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COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - SEPTEMBER

Luxembourg, October 9, 1958: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community rose in September, but was slightly below the level of a year earlier. According to provisional figures published by the High Authority's Statistics Division, September production reached 4,779,000 metric tons, against 4,480,000 in August and 5,076,000 in September 1957.

The September figure brought total output for the first nine months of the year to 43,757,000 metric tons - 0.3 % less than the 44,130,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1957. Increases in France, the Netherlands and the Saar were insufficient to offset declines in Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The trend of orders for rolled products moved slightly downwards again in September after the very high levels reached in June and July. Total orders booked in September amounted to 2,790,000 metric tons, against 2,914,000 in August and 3,178,000 in September last year.

Production of pig iron and ferro-alloys in September reached 3,564,000 metric tons, slightly higher than the August figure of 3,473,000, but below the level of 3,807,000 tons produced in September 1957. For the nine-month period, output reached a total of 32,724,000 tons - 1.9 % less than the 33,372,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1957.

Coal output in the Community spurted sharply in September to 20,376,000 metric tons, well above the August level of 18,949,000 and the level of 18,950,000 recorded in September 1957. The September figure brought output for the first nine months of the year to 185,236,000 tons, against 184,919,000 in the 1957 period (+ 0.17 %).

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

	September 1958	August 1958	Sep. 1957	January- September 1958	January- September 1957	% change 1st 9 months 1957/1958.
<u>STEEL (Ingots and Castings)</u>						
Germany	1,780	1,864	2,064	17,440	18,120	- 3.8
Saar	294	285	285	2,624	2,587	+ 1.4
Belgium	518	480	556	4,500	4,596	- 2.1
France	1,250	957	1,202	10,914	10,318	+ 5.8
Italy	535	410	586	4,701	5,005	- 6.1
Luxem- bourg	280	263	282	2,519	2,623	- 4.0
Nether- lands	122	121	101	1,059	881	+20.2
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,779	4,380	5,076	43,757	44,130	- 0.8
<u>PIG IRON AND FERRO-ALLOYS</u>						
Germany	1,303	1,367	1,561	12,636	13,542	- 6.3
Saar	260	255	260	2,314	2,312	+ 0.1
Belgium	477	457	492	4,110	4,103	+ 0.2
France	983	842	989	8,900	8,763	+ 1.6
Italy	184	207	171	1,606	1,636	- 1.8
Luxem- bourg	276	262	269	2,448	2,496	- 1.9
Nether- lands	81	83	65	660	520	+26.9
COMMUNITY TOTAL	3,564	3,473	3,807	32,724	33,372	- 1.9
<u>COAL</u>						
Germany	11,027	10,534	10,045	99,809	99,275	+ 0.54
Saar	1,392	1,297	1,262	12,462	12,500	- 0.30
Belgium	2,110	2,036	2,189	20,586	21,375	- 3.69
France	4,759	4,122	4,525	42,919	42,492	- 1.00
Italy	50	52	92	550	791	-30.47
Nether- lands	1,038	908	837	8,906	8,482	+ 5.00
COMMUNITY TOTAL	20,376	18,949	18,950	185,236	184,919	+ 0.17

ORDERS BOOKED FOR ROLLED PRODUCTS (STEEL)

	September 1958	August 1958	July 1958	June 1958	September 1957	Monthly Average 1957
Total	2,790	2,914	3,415	3,450	3,178	3,354
Whereof from third countries	610	786	986	1,280	525	586