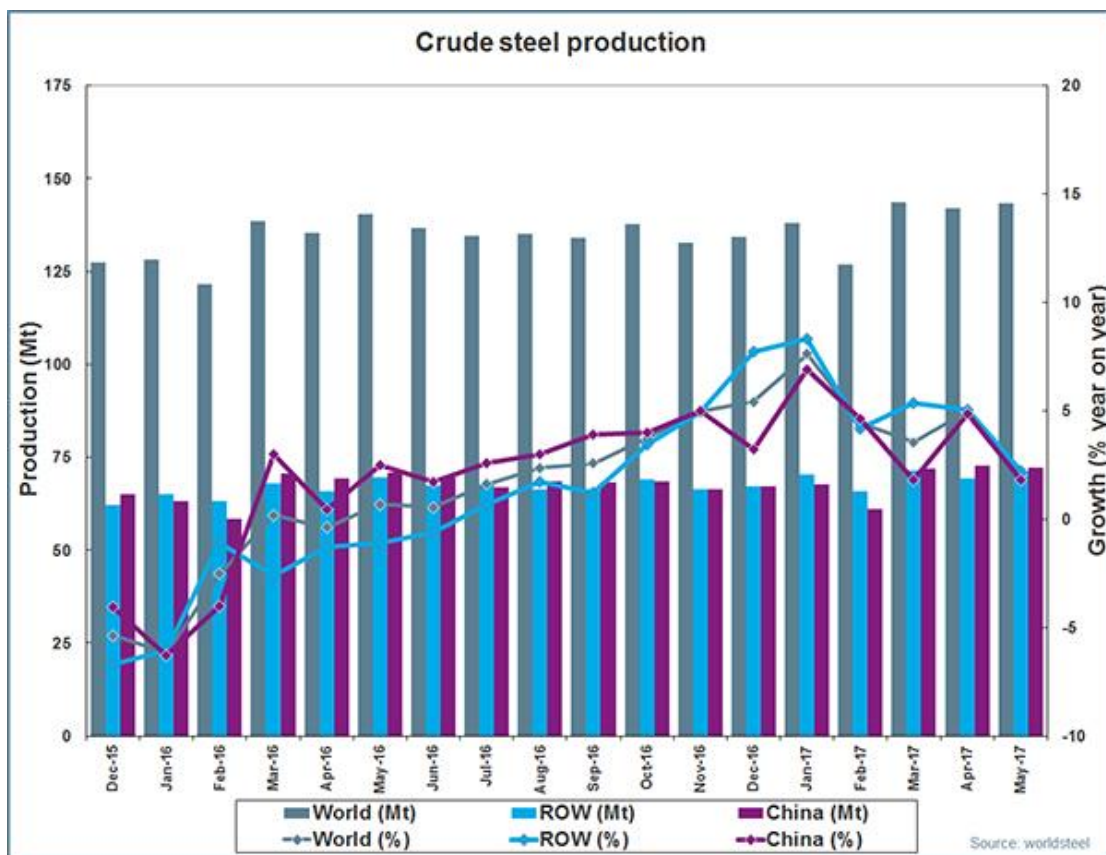


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May 2017 crude steel production for the 67 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 20 June 2017 - World crude steel production for the 67 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 143.3 million tonnes (Mt) in May 2017, a 2.0% increase compared to May 2016.

China's crude steel production for May 2017 was 72.3 Mt, an increase of 1.8% compared to May 2016. Japan produced 9.0 Mt of crude steel in May 2017, an increase of 0.1% compared to May 2016.



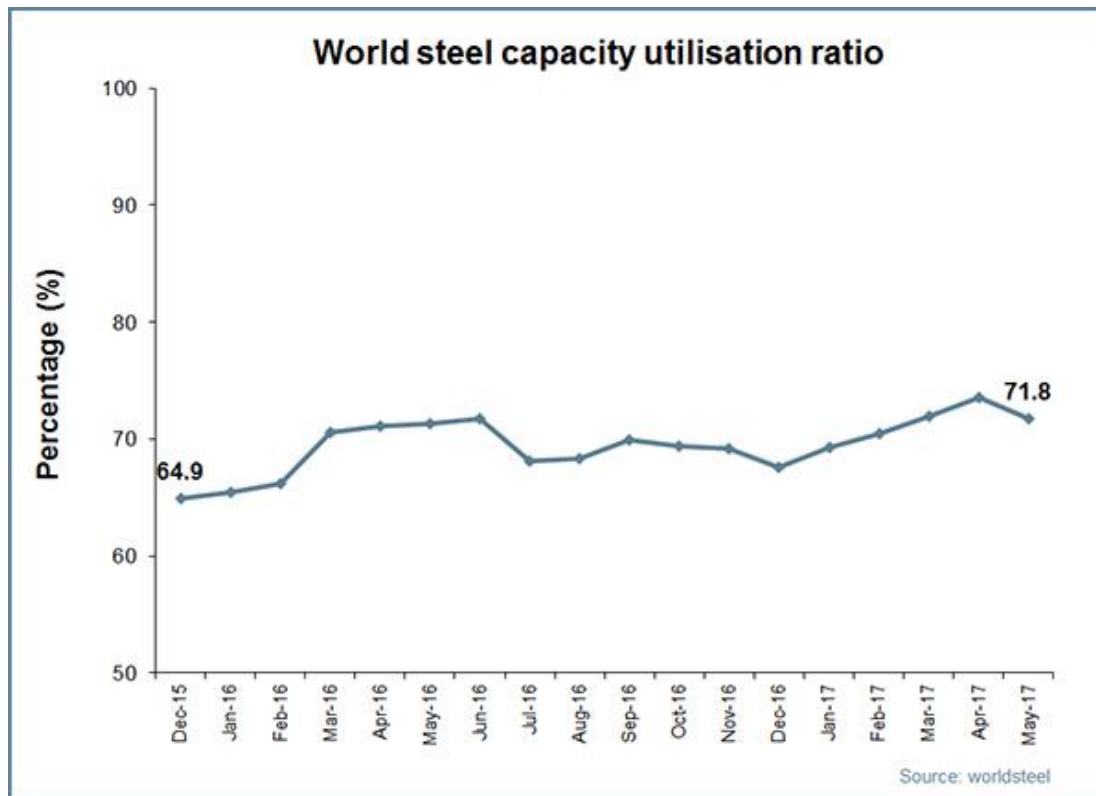
In the EU, Germany produced 3.8 Mt of crude steel in May 2017, a decrease of -1.4% compared to May 2016. Italy produced 2.1 Mt of crude steel, down by -4.1% on May 2016. France produced 1.4 Mt of crude steel, up by 21.5% compared to May 2016. Spain produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel, down by -3.7% on May 2016.

Turkey's crude steel production for May 2017 was 3.3 Mt, up by 9.7% on May 2016.

The US produced 7.0 Mt of crude steel in May 2017, an increase of 0.2% compared to May 2016.

Brazil's crude steel production for May 2017 was 2.9 Mt, up by 13.2% on May 2016.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 67 countries in May 2017 was 71.8%. This is 0.5 percentage points higher than May 2016. Compared to April 2017, it is 1.8 percentage points lower.



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Notes to Editors:

- The World Steel Association (worldsteel) is one of the largest and most dynamic industry associations in the world. worldsteel members represent approximately 85% of the world's steel production, including over 160 steel producers with 9 of the 10 largest steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes.
- The monthly crude steel capacity utilisation ratio is calculated based on crude steel production information available at worldsteel and OECD capacity estimates.