From the Coordinators Pen:

Dear Members,

Warm Greetings to you.

At the outset, we would like to sincerely apologise for the long delay in bringing out the January, 2004 issue of our Journal. While we had all technical matter ready, we had to put lot efforts to get financial support for bringing out the issue.

As all of you are aware, funds for bringing out IWJ comes only from advertisements. We need at least Rs. 50,000/- to bring out each issue. I appeal to all the Industrial members and other Industrialists to help the Institute with advertisements.

This issue of IWJ focusses on stainless steel. Usage of stainless is growing exponentially and more and more new applications are being found every day. We hope the articles presented here give a clear picture of the potential of this unique material class.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Ramesh Gopal, General Manager of Indian Stainless Steel Development Association for allowing us to publish some very interesting papers on SS from the technical literature of NIDI. Our thanks to Sri C.C. Girotra of Weld Well Speciality Pvt. Ltd., for permission to reproduce some articles from their magazine.

Yours Sincerely,

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