

MEPS EUROPEAN STEEL REVIEW

KEYNOTE

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MEPS FORECASTS MODEST STEEL PRICE UPTURN LATER THIS YEAR

EU steel prices hit a 39 month low in June. MEPS believes that the low point of this cycle will occur over the next few months. Price cutting has failed to lift selling values. Extended plant closers are anticipated over the summer holiday.

Government austerity measures in most EU countries are adversely affecting construction and manufacturing, with steel consumption suffering as a result. Consequently, demand from industrial sectors in Europe is not sufficient to support today's output. Capacity reductions are necessary to restore the supply/demand balance. However, steelmakers do not seem ready to take the plunge, as yet. Unless output does fall, customers envisage further price decreases during the summer, when demand will decline even

more due to the seasonal holidays in Europe and Ramadan in the Middle and Far East. Moreover, diminishing raw material costs are not supporting steel prices.

The German market is weak with too few orders. Despite efforts by the mills to stabilise basis values, there is downward pressure and some buyers anticipate another decrease of €10/15 per tonne when third quarter negotiations get underway. Both service centres and end-users are keeping inventories low. There is a great deal of very tough competition in the distribution sector in some parts of the country as they try to offload stock. This has led to a squeeze on resale profit margins. Third country import pressure is virtually non-existent at present. There is little financial

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

price/metric ton		2013					
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Hot-Rolled Coil	High:	530	550	540	530	510	500
	Low:	480	500	490	480	460	450
Hot-Rolled Plate	High:	560	560	575	560	560	550
	Low:	520	520	535	520	520	510
Cold-Rolled Coil	High:	600	620	610	600	580	570
	Low:	560	580	570	560	540	530
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	600	620	610	600	580	570
	Low:	560	580	570	560	540	530
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	620	620	620	610	590	580
	Low:	570	570	570	560	540	530
Stainless Steel Type 304	High:	1130	1130	1150	1150	1120	1100
	Low:	1030	1030	1050	1050	1020	1000
Stainless Steel Type 430	High:	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110
	Low:	1060	1060	1060	1060	1060	1060

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advantage and already long delivery lead times are being compounded by late arrivals.

The French market remains very quiet. End-users continue to have light order books and there is no evidence that this will change soon. As a result, there are few purchases from the service centres, which are reluctant to rebuild stocks. Mills are eager to stop prices from decreasing but there is a lot of pressure from the distributor side and basis values have come down again this month.

The market in Italy is depressed with no recovery expected in the near term. Inventories are being kept at minimum levels because consumption is so weak. All buyers, both at service centres and end-users, are extremely cautious and just purchasing enough material to survive. They are keeping any deals as small as possible. Consequently, traders are finding business opportunities difficult because they are required to order large tonnages from overseas sources.

In the UK, inventories are low at all customers. Third country material is available from traders' stocks but very little new

business is being booked as the market is already oversupplied. There is still tremendous competition between distributors for orders, resulting in low resale values. The Belgian market is described as "tough". Demand remains flat and basis figures continue to decline. Service centres, keeping stocks as low as possible, are purchasing only small quantities, month by month. They report that sales volumes have fallen. Resale values are only covering costs as everyone chases the few available orders.

Demand is extremely low in Spain, especially from the distribution sector. European mills have tried desperately to hold on to prices but have finally conceded further decreases, although very little business is being conducted, even at the reduced figures. Resale values are no longer profitable according to a number of distributors. We hear that some new import deals are being finalised with suppliers in China and non-EU Mediterranean sources. Third country material, ordered some time ago, is due for arrival now at the ports. The prices paid are no longer competitive so traders may make losses. Spanish exports are growing.

