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**CHAIRMAN & CEO OF U.S. STEEL CORPORATION TO SPEAK AT
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON**

The African American Chamber of Commerce will hold its Seventh Annual Meeting Luncheon on May 12, 2006 at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel at 12:00 noon.

The Keynote Speaker will be Mr. John P. Surma, Jr., Chairman & CEO of U.S. Steel Corporation. He will be discussing the value of Small Businesses in our region. Mr. Surma was elected as Chairman & CEO in February 2006. His progression to his current position in U.S. Steel began on January 1, 2002 when he became Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of United States Steel Corporation. He was named President in March 2003, and President and Chief Operating Officer in June 2003. He was elected President and Chief Executive Officer in 2004.

Before beginning his career with U.S. Steel, Mr. Surma joined Marathon Oil Company as Senior Vice President, Finance & Accounting in 1997. He was named President of Marathon Ashland Petroleum (MAP) on January 1, 2001.

Mr. Surma is a member of the Board of Directors of Mellon Financial Corporation and Calgon Carbon Corporation. He serves as chairman of the American Iron and Steel Institute, and is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, and a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the International Iron and Steel Institute.

During the meeting, there will be a Special Tribute to Mr. Thomas J. Usher, Chairman, Marathon Oil Corporation and Mr. Richard Simmons, Chairman Emeritus of Allegheny Technologies. Together, their joint efforts helped galvanize the corporate community in supporting the African American Chamber of Commerce and its members. Mr. Usher was the first Chairman of the African American Chamber's Presidential Roundtable; he served in that position for seven years.

The African American Chamber will give a special recognition to Mrs. Patricia Prattis Jennings, Principal Keyboard for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, as she prepares for her retirement. This recognition highlights the fact that members of the orchestra are also entrepreneurs.

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