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Community's Steel and Pig-Iron Production - February

Output of steel in the European Coal and Steel Community in February reached 4,683,000 metric tons, according to provisional figures published here today by the Statistics Division of the High Authority. The February total represented a decline from the high January level of 5,083,000 tons owing to the smaller number of working days, but was still some 8% higher than the 4,341,000 tons produced in February, 1956.

Community output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys also declined, amounting to 3,495,000 metric tons, against 3,811,000 in January and 3,254,000 in February, 1956. The following table shows the break-down of January output of crude steel and pig-iron by member countries of the Community:

	<u>Steel</u>	<u>Pig-Iron</u>
	(thousands of metric tons)	
Germany	1.918	1.398
Saar	279	246
Belgium	514	461
France	1.093	924
Italy	510	147
Luxembourg	279	269
Netherlands	90	50
COMMUNITY	4.683	3.495