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COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - MAY

Luxembourg, June 10, 1958: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in May reached 4,766,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures published by the High Authority's Statistics Division. The May output was rather lower than both the April total of 4,838,000 tons and the May 1957 total of 5,062,000 tons.

The May figure brought output for the first five months of the year to 25,005,000 metric tons — just 1 % more than the total of 24,751,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1957. France and the Netherlands, with increases of 8.7 % and 21.4 %, remain the only countries to record appreciable increases over 1957.

Production of pig iron and ferro-alloys in May totalled 3,602,000 metric tons, barely changed from the totals of 3,614,000 and 3,884,000 tons recorded in April 1958 and May 1957. For the first five months of the year, output reached a total of 18,540,000 metric tons — 0.3 % less than the 18,587,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1957.

Coal output in the Community in May also declined — 20,065,000 metric tons from 20,690,000 tons in April and 21,330,000 tons in May 1957. Thus, for the first five months of the year, total output fell below the corresponding figure for 1957, reaching 105,435,000 metric tons against 105,816,000 (0.36 % less).

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The breakdown of output by Community countries was as follows (in thousands of metric tons) :

	May 1958	April 1958	May 1957	Jan.- May 1958	Jan.- May 1957	% change 1st 5 months 1957/1958
<u>STEEL (Inots and Castings)</u>						
Germany	1,874	1,878	2,067	10,014	10,024	- 0.1
Saar	279	276	294	1,451	1,441	+ 0.7
Belgium	466	500	564	2,545	2,792	- 8.8
France	1,218	1,251	1,181	6,299	5,797	+ 8.7
Italy	530	535	563	2,696	2,747	- 1.9
Luxem- bourg	277	284	298	1,417	1,470	- 3.6
Nether- lands	122	114	95	533	480	+ 21.4
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,766	4,838	5,062	25,005	24,751	+ 1.0
<u>FERRO-ALLOYS and PIG IRON</u>						
Germany	1,353	1,378	1,546	7,295	7,476	- 2.4
Saar	259	249	265	1,284	1,273	+ 0.9
Belgium	442	446	505	2,276	2,456	- 7.3
France	1,017	1,015	1,019	5,121	4,874	+ 5.1
Italy	188	173	205	841	852	- 1.3
Luxem- bourg	271	275	284	1,365	1,396	- 2.2
Nether- lands	72	78	60	358	260	+ 37.7
COMMUNITY TOTAL	3,602	3,614	3,884	18,540	18,587	- 0.3
<u>COAL</u>						
Germany	10,999	11,140	11,614	56,241	56,969	- 1.28
Saar	1,290	1,336	1,427	7,067	7,150	- 1.16
Belgium	2,323	2,414	2,537	12,349	12,353	- 0.03
France	4,427	4,785	4,663	24,536	24,078	+ 1.90
Italy	50	57	90	321	426	- 24.65
Nether- lands	976	958	999	4,921	4,840	+ 1.67
COMMUNITY TOTAL	20,065	20,690	21,330	105,435	105,816	- 0.36