From: Craig D Mallick Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 1:57 PM Subject: Ticker Symbols Dear Chairman Cox, It has come to our attention at U. S. Steel that an important New York Stock Exchange tradition is in danger, namely the practice of identifying NYSE listed companies, and only NYSE companies, by three or fewer characters in their trading symbols. Because of the high standards for both corporate governance and financial standards that an NYSE listed company must meet, such a listing - and the attendant identifiable trading symbol - carry significant prestige and branding value for the company, and communicate to investors the company's adherence to these high standards. The message such a symbol sends to investors in an important part of the value of the listing. U. S. Steel has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange for over 100 years, and our single-letter symbol is not only important to us from a branding standpoint but is also a source of pride and distinction to us. We believe the Exchange is right to try to preserve its one, two and three character symbols, and that all companies who meet the Exchange's rigorous listing standards are entitled to the branding benefits - and the distinction - that go with being listed with such a great institution. We urge the preservation of this system. Thank you for considering our views. Sincerely yours, Craig D. Mallick Corporate Secretary United States Steel Corporation cc: Noreen Culhane Executive Vice President

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