



EUROPEAN STEEL REVIEW

KEYNOTE

SEPTEMBER 2013

AS MEPS PREDICTED, MOST EU STEEL PRICES RECOVERED IN SEPTEMBER

The EU flat products market has reopened after the long holiday to fairly muted business activity levels. However, there is an air of optimism around, due partly to improved economic news from several countries. In reaction to late July mill announcements, prices have moved up during the summer. Producers, faced with severe financial losses, were forced to make determined efforts to lift basis values, particularly as raw material costs remain high. A number of steelmakers claim to have production problems, which means there will be less material available during the final quarter. Further price advances are planned for period four rollings. Seeing this upward trend, buyers are undertaking some restocking. However, they may become more interested in third country material as domestic values grow

but this is unlikely to influence fourth trimester negotiations.

The German market reached the bottom in July. Since then, the mills have been firm on implementing rises. Although a number of companies reported a busy July/August, it is not clear whether real consumption has improved significantly. However, there is certainly more speculative purchasing taking place as prices increase and delivery lead times extend. Customers are accepting the mills' proposals because their options are limited.

In France, many service centres have been replenishing inventories. Large buyers are reported to have started purchasing as early as the end of

TABLE 1. FLAT ROLLED PRODUCTS - NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES - GERMANY

price/metric ton		2013					
		APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Hot-Rolled Coil	High:	530	510	500	470	470	500
	Low:	480	460	450	420	420	450
Hot-Rolled Plate	High:	560	560	550	530	530	545
	Low:	520	520	510	490	490	505
Cold-Rolled Coil	High:	600	580	570	560	560	570
	Low:	560	540	530	520	520	530
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	600	580	570	560	560	570
	Low:	560	540	530	520	520	530
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	610	590	580	570	570	580
	Low:	560	540	530	520	520	530
Stainless Steel Type 304	High:	1150	1120	1100	1100	1100	1090
	Low:	1050	1020	1000	1000	1000	990
Stainless Steel Type 430	High:	1110	1110	1110	1090	1090	1090
	Low:	1060	1060	1060	1040	1040	1040

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July, as well as through August, before prices rose. Customers now face generally longer delivery lead times, following production cuts and shutdowns. However, it is too early to say whether the improvement in mills' order books means that increased end-user activity is sustainable. Implementation of the higher prices has been relatively slow, with few volumes being booked at the beginning of September.

Although the Italian economy is showing only small signs of recovery, it has at least stabilised. The steelmakers have successfully secured increases. However, the initiative was driven by climbing raw material costs rather than any significant uptick in demand. Suppliers are hoping that another small hike will be accepted in October. Certainly, import volumes have been falling.

July appeared to be the low point in the UK market, both in terms of mood and prices. A number of distributors report that business levels improved substantially during July and August and that September has started well. Basis numbers began to pick up during the summer and

further advances cannot be ruled out. There are some negative views among market participants regarding fourth quarter developments should Brazil and India start selling more aggressively, following their currency devaluations. So far, resale values have not gone up as quickly as mill figures.

Belgian demand is described by some service centres as rather good, although not huge. They expect the upward price trend to continue in October and November. End-user consumption has not improved significantly and this could become an issue later in the year. There is, currently, a fairly large time lapse between mill hikes and resale increases in the distribution sector. Business is extremely quiet in Spain, where the return from the long holidays appears to be still underway with customers adopting a wait and see approach. There were few developments during the summers but buyers who did purchase small quantities have paid slightly more. Service centres' resale values have not reacted to market movements so far. There are few third country imports being booked.

FLAT PRODUCTS

HOTROLLED COIL

German buyers have already agreed to pay €30 per tonne more for deliveries in the late third quarter as there are no lower offers in the market. If demand continues to show improvement and these higher values are accepted by the distributors' customers, market players feel there is a good chance of a further small increase being accepted in the fourth quarter. The French market is relatively quiet after the holidays. Basis numbers are €30 per tonne above those quoted in our July issue. Buyers note that the mills are now asking for €20 per tonne on top of these

figures, with delivery lead times lengthening to October. Italy's major problem of poor consumption has not been overcome. However, price rise announcements by the mills in late July stimulated some purchasing activity and customers have agreed to pay €20 per tonne more. Coil from Turkey is still too expensive but Indian material is being offered at €420 per tonne CFR.

