

Immediate Release: Wednesday 15 May 2019

UK Steel: Gareth Stace 07779 044 678

Commenting on recent media stories regarding the UK steel industry, Gareth Stace, Director General, UK Steel said:

“Whilst Brexit is presenting some significant challenges, the UK steel industry as a whole remains robust and competitive, despite global overcapacity and an uncompetitive UK policy landscape. As a domestic manufacturing industry, steel has an incredibly important role to play in our industrial future, supporting strategic sectors across the UK including automotive, construction and engineering. Government must get round the table with the sector and take bold steps to ensure that post-Brexit, the UK has a strong, competitive and vibrant steel sector that provides the foundation strength to a successful UK Industrial Strategy.”

“This is a sector that has transformed and diversified itself over the last five years. It is investing, innovating and producing world class, competitively priced steel to its valued customers. Steel is the foundation material to any modern economy and therefore a strong domestic steel industry translates to a strong domestic economy, which benefits regions, communities and families.”

ENDS.

Notes:

About UK Steel: UK Steel, a division of Make UK, is the trade association for the UK steel industry. It represents all the country’s steelmakers and a large number of downstream steel processors.