FLAT PRODUCTS

HOT ROLLED COIL

German buyers report that the steelmakers, keen to obtain orders, have reduced basis numbers further. They note that delivery lead times for forward orders are down to less than four weeks. The market overall is weak as companies keep stocks as low as possible. The pipemakers are also suffering as their order books dry up. Turkish mills have reduced their price offers for hot rolled coil in parallel with domestic ones. Customers do not see any incentive to buy outside the European community. The French market is virtually at a standstill. There are

offers from southern Europe and the rest of the world but they are all at similar values to domestic ones. The Italian distribution sector is particularly depressed, with some service centres selling cut to length material at under €500 per tonne, effective delivered. Stockholders, needing to raise cash, are selling at a loss. In this tough business environment, local mills have discounted basis figures, once again. There are some imports from Indian and Russian mills which are priced quite aggressively at present.

UK customers are buying very cautiously. Supply is

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

price/metric ton		2013					
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Wire Rod	High:	550	550	530	530	530	530
	Low:	530	530	510	510	510	510
Medium Sections and Beams	High:	640	640	620	610	580	580
	Low:	600	600	580	570	540	540
Rebars	High:	310	300	280	260	260	240
	Low:	290	280	260	240	240	220
Merchant Bars	High:	240	230	210	200	180	180
	Low:	200	190	170	160	140	140

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

	Hot Rolled Plate		Hot Rolled Coil	
	Q1/13	Q2/13e	Q1/13	Q2/13e
EU Average				
Non Sour	107.5	107.5	128.1	126.3
Sour	113.5	113.5	126.8	125.2

* Q4/06 = 100 - based on Euro values

** p = Provisional e = Estimate

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

	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13
EU Average	81.0	78.9	77.7
Year-on-year % +/-	-7.5	-8.3	-6.8

* Jan 07 = 100 - based on transaction prices

** STEELPPI - Steel Purchasing Price Index

abundant. Belgian demand is still very poor, depressing domestic prices even more, despite a lack of attractive third country imports, although Russian sheet is being sold very cheaply. Service centres report slightly more activity in the last month as some of their contract customers look to cover the second half of 2013. However, the volumes involved are small. Resale margins are falling on a weekly basis because of the intense competition in that sector. In Spain, producers have failed to keep basis figures at the €460 per tonne level. There has been some very aggressive selling by Italian suppliers. End-users are pushing for even lower prices, leading to extremely poor resale values. We have noted hot rolled material, cut to length, as cheap as €520 per tonne, effective delivered.

HOT ROLLED PLATE

Demand for commodity plate is quite low, with customers only purchasing small quantities at any one time. There are very few third country import offers at present. Quotations are at around €470 per tonne, CFR, Antwerp. Material ordered now would arrive in the middle of the holiday period when most companies do not need it. The market for the high specifications is better, with yellow goods consumption picking up but linepipe business has dried up. This is causing the platemakers who traditionally supply that sector to move into commercial qualities, thus creating even greater competition.

Machine building and locomotive applications are healthy in Germany, producing good demand for the more sophisticated grades. For the moment, commodity plate prices remain unchanged. Stocks are at a satisfactory level. Buyers remain very cautious, only ordering to fill gaps in their inventories. The anticipated improvement in order books for the second half of the year has not materialised in France. Hopes had been placed on public works but the sector has ordered reduced amounts. The railways and farming industries only account for small quantities. Prices for high-grade plate have also come under pressure. The Italian domestic market is stagnant. Finance and credit facilities are lacking. However, customers in the Tunisian and Turkish regions have started to purchase again. Rerollers have been struggling

to source reasonably priced slab but now this material is becoming cheaper, providing further downward pressure on plate. Consequently, it will still be difficult for them to cover their production costs but impossible for them to push through any price rises.

The UK market is described as "dreadful". Import offers are plentiful but there is very little firm business. Indian plate has been quoted as low as £430/440 per tonne, creating negative pressure on domestic values. We have noted another downward price development in Belgium. Participants say that the Spanish market is dead. There is still material sitting at the ports, although the quantities are reducing. Ukrainian suppliers are offering at €445 per tonne, CFR. Domestic producers, who have traditionally stayed out of the commodity market, are now chasing orders with stockholders because their rolling schedules are not full.

