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### COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT 1959

#### Steel Output Highest Level

Luxembourg, January 8: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in 1959 reached the record total of 63,142,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures published by the Joint Statistics Office of the European Communities. This was 8.9% more than the 57,997,000 tons produced in 1958, and 5.5% more than the previous record total of 59,804,000 tons produced in 1957. Output rose sharply above the 1958 level in all six Community countries, with the greatest percentage increases occurring in Germany (13.3%) and the Netherlands (16.3%).

In December, output continued at a high level despite the Christmas holiday, and at 5,622,000 metric tons was only slightly below the November level of 5,716,000 tons and sharply higher than the figure of 4,567,000 tons recorded in December 1958.

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys in 1959 was also a record, reaching 46,669,000 metric tons - 7.2% more than the 43,516,000 tons produced in 1958, and 3.5% more than the previous record total of 45,113,000 recorded in 1957. In December, pig iron output reached 4,245,000 metric tons, against 4,161,000 tons in November and 3,520,000 in December 1958.

Community coal output, however, fell sharply during the year in reflection of the growing competition from oil, the continuance of a difficult market situation and the further growth of pithead stocks, despite the quickening pace of industrial expansion in the Community. Output for the year reached 234,880,000 metric tons - a fall of 4.67% from the 1958 total of 246,390,000. The biggest percentage decline (-15.93%) occurred in Belgium, and the biggest absolute decline in Germany (by 6,995,000 tons - 5.28%). Output for December reached 20,068,000 tons, compared with 20,064,000 tons in November and 19,465,000 in December 1958.

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

	December 1959	November 1959	December 1958	January- December 1959	January- December 1958	% change 1958/59
<u>STEEL (Ingots and castings)</u>						
Germany	2,233	2,391	1,676	25,824	22,785	+ 13.3
Saar	288	289	271	3,613	3,485	+ 3.7
Belgium	598	548	498	6,426	6,007	+ 7.0
France	1,396	1,364	1,205	15,192	14,633	+ 3.8
Italy	630	650	506	6,753	6,271	+ 7.7
Luxembourg	328	317	288	3,663	3,379	+ 8.4
Netherlands	149	157	123	1,671	1,437	+ 16.3
COMMUNITY	5,622	5,716	4,567	63,142	57,997	+ 8.9
TOTAL						

<u>PIG IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS</u>						
Germany	1,666	1,702	1,277	18,392	16,659	+ 10.4
Saar	259	259	250	3,211	3,083	+ 4.2
Belgium	550	518	464	5,956	5,524	+ 7.8
France	1,161	1,105	1,000	12,434	11,951	+ 4.0
Italy	186	181	167	2,120	2,107	+ 0.6
Luxembourg	313	293	275	3,416	3,275	+ 4.3
Netherlands	110	103	87	1,140	917	+ 24.3
COMMUNITY	4,245	4,161	3,520	46,669	43,516	+ 7.2
TOTAL						

<u>COAL</u>						
Germany	10,990	10,601	10,380	125,587	132,582	- 5.28
Saar	1,319	1,443	1,183	16,247	16,423	- 1.07
Belgium	2,049	1,992	2,196	22,752	27,062	-15.93
France	4,666	4,950	4,736	57,592	57,721	- 0.22
Italy	62*	63	58	738	721	+ 2.36
Netherlands	982	1,015	912	11,964	11,880	+ 0.71
COMMUNITY	20,068	20,064	19,465	234,880	246,390	- 4.67
TOTAL						

\*) estimate