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## Arab Iron and Steel Union Technical Committee Holds Its Fifth Meeting in Cairo

The Technical Committee of the Arab Iron and Steel Union held its fifth meeting on 21–22 September 2025 at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel, with the participation of representatives from several Arab countries.

Mohammed Muteb Al Ameri

During the meeting, Mr. Mohammed Muteb Al Ameri, Executive Vice President of Operations at Emirates Steel, was elected as Chairman of the Committee for the term 2025–2029, while Eng. Mohamed Fouad Emam, Head of Technical Affairs at Ezz Steel Group, was elected as Vice Chairman.

The members reviewed technical reports on the topic “*Utilization of By-products in the Steel Industry*” and discussed ways to maximize their benefits. The committee members also visited Ezz Steel in Ain Sokhna to explore production lines and exchange expertise.

It was also decided that the committee’s sixth meeting will be held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, in February 2026, at the invitation of the Moroccan Steel Company. The next study will be titled: “*Corporate Initiatives to Reduce Operating Costs and Enhance Competitiveness.*”

The Technical Committee of the Arab Iron and Steel Union was established in 2023 with the aim of studying technical and engineering topics relevant to the steel industry, supporting the development of the sector in Arab countries, and addressing various industry challenges to achieve the highest added value for the iron and steel industry.



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## Arab Countries' Crude Steel Output Rises 6.1% in January–August 2025

Arab countries' crude steel production reached 3.64 million mt in August 2025, recording a growth of 12.7% compared to the same period last year, while total output in the January–August period amounted to 28.26 million mt, up 6.1% year on year, according to the latest data released by the World Steel Association (WorldSteel).

### Gulf Region

Gulf countries produced 1.90 million mt in August, up 29.2% year on year, with January–August output totaling 13.99 million mt (+8.5%). Saudi Arabia led the region with 1.01 million mt in August (+64.1%) and 6.93 million mt in January–August (+11.9%), followed by the UAE (2.47 million mt, +3.2%), Oman (2.0 million mt, -1.2%), and Qatar (1.09 million mt, +35.2%). Bahrain and Kuwait recorded 795,000 mt and 718,000 mt, respectively.

Country	Aug 2025 (000t)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (000t)	% change Aug 25/24
Saudi Arabia	1,007	64.1%	6,928	11.9%
UAE	331	8.2%	2,472	3.2%
Oman	240	-5.9%	2,000	-1.2%
Bahrain	90	-14.3%	795	-1.2%
Qatar	150	43.7%	1,085	35.2%
Kuwait	80	-5.9%	718	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>13,998</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

### North Africa

North African countries produced 1.46 million mt in August, down slightly by 1.1% year on year, while January–August output rose to 11.98 million mt (+4.5%).

Egypt topped the region with 6.69 million mt despite a 5.6% decline, followed by Algeria with 3.52 million mt (+21.4%), Morocco with 990,000 mt (+5.3%), and Libya with 747,000 mt (+46.1%). Tunisia recorded 38,000 mt (-3.3%).



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Country	Aug 2025 (000t)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (000t)	% change 25/24
Egypt	896	-0.2%	6,687	-5.6%
Algeria	350	-12.5%	3,520	21.4%
Morocco	120	0.0%	990	5.3%
Libya	85	71.0%	747	46.1%
Tunisia	5	0.0%	38	-3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>11,982</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

### East Mediterranean

The East Mediterranean region produced 282,000 mt in August (-0.7%), with January–August output at 2.28 million mt (+0.7%).

Iraq led with 2.02 million mt (+1.0%), followed by Jordan at 200,000 mt (stable), and Yemen at 65,000 mt (-5.8%).

Country	Aug 2025 (000t)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (000t)	% change 25/24
Iraq	250	0.0%	2,015	1.0%
Jordan	25	0.0%	200	0.0%
Yemen	7	-22.2%	65	-5.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

### Arab Countries

Overall, Arab countries' crude steel production stood at 28.26 million mt in January–August 2025, up 6.1% year on year. Growth was mainly driven by Gulf producers, while Egypt posted a decline offset by strong gains in Algeria and Libya.