There is a much more positive attitude in the UK market at present. Buyers report that there are limited tonnages available from a number of mills for November delivery and basis figures have already gained £30 per tonne, compared

TABLE 2. LONG PRODUCTS - NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES - GERMANY

price/metric ton		2013					
		APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Wire Rod	High:	530	530	530	510	510	530
	Low:	510	510	510	490	490	510
Medium Sections and Beams	High:	610	580	580	570	570	580
	Low:	570	540	540	530	530	540
Rebars	High:	260	260	240	240	240	275
	Low:	240	240	220	220	220	255
Merchant Bars	High:	200	180	180	170	170	200
	Low:	160	140	140	130	130	160

**MEPS - API LINEPIPE STEEL PRICE INDEX
X60/65 COMPOSITE**

	Hot Rolled Plate		Hot Rolled Coil	
	Q2/13	Q3/13p	Q2/13	Q3/13p
EU Average				
Non Sour	107.5	110.0	126.3	127.2
Sour	113.5	115.8	125.2	126.0

* Q4/06 = 100 - based on Euro values

** p = Provisional e = Estimate

**MEPS - STEELPPI - AUTOMOTIVE
Auto Body Parts Composite Index**

	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13
EU Average	75.8	75.7	78.1
Year-on-year % +/-	-8.2	-8.5	-4.6

* Jan 07 = 100 - based on transaction prices

** STEELPPI - Steel Purchasing Price Index

with July. Service centres have better order books and, since stocks are low, they have begun to repurchase. We have reports of Russian material available at £360 per tonne. In Belgium, an increase has been implemented in the last month, with a further one announced. This is driving some buyers to complete deals at the new level. Customers who have enough stock are holding back to see how things develop. Activity in Spain is extremely muted.

HOT ROLLED PLATE

Plate producers in both Northern and Southern Europe have been instigating significant advances throughout the summer. There are still few third country imports but the domestic steelmakers should proceed with caution as higher prices could trigger a revival in overseas offers. As buyers replenish their stocks, delivery lead times at some mills have extended sharply from 2.5 to 7 weeks. Although market participants welcome the price correction, service centres still need to secure hikes from end-users.

As a result of recent mill initiatives, commodity grade plate prices are strengthening in Germany, where distributors' inventories are well controlled. In France, the flame cutting sector has finally resumed ordering significant volumes as their activity is boosted by demand from the machine building manufacturers. Sales have also benefited from exports to the Middle East energy sector. However, the Syrian crisis could put a halt to, or at least delay investment in the region. France's construction and public works segment has been slow to recover. Nevertheless, suppliers have secured a relatively large advance. Evraz finally implemented its decision to halt operations at its Italian based plate mill, Palini and Bertoli. As a consequence, all other local rerollers announced an immediate hike of €70 per tonne. Domestic customers have already accepted €50 per tonne of this, despite fairly subdued demand.

In the UK, price movements are stable, month on month. Demand for commodity grade material is stagnant at a low level. Customers are only purchasing small volumes and will not commit to rebuilding stocks. The domestic

producer would like to lift basis figures but this has proved impossible in the current climate. Import offers from Ukraine and South Korea are becoming cheaper. A completely new development will be the arrival of competitively priced Italian plate in October. We have noted a substantial upward price movement in Belgium. Participants in Spain declare that the market is dead.

COLD ROLLED COIL

The price trend in Germany has turned positive, although basis figures for this product have not gone up by as much as the hot rolled coil. Order intake at the mills is reviving as buyers envisage more upward movements. In France, basis figures have gained €20 per tonne. Customers are expecting further hikes during the fourth quarter. The Italian market is quiet on the return from the long summer break. However, the downward price tendency has been reversed. Service centres now have the difficult task of passing on the higher numbers to their resale customers, amidst fierce competition.

Russian suppliers are carving out a growing share of the

**TABLE 3. COMPARISON OF LOW MARKET
DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES - COLD ROLLED COIL**

	Local Currency		US\$/metric ton	
	last month	this month	last month	this month
Germany	520	530	690	699
France	520	540	690	712
Italy	490	520	650	686
UK	440	450	672	699
Belgium	520	540	690	712
Spain	490	510	650	673

Note: Exchange rates used for conversion are based on the figures given in our currency exchange rate table.

