

International Stainless Steel Forum Media Release

STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION INCREASES BY 10.2% YEAR-TO-DATE IN 2016

Brussels 07 March 2017 – We have released interim figures for 2016 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 10.2% year-to-date.

Stainless and heat-resisting melt shop steel production [000 metric tons]

Region	Quarter					months	Year	+/- %
	1/2016	2/2016	3/2016	4/2016		in hand	2016	2016
	complete	complete	complete	incomplete				YTD
Western Europe/Africa	1,958	2,047	1,761	1,936	complete	12	7,702	2.4%
Central/Eastern Europe	65	61	63	58	complete	12	247	-4.6%
The Americas	642	722	815	753	complete	12	2,931	6.7%
Asia (w/o China)	2,395	2,447	2,524	1,716	incomplete	9-12	9,082	4.8%
China	5,214	6,551	6,321	6,852	complete	12	24,938	15.7%
Total	10,274	11,827	11,483	11,315	incomplete		44,900	10.2%

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

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Notes to the editors:

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