100 and reflects the brightness of stainless steel and the thin, subtle and elegant applications that can be created from this innovative material. Both flat and long stainless steel products are represented in the logo.

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Notes to editors:

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) is a non-profit research organisation, which serves as the world forum on various aspects of the international stainless steel industry.

Founded in 1996, ISSF is based in Brussels, Belgium.