TABLE 4. FLAT ROLLED PRODUCTS - NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES

price/metric ton		Germany	France	Italy	UK	UK	Belgium	Spain
		(€)	(€)	(€)	(£)	(€)	(€)	(€)
Hot Rolled Coil	High:	500	490	470	415	489	490	450
	Low:	450	450	430	390	459	450	430
Hot Rolled Plates	High:	545	560	550	480	565	550	525
	Low:	505	510	510	450	530	510	475
Cold Rolled Coil	High:	570	580	570	485	571	590	550
	Low:	530	540	520	450	530	540	510
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	570	560	550	510	601	580	560
	Low:	530	520	500	470	554	530	520
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	580	580	590	525	618	600	580
	Low:	530	550	550	485	571	550	540
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 304	High:	1090	1050	1000	975	1148	1040	980
	Low:	990	1000	950	905	1066	990	930
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 430	High:	1090	1070	935	1025	1207	—	1007
	Low:	1040	1020	885	1000	1178	—	977
MONTH on MONTH % CHANGE								
Hot Rolled Coil	Low:	7.1	7.1	4.9	8.3	10.9	4.7	4.9
Hot Rolled Plates	Low:	3.1	10.9	10.9	0.0	2.3	10.9	3.3
Cold Rolled Coil	Low:	1.9	3.8	6.1	2.3	4.7	3.8	4.1
H.D. Galv Coil	Low:	1.9	4.0	6.4	6.8	9.5	3.9	4.0
E.Z. Coated Coil	Low:	1.9	1.9	5.8	6.6	9.0	3.8	3.8
S/S CR Type 304	Low:	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	-2.0	0.0
S/S CR Type 430	Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	—	0.0

BASIS PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

Negotiated basis price ranges pertain to new purchases for mainstream business agreed with regional mills during the current month for delivery in the future. They relate to prime material ex basing point net of all rebates and discounts for the lowest quality product in the producers' price lists unless otherwise stated.

Extras for size cutting, testing, transport etc. are excluded except where specified.

Notes: (a) Basis - 1.5mm thick.

Prices in this table may relate to deliveries in different time periods. It is important that this table is read in conjunction with the text in the newsletter.

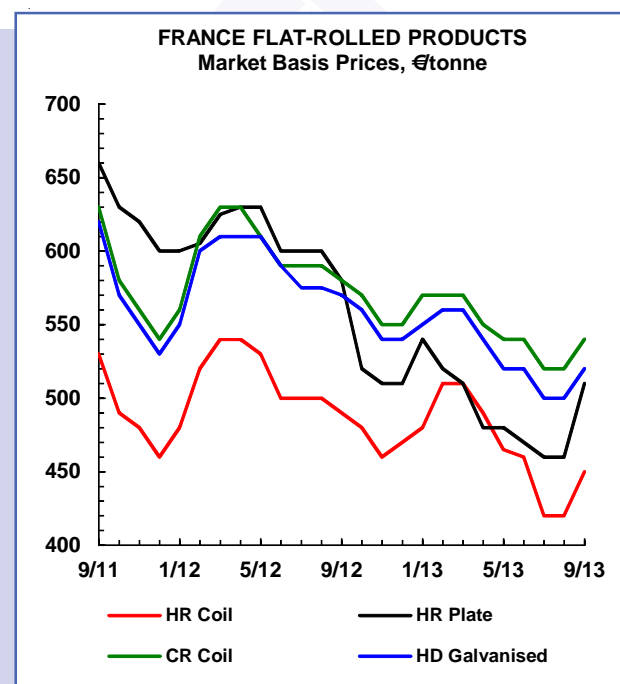
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UK market, with offers well below domestic levels. Nevertheless, basis values are creeping up, albeit more slowly than for the other strip mill products. In Belgium, basis numbers are €20 per tonne above those in our July report. There is more purchasing activity, ahead of perceived further increases. However, stockists, as well as end-users, continue to buy as little as possible. There is no major restocking. Customers have paid slightly more in Spain but the amount of business being transacted is extremely small. Demand is dismal.

COATED COIL

Basis prices for hot dipped galvanised coil in the German general market have hardened slightly in reaction to the mills' proposals. Sales of premium brand vehicles, especially to Asia, remain healthy. Meanwhile, auto-related demand is muted in France. Selling values in the general market have started to follow a positive tendency – in line with other flat products. The Italian car sector is very quiet at present and companies are not yet purchasing for period four. There is overcapacity in the galvanised market which continues to weigh heavily on basis figures. Even so, during the summer, buyers agreed to pay more for September deliveries because stocks had become so depleted. The UK car industry is picking up again, following recent fragility. There are some competitively priced offers for galvanised steel from Southern European mills but, overall, basis figures are improving rapidly. Chinese suppliers are quoting €425 per tonne for February delivery. Producers have lifted basis numbers in Belgium by €20 per tonne, although distributors continue to complain that profit margins are badly squeezed. Spanish auto activity has steadied at a low level. We have noted a small upward price movement.

