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### COMMUNITY COAL AND STEEL OUTPUT - MARCH 1960

#### New Records for Steel and Pig-Iron

Luxembourg, April 8: Output of crude steel (ingots and castings) in the European Coal and Steel Community in March rose sharply to an all-time record level of 6,382,000 metric tons. This was not only about half a million tons more than in the previous month, and one and a half million tons more than in March 1959; it was also the first time that the Community's output for any month has passed the 6-million ton mark. The previous record level was 5,992,000 tons, reached in October 1959. Previous records were surpassed in all six Community countries.

Output of pig-iron and ferro-alloys in March was also a record, 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 reached in January 1960. For this group of products also, the 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.

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

	March 1960	February 1960	March 1959
<u>STEEL (ingots and castings)</u>			
Germany	2,981	2,773	2,111
Belgium	663	592	504
France	1,512	1,417	1,283
Italy	700	630	540
Luxembourg	359	332	294
Netherlands	167	161	135
COMMUNITY TOTAL	6,382	5,905	4,867
<u>PIG-IRON and FERRO-ALLOYS</u>			
Germany	2,229	2,059	1,600
Belgium	581	532	488
France	1,238	1,153	1,049
Italy	199	177	171
Luxembourg	328	301	281
Netherlands	110	106	91
COMMUNITY TOTAL	4,685	4,328	3,680
<u>COAL</u>			
Germany	12,779	11,721	11,805
Belgium	2,041	1,926	2,038
France	5,049	4,980	4,966
Italy	66*	64	63
Netherlands	1,055	979	1,010
COMMUNITY TOTAL	20,990	19,670	19,881

\*)estimate