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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES RECORD STEEL PRODUCTION**

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 8 - Production of crude steel (ingots and castings) within the six-nation European Community reached a record level of 6,382,000 metric tons in March, it was announced today by Coal and Steel Community headquarters in Luxembourg. This marked the first time in history that monthly output had surpassed the six-million-ton mark.

March production exceeded that of February by approximately half a million tons and was more than one and a half million tons greater than that of March 1959. The previous record level was 5,992,000 tons, reached in October 1959. All-time records were surpassed in all six Community countries.

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys also scored a record in March, reaching 4,685,000 metric tons, against 4,328,000 in February and 3,680,000 in March last year. The previous record total of 4,416,000 was made in January 1960. For this group of products also, March totals surpassed the previous record levels in all Community countries.

Community coal output in March amounted to 20,990,000 metric tons, against 19,670,000 in February and 19,881,000 tons in March 1959. There was a tendency for stocks to increase slightly in the first weeks of the month.