COLD ROLLED COIL

The price trend in Germany is still negative. Basis figures have moved down due to oversupply. The French market

**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	540	530	712	694
France	540	540	712	707
Italy	530	510	699	668
UK	460	450	717	690
Belgium	540	530	712	694
Spain	540	520	712	681

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	500	480	425	498	500	460
	Low:	450	460	440	400	469	460	440
Hot Rolled Plates	High:	550	520	510	495	580	520	525
	Low:	510	470	470	465	545	480	475
Cold Rolled Coil	High:	570	580	560	485	569	580	560
	Low:	530	540	510	450	528	530	520
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	570	560	540	500	586	570	560
	Low:	530	520	490	460	539	520	520
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	580	580	570	515	604	590	570
	Low:	530	550	530	475	557	540	530
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 304	High:	1100	1050	1000	1025	1202	1060	980
	Low:	1000	1000	950	955	1120	1010	930
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 430	High:	1110	1090	935	1045	1225	—	1027
	Low:	1060	1040	885	1020	1196	—	997

MONTH on MONTH % CHANGE

Hot Rolled Coil	Low:	-2.2	-1.1	-4.3	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-4.3
Hot Rolled Plates	Low:	-1.9	-2.1	0.0	-1.1	-1.8	-2.0	-2.1
Cold Rolled Coil	Low:	-1.9	0.0	-3.8	-2.2	-2.8	-1.9	-3.7
H.D. Galv Coil	Low:	-1.9	0.0	-3.9	-2.1	-2.9	-1.9	-1.9
E.Z. Coated Coil	Low:	-1.9	-1.8	-3.6	-2.1	-2.8	-3.6	-3.6
S/S CR Type 304	Low:	-2.0	-2.9	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-2.9	-5.1
S/S CR Type 430	Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	—	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.

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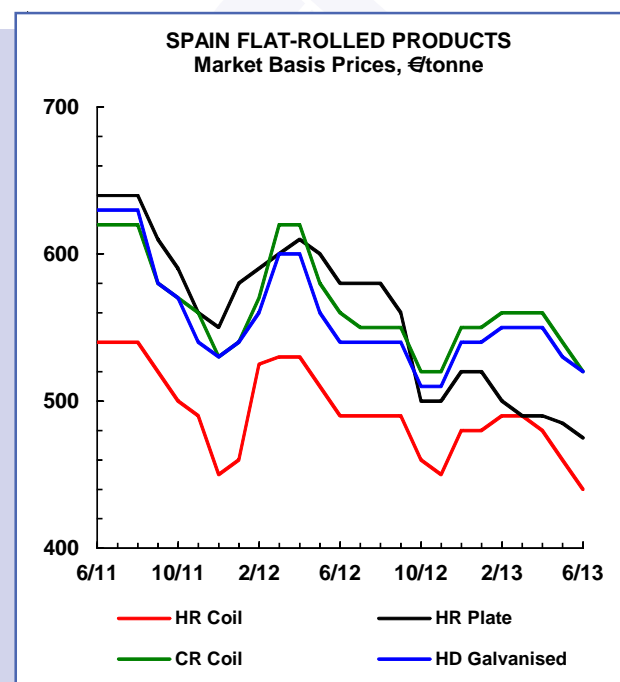
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is extremely quiet. The mills claim they are not accepting orders below €550/560 per tonne, basis, but buyers confirm purchasing at lower levels. Market sentiment is pessimistic in Italy, where the downward tendency in prices is very clear. Service centres report that business is virtually at a standstill. Moreover, credit risks are extremely important. Russian suppliers are more competitive than Turkish ones at present.

UK basis numbers continue to fall. Producers, keen to obtain orders, have cut them by another £10 per tonne. In Belgium, basis values are below those reported in our May issue. The market is flat. Stockists, as well as end-users, are buying only what they need immediately as they anticipate further decreases during the summer. Local mills have been forced to make more concessions in Spain, where activity levels are dismal.

