

International Stainless Steel Forum

Media Release

STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTION REACHED 33.6 MILLION METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2016

Brussels 20 December 2016 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first nine months of 2016 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 7.0% year-on-year to 33.6 million metric tons. Production increased in all regions except Central and Eastern Europe.

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

Region	Quarter			+/- %	9 Months		+/- %
	1/2016	2/2016	3/2016	q-o-q	2015	2016	y-o-y
Western Europe/Africa	1,955	2,047	1,761	-14.0%	5,738	5,762	0.4%
Central/Eastern Europe	65	61	63	2.3%	198	189	-4.6%
The Americas	642	722	815	13.0%	2,146	2,178	1.5%
Asia (w/o China)	2,395	2,447	2,531	3.4%	7,077	7,372	4.2%
China	5,213*	6,551*	6,319	-3.5%	16,238	18,083	11.4%
Total	10,270*	11,827*	11,488	-2.9%	31,397	33,585	7.0%

*: revised

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)

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Notes to the editors:

The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) is a non-profit research organization based in Brussels which represents the interests of the international stainless steel industry towards the general public, consumers, the media and regulatory authorities. The Forum was founded in 1996.