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**THE OHIO STEEL COUNCIL APPLAUDS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DECISION TO
BLOCK CHINESE OCTG PRODUCERS FROM UNFAIR DUMPING**

COLUMBUS, OH, February 12, 2014 – The Ohio Steel Council said today that it applauds the U.S. Department of Commerce’s decision to block Chinese Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) producers from unfairly dumping their pipe products in the U.S. and in Ohio.

OCTG products imported from China will now be subject to anti-dumping and countervailing duties, the U.S. Department of Commerce said. With the new Department of Commerce’s ruling, OCTG made in China and finished in other countries now will face existing trade enforcement penalties. OCTG products are used in the exploration and transportation of oil and natural gas and are produced in Ohio by at least three steel companies.

“We are very pleased with the Department of Commerce’s ruling against unfairly traded OCTG products,” said Brenda Schulz, President of the OSC. “We have numerous Ohio Steel Council members that have continually been impacted by unfair dumping. This ruling helps Ohio and U.S. steelmakers and enforces a level playing field.

“We also want to thank Governor John Kasich, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio for their tireless efforts in urging the Department of Commerce to rule in favor of domestic steel manufacturers on a petition regarding product coverage for duties ordered on OCTG from China.”

Senator Brown’s [web site](#)

Senator Portman’s [web site](#)

Ohio Steel Industry Economic Impact

Based on the most recent data available, the Ohio Steel Council estimates that the Ohio steel industry's total impact on the state’s economy to be an estimated \$7.2 billion. Nearly 100,000 jobs link to the steel industry either through direct employment or ripple effects throughout the economy. For every single job in the steel industry, two more jobs are created and together generate approximately \$4.8 billion in wages.

More than 22,000 Ohio residents work directly for companies that produce or process steel products. Those companies pay more than \$600 million in taxes to Ohio and its local communities, and \$700 million in federal taxes. Revenue from those taxes helps maintain and strengthen local, state and federal programs. In addition, the steel industry in Ohio invests about \$315 million per year on capital expenditures taking advantage of some of the most advanced technologies in the world.

About The Ohio Steel Council

Comprised of steel producers, processors and suppliers, the Ohio Steel Council serves as the voice of the steel industry in Ohio. By promoting the benefits of a healthy steel sector, the Council strives to educate key constituents about the industry's overall importance and significant economic impact. A participant in the legislative process, the Ohio Steel Council provides insight on policy issues, including their potential effects on Ohio's steel industry and the state's economy. Additional information about the Ohio Steel Council is available at www.ohiosteelcouncil.org. Ohio Steel Council members include: AK Steel Corporation, AMG Vanadium, Inc., ArcelorMittal, Charter Steel, Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc., Eramet Marietta, Inc., Nucor Steel Marion, Inc., Stein, Inc., The Timken Company, Tata Steel, Tube City IMS, United States Steel Corporation and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway.

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