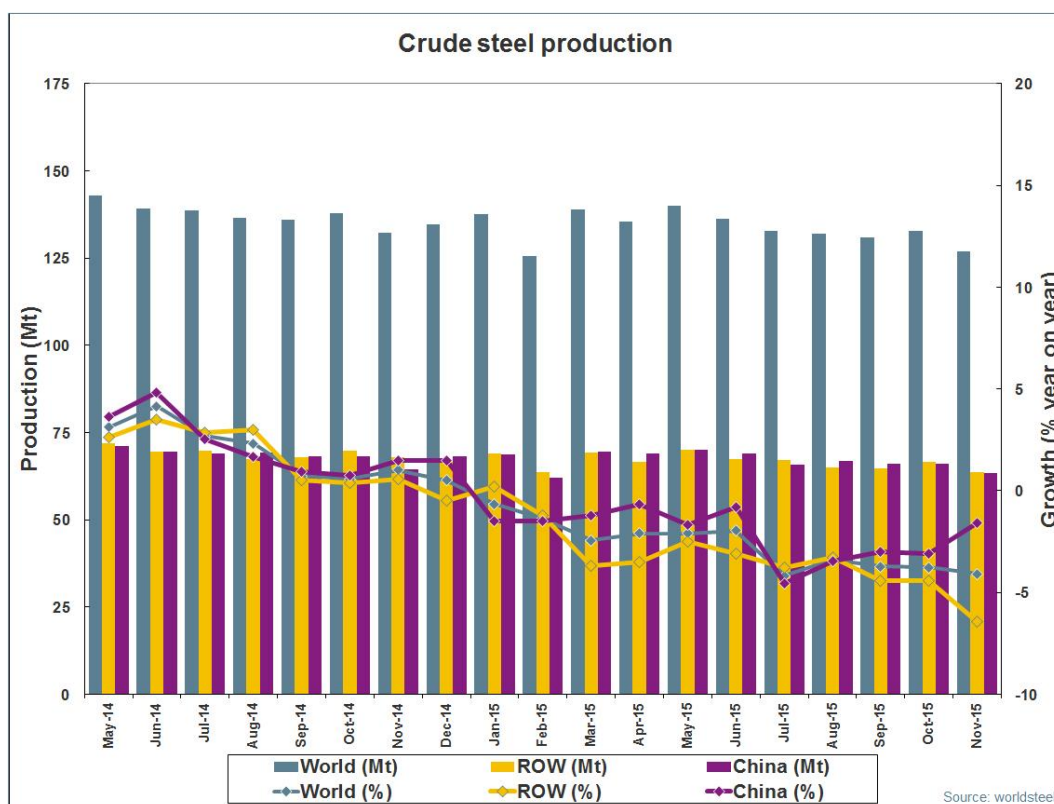


PRESS RELEASE

November 2015 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 21 December 2015 - World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 127 million tonnes (Mt) in November 2015, a -4.1% decrease compared to November 2014.

China's crude steel production for November 2015 was 63.3 Mt, down by -1.6% compared to November 2014. Japan produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in November 2015, a decrease of -4.7% compared to the same month in 2014.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.5 Mt of crude steel in November 2015, a decrease of -3.1% compared to November 2014. Italy's crude steel production was 1.9 Mt, up by 0.4% on November 2014. Spain produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel in November 2015, down by -2.9% compared to November 2014. France's production for November 2015 was 1.2 Mt, a decrease of -14.7% compared to the same month in 2014.

Turkey's crude steel production for November 2015 was 2.6 Mt, down by -7.2% on November 2014.

In November 2015, Russia produced 5.7 Mt of crude steel, down by -3.1% over November 2014. Ukraine produced 1.9 Mt of crude steel, up by 3.1% compared to the same month in 2014.

The US produced 6.1 Mt of crude steel in November 2015, down by -15.6% compared to November 2014.

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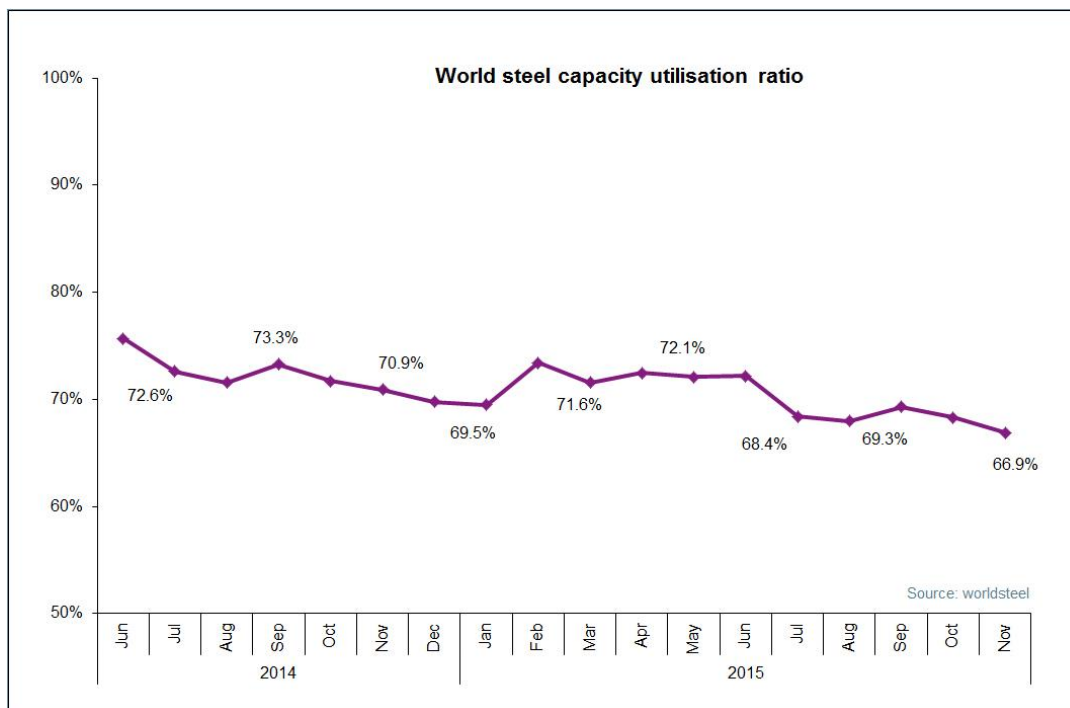
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Brazil's crude steel production for November 2015 was 2.5 Mt, a decrease of -4.4% on November 2014.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio for the 66 countries in November 2015 was 66.9%. This is -4.0 percentage points lower than November 2014. Compared to October 2015, it is -1.4 percentage point 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 150 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, publically-available capacity information and OECD capacity estimates.
- Megatonne (Mt) is a metric unit equivalent to 1 million tonnes.

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