

# International Stainless Steel Forum

## Media Release

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**Brussels 20 December 2018 – The International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF) has released figures for the first nine months of 2018 showing that stainless steel melt shop production increased by 10.0% year-on-year to 39.1 million metric tons.**

### **Stainless steel melt shop steel production [000 metric tons]**

| Region                      | Quarter        |                |               | 9 months      |               | +/- %        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                             | 1/2018         | 2/2018         | 3/2018        | 2017          | 2018          | y-o-y        |
| Europe                      | 2,014          | 1,921          | 1,703         | 5,547         | 5,638         | 1.6%         |
| USA                         | 718            | 725            | 741           | 2,100         | 2,183         | 4.0%         |
| China                       | 6,524          | 6,982r         | 7,241         | 19,122        | 20,747        | 8.5%         |
| Asia w/o China and S. Korea | 2,079r         | 2,090          | 2,043         | 5,924         | 6,212         | 4.9%         |
| Others                      | 1,439          | 1,429          | 1,456         | 2,842         | 4,324         | 52.1%        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>12,774r</b> | <b>13,146r</b> | <b>13,184</b> | <b>35,535</b> | <b>39,104</b> | <b>10.0%</b> |

*Others: Brazil, Russia, S. Africa, S. Korea, Indonesia*

*r: revised*

*Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)*

### **Note 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.