COATED COIL

The German auto manufacturers have cut a number of shifts and are also trying to reduce their steel stocks as a cost saving measure because they are not confident about the economic situation. Demand from that sector is likely to decline further during July and August due to holiday closures. Basis prices for hot dipped galvanised coil in the general market continue to suffer downward pressure. Selling values are unchanged in France but there is a negative tendency as many service centres are being badly hit by the poor performance of the vehicle industry. There is overcapacity in the Italian market, which is weighing heavily on basis figures. There are some competitive quotations from Chinese suppliers in the thinner gauges. UK ex-mill prices are creeping down. They have been trimmed by £10 per tonne since our last report. Auto output is lower than in 2012 and demand from the construction sector is at a low ebb. Distributors are discounting heavily to keep stock moving. Producers have marked down basis numbers in Belgium. Service centres are complaining that their profit margins are badly squeezed. Spanish auto activity has stabilised at a low level. Galvanised customers have



negotiated a price decrease.

In Germany, the steelmakers have failed to hold on to last month's basis values for sales of electro-zinc coated coil. French figures are also lower than those quoted in our last issue. Prices continue to trend down in Italy, where domestic appliance output is extremely low. In the UK, selling numbers from mainland European suppliers are below those in the previous month. Producers have conceded a €20 per tonne discount in Belgium. The situation is similar in Spain.

COLD ROLLED STAINLESS COIL

In May, cold rolled austenitic stainless steel basis figures slipped in Germany, France, Belgium and Spain. Elsewhere, they were unchanged but sales were slow. Service centres were keeping inventories lean but wanted to cut them even further, in the context of decreasing alloy surcharges. Ferritic basis prices held up, generally.

LONG PRODUCTS

The construction industry, which is working at a very slow pace throughout the EU, is virtually at a standstill in Italy and Spain. This has led to an influx of cheap material from southern Europe to northern regions. There is overcapacity but all mills want to keep their market share.

WIRE ROD

Low carbon wire rod producers in Germany have held on

to their May prices. Order intake for recoil is slow, even though construction activity has picked up a little as the weather improves. There is negative pressure on basis numbers, with customers winning a €20 per tonne decrease. In France, selling values for drawing rod are stable as are those for mesh quality material. Italian low carbon wire rod prices are unchanged from May, even though order intake continues to be dull because of the stagnant economy. Sales of recoil are poor, with orders

very difficult to acquire. Producers have been forced to offer a small discount on last month's figures.

Customer sales activity in the basic drawing grades remains subdued in the UK. The number of buyers has shrunk considerably over the last few years and those companies left in the market are struggling for orders. However, prices are firm this month. There has been slightly less import pressure of late, for recoil sales. Basis values have not really changed since our previous report. The market for the finished mesh is very competitive. Drawing quality values remain the same in Belgium, where there is a lack of demand. In Spain, we have no developments to report for low carbon material. The mesh

quality market is depressed, with suppliers cutting prices accordingly.

MEDIUM SECTIONS AND BEAMS

Efforts to lift effective prices of structural sections have met with firm resistance throughout western Europe.

In Germany, values are unchanged, following last month's downward movement, despite weak demand, oversupply and lower scrap costs. In the French beams market, four or five producers are fighting for orders, with the Spaniards in dire need of tonnage. Stocks have not increased but are, nevertheless, overfull in relation to the level of

TABLE 5. LONG PRODUCTS - NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC BASIS PRICES

price/metric ton		Germany	France	Italy	UK+	UK+	Belgium	Spain
		(€)	(€)	(€)	(£)	(€)	(€)	(€)
Wire Rod (b)	High:	530	530	520	480	563	530	520
	Low:	510	500	500	440	516	500	500
Medium Sections & Beams (c)	High:	580	570	545	500	586	590	580
	Low:	540	540	525	470	551	540	530
Rebar (d)	High:	240	260	240	465	545	270	250
	Low:	220	230	230	435	510	240	230
Merchant Bar (e)	High:	180	160	175	490	574	150	195
	Low:	140	140	155	470	551	130	145
MONTH on MONTH % CHANGE								
Wire Rod	Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0
M.Sect. & Beams	Low:	0.0	-3.6	0.0	-1.1	-1.8	-3.6	0.0
Rebar	Low:	-8.3	-2.1	-4.2	-1.1	-1.7	0.0	-4.2
Merchant Bar	Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-7.1	0.0

