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**April 2008 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to IISI**

**Brussels, 20 May 2008 – World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI) was 116.4 million metric tons (mmt) in April. This is 5.6% higher than the same month last year.**

Total world crude steel production was 457.3 mmt in the first four months of 2008, a 5.7% increase over the same period in 2007.

In the first four months of 2008, China produced 169.8 mmt of crude steel, an increase of 9.1% compared to the same period in 2007. In April 2008, China's moving annual total (MAT) growth rate slowed further to 11.0%, compared to its MAT growth rate of 20.6% in April 2007. China's crude steel production for April 2008 was 44.7 mmt, an increase of 10.2% on April 2007.

Overall, Asia produced 65.7 mmt of crude steel in April 2008 compared to 60.5 mmt in April 2007, an 8.7% increase in crude steel production.

In North America, the MAT growth rate for April 2008 was 3.4%, continuing its upward trend. US production was an estimated 8.3 mmt (an increase of 1.1% from April 2007), Mexico 1.6 mmt (up 10.5% from April 2007) and Canada 1.4 mmt (up 3.7% from April 2007).

The 'Other Europe' region of seven countries outside the EU produced 2.7 mmt in April 2008, an increase of 3.1% from April 2007. Turkey's crude steel production was 2.3 mmt, which was 2.7% higher than the same month last year. Turkey produced 8.2% more crude steel in the first four months of 2008 than over the same period last year.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- The International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world. IISI represents approximately 180 steel producers (including 19 of the world's 20 largest steel companies), national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes. IISI members produce around 75% of the world's steel (excluding China) and the growing membership in China now accounts for over 20% of Chinese production.
- MAT: The moving annual total is the sum of the previous 12 months. Each month the crude steel production figure for the new month is added to the MAT, while the figure for the first month of the former 12 is subtracted.

# ISI CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION

April, 2008



Monthly crude steel production in the 66 countries included in the report, in thousands of metric tons.