In Germany, the steelmakers have gained a small basis increase during the summer for sales of electro-zinc



coated coil. French figures are also higher than those quoted in our July issue. Prices are now trending upwards in Italy. In the UK, selling numbers from mainland European suppliers are well above those noted two months ago. Customers have conceded a €20 per tonne advance in Belgium. The situation is similar in Spain.

COLD ROLLED STAINLESS COIL

In July, cold rolled austenitic stainless steel basis figures moved down marginally in Germany and Belgium, amidst weak consumption. Elsewhere, basis values were unchanged, compared with the previous month. The market had slowed with the approach of the holiday season and the confirmation of decreasing alloy surcharges in August. Ferritic numbers were steady.

LONG PRODUCTS

WIRE ROD

Low carbon wire rod producers in Germany have instigated a €20 per tonne rise over the summer, reversing a recent negative trend. Although activity remains slow in the recoil market, with very few large tonnage orders available, selling figures have moved up by €40 per tonne, thanks to concerted efforts by the mills to cover their production costs. In France, values for drawing rod are up by €20 per tonne, whilst those for the mesh quality material have gained €30 per tonne. Italian low carbon wire rod prices are higher than in July, despite dull order intake caused by the stagnant economy. Sales of recoil are poor, with

orders difficult to acquire. However, producers have forced through a €25 per tonne advance on the back of rising scrap values.

Sales of the basic drawing qualities are flat in the UK but market sentiment has improved. Customers have conceded a small price increase during recent settlements. Although recoil demand is also slow, supply has tightened. Basis values have hardened over the summer. Drawing quality values are on an upward projection in Belgium, despite muted sales. The mills' capacity cuts appear to have been sufficient to balance supply and demand. In Spain, we have similar developments to report for low

carbon material. The mesh quality market remains depressed but steelmakers have marked up prices due to higher raw material costs.

MEDIUM SECTIONS AND BEAMS

In Germany, figures are up by just €10 per tonne at present - a reversal of the trend before the summer holidays. Sales are improving. French effective values reached a low point at the end of July as Southern European producers sold significant quantities onto the French market at prices as low as €510/520 per tonne, effective, for category 1. Numbers have now increased, slightly surpassing the ones in our July issue. Mills are

pushing for further gains, especially on the larger sizes. Delivery lead times have been lengthening to around three to four weeks. Poor construction activity has led to reduced beam production in Italy, which has helped to tighten supply. Moreover, export volumes are growing. Producers are trying to restore their profit margins but, this month, we have seen no price movement.

UK selling values reached the bottom in July. Since then, suppliers have adopted a phased price rise. So far, a £20 per tonne hike has been secured, with mills pushing for a little more. Some distributors complain that demand remains lacklustre, making it difficult for them to lift resale values. Many have sufficient stock for now and are,

TABLE 5. LONG PRODUCTS - NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES

price/metric ton		Germany	France	Italy	UK+	UK+	Belgium	Spain
		(€)	(€)	(€)	(£)	(€)	(€)	(€)
Wire Rod (b)	High:	530	530	525	470	554	530	520
	Low:	510	500	505	430	506	500	500
Medium Sections & Beams (c)	High:	580	570	545	510	601	590	570
	Low:	540	540	525	480	565	540	520
Rebar (d)	High:	275	275	260	470	554	280	265
	Low:	255	245	250	440	518	250	245
Merchant Bar (e)	High:	200	170	170	505	595	170	190
	Low:	160	150	150	485	571	150	140
MONTH on MONTH % CHANGE								
Wire Rod	Low:	4.1	4.2	5.2	2.4	4.8	4.2	4.2
M.Sect. & Beams	Low:	1.9	1.9	0.0	4.3	6.8	3.8	0.0
Rebar	Low:	15.9	16.7	16.3	3.5	5.9	13.6	11.4
Merchant Bar	Low:	23.1	25.0	3.4	5.4	7.9	25.0	7.7

