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### **U.S. Transformer Industry Scrambling For Steel Supply In 2022**

BUDA, TX---Marketplace reports from U.S. companies that produce electrical transformers and their components indicate that in some cases they are facing shortages for steel in 2022 due to the combination of allocations from the sole USA producer of electrical steel and the new administration's moves toward tonnage imports quotas that are impacting supply to the market. Backlogs are stretching out six to twelve months and putting the USA's ability to adequately produce the required volume of transformers at risk. Thus, uninterrupted supply of cores and laminations will be critical to maintain the supply chain feeding the production of USA transformers.

Vigilance must be maintained to protect the fragile market balance and ensure adequate supply of the necessary feedstock material to the electrical transformer market in what we believe will be a supply shortage of grain oriented electrical steels for the next 12-24 months due to competition for capacity at electrical steel producers who also supply the electrical vehicle automotive market.

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