	April 2008	March 2008	April 2007	% change Apr-08/07	4 months 2008		% change
					2008	2007	
Austria	630 e	652	628	0.4	2 585	2 508	3.1
Belgium	1 020 e	1 055	906	12.6	3 960	3 852	2.8
Bulgaria	145 e	150 e	191	-24.1	485	702	-30.9
Czech Republic	601	643	598	0.5	2 414	2 389	1.0
Finland	411	399	409	0.4	1 601	1 655	-3.2
France	1 661	1 665	1 826	-9.0	6 532	7 091	-7.9
Germany	4 031	4 184 r	4 085	-1.3	16 096	16 404	-1.9
Greece	235 e	242	216	8.8	915	905	1.1
Hungary	190	182	186	2.4	737	733	0.5
Italy	2 896	2 903	2 701	7.2	11 242	11 077	1.5
Luxembourg	280 e	286	269	4.1	1 086	1 013	7.2
Netherlands	660	669	652	1.3	2 599	2 480	4.8
Poland	955 e	988	906	5.4	3 609	3 621	-0.3
Romania	510 e	528	525	-2.8	1 995	2 119	-5.8
Slovakia	443	456	447	-0.9	1 761	1 741	1.2
Slovenia	55 e	59	57	-3.7	229	211	8.6
Spain	1 651	1 690	1 635	1.0	6 366	6 210	2.5
Sweden	491	496	490	0.1	1 998	1 981	0.9
United Kingdom	1 129	1 313 r	1 259	-10.3	4 797	4 835	-0.8
Other E.U. (27) (e)	160 e	166 e	160 e	0.0	641	641	0.0
<b>European Union (27)</b>	<b>18 154</b>	<b>18 726</b>	<b>18 145</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>71 647</b>	<b>72 168</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	34	57	56	-38.3	194	185	4.6
Croatia	6 e	6 e	7	-19.3	22	25	-12.3
Macedonia	35 e	35 e	33	7.5	131	121	8.6
Norway	65	51	60	8.3	236	245	-3.8
Serbia	168	172	151	11.3	664	582	14.1
Switzerland	127	124	108	17.8	494	442	11.9
Turkey	2 273	2 422	2 212	2.7	9 163	8 469	8.2
<b>Other Europe</b>	<b>2 708</b>	<b>2 867</b>	<b>2 626</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>10 904</b>	<b>10 069</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Byelorussia	224	216	215	4.2	828	796	4.0
Kazakhstan	350	334	402	-12.9	1 321	1 508	-12.4
Moldova	81	84	80	1.3	325	312	4.2
Russia	6 104	6 697	6 128	-0.4	25 310	24 420	3.6
Ukraine	3 683	3 869	3 586	2.7	14 684	14 213	3.3
Uzbekistan	55	56	53	3.8	218	208	4.8
<b>C.I.S. (6)</b>	<b>10 497</b>	<b>11 256</b>	<b>10 464</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>42 686</b>	<b>41 457</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Canada	1 426	1 395	1 375	3.7	5 591	5 427	3.0
Cuba	25 e	25 e	27	-7.7	94	92	2.4
El Salvador	6 e	6 e	4	53.8	25	23	6.5
Guatemala	30 e	30 e	17	80.7	111	101	10.3
Mexico	1 585 e	1 638	1 435	10.5	6 342	5 743	10.4
Trinidad and Tobago	45	16	63	-29.8	155	219	-29.2
United States	8 300	8 598	8 214	1.1	33 766	31 716	6.5
<b>North America</b>	<b>11 417</b>	<b>11 709</b>	<b>11 135</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>46 084</b>	<b>43 321</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Argentina	501	509	473	5.9	1 869	1 701	9.9
Brazil	2 900	2 960	2 708	7.1	11 541	10 703	7.8
Chile	155 e	160 e	143	8.7	602	556	8.3
Colombia	105 e	110 e	101	4.5	410	404	1.4
Ecuador	7 e	7 e	6	9.4	28	30	-7.1
Paraguay	6 e	7	6	-4.8	28	30	-6.4
Peru	90 e	95	62	46.1	369	283	30.2
Uruguay	7 e	7 e	7	4.5	23	20	16.3
Venezuela	370 e	380 e	378	-2.1	1 471	1 692	-13.0
<b>South America</b>	<b>4 141</b>	<b>4 235</b>	<b>3 883</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>16 340</b>	<b>15 418</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Algeria	70 e	70 e	75	-6.0	273	457	-40.3
Egypt	560	584	551	1.7	2 290	2 000	14.5
Libya	105 e	110 e	102	3.0	428	407	5.2
Morocco	55	40	48	14.7	175	185	-5.4
South Africa	742	789	739	0.5	2 962	3 041	-2.6
Zimbabwe	0 e	0 e	3		0	3	
<b>Africa</b>	<b>1 533</b>	<b>1 593</b>	<b>1 518</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6 128</b>	<b>6 094</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Iran	870 e	900 e	844	3.1	3 351	3 389	-1.1
Qatar	110 e	111	89	24.3	446	364	22.6
Saudi Arabia	422	452	351	20.3	1 699	1 399	21.5
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>1 402</b>	<b>1 463</b>	<b>1 283</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>5 495</b>	<b>5 152</b>	<b>6.7</b>
China	44 676	44 868	40 556	10.2	169 778	155 627	9.1
India	4 710 e	4 865	4 179	12.7	19 009	17 656	7.7
Japan	10 146	10 775	9 740	4.2	40 981	39 266	4.4
South Korea	4 250 e	4 390	4 269	-0.4	17 458	16 841	3.7
Taiwan, China	1 935 e	2 000 e	1 724	12.2	7 625	6 859	11.2
<b>Asia</b>	<b>65 716</b>	<b>66 899</b>	<b>60 467</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>254 850</b>	<b>236 250</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Australia	735 e	737	648	13.5	2 881	2 588	11.3
New Zealand	67	72	72	-7.4	269	266	1.2
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>3 150</b>	<b>2 855</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Total 66 countries</b>	<b>116 370</b>	<b>119 556</b>	<b>110 241</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>457 286</b>	<b>432 783</b>	<b>5.7</b>

The 66 countries included in this table accounted for more than 98% of total world crude steel production in 2007

e - estimated

\* - not included in totals to avoid double-counting

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