	Aug 2025 (000t)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (000t)	% change 25/24
Total Arab countries	3,636	12.7%	28,260	6.1%



### North Africa

#### Rebar Prices in Egypt – September 23, 2025

Steel prices in Egypt witnessed mixed movements today, with some companies maintaining stability while others recorded increases or declines. Ezz Steel remained stable at EGP 38,200 per ton, while Suez Steel also held steady at EGP 37,900 per ton.

On the other hand, several companies lowered their prices. Beshay Steel dropped to EGP 37,000, down by EGP 800, while Egyptian Steel fell to EGP 37,500, marking a decrease of EGP 1,500. El Komy Steel recorded a sharp decline to EGP 35,000, down by EGP 2,500, while El-Ola Steel decreased to EGP 34,500, losing EGP 1,000.

Meanwhile, other producers raised their prices. Ashry Steel climbed to EGP 35,750, up by EGP 550. Garhy Steel rose to EGP 36,000, gaining EGP 500, and Misr Steel advanced to EGP 35,800, up by EGP 300.

At the same time, El Marakby Steel remained unchanged at EGP 38,100, and El-Gioshy Steel at EGP 35,000 per ton.

Rebar prices were as follows compared to the week before last:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,000	-	0
Suez Steel	37,900	-	0
Beshay Steel	37,800	▼	-800
El Marakby Steel	37,500	-	0
Egyptian Steel	38,000	▲	100
Ashry Steel	35,200	▲	550
Garhy Steel	35,500	▲	500
Misr Steel	35,500	▲	300
El komy Steel	37,500	▼	-2500
El Ola steel	35,500	▼	-1000
Al Gioshy steel	35,000	▲	3000

Prices include 14% VAT



## Egyptian Iron and Steel General Assembly Approves Liquidation Report and Extends Process for One Year

The Ordinary General Assembly of Egypt Iron & Steel Company has approved the liquidator's report on the company's liquidation activities during the first half of the current year. It also endorsed the financial position and liquidation revenue and expense accounts for the period from January to the end of June 2025, which recorded a surplus of EGP 1.038 billion.

Meanwhile, the Extraordinary General Assembly approved extending the liquidation period for an additional year starting January 2026, or until the completion of the liquidation process, whichever comes first.

The company noted that it is considering various alternatives to maximize value, in light of discussions on the possibility of operating part of its facilities.

For his part, Minister of Transport and Industry Kamel El-Wazir stated that the government is studying a plan to revive the Helwan steel plant, which includes restarting the continuous casting unit at Plant 7 through the addition of a new furnace, as well as establishing a new unit for producing billet steel.

In the second half of 2024, the liquidation results showed a surplus of EGP 844 million, with revenues reaching EGP 896 million, against expenses of EGP 52 million, including EGP 23 million in total wages.

The company also reviewed the status of its outstanding debts, which stood at approximately EGP 5.9 billion by the end of last year, in addition to EGP 1.37 billion owed to the Metallurgical Industries Holding Company.



#### EMSTEEL launches sustainable steel program (TrueGreen™)

EMSTEEL Group, one of the region's largest publicly traded steel and building materials manufacturers, today announced the launch of TrueGreen™, a strategic sustainability identity that unifies its decades of decarbonisation initiatives. This new identity establishes industry standards for transparency and accountability in sustainable steel production. The launch follows a series of recent milestones, including becoming the first company in MENA to earn ResponsibleSteel™ certification and launching the world's first pilot of electric process gas heaters in the steelmaking industry. These achievements build upon a long-standing history at the forefront of industrial decarbonisation, from its pioneering CCUS Project with ADNOC's Al Reyadah, sourcing clean energy, and launching the region's first hydrogen-based steelmaking pilot with Masdar. These collective efforts have already delivered tangible outcomes, enabling Aldar to use EMSTEEL's low-carbon rebar in the construction of Abu Dhabi's first net-zero carbon mosque on Yas Island, a regional milestone that reaffirms the UAE's leadership in innovation and sustainability. Through TrueGreen™, EMSTEEL equips developers, contractors and financiers with internationally recognised sustainability credentials to meet emissions targets, strengthen bids in sustainability-driven tenders and comply with international regulations such as the European Union Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). All TrueGreen™ steel products are accompanied by independently verified EPDs and supported by advanced digital monitoring systems that provide batch-specific carbon data, ensuring precision and accountability.

