

Table 1: Stainless and heat-resisting crude steel production (in '000 metric tons)

Region	Full year		Y-to-Y +/- %	Full Year		Y-to-Y +/- %
	2004	2005		2005	2006	
Western Europe/Africa	9,422	8,795	-6.6	8,795	9,972	13.4
Central and Eastern Europe	318	310	-2.5	310	363	16.8
The Americas	2,933	2,688	-8.3	2,688	2,951	9.8
Asia	11,897	12,498	5.0	12,498		20.6
World total	24,570	24,292	-1.1	24,292		16.7

Source: International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF)