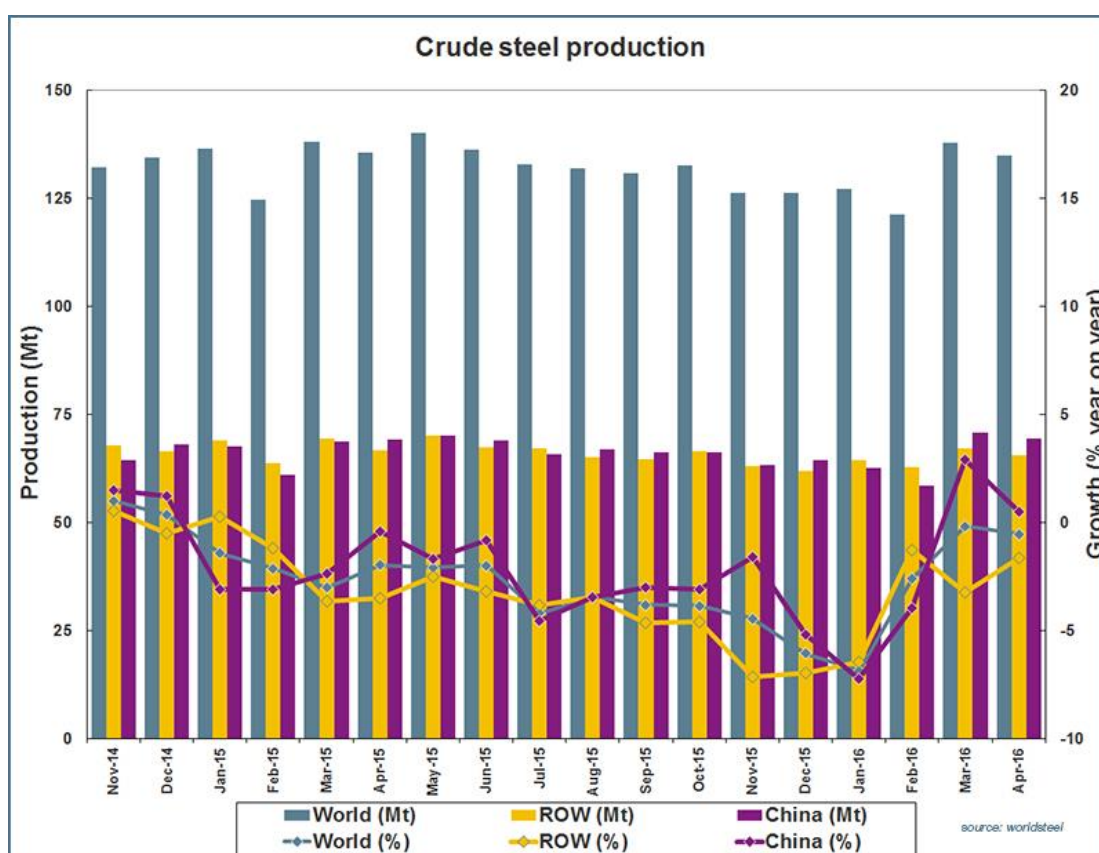


**PRESS RELEASE**

**April 2016 crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to worldsteel**

**Brussels, 20 May 2016 - World crude steel production for the 66 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 135 million tonnes (Mt) in April 2016, a -0.5% decrease compared to April 2015.**

China's crude steel production for April 2016 was 69.4 Mt, an increase of 0.5% compared to April 2015. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan produced 8.5 Mt of crude steel in April 2016, an increase of 1.2% compared to April 2015. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.7 Mt in April 2016, down by -1.3% on April 2015.



In the EU, Germany produced 3.6 Mt of crude steel in April 2016, a decrease of -1.5% compared to April 2015. Italy produced 2.1 Mt of crude steel, up by 14.5% on April 2015. Spain produced 1.2 Mt of crude steel, down by -10.6% compared to April 2015.

Turkey's crude steel production for April 2016 was 2.9 Mt, up by 5.3% on April 2015.

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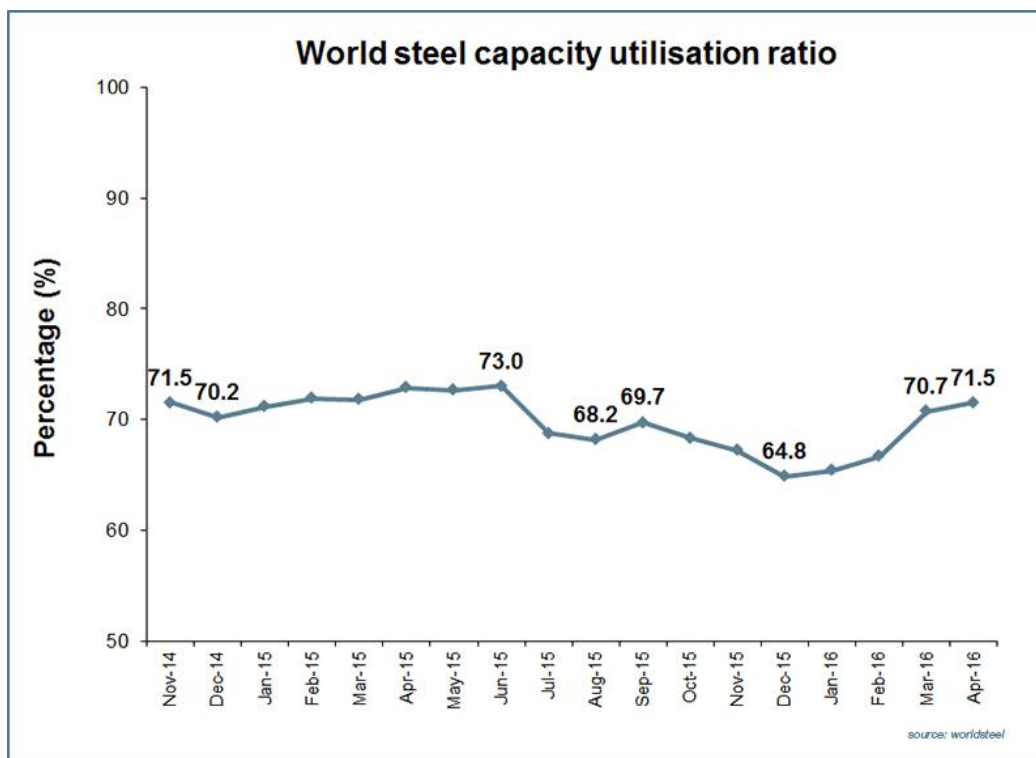
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In April 2016, Russia produced 5.9 Mt of crude steel, down by -0.4% over April 2015. Ukraine produced 2.2 Mt of crude steel, up by 11.7% compared to the same month in 2015.

The United States produced 6.6 Mt of crude steel in April 2016, an increase of 2.5% compared to April 2015.

Brazil's crude steel production for April 2016 was 2.3 Mt, down by -20.6% on April 2015.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 66 countries in April 2016 was 71.5%. This is 1.3 percentage points lower than April 2015. Compared to March 2016, it is 0.8 percentage points higher.



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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 and OECD capacity estimates.

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