BASIS PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

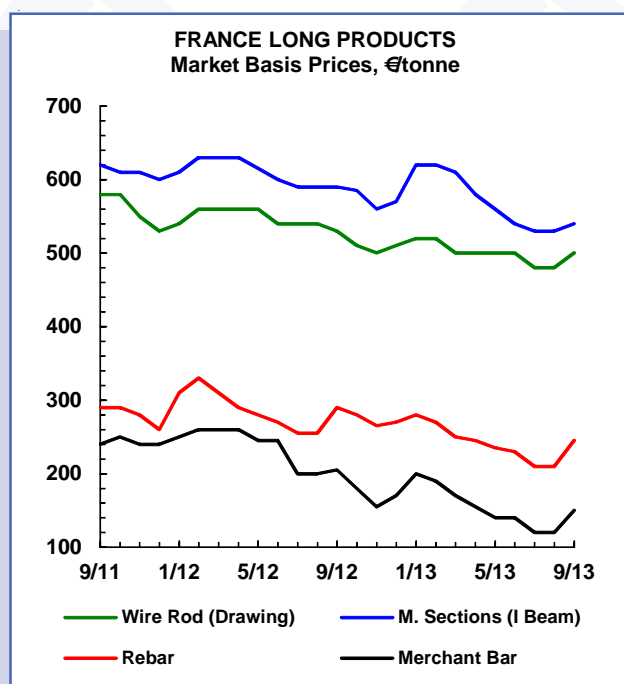
* Due to the suspension of scrap surcharges by all major European producers from June 2010, MEPS basis prices for Medium Sections & Beams are now equivalent to transaction prices for category C1 beams.

Negotiated basis price ranges pertain to new purchases for mainstream business negotiated with regional mills during the current month for delivery in the future. They relate to prime material ex basing point net of all rebates and discounts for the lowest quality product in the producers' price lists unless otherwise stated.

Extras for size cutting, testing, transport etc. are excluded except where specified.

- Notes:
- + All UK prices include size extra
 - (b) Drawing quality. This product incorporates a quality extra.
 - (c) Category C1. Includes size extras.
 - (d) High Yield - deformed.
 - (e) Round Bar.

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therefore, adopting a wait and see position. Others are quietly encouraged by general market conditions, believing that demand will improve steadily throughout 2014. A target hike of €20 per tonne for August was implemented in Belgium for category 1 beams. However, the market remains oversupplied. Service centres are proceeding cautiously. The Spanish market is so dire that producers are looking to export to other parts of Europe. The mills have failed in their attempts to impose a rise.

REINFORCING BAR

The European rebar market continues to suffer from overcapacity, leading to poor profit margins for the mills. There has been very little business activity since the return from the holidays. All producers have lifted their price offers. However, customers are reluctant to accept the new level, being convinced figures will fall again in October. Most buyers, satisfied with the amount of material they have in stock at present, are staying out of the market wherever possible. Consequently, only small quantities are being purchased at the new, higher values.

German mills are asking as much as €510 per tonne, effective. Basis figures have moved up by €35 per tonne since our July report. Demand is reasonable compared with many European countries as the construction sector has been less affected by the financial crisis than elsewhere. Price pressure still exists from Poland but the VAT issue is, hopefully, being sorted out, albeit slowly. Export opportunities for the German mills are poor. With scrap prices on the rise, increases for rebar have been implemented in France. Activity is described as "not too strong but not that weak". Italian producers, who are

finding it difficult to conclude the volume of overseas business they require, are offering at €460 per tonne, FOB. Sales to the domestic building industry are very subdued. However, the small price improvements, first noted in July, have continued through the summer, with current basis values €35 per tonne above those noted at that time.

Higher selling values have been secured for now in the UK but there is a degree of nervousness regarding figures at the end of the year. Distributors are also concerned about the dire level of resale values. There have been significant volumes of Turkish and Chinese imports in the first half of 2013, together with a steady trickle of material from continental Europe. Although Belgian demand is dull, this has not prevented a cost-driven positive price development from taking place. Recent efforts by suppliers have lifted Spanish domestic prices by €25 per tonne. The long holiday closures have reduced output, so perhaps this will help to tighten availability. In the meantime, producers are concentrating their efforts on export markets in Northern Europe, UK and Scandinavia as well as Algeria. There may also be some new opportunities in the USA as the exchange rate is favourable. Current overseas offers are at €460 per tonne, FOB.

MERCHANT BAR

European merchant bar producers are pushing for basis advances. Moreover, they have revised upwards their list for size extras by between €20 and €30 per tonne, depending on product.