BASIS PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

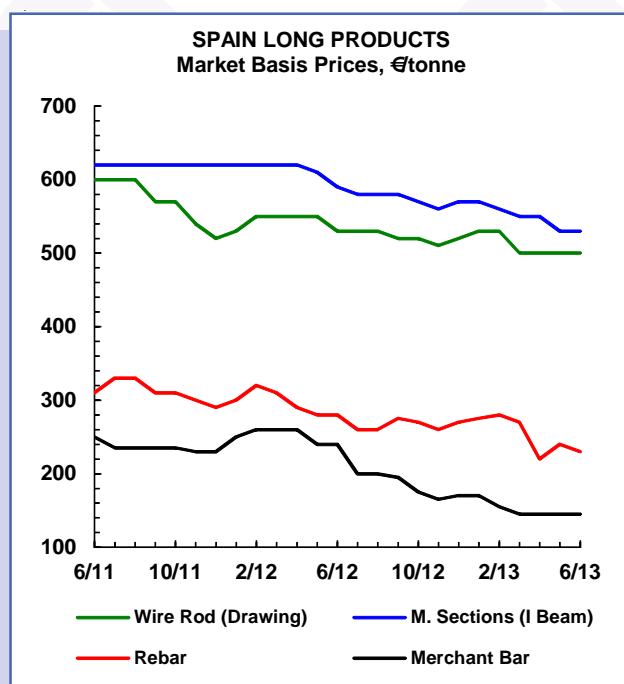
* Due to the suspension of scrap surcharges by all major European producers from June 2010, MEPS basis prices for Medium Sections & Beams are now equivalent to transaction prices for category C1 beams.

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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consumption. Effective figures are down by another €20 per tonne. For the third consecutive month, Italian producers have refused to concede a further discount. A shortage of investment, both private and public, continues to have a detrimental effect on demand.

The UK market is poor at present and the outlook for the foreseeable future is bleak. Ex-mill values for June rolling have eased down a little. Customers, expecting more small decreases, are loath to book new business despite their depleted stock levels. May was very quiet, with two national holidays restricting the number of trading days. Distributors felt under pressure to sell and reduced their resale prices accordingly. Fabricators' order books are described as "very thin". There are few third country offers because the currency exchange rate is unfavourable. Small quantities of large category C material are available from South Korea and the USA. In Belgium, a weak market is driving down effective values, which have declined by €20 per tonne. There are customer calls for further discounts, due to lower raw material costs. Mills, eager to secure orders before the holidays, may well offer some more small decreases to attract business. Service centres are fighting amongst themselves to secure sales, resulting in unprofitable resale prices. Demand conditions are difficult in Spain.

REINFORCING BAR

European steelmakers have reacted quickly to falling scrap movements. Activity levels are extremely low. Customers do not need to order large quantities ahead as stock availability at the mills is plentiful. There are no indications that sales will improve significantly before the

summer holidays to instigate a demand-driven price recovery. Conditions in export markets are not encouraging. Spanish and Italian producers have dropped their offers to €450/460 per tonne, FOB, with no significant increase in business activity. Imports are not a threat whilst domestic values remain so low.

Supplies are in surplus in the German market, where, despite a number of ongoing construction projects, basis figures have fallen below the May level. There are very few deals being concluded at present. We have noted a minor negative price movement in France, where demand remains feeble. Italian suppliers have been forced to offer a small discount to domestic customers, after raising prices last month. Even though they have reduced their export offers, it is not possible to conclude the volume of overseas business they require.

