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PRESS RELEASECommunity Production at High Level in January

Production of coal, steel and pig-iron in the European Coal and Steel Community was again at a very high level in January 1957. Provisional figures published here today by the High Authority show that output of steel and pig-iron were at the highest levels since the record figures of October last year, while coal output passed the 22 million-ton mark for the first time since last March.

Community output of crude steel (ingot steel and castings) totalled 5,032,000 metric tons compared with 4,735,000 in December and 4,700,000 in January 1956. Pig-iron output reached 3,819,000 metric tons compared with 3,678,000 in December and 3,615,000 in January 1956. Steel output was thus 8.1% higher and pig-iron 5.6% higher than in the corresponding month a year ago.

Community coal output amounted to 22,016,000 metric tons against 19,696,000 in December and 21,635,000 in January 1956.

The following tables show the breakdown of January output figures by member countries of the Community.

(Thousands of Metric Tons)

	<u>Steel</u>	<u>Pig-Iron</u>	<u>Coal</u>
Germany	2,054	1,524	11,815
Saar	296	258	1,534
Belgium	570	503	2,403
France	1,203	1,025	5,122
Italy	552	155	66
Luxembourg	301	290	-
Netherlands	106	64	1,071
COMMUNITY	<u>5,082</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>22,016</u>