"TrueGreen™ is a declaration of our unwavering commitment to sustainable steel, built on decades of innovation and delivered as a transparent, verifiable advantage for our customers," said Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi. "This is a pivotal moment for EMSTEEL, as we empower our partners with the data they need to strengthen their competitiveness and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy." TrueGreen™ aligns directly with the UAE's Net Zero 2050 strategy and supports NDC 3.0, which calls for a 79 per cent reduction in built environment emissions by 2035. With an emission intensity of just 0.67 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne of steel, already significantly below global averages, EMSTEEL is positioning the UAE among the world's pioneers of industrial decarbonisation.

#### Emirates Steel Maintains Rebar Prices for October 2025

Emirates Steel, a subsidiary of EMSTEEL Group, has announced that rebar prices for October production will remain unchanged. The company kept the rebar price at AED 2,590 (USD 705) ex-works. The above prices do not include the 5% VAT.

Headquartered in Abu Dhabi, Emirates Steel has an annual production capacity of 3.5 million tons of steel and 4.6 million tons of cement.

The Group exports its products to more than 70 markets, representing 30% of its sales. It offers a wide range of steel products, including wire rod, rebar, heavy sections, and plates.

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## World

### Steel prices in the fourth week of September 2025

Global steel prices remained relatively stable this week, with only minor fluctuations observed across some products.

**Scrap:** Prices of HS1&2 scrap (Mix 80:20) in Turkey stood at \$340/ton CFR, recording a slight weekly increase of \$5, reflecting continued demand for imported scrap from the USA.

**Iron ore:** Prices of 62% iron ore in Australia decreased to \$104/ton CFR, down by \$2 week-on-week, driven by a modest decline in demand from Chinese steel mills.

**Billet:** Billet prices remained stable, with Russian FOB levels at \$433–440/ton, while Turkey (CFR ex-CIS) recorded \$450–460/ton, showing no change compared to the previous week and indicating a steady market trend.

**Rebar:** Rebar prices also remained unchanged, with Turkish FOB at \$530–545/ton and CIS FOB at \$510–520/ton, supported by consistent domestic and regional demand.

**Wire rod and flat steel:** Wire rod prices in Turkey FOB stayed steady at \$540–550/ton. Hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices from Russia FOB slipped to \$470–480/ton, down \$8 week-on-week, while cold-rolled coil (CRC, 1mm) from China FOB dropped more significantly to \$535–545/ton, down \$15 compared to last week.

Overall, most global steel product prices held steady this week, with limited declines in flat steel products, reflecting a balanced state between supply and demand in international markets.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 27 September 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0-w	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	340	340	27/09/2025	▲	5
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	104	104	27/09/2025	▼	-2
Billet	FOB Russia	433	440	27/09/2025	-	0
	Turkey FOB	450	460	27/08/2025	-	0
Rebar	FOB Turkey	530	545	27/08/2025	-	0
	FOB Ukraine	510	520	27/08/2025	-	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	540	550	27/08/2025	-	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	470	480	27/08/2025	▼	-8
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	535	545	27/08/2025	▼	-15

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**Metal Exchange 27/09/2025.**

Commodity	Prices \$	Commodity	Prices \$
Iron ore, 62% Fe – China \$/t, CFR ex-Australia	103.5 ▼	Brent crude	70.13 ▲
Coking coal Australia \$/t, FOB	191.1 -	Natural gas	3.21 ▲
Ferrous scrap, HMS 1&2 (80:20) Turkey \$/t, CFR ex-USA	340 -	Gold	3,759.94 ▲
Square billet, 125-150 mm CIS \$/t, FOB	435	Silver	46.05 ▲
Rebar, 8-32 mm Turkey \$/t, FOB	535 -	Copper	4.48 ▼
Wire rod, 6.5 mm China \$/t, FOB	476 -	Aluminium	2,545.75 ▼
HRC, 3-12 mm China \$/t, FOB	475 -	lead	2,001.50 ▼

**EU to Address Trump Administration over Steel and Aluminum Dispute**

EU Trade Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič revealed on Friday that the European Union is preparing to send a letter to U.S. President Donald Trump's administration over the weekend, outlining detailed proposals to resolve trade disputes related to steel and aluminum, according to Asharq Al-Awsat.