The mills' proposals have been accepted in Germany, where basis prices have gone up by €30 per tonne. The construction outlook is better than in many other countries in the eurozone. In France, where activity picked up a little during the summer, customers have agreed a considerable rise. Despite a strong push by producers, basis numbers

MEPS INDUSTRIAL SECTOR STEEL PURCHASING PRICE INDICES - EU AVERAGE

January 2007=100	Aug-13	Sep-13
Construction Industry	95.6	100.2
Household Appliances	79.0	80.5
Machinery Sector	86.1	90.9
Shipbuilding Industry	74.9	78.3
Shipping Containers	85.7	89.2
Yellow Goods	89.1	93.7

are, currently, only €5 per tonne above the July level in Italy. Volumes of order intake are dismal in a weak economic climate.

UK steelmakers are still noting static levels of demand. The more positive economic climate has not yet translated into higher steel usage. However, buyers are more confident than earlier in the year and are accepting the mills' price

hike proposals as they purchase to refill depleted summer stocks. In Belgium, the rises announced in late July were applied in August but, as many distributors ordered before then, there is not a significant amount of business being transacted at the new level. Resale margins are poor. Demand from Spanish end-users is lacklustre. Service centres are also buying less. However, steelmakers have managed to impose a small increase.

MARKET/INDUSTRY SCENE

CAPACITY/INVESTMENT

Tata Steel is expanding processing capacity at its Gelsenkirchen facility in the Ruhr region of Germany. A second slitting line is being built at a cost of €9.5 million. Its annual capacity will be 140,000 tonnes of coil up to 1,650 millimetres wide with a thickness of between 0.4 and 4 millimetres. Start-up is expected in the first half of 2014.

ThyssenKrupp has spent €20 million modernising a converter at the Duisburg-Bruckhausen site in Germany. The investment has increased energy efficiency and expanded the inner volume of the unit from 218 cubic metres to 270 cubic metres. The work took forty-five days to carry out with the first heat taking place in mid-September. Meanwhile, the German steelmaker's subsidiary, Hoesch Hohenlimburg, has recently completed

a major upgrade in Hagen with the opening of a revamped medium-wide strip mill.

As part of environmental upgrades, Ilva has ordered secondary dedusting systems to be installed on the company's sinter plants at the Taranto works in Italy. The two units can produce up to 11 million tonnes of sinter per year. Commissioning is scheduled for early next year.

CLOSURE

As part of ThyssenKrupp's restructuring programme, a coating line and cold rolling mill at the Neuwied sheet plant are to be closed by the end of 2013. A pickling unit at the site will continue to operate until September 2015. The company plans to offer as many affected employees as possible a transfer to the Andernach complex, where it aims to concentrate production.

MEDIUM TERM PRICE FORECASTS

The MEPS - EU Average Cold Rolled Coil price increased by €20 per tonne in September. Transaction values for hot dipped galvanised material moved up by a similar amount. The hikes were in line with our previous forecasts.

We believe that further, albeit more modest, rises will be implemented for early fourth quarter negotiations. However, due to weak underlying consumption, mills are expected to concede discounts on selling figures later in the year.

Steel prices are forecast to strengthen at the start of 2014 as a degree of restocking is anticipated throughout the supply chain. In most instances, inventories have been run down to a low level and a pickup in end-user activity will likely provide a boost to mill order volumes. Steel selling figures are expected to peak in the spring. We envisage a seasonal slowdown in buying activity as the summer holiday period approaches. Consequently, transaction values are forecast to decline at this time.

