

## **ATI Defense Becomes an Alliance Partner of the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 20, 2009** – ATI, through its ATI Defense Market Sector Team, has been approved as an Alliance Partner of the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM), joining a select group of companies and organizations that work together in providing advanced manufacturing technologies and methodologies to the U.S. Department of Defense and its supply base.

As an NCDMM Alliance Partner, ATI Defense will use its manufacturing technology experience and know-how in mission-critical metallics to help address the processing and production issues faced by the U.S. defense supply chain.

“We see the alliance of ATI Defense and NCDMM as a platform to accelerate the availability and adoption of new materials, tooling capacity, fabrication and technology in the defense industry,” said Andrew Nichols, the director of ATI Defense. “Between 2004 and 2008 ATI has invested approximately \$1.3 billion to expand the Company’s capabilities and capacity for critical metals and components in titanium and titanium alloys, nickel-based alloys, specialty steels, zirconium, and tungsten products – with most of these investments planned at our manufacturing facilities in America.”

NCDMM President and Executive Director John S. VanKirk said ATI Defense’s experience makes the company a highly valuable resource for the U.S. industry and military sector. “Our alliance covers a broad spectrum of manufacturing processes from raw materials to finished parts, and no other company brings the expertise of ATI Defense – especially as high-performance specialty steel, titanium and other metals become more important in defense uses such as armor, and for applications throughout the aerospace industry,” VanKirk said. “For ATI Defense, its association with NCDMM will open up new opportunities as the company further develops its processes and products.”

ATI Defense is a Market Sector Team of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated (ATI), and provides military grades of titanium, nickel-based alloys, specialty alloys, zirconium, tungsten and other specialty metals suitable for structural, ballistic armoring and corrosive-environment applications. ATI also provides the cutting tool technology required to machine specialty metals for defense.

As a strategic supplier to a growing number of manufacturers and operators of land-based, naval and air defense systems, ATI offers reliability and stability of supply, along with a commitment to develop new technologies in the defense and aerospace sectors, as well as other key market segments.

The National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM) delivers optimized manufacturing solutions that enhance the quality, affordability, maintainability, and rapid deployment of existing and yet-to-be developed defense systems. NCDMM collaborates with government, industrial, and academic organizations to promote the implementation of best practices to key stakeholders through the development and delivery of disciplined training, advanced technologies, and methodologies. For additional information, please visit the NCDMM website at <http://www.ncdmm.org>.

### **Building the World’s Best Specialty Metals Company™**

Allegheny Technologies Incorporated is one of the largest and most diversified specialty metals producers in the world with revenues of \$5.3 billion during 2008. ATI has approximately 9,600 full-time employees world-wide who use innovative technologies to offer growing global markets a wide range of specialty metals solutions.

Our major markets are aerospace and defense, chemical process industry/oil and gas, electrical energy, medical, automotive, food equipment and appliance, machine and cutting tools, and construction and mining. Our products include titanium and titanium alloys, nickel-based alloys and superalloys, stainless and specialty steels, zirconium, hafnium, and niobium, tungsten materials, grain-oriented electrical steel, and forgings and castings. The Allegheny Technologies website is [www.alleghenystechnologies.com](http://www.alleghenystechnologies.com).