Concluding his visit to Southeast Asia, Šefčovič stressed that the EU aims to achieve a more balanced trade relationship with Vietnam. Speaking to reporters in Hanoi, he said: "I appreciate Vietnam's commitment, and I look forward to working together to address the remaining obstacles and move forward toward more balanced trade," Reuters reported.

He pointed out that Vietnam's exports to the EU have increased by 60% since the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement came into effect in 2020, compared to only a 10% rise in EU exports to Vietnam. He urged Hanoi to simplify procedures for importing European agricultural products, proposing that licenses granted in one EU member state be automatically recognized across all member states, given the unified rules and standards within the bloc.

Šefčovič also encouraged Vietnam to adopt international standards for the automotive sector, adding that he had discussed distribution ways to enhance investment cooperation with Vietnam's trade minister during his visit.

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World crude steel production for the 70 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 145.3 million tonnes (Mt) in August 2025, a 0.3% increase compared to August 2024.

Africa produced 1.8 Mt in August 2025, down 3.8% on August 2024. Asia and Oceania produced 107.7 Mt, up 0.4%.

The EU (27) produced 8.8 Mt, down 2.8%. Europe, Other produced 3.7 Mt, up 2.1%.

The Middle East produced 3.8 Mt, up 21.5%. North America produced 9.1 Mt, up 1.6%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 6.7 Mt, down 4.9%. South America produced 3.6 Mt, down 5.0%.

### Crude steel production by region

Area	Aug 2025 (Mt)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Aug 25/24
Africa	1.8	-3.8	15.2	3
Asia and Oceania	107.7	0.4	912.4	-1.5
EU (27)	8.8	-2.8	84.5	-3.7
Europe, Other	3.7	2.1	28.1	-4.9
Middle East	3.8	21.5	36.1	1.1
North America	9.1	1.6	71.8	0.6
CIS	6.7	-4.9	55.1	-5.1
South America	3.6	-5	27.5	-2
<b>Total</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,230.60</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

China produced 77.4 Mt in August 2025, down 0.7% on August 2024. India produced 14.1 Mt, up 13.2%. The United States produced 7.2 Mt, up 3.2%. Japan produced 6.6 Mt, down 3.4%. Russia is estimated to have produced 5.5 Mt, down 4.6%. South Korea produced 5.2 Mt, down 6.1%. Türkiye produced 3.4 Mt, up 7.9%. Germany produced 2.6 Mt, down 10.5%. Brazil produced 2.9 Mt, down 4.6%. Iran produced 1.6 Mt, up 17.9%.



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### Top 10 steel-producing countries

Country	Aug 2025 (Mt)	% change Aug 25/24	Jan-Aug 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Aug 25/24
China	77.4	-0.7	671.8	-2.8
India	14.1	13.2	108.9	10.2
United States	7.2	3.2	54.6	1.6
Japan	6.6	-3.4	54.1	-4.5
Russia	5.5	-4.6	46.1	-4.8
South Korea	5.2	-6.1	41.1	-3.5
Türkiye	3.4	7.9	24.9	0.2
Germany	2.6	-10.5	22.4	-11.9
Brazil	2.9	-4.6	22.2	-1.5
Iran	1.6	17.9	19.8	-3.6

### India Raises Steel Exports by 22% in April–August 2025

Preliminary data from BigMint showed that India's steel exports, including stainless steel, increased by 22% year-on-year during April–August 2025, reaching 3.2 million tons.

The growth was driven by higher exports of hot-rolled coil/sheet, up 12% to 0.67 million tons; pipes, up 26% to 0.8 million tons; and long products, up 26% to 0.29 million tons. Meanwhile, exports of cold-rolled coil (CRC) declined by 10% to 0.19 million tons. Stainless steel exports in the period rose slightly by 2% to 0.3 million tons.