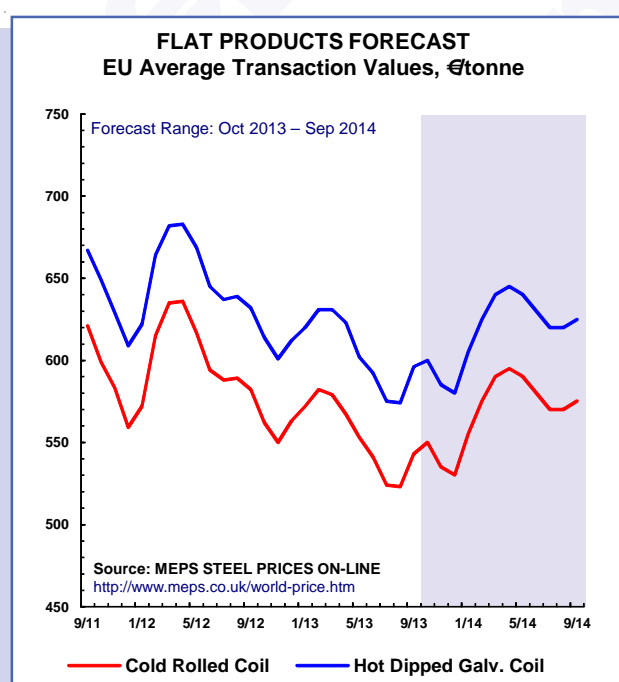
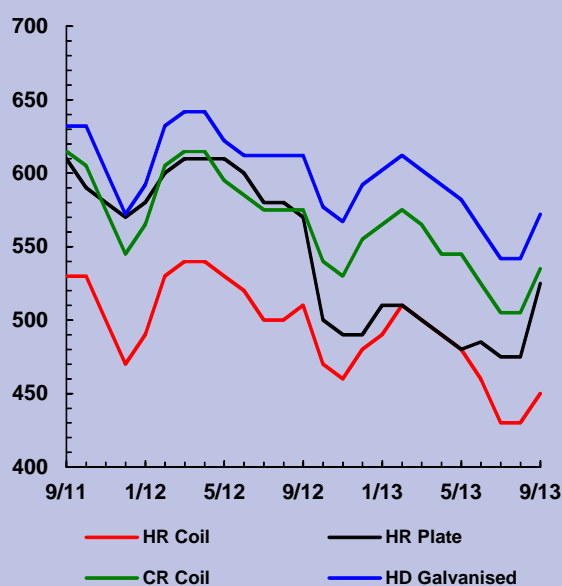
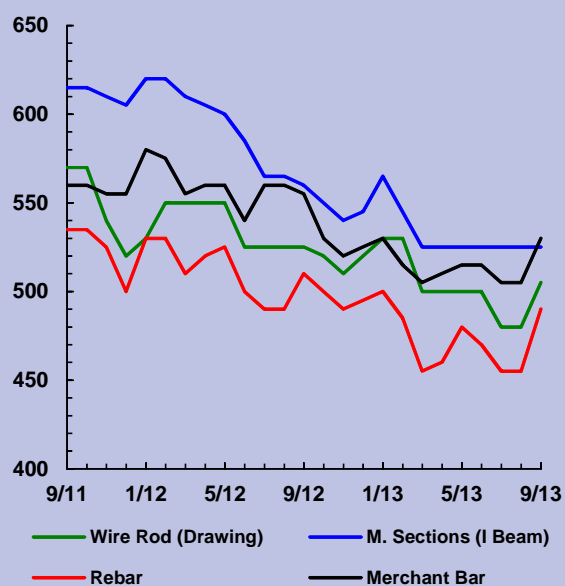


TABLE 6. EU AVERAGE DOMESTIC TRANSACTION PRICE FORECASTS

Euro/metric ton	Actual	Forecast					
	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14
Hot Rolled Coil	462	470	455	450	475	500	515
Hot Rolled Plate	523	525	510	505	530	550	560
Cold Rolled Coil	543	550	535	530	555	575	590
H.D. Galv Coil	596	600	585	580	605	625	640
E.Z. Coated Coil	602	605	590	590	615	635	650
Wire Rod (Drawing)	514	515	500	505	530	545	555
Wire Rod (Mesh)	492	495	475	475	495	510	520
M. Sections (I Beam)	539	545	535	550	565	580	590
M. Sections (H Beam)	593	600	590	605	620	635	645
Rebar	492	495	475	475	490	505	515
Merc Bar (Round)	538	543	523	523	538	553	563
Merc Bar (Eq Angle)	555	560	540	540	555	570	580

PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

Steel prices are computed from a weighted average (based on consumption) of the low values identified in the top five consuming countries for each product in the relevant period - collected in national currencies and converted into Euros using currency exchange rates effective at the start of each month to provide a basis for comparisons.

ITALY FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS
Transaction Prices, €/tonneITALY LONG PRODUCTS
Transaction Prices, €/tonne

Transaction Price Data Sheet

TABLE 7. NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC TRANSACTION PRICES

