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COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - JUNE

Luxembourg, July 10, 1958: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in June continued to be slightly above the level of last year. According to provisional figures published by the High Authority's Statistics Division, June production reached 4,729,000 metric tons, against 4,771,000 tons in May and 4,661,000 in June 1957.

The June figure brought total output for the first half of the year to 29,750,000 tons - 1.1 % more than the 29,412,000 tons produced in the first six months of 1957. Declines in Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg were more than offset by substantial increases in France (8.4 %) and the Netherlands (21.6 %), while in the German Federal Republic output remained almost exactly at the 1957 level.

Production of pig iron and ferro-alloys in June reached 3,540,000 metric tons, very slightly less than the totals of 3,600,000 and 3,588,000 produced in May 1958 and June 1957 respectively. For the first half of the year, output reached a total of 22,082,000 tons - 0.5 % less than the 22,185,000 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1957.

Coal output in the Community in June, at 19,704,000 metric tons, was only slightly below the May level of 20,086,000 tons and substantially above the level of 18,991,000 tons recorded in June 1957. Thus, the total for the first half of the year rose above the corresponding figure for 1957, reaching 125,159,000 metric tons, against 124,807,000 (0.28 % more).

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

	June 1958	May 1958	June 1957	Jan.- June 1958	Jan.- June 1957	% change 1st 6 months 1957/1958
<u>STEEL (Ingots and Castings)</u>						
Germany	1,857	1,875	1,845	11,872	11,869	+ 0.0
Saar	276	279	265	1,729	1,706	+ 1.3
Belgium	480	470	459	3,029	3,251	- 6.8
France	1,218	1,218	1,144	7,522	6,941	+ 8.4
Italy	505	530	561	3,202	3,308	- 3.2
Luxem- bourg	275	277	288	1,692	1,758	- 3.8
Nether- lands	118	122	99	704	579	+ 21.6
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,729	4,771	4,661	29,750	29,412	+ 1.1
<u>PIG IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS</u>						
Germany	1,324	1,351	1,410	8,617	8,886	- 3.0
Saar	247	259	248	1,530	1,521	+ 0.6
Belgium	448	443	414	2,733	2,380	- 5.1
France	1,002	1,017	976	6,119	5,350	+ 4.6
Italy	185	188	204	1,026	1,056	- 2.8
Luxem- bourg	275	270	272	1,639	1,668	- 1.7
Nether- lands	59	72	64	418	324	+ 29.0
COMMUNITY TOTAL	3,540	3,600	3,588	22,082	22,185	- 0.5
<u>COAL</u>						
Germany	10,487	11,008	9,953	66,737	66,922	- 0.28
Saar	1,286	1,300	1,228	8,363	8,378	- 0.18
Belgium	2,095	2,323	2,384	14,443	14,737	- 1.99
France	4,787	4,427	4,481	29,321	28,559	+ 2.67
Italy	58	59	79	388	505	- 23.17
Nether- lands	991	969	866	5,905	5,706	+ 3.48
COMMUNITY TOTAL	19,704	20,086	18,991	125,159	124,807	+ 0.28