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COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - FEBRUARY 1960

Luxembourg, March: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in February continued at a high annual rate of over 70 million metric tons. Provisional figures published by the Community's High Authority placed February output at 5,902,000 metric tons, against 5,896,000 in January and 4,496,000 in February 1959. The February total was again just short of last October's record level.

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys in February amounted to 4,331,000 metric tons - just short of the record output of 4,416,000 tons reached in January, but substantially higher than the 3,330,000 tons produced in February last year.

Community coal output in February reached 19,658,000 metric tons, against 20,183,000 in January and 19,113,000 in February 1959. The rapid fall in pithead coal stocks which has been taking place in recent months slowed down in the first three weeks of February, and by February 21 stocks, at 30,471,000 tons, were some 200,000 tons lower than at the end of January.

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

February 1960 January 1960 February 1959

	<u>STEEL (ingots and castings)</u>		
Germany	2,773	2,772	2,027
Belgium	587	560	465
France	1,417	1,406	1,142
Italy	630	675	470
Luxembourg	334	336	266
Netherlands	161	147	126
COMMUNITY TOTAL	5,902	5,896	4,496

	<u>PIG-IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS</u>		
Germany	2,059	2,093	1,481
Belgium	529	535	435
France	1,153	1,170	935
Italy	177	190	146
Luxembourg	307	316	252
Netherlands	106	112	81
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,331	4,416	3,330

	<u>COAL</u>		
Germany	11,723	12,300	11,670
Belgium	1,925	1,896	1,576
France	498.6	4,928	4,871
Italy	61*	02	59
Netherlands	969	998	937
COMMUNITY TOTAL	19,658	20,183	19,113

*) estimate