FLAT PRODUCTS price/metric ton		EU AVG. (€)	Germany (€)	France (€)	Italy (€)	UK (£)	UK (€)	Spain (€)
Hot Rolled Coil	High:	502	520	510	490	431	508	470
	Low:	462	470	470	450	406	478	450
Hot Rolled Plates	High:	565	560	575	565	494	582	540
	Low:	523	520	525	525	464	547	490
Cold Rolled Coil	High:	585	585	595	585	498	587	565
	Low:	543	545	555	535	463	545	525
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	638	642	632	622	563	663	632
	Low:	596	602	592	572	523	616	592
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	645	639	639	649	568	669	639
	Low:	602	589	609	609	528	622	599
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 304	High:	1065	1090	1050	1000	975	1148	980
	Low:	991	990	1000	950	905	1066	930
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 430	High:	1069	1090	1070	935	1025	1207	1007
	Low:	1023	1040	1020	885	1000	1178	977
LONG PRODUCTS price/metric ton		EU AVG. (€)	Germany (€)	France (€)	Italy (€)	UK (£)	UK (€)	Spain (€)
Wire Rod (Drawing quality) *	High:	538	548	530	525	482	568	520
	Low:	514	528	500	505	442	521	500
Wire Rod (Mesh quality)	High:	516	510	520	505	470	554	530
	Low:	492	490	490	485	440	518	500
Medium Sections and Beams (I beam)	High:	575	580	570	545	510	601	570
	Low:	539	540	540	525	480	565	520
Medium Sections and Beams (H beam)	High:	637	650	620	630	555	654	610
	Low:	593	600	580	595	515	607	570
Reinforcing Bars	High:	509	515	515	500	470	554	505
	Low:	492	495	485	490	440	518	485
Merchant Bars (50mm diameter)	High:	569	580	550	550	505	595	570
	Low:	538	540	530	530	485	571	520
Merchant Bars (Equal Angle)	High:	586	600	570	570	505	595	590
	Low:	555	560	550	550	485	571	540

* Includes supplementary surcharge in the UK.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

September 2 - 2013

		Units/ US\$	Units/ Euro
Eurozone	(€)	0.758	1
UK	(£)	0.644	0.849

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

The October issue of the European Steel Review will be dispatched by post & PDF on October 21, 2013.

Express Price Tables will be dispatched by e-mail in excel format on 14 October, 2013.

Copies of our main basis price tables can be supplied by email direct to your desktop. These are available within hours of completing our research. They will reach you approximately one week before the publication dispatch date.

**TRANSACTION PRICE INDEX - E.U. AVERAGE
JANUARY 1997 = 100**

<i>Based on Euro values</i>	<i>Aug-13</i>	<i>Sep-13</i>
Hot Rolled Coil	166.7	177.0
Hot Rolled Plate	172.8	182.2
Cold Rolled Coil	143.7	149.2
H.D. Galvanised Coil	124.5	129.3
Electro Zinc Coated Coil	138.5	143.0
Stainless Steel Type 304	80.8	80.7
Stainless Steel Type 430	90.6	90.9
Wire Rod (Drawing)	185.7	194.0
Wire Rod (Mesh)	193.7	207.6
M. Sections (I Beam)	172.0	175.6
M. Sections (H Beam)	166.5	169.9
Reinforcing Bar	202.2	216.7
Merc Bar (Round)	186.8	202.3
Merc Bar (Equal Angle)	199.6	215.1

Note:- Stainless Steel - Excluding alloy surcharge.

TRANSACTION PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

Transaction prices are the realised values obtained by the mills for the cheapest grade of steel in the size range specified for each product. These are determined by adding the relevant size extras to the negotiated ex-mill basis price for the selected product.

Transaction values relate to those paid by consumers and stockholders for prime material. The prices are for regular business between customers and their domestic steel mills, negotiated during the current month for delivery in the future. Delivery charges and local taxes are not included in the quoted prices. Contract deals arranged in the domestic market, or deals for lots of imported steel, are specifically excluded from our price evaluation.

Hot-Rolled Wide Coil - 2-3mm thickness, width over 1.1 metres.

Hot-Rolled Plates - 15-40mm thickness, width over 2.0 metres.

Cold-Rolled Coils - 1mm thickness, width over 1.3 metres.

Hot Dipped Galvanised Coils - 1mm thickness, width over 1.1 metres, coating thickness 275gm/m²

Electro-Zinc Coated Coils - 1mm thickness, width over 1.1 metres, standard coating.

Stainless Type 304 and 430 - 1.5mm thickness, width over 1.25 metres. - (excluding alloy surcharges).

Wire Rod (Drawing Quality) - 5.5mm diameter.

Wire Rod (Mesh Quality) - 8-12mm diameter.

Medium Sections and Beams - Category C1. I Beam.

Medium Sections and Beams - 240 x 240mm H Beam.

Reinforcing Bar (Deformed) - 16-20mm diameter - high yield.

Merchant Bar - 50mm diameter.

Merchant Bar - 50 x 50mm x 6mm equal angle.

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