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### ECSC ORDERS FOR ROLLED STEEL - MARCH

#### Steel Demand Shows no Sign of Slackening

Luxembourg, April 12: The boom in steel demand continues unabated. Orders received for rolled products in the European Coal and Steel Community in March reached 4,817,000 metric tons, against 4,339,000 in February and 4,195,000 in March 1959. This was practically on a par with the record tonnage of orders received in October last year (4,826,000 metric tons).

The main feature of the statistics for this year is the remarkable buoyancy of demand from within the Community, which has more than made up for a slight falling off in the level of export orders from the exceptionally high levels reached in the closing months of last year.

For the first quarter of the year, total orders for rolled products reached 13,497,000 metric tons - 21% more than the 11,121,000 tons of orders booked in the corresponding period of 1959. Orders from within the Community, at 11,272,000 tons, were 45% higher than the 7,767,000 tons booked in the first quarter of last year, while orders booked from countries outside the Community, in contrast, were down 8% to 2,240,000 tons, from 2,406,000.

The level of order-books continued to rise, and by the end of January - the last month for which statistics are available - had reached 13,494,000 metric tons, against 13,334,000 at the end of 1959, and 8,542,000 a year earlier. Over the twelve-month period, tonnages on order-books increased by nearly 5 million tons.

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Orders received from

	<u>National Markets</u>	<u>Other Community Countries</u>	<u>Non-member Countries</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 1960	3,373	735	709	4,817
February 1960	2,977	684	728	4,339
March 1959	2,335	711	1,149	4,195

	<u>Orders</u>	<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>Order- books</u>
January 1960	4,311	4,110	13,494
December 1959	4,579	4,294	13,334
January 1959	3,334	3,338	8,542

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