AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT

SOUTHFIELD, MI Feb. 25, 2020 - The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) today announced that John Catterall, former executive director of the Auto/Steel Partnership and an automotive engineering veteran, has been named vice president, automotive program, for AISI effective March 1. Catterall succeeds Dr. Jody N. Hall, who has led AISI’s automotive program since 2014 and is retiring at the end of this month.

As the leader of the automotive program for steel, Catterall will focus on maintaining steel’s role as the automotive material of choice. With both industries focused on the future of mobility, cost-efficient mass optimization, and strong and durable steel structures will continue to be important for both occupant and battery protection, as well as enhancing the ride experience for passengers. Catterall’s expertise includes extensive background in body, chassis and closures.

“As an industry, we’ve made tremendous strides in the automotive market over the last six years under Jody’s leadership,” said Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of AISI. “John’s extensive background in automotive engineering will help him continue our momentum as we face the challenges of competing materials and future mobility applications.”

In his new role, Catterall will be responsible for leadership of AISI’s Automotive Applications Council, a group of AISI member steel producers focused on automotive

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innovation, education and technology transfer activities. He also will lead AISI member company collaborations with the Auto/Steel Partnership, a partnership between AISI members, automaker representatives from FCA US LLC, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Company and other steel-related consortia.

“This is an exciting time as vehicles are evolving rapidly with future mobility becoming a reality,” said Catterall. “Steel will always be in the forefront of value-added automotive engineering and manufacturing and I am eager to continue leading the industry forward.”

Catterall’s career has spanned nearly four decades in automotive engineering. Prior to his role as executive director of the Auto/Steel Partnership, he held the position of global innovation manager for body systems at General Motors for more than 16 years, where he led the GM global innovation team in developing solutions for all body systems. Prior to GM, his career experience included project execution, management, coordination and technical leadership with companies such as Autokinetics, Inc., Desktop Engineering International Inc., Hartwick Professionals Inc., Lexel Engineering, H.W. Structures, Austin Rover and Leyland Vehicles (the latter three are in the United Kingdom). Catterall holds degrees in Mechanical and Production Automotive Engineering from Bolton Technical College and Leyland Technical College in England, UK.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI's membership is comprised of integrated and electric arc furnace steelmakers, and associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's website at www.steel.org. Follow AISI on Facebook or Twitter (@AISISteel).

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