The construction outlook is poor in the UK. However, domestic mills report that demand for rebar has been a little livelier over the past few weeks. It is not clear if underlying consumption is improving or whether it is due to a reduction in the number of import offers from southern and eastern Europe. Slowly decreasing scrap prices have made stockists nervous, as they anticipate that mill values will fall. We have noted a marginal downward movement since our last report. Very wet weather conditions have continued to affect construction activity in Belgium. Moreover, local distributors, cutters and benders, as well as building contractors, are suffering because of competition from similar companies based in the Netherlands, whose domestic market has collapsed. Producers have lost part of the price rise they instigated last month in the Spanish market, where construction output is dire.

MERCHANT BAR

Merchant bar prices have reached a very low level. With

MEPS INDUSTRIAL SECTOR STEEL PURCHASING PRICE INDICES - EU AVERAGE

January 2007=100

	May-13	Jun-13
Construction Industry	98.4	96.8
Household Appliances	83.0	80.9
Machinery Sector	89.7	87.9
Shipbuilding Industry	77.9	76.3
Shipping Containers	91.8	89.3
Yellow Goods	95.7	93.1

raw materials on a downward trend, there could be more decreases. Everyone is waiting for demand to pick up but this is unlikely in the near term.

Selling values continue to decline in Germany, where the construction outlook is uncertain. In France, prices are steady for now, although demand has remained tepid. Basis numbers have stabilised in Italy, despite dismal levels of order intake in a weak economic climate.

UK market sentiment is poor as a result of the general

financial gloom. Demand is subdued. Customers are carrying minimum stocks. Producers have hung on to the figures we reported in our last issue. Because sales are so slow in Belgium, there is intense competition between distributors, which has eventually translated into negative pressure on ex-mill basis values. Market participants are very pessimistic and are purchasing cautiously. Further small decreases look possible before the summer vacation. Demand from Spanish end-users is lacklustre, so service centres are also buying less. Steelmakers have maintained the May basis numbers for now.

MARKET/INDUSTRY SCENE

CAPACITY/INVESTMENT

Tata Steel has completed the upgrade of a galvanising line at Llanwern in the UK. The £3.6 million investment has increased capacity by 25 percent and has expanded the company's range of high-value, high-formability steels for the automotive sector.

Sweden's Ovako has commissioned a SKr70 million peeling line at Hällefors. The new unit will process bar with a diameter of between 10 and 60 millimetres, with a length of up to 7.1 metres. Annual capacity is 24,000 tonnes.

ArcelorMittal Ruhrort is to modernise the steam ejector

pump system for its existing vacuum degassing facility. The unit, which uses the Ruhrstahl-Heraeus process, is set to be revamped by the end of 2013. Germany's SMS Mevac is to undertake the work forty-five years after it installed the facility in the 1960's.

ECONOMY

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, construction output in the EU-27 declined by 7.9 percent in March 2013, year-on-year. Industrial production fell by 1.7 percent in the same period. GDP decreased by 0.7 percent in the first quarter, relative to the same three month period in 2012.

MEDIUM TERM PRICE FORECASTS

MEPS - EU Average Hot and Cold Rolled Coil prices decreased by €12 per tonne in June. This was in line with our forecasts published in the previous issue.

Transaction values are expected to stay under negative pressure in the short term. Distributors are likely to keep stock levels to a minimum because end-user demand is very weak. Mill order books will remain sparse, in the summer, because buying activity usually slows during the holiday season. There is the potential for a temporary upturn in selling figures, during the autumn, as customers purchase to meet increased requirements in the final quarter. However, there are downside risks to this forecast. The seasonal uptick in market demand may not reach normal levels.

Steel selling figures are predicted to move upwards, around the turn of the year, as customers replenish depleted inventories in anticipation of the traditional new year recovery in demand. This trend is expected to continue in the spring.

