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ECSC ORDERS FOR ROLLED STEEL - MAY 1960

Steel Boom Maintains Unflagging Pace

Luxembourg, June 14: The high level of demand for steel was sustained in May, when orders received for rolled products in the European Coal and Steel Community reached 4,584,000 metric tons. This was slightly above the 4,574,000 tons booked in April this year, and substantially above the 4,104,000 tons booked in May 1959.

There were no substantial changes in the pattern of demand: a slight decline in orders from non-member countries was more than offset by increased orders from within the Community.

With deliveries running more or less level with new orders, order-books in March - the latest month for which statistics are available - again tended to remain unchanged. By the end of the month they stood at 13,427,000 metric tons, against 13,499,000 at the end of February, 13,494,000 at the end of January, and 9,518,000 at the end of March 1959.

Orders received from

	<u>National Markets</u>	<u>Other Community Countries</u>	<u>Non-member Countries</u>	<u>Total</u>
May 1960	3,047	724	813	4,584
April 1960	3,056	668	850	4,574
May 1959	2,584	649	871	4,104

	<u>Orders</u>	<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>Order-books</u>
March 1960	4,726	4,757	13,427
February 1960	4,377	4,393	13,499
March 1959	4,180	3,573	9,518