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The coal industry in the first half of 1988

As a result of structural changes and the general trend towards rationalization, hard coal production in the Community in the first half of 1988 fell to 108.1 mio t, a drop of 5.1 mio t (-4.5%) compared with the first half of 1987. The most significant falls were in the United Kingdom (2.0 mio t, or 3.8%), the Federal Republic of Germany (1.5 mio t, or 3.6%), France (1 mio t) and Belgium (1 mio t).

- Parallel to this development, the number of persons employed underground fell during the same period by 14 700, with a drop of 11 000 in the United Kingdom alone.

- Total Community coal stocks in the middle of the year stood at 31.2 mio t, an increase of 0.5 mio t (+1.7%) over the previous year's figure. France was the main contributor, with an increase of 0.9 mio t (+22.2%), whilst the United Kingdom tried to compensate in part for the drop in coal production by reducing stocks.

- In the first half of 1988 coal imports from outside the Community rose, according to provisional calculations, by 1.5 mio t to 46.3 mio t for the Community as a whole, an increase of 3.3% on the first half of 1987.

- As far as coke production is concerned, the results for the first half of the year do not yet allow any conclusions to be drawn regarding changes on the steel market. Community production was 26.1 mio t, 1.1 mio t (-4.2%) down on the first half of 1987.

- In mid-1988 Community coke stocks stood at 10.1 mio t, only slightly below the level at end of 1987 (-2.6%).

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ANALYSIS OF THE COAL INDUSTRY
during the first half of 1988

EVOLUTION DE L'ACTIVITE CHARBONNIERE
au cours du 1er semestre 1988

	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
STEINKOHLE Förderung	HARD COAL Production 1 000 t (t = t)												HOUILLE Production
1st half 1987	113 188*	2 417	-	41 983	-	9 301*	7 670	24	-	-	-	114	51 679
1st half 1988	108 078	1 423	-	40 470	-	9 676*	6 667	24	-	-	-	(117)	49 701
1st half 88/87	-4,5%	-41,1%	-	-3,6%	-	+4,0%	-13,1%	-	-	-	-	+2,6%	-3,8%

(*) einschliesslich "Lignito negro"/"lignito negro" included/"lignito negro" inclus

Beschäftigte unter Tage (Jahresdurchschnitt)	Personnel employed underground (yearly average)												Personnel employé au fond (moyenne annuelle)
	1 000												
December 1987	243,4	7,6	-	100,7	-	34,0	15,0	0,3	-	-	-	0,8	85,0
June 1988	228,7	6,2	-	99,7	-	34,0	13,7	0,3	-	-	-	0,8	74,0
June 88/Dec 87	-6,0%	-18,4%	-	-1,0%	-	-	-8,7%	-	-	-	-	-	-12,9%

Leistung unter Tage je Mann-Stunde	Output per man and hour underground												Rendement au fond par homme-heure
	kg = kg												
1st half 1987	538	333	-	624	-	301	513	-	-	-	-	-	570
1st half 1988	.	351	-	628	-	320	.	-	-	-	-	-	659
1st half 88/87		+5,4%		+0,6%		+6,3%							+15,6%

Gesamtzechenbestände (am Jahresende)	Colliery stocks (at end of year)												Stocks auprès de mines (en fin d'année)
	1 000 t (t = t)												
December 1987	30 640	462	-	18 010	-	1 859	3 904	20	-	-	-	9	6 376
June 1988	31 155	204	-	18 647	-	1 829	4 772	20	-	-	-	(6)	5 677
June 88/Dec 87	+1,7%	-55,8%	-	+3,5%	-	-1,6%	+22,2%	-	-	-	-	-50,0%	-11,0%

(*) einschliesslich nationale Kohlenreserve/including national reserve/y compris réserve nationale

Einfuhren aus Drittländern	Imports from third-party countries												Importations en prov des pays tiers
	1 000 t (t = t)												
1st half 1987	44 879	3 529	5 323	3 559	718	4 212	5 981	1 008	9 726	72	6 236	725	3 790
1st half 1988	46 345	4 903	(5500)	3 435	742	3 585	5 129	(1 400)	8 186	69	(6850)	(1 200)	5 346
1st half 88/87	+3,3%	+38,9%	+3,3%	-3,5%	+3,3%	-14,9%	-14,2%	+38,9%	-15,8%	-4,2%	+9,8%	+65,5%	+41,1%

STEINKOHLENKOKS Erzeugung	HARD COKE Production												COKE DE FOUR Production
	1 000 t												
1st half 1987	27 224	2 540	-	10 031	-	1 470	3 805	-	3 478	-	1 415	130	4 355
1st half 1988	26 081	2 750	-	9 456	-	1 450	(3874)	-	2 667	-	1 449	123	4 312
1st half 88/87	-4,2%	+8,3%	-	-5,7%	-	-1,4%	+1,8%	-	-23,3%	-	+2,4%	-5,4%	-1,0%

Bestände bei den Kokereien (am Jahresende)	Stocks at coking plants (at end of year)												Stocks auprès des cokeries (en fin d'année)
	1 000 t												
December 1987	10 344	64	-	8 504	22	165	514	-	388	-	35	19	633
June 1988	10 080	105	-	8 339	20	198	(500)	-	272	-	(40)	(12)	594
June 88/Dec 87	-2,6%	+64,1%	-	-1,9%	-9,1%	+20,0%	-2,7%	-	-29,9%	-	+14,3%	-36,8%	-6,2%