

PRESS RELEASE – 14th Steelie Awards winners announced

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The Steelie Awards recognise member companies for their contribution to the steel industry over a one-year period. The Steelies are awarded in six categories:

Excellence in low-carbon steel production:

- **HBIS Group Co., Ltd.** – Unique coke oven gas zero-reforming DRI process combined with EAF.

Innovation of the year:

- **Big River Steel, a US Steel Company** - Development of a high-strength, high-formable, lean, single-phase, nano-precipitation strengthened sheet steel for automotive applications with a minimum tensile strength of 780MPa.

Excellence in sustainability

- **POSCO** – Fe-enhanced slag silicate fertilizer: How application of blast furnace slag reduces methane emissions in rice farming.

Excellence in Life Cycle Assessment

- **CITIC Pacific Special Steel Group Co., Ltd** – Innovation practice in China's first Product Category Rule (PCR) for special steel used in automotive components.

Excellence in education and training

- **Ternium** – From conventional classroom training to high-engagement immersive training for operators using virtual reality – development of a continuous casting simulator.

Excellence in communications programmes

- **Gerdau S.A.** – Infinite stage: with Gerdau, steel becomes key attraction at world's largest music and entertainment festival.

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- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world, with members in every major steel-producing country. worldsteel represents steel producers, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. Members represent around 85% of global steel production.