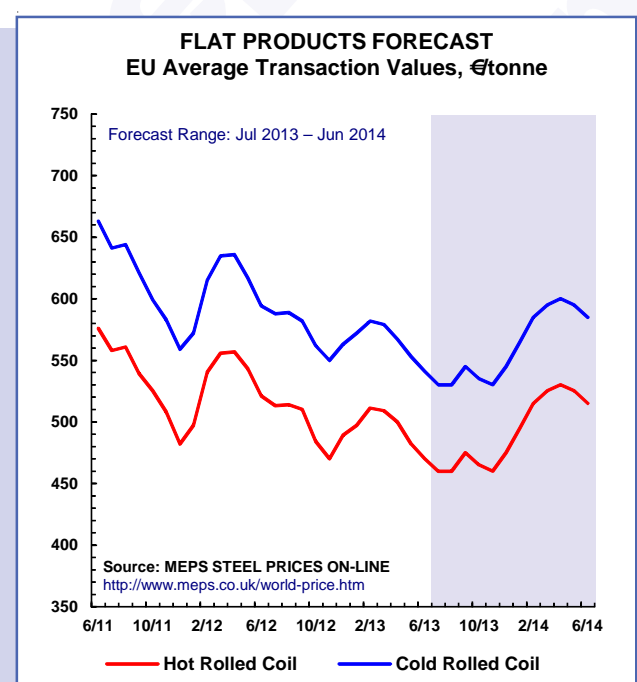


TABLE 6. EU AVERAGE DOMESTIC TRANSACTION PRICE FORECASTS

Euro/metric ton	Actual	Forecast					
	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13
Hot Rolled Coil	470	460	460	475	465	460	475
Hot Rolled Plate	513	505	505	520	510	510	525
Cold Rolled Coil	541	530	530	545	535	530	545
H.D. Galv Coil	592	585	585	600	590	585	600
E.Z. Coated Coil	596	590	590	610	605	600	615
Wire Rod	468	460	460	480	475	470	480
M. Sect. & Beams	592	585	585	605	600	595	610
Rebars	471	460	460	480	475	470	480
Merchant Bar	528	520	520	540	535	530	545

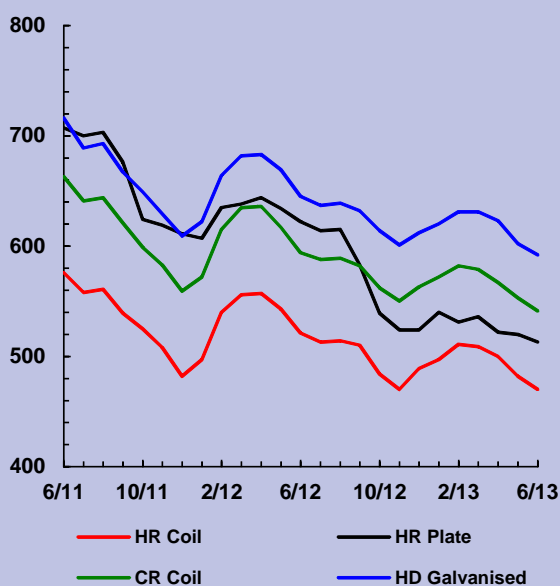
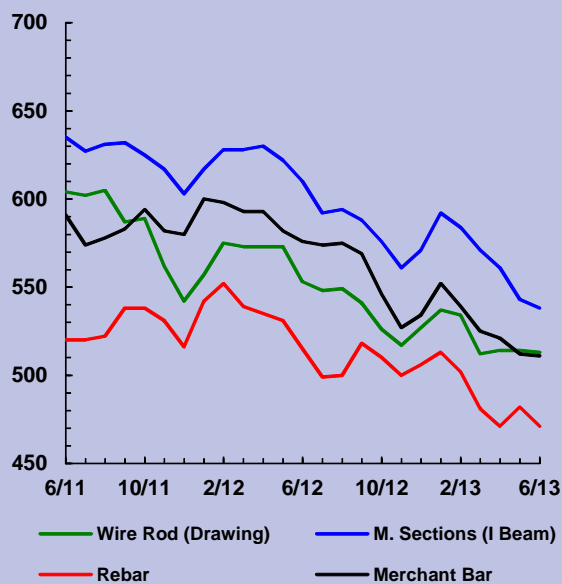
PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

Wire Rod - Mesh Quality

Medium Sections and Beams - H Beam

Merchant Bar - Equal Angle

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.