The European Union was the largest destination for Indian steel during the period, with imports up 32% year-on-year to 1.37 million tons, supported by buyers' concerns over the upcoming implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

By contrast, shipments to the Middle East remained limited due to weak summer demand and continued dominance of Chinese suppliers in the regional market.

It is worth noting that India reached its target steel production capacity of 205 million tons per year in FY 2024/2025 and is steadily moving toward its strategic goal of 300 million tons annually by FY 2030/2031.




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## Japan's Steel Scrap Exports Up 16.2% in January–August 2025

Customs data showed that Japan's steel scrap exports totaled 513,180 mt in August 2025, up 4.4% compared to 491,652 mt in the same month last year.

In the January–August period of this year, Japan's steel scrap exports increased to 4.95 million mt, marking a 16.2% year-on-year rise.

Vietnam ranked as the top importer of Japanese steel scrap with 2.16 million mt, up 30.8% from the same period in 2024. Bangladesh followed with 835,837 mt (up 143.3%), while South Korea came third with 826,225 mt, recording a decline of 26.1%.

Meanwhile, Taiwan imported 303,290 mt of Japanese scrap during the same period, down significantly from 432,393 mt last year.

## China's semi-finished steel exports up 292% in January-August 2025

In August this year, China's semi-finished steel exports totaled 1.76 million metric tons, up 12% month on month, while rising by 230% year on year, according to China's customs authorities.

Since demand in the domestic market in China was weak in the June-August period, mills and traders were relying on exports, and billet was one of the main products for export sale amid poor rebar market conditions.

In the January-August period this year, China's semi-finished steel exports amounted to 9.24 million metric tons, up 292% year on year

Before the middle of July, the wide price gap between billet from China and billet of other origins, such as Indonesia or Russia, contributed to the relatively high export volume of Chinese billet.

Since orders have already been booked for shipment in September and October, weaker demand and the lack of further price cuts for Chinese billet since the latter half of July may exert a negative impact on Chinese billet export volumes after October

## India : Tata Steel signs gas supply deal with GAIL

India's Tata Steel has signed a natural gas supply agreement with GAIL, the country's largest natural gas company. The deal marks the largest industrial customer onboarding since the launch of GAIL's city gas distribution networks in Varanasi, Patna, Ranchi, East Singhbhum, Cuttack, and Khordha. Under the agreement, GAIL will supply 31,000 standard cubic meters per day (SCMD) of natural gas to Tata Steel's combi-mill plant in Jamshedpur, with volumes set to rise to 43,000 SCMD over time. GAIL said the deal underscores its commitment to supporting India's industrial transition toward cleaner, more efficient operations.

GAIL (India) Limited is the country's largest natural gas company, with operations spanning natural gas transmission, marketing and processing, LPG transmission, petrochemicals, city gas, and exploration and production. Tata Steel ranks among the world's leading steel producers, with an annual crude steel capacity of 35 mln tons.



## Ukraine's steel exports down 13% as domestic consumption rises

Data from the Ukrainian Steel Association *Ukrmetallurgprom* showed that Ukraine's steel exports fell by 13% in the January–August 2025 period, totaling 2.48 million mt compared to 2.85 million mt in the same period of 2024.

Meanwhile, domestic consumption increased by 22.4% to 2.81 million mt, of which 1.04 million mt was supplied through imports, which themselves rose by 25.1%.

Semi-finished steel exports recorded the sharpest decline, down 39.9% to 803,000 mt, while long steel exports rose by 44.6% to 577,000 mt. Flat steel exports remained stable at around 1.1 million mt.

On the imports side, flat products accounted for 70.2%, long products for 21%, while the share of semi-finished products rose to 8.8%.

The EU remained the main export destination for Ukraine, accounting for 81.4% of total exports, while other European countries topped the list of import suppliers with 52.7%.

## Oil Prices Rise 1%, Post Strongest Weekly Gains Since June

Oil prices closed higher on Friday (September 26, 2025), gaining over 1% and marking their strongest weekly performance since mid-June.

Brent crude for November delivery rose 1% