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June 2008 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to IISI

Brussels, 18 July 2008 – World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI) was 118.8 million metric tons (mmt) in June. This is 5.9% higher than the same month last year.

Total world crude steel production was 696 mmt in the first half of 2008, a 5.7% increase over the same period in 2007.

In the first six months of 2008, China produced 263.2 mmt of crude steel, an increase of 9.6% compared to the same period in 2007. In June 2008, China's moving annual total (MAT) growth rate slowed further to 10.2%, compared to its MAT growth rate peak of 26.3% in January 2006. China's crude steel production for June 2008 was 46.9 mmt, an increase of 10.2% on June 2007.

Overall, Asia produced 68.3 mmt of crude steel in June 2008 compared to 62.8 mmt in June 2007, an 8.7% increase in crude steel production.

Total crude steel production in the EU was 18.1 mmt, 1.8% higher than for June 2007. The largest producer in the EU is Germany, with 4.1 mmt of crude steel, an increase of 2.1% compared to the same month last year.

The 'Other Europe' region of seven countries outside the EU produced 2.9 mmt in June 2008, an increase of 15.5% from June 2007. Turkey's crude steel production was 2.5 mmt, which was 17.5% higher than the same month last year. Turkey produced 10.6% more crude steel in the first six 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.

IISI CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION

June, 2008



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

	June 2008	May 2008	June 2007	% change Jun-08/07	6 months		% change
	2008	2008	2007		2008	2007	
Austria	634	676	612	3.6	3 944	3 795	3.9
Belgium	960	1 072 r	715	34.3	6 017	5 407	11.3
Bulgaria	120 e	125 e	158	-24.1	723	1 031	-29.9
Czech Republic	563	620	608	-7.5	3 596	3 614	-0.5
Finland	378	410	355	6.7	2 390	2 409	-0.8
France	1 783	1 689 r	1 601	11.4	10 002	10 522	-4.9
Germany	4 183	4 154 r	4 099	2.1	24 413	24 548	-0.6
Greece	255 e	261	245	4.1	1 394	1 411	-1.2
Hungary	195	196	188	3.7	1 128	1 091	3.4
Italy	2 855	2 916	2 725	4.8	17 011	16 580	2.6
Luxembourg	236	268	245	-3.4	1 580	1 523	3.8
Netherlands	592	667	609	-2.8	3 845	3 671	4.8
Poland	940 e	970	967	-2.8	5 456	5 546	-1.6
Romania	485 e	500	506	-4.1	2 917	3 212	-9.2
Slovakia	439	472	435	0.9	2 672	2 632	1.5
Slovenia	55	62	54	1.1	351	317	10.6
Spain	1 650 e	1 705 e	1 757	-6.1	9 721	9 719	0.0
Sweden	439	492	485	-9.6	2 929	2 972	-1.4
United Kingdom	1 220	1 328 r	1 300	-6.2	7 411	7 411	0.0
Other E.U. (27) (e)	160 e	166 e	160	0.0	967	967	0.0
European Union (27)	18 142	18 749	17 824	1.8	108 468	108 376	0.1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	54	59	53	3.0	307	295	4.0
Croatia	7 e	7	6	12.2	42	38	12.1
Macedonia	35 e	35 e	28	25.7	201	179	12.2
Norway	55 e	56	65	-15.4	347	375	-7.5
Serbia	166	173	143	15.6	1 002	878	14.1
Switzerland	115 e	118	117	-1.4	727	678	7.2
Turkey	2 510	2 535 r	2 136	17.5	14 226	12 860	10.6
Other Europe	2 942	2 983	2 548	15.5	16 853	15 303	10.1
Byelorussia	225 e	230 e	228	-1.3	1 296	1 251	3.6
Kazakhstan	350 e	360 e	398	-12.1	2 031	2 351	-13.6
Moldova	80 e	85 e	85	-5.9	490	484	1.2
Russia	6 100 e	6 310 e	6 139	-0.6	37 720	36 609	3.0
Ukraine	3 690 e	3 810 e	3 475	6.2	22 184	21 351	3.9
Uzbekistan	55 e	55 e	56	-1.8	328	320	2.5
C.I.S. (6)	10 500	10 850	10 381	1.1	64 049	62 366	2.7
Canada	1 350	1 395	1 360	-0.8	8 348	8 103	3.0
Cuba	25 e	25 e	18	38.1	142	135	5.8
El Salvador	6 e	6	7	-15.5	37	37	1.6
Guatemala	30 e	31	33	-8.8	76	164	-53.5
Mexico	1 545 e	1 595	1 424	8.5	9 476	8 603	10.1
Trinidad and Tobago	47	59	55	-14.7	261	327	-20.2
United States	8 180	8 733 r	8 240	-0.7	50 755	48 478	4.7
North America	11 183	11 843	11 138	0.4	69 095	65 846	4.9
Argentina	494	499	446	10.7	2 862	2 592	10.4
Brazil	2 934	2 972	2 733	7.4	17 447	16 326	6.9
Chile	145 e	150 e	138	4.8	874	837	4.4
Colombia	75 e	80 e	108	-30.6	506	619	-18.3
Ecuador	7 e	7 e	7	-2.8	42	45	-6.7
Paraguay	7 e	7 e	9	-18.6	43	45	-6.2
Peru	95 e	99	45	109.7	565	372	51.9
Uruguay	8 e	8	7	19.4	40	33	21.6
Venezuela	365 e	375 e	437	-16.5	2 057	2 558	-19.6
South America	4 130	4 198	3 930	5.1	24 435	23 426	4.3
Algeria	77	71	130	-40.8	449	672	-33.2
Egypt	553	543	535	3.3	3 385	3 105	9.0
Libya	105 e	110 e	110	-4.4	643	631	1.9
Morocco	49	57	48	2.0	281	279	0.8
South Africa	719	770 r	702	2.4	4 453	4 514	-1.3
Zimbabwe	0 e	0 e	5		0	13	
Africa	1 503	1 551	1 530	-1.8	9 212	9 214	0.0
Iran	832	829	827	0.6	5 039	4 932	2.2
Qatar	110 e	115 e	90	22.3	671	539	24.5
Saudi Arabia	435 e	448	388	12.1	2 582	2 176	18.6
Middle East	1 377	1 392	1 305	5.5	8 292	7 648	8.4
China	46 944	46 013	42 608	10.2	263 195	240 123	9.6
India	4 331	4 329	4 118	5.2	27 197	26 092	4.2
Japan	10 371	10 547	9 980	3.9	61 897	59 419	4.2
South Korea	4 672	4 811	4 353	7.3	27 368	25 691	6.5
Taiwan, China	1 935 e	2 000 e	1 714	12.6	11 560	10 359	11.6
Asia	68 253	67 699	62 773	8.7	391 217	361 683	8.2
Australia	680 e	650	655	3.8	4 020	3 940	2.0
New Zealand	68	78	74	-7.4	415	416	-0.1
Oceania	748	727	729	2.7	4 435	4 356	1.8
Total 66 countries	118 778	119 994	112 159	5.9	696 055	658 217	5.7

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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