EU AVERAGE FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS
Transaction Prices, €/tonneEU AVERAGE LONG PRODUCTS
Transaction Prices, €/tonne

Transaction Price Data Sheet

TABLE 7. NEGOTIATED DOMESTIC TRANSACTION PRICES

FLATPRODUCTS price/metric ton		EUAVG. (€)	Germany (€)	France (€)	Italy (€)	UK (£)	UK (€)	Spain (€)
Hot Rolled Coil	High:	509	520	520	500	441	517	480
	Low:	470	470	480	460	416	488	460
Hot Rolled Plates	High:	554	565	535	525	509	597	540
	Low:	513	525	485	485	479	562	490
Cold Rolled Coil	High:	583	585	595	575	498	584	575
	Low:	541	545	555	525	463	543	535
Hot Dipped Galvanised Coil	High:	635	642	632	612	553	648	632
	Low:	592	602	592	562	513	601	592
Electro-Zinc Coated Coil	High:	639	639	639	629	558	654	629
	Low:	596	589	609	589	518	607	589
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 304	High:	1076	1100	1050	1000	1025	1202	980
	Low:	1003	1000	1000	950	955	1120	930
Stainless Cold (a) Rolled Type 430	High:	1085	1110	1090	935	1045	1225	1027
	Low:	1040	1060	1040	885	1020	1196	997
LONGPRODUCTS price/metric ton		EUAVG. (€)	Germany (€)	France (€)	Italy (€)	UK (£)	UK (€)	Spain (€)
Wire Rod (Drawing quality) *	High:	537	548	530	520	492	577	520
	Low:	513	528	500	500	452	530	500
Wire Rod (Mesh quality)	High:	492	470	510	490	465	545	500
	Low:	468	450	480	470	435	510	470
Medium Sections and Beams (I beam)	High:	574	580	570	545	500	586	580
	Low:	538	540	540	525	470	551	530
Medium Sections and Beams (H beam)	High:	636	650	620	630	545	639	620
	Low:	592	600	580	595	505	592	580
Reinforcing Bars	High:	488	480	500	480	465	545	490
	Low:	471	460	470	470	435	510	470
Merchant Bars (50mm diameter)	High:	542	540	520	535	490	574	555
	Low:	511	500	500	515	470	551	505
Merchant Bars (Equal Angle)	High:	559	560	540	555	490	574	575
	Low:	528	520	520	535	470	551	525

* Includes supplementary surcharge in the UK.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

June 3 - 2013

		Units/ US\$	Units/ Euro
Eurozone	(€)	0.764	1
UK	(£)	0.652	0.853

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

The July issue of the European Steel Review will be dispatched by post & PDF on 19 July, 2013.

Express Price Tables will be dispatched by e-mail in excel format on 12 July, 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

Based on Euro values	May-13	Jun-13
Hot Rolled Coil	184.7	180.1
Hot Rolled Plate	181.2	178.7
Cold Rolled Coil	151.9	148.6
H.D. Galvanised Coil	130.6	128.4
Electro Zinc Coated Coil	144.7	141.6
Stainless Steel Type 304	83.2	81.7
Stainless Steel Type 430	92.5	92.4
Wire Rod	194.0	193.6
M. Sections & Beams	176.9	175.2
Reinforcing Bar	212.3	207.5
Merchant Bar	192.5	192.1

Note:-

Wire Rod (Drawing Quality) - 5.5mm diameter.
 Medium Sections and Beams - Category C1. I Beam.
 Merchant Bar - 50mm diameter.
 Stainless Steel - Excluding alloy surcharge.

TRANSACTION PRICE AND PRODUCT DEFINITIONS

Transactions 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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