As Conference Director I am pleased to report that the organisation of the Stainless Steel World Solutions USA Conference & Expo is well in progress. It promises to become a well attended event thanks to the efforts of the Advisory Group who has put together a conference program dedicated to the materials and corrosion community in the USA. Experts from the end user and engineering sectors of the industry such as Dow Chemical, Fluor Daniel and BP have committed themselves to talk about materials selection and sourcing of stainless steel and corrosion resistant alloys for their projects.

In addition major suppliers will elaborate on their efforts to develop new materials such as the lean duplex stainless steels and improve the welding and fabrication properties of these and other high alloyed materials. At the start of the program we will offer a training course for non-metallurgists called Stainless Steels - the basics. A unique opportunity for your technical-commercial staff to learn more about the ins and outs of stainless steel properties and applications.

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to network with your fellow materials professionals, learn more about the latest developments in the industry and have a good time in Houston, the heart of the North American oil & gas, engineering and chemical processing industries.

Our team is looking forward to welcoming you at Stainless Steel World Solutions USA 2006.

Best regards,
Sjie Roymans
Conference Director
Stainless Steel World

Corrosion-resistant alloys from manufacture to market...

A two-day conference and expo exploring the development, production, distribution, marketing, sales and procurement in the world of corrosion resistant alloys followed by the Stainless Steel World Solutions Inaugural Golf Day. Building on the success of Stainless Steel World America 2004, the concept has been expanded to encompass not only the technology of production and final application of Corrosion Resistant Alloys (CRAs), but the challenges further downstream, i.e., distribution, marketing, sales and procurement. The Stainless Steel World Solutions USA Conference & Expo promises to provide a meeting place for all involved in finding solutions to challenging applications through the use of CRAs.

The Conference will include the superior technical presentations for which Stainless Steel World conferences are known, in topics such as:

- Metallurgy - Duplex stainless steels
- New alloy development - Oil & gas - Applications in chemical processing - Welding

The expanded focus of this new event will now also include such topics as:

- What do end users expect from suppliers?
- Global marketing
- Influence of marketing & purchasing on technical decisions
- E-procurement

The conference content will be carefully guided by the Stainless Steel World Solutions Advisory Group, a team of key people from end user companies, manufacturers and distributors. Leading the group's efforts is Mr. Ron Merrick, Director of Piping and Material Engineering for Fluor Enterprises Inc in Sugar Land, Texas.

Exhibition Dates & Opening Hours

Tuesday, November 14 - 9:30am - 6:00pm
Wednesday, November 15 - 9:00am - 4:30pm

Golf Tournament
Thursday, November 16 - 7:30am
Bus departs Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel, pre-registration required.

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Foyer area
5:00 - 7:00pm Registration

Post Oak Room
7:00 - 9:00pm Welcome Reception

San Felipe
Plenary Session
8:45am Opening by Chairman Ron Merrick, Fluor Enterprises
9:00am An overview on some general trends in material issues - selection, availability, global sourcing, equipment size and the supplier base related to the chemical industry, Gene Liening, Dow Chemical, United States of America
9:30am Materials usage in deepwater subsea environments, Jim Burk, BP, United States of America
10:00am The new 200-series: an alternative answer to Ni surcharge? Risk or opportunity?, Jacques Charles, Ugine & ALZ Groupe Arcelor, France

Ballroom & Concorde
10:30am Coffee & Expo Break

San Felipe I
Seminar: Stainless Steel - The Basics
Instructor: Dr. Gary Carinci, TMR/The Nickel Institute, USA
11:00am Stainless Steel - The Basics

San Felipe II
Paper session 1: Lean Duplex
Chair: To be announced
11:00am Lean duplex grades as longitudinally welded pipes for linepipes in the oil & gas industries, Iris Rommerskirchen, Butting, Germany
11:20am Machining in new duplex - easier than expected, Conny Bergkvist, Outokumpu, Sweden
11:40am AL 2003™ (S32003) Lean duplex stainless steel as a substitute for type 316L, John Dunn, Allegheny Ludlum, United States of America
12:00 noon Introduction of a new “hyduplex” stainless steel, Martin Holmquist, Sandvik, The Netherlands

Post Oak Room, Ballroom & Concorde
12:30am Lunch & Expo Break

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Chair: Scott Whitlow, Dupont
2:00pm Workshop

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We will dispel the notion stated by Mark Twain that “Golf is a good walk spoiled” and have an enjoyable day of chasing the little white ball.
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San Felipe
Plenary Session: Supply Chain Management
9:00am  Recent trend of the procurement side of the stainless steel business, where is the market going?, Larry Jackson, Fluor, United States of America
9:30am  To be announced
10:00am To be announced
10:30am  Coffee & Expo Break, Ballroom & Concorde

San Felipe I
Paper session 2: Welding
Chair: Russel Fuchs, Böhler Thyssen Welding, United States of America

11:00am  Welding for repair of chloride stress corrosion cracking - how far can we go?, J.V.D. Murty, QatarGas, Qatar
11:20am  Welding of the duplex steel LDX 2101, Martin Larén, Avesta Welding, Sweden
11:40am  Welding of heat resistant alloys for petrochemical applications. Russel Fuchs, Böhler Thyssen Welding, United States of America
12:00noon  Synergistic interstitial control of sensitization & pitting in stainless steel weldments, Angelique Lasseigne, Colorado School of Mines, United States of America

San Felipe II
Paper session 3: Special Alloys
Chair: To be announced

11:00am  Application of superferritic steels for marine steel structures, Yutaka Kobayashi, Nippon Yakin Kogyo, Japan
11:20am  Utilization of UNS06693 in construction of a syngas effluent cooler in a metal dusting environment, Paul Hazeldine, Special Metals Corporation, United Kingdom
11:40am  The substitution of forged components with high integrity castings in pressure vessel applications, Danie Slabbert, Steloy Castings, South Africa
12:00noon  Improving metal dusting resistance by Cu addition to Ni base alloy for GTL application, Satoshi Matsumoto, Sumitomo Metal Industries, United Kingdom

Post Oak Room, Ballroom & Concorde
12:30pm  Lunch & Expo Break

San Felipe I
Workshop 2: Economic aspects of seamless & welded stainless steel tube & pipe
Moderator: Markus Moll, SMR Steel & Metals Market Research
2:00pm  Workshop

San Felipe II
Workshop 3: Management of aging equipment in the oil & gas industry
Moderator: Neil Henry, ABB Engineering Services, United Kingdom
2:00pm  Workshop

San Felipe I
4:00pm  Closing remarks by Chairman Ron Merrick
4:15pm  Coffee & Expo Break, Ballroom & Concorde Room

Thursday November 16, 2006

Stainless Steel World Solutions Golf Tournament
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Bus departs Tour 18 Golf Course at 3:00pm.

Venue & Hotel
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