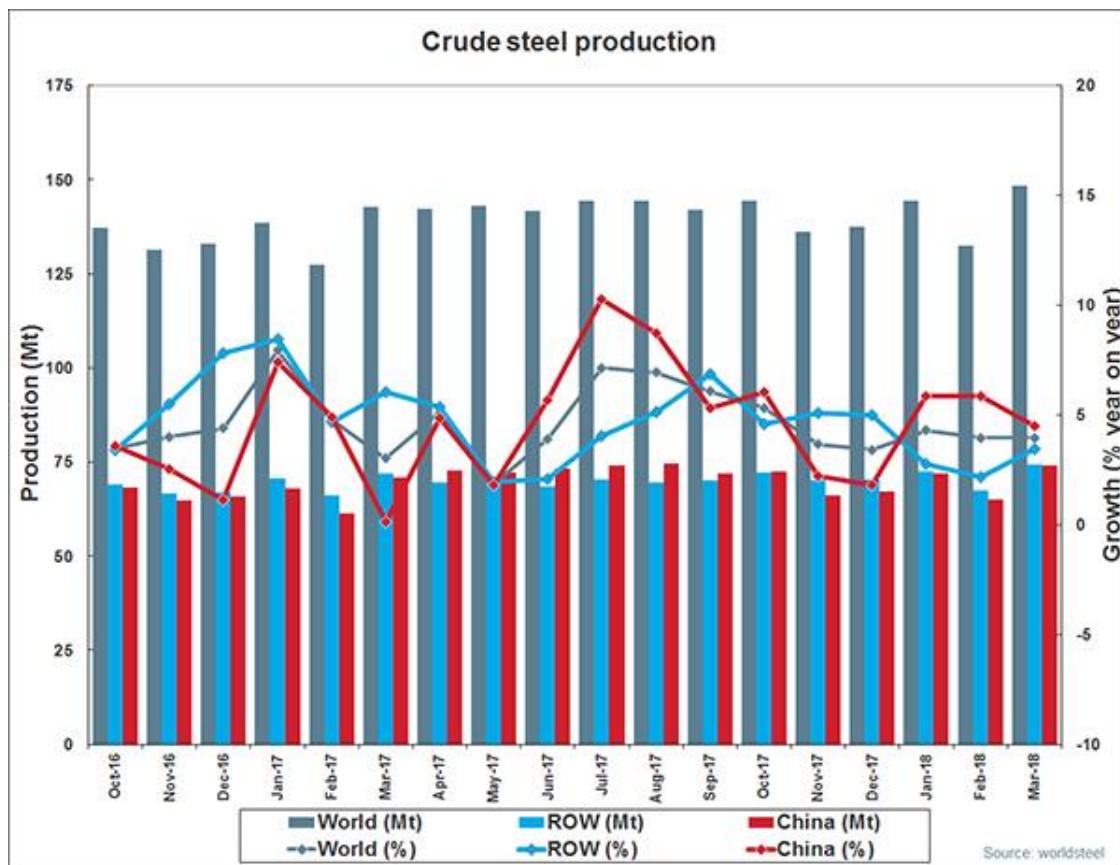


PRESS RELEASE

April 2018 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 25 May 2018 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 148.3 million tonnes (Mt) in April 2018, a 4.1% increase compared to April 2017.

China's crude steel production for April 2018 was 76.7 Mt, an increase of 4.8% compared to April 2017. Japan produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in April 2018, down 0.4% on April 2017. India produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in April 2018, an increase of 5.6% compared to April 2017. South Korea's crude steel production was 5.9 Mt in April 2018, an increase of 7.1% on April 2017.



In the EU, Italy produced 2.1 Mt of crude steel, up by 3.7% on April 2017. France produced 1.4 Mt of crude steel, up by 10.7% compared to April 2017. Spain produced 1.3 Mt of crude steel, up by 7.5% on April 2017.

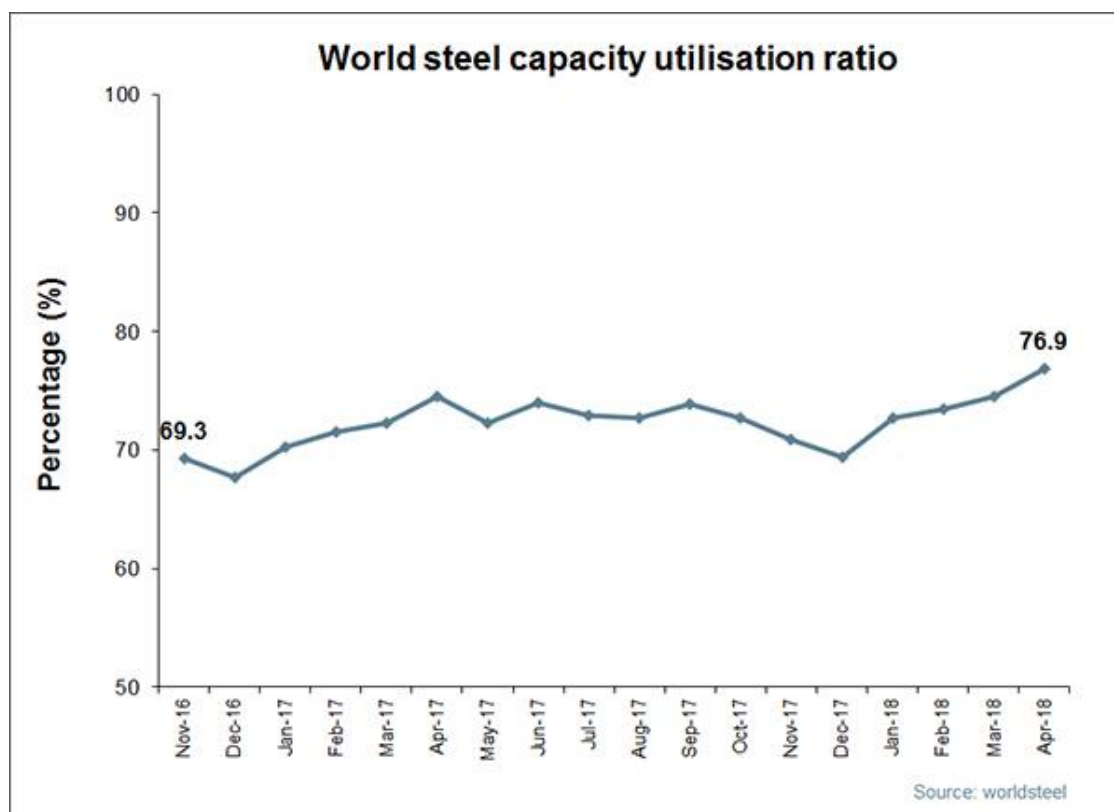
Turkey's crude steel production for April 2018 was 3.0 Mt, down by 3.1% on April 2017.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.7 Mt this month, up 6.0% on April 2017.

The US produced 6.9 Mt of crude steel in April 2018, an increase of 3.6% compared to April 2017.

Brazil's crude steel production for April 2018 was 3.0 Mt, up by 1.9% on April 2017.

The crude steel capacity utilisation ratio of the 64 countries in April 2018 was 76.9%. This is 2.4 percentage points higher than April 2017. Compared to March 2018, it is 2.4 percentage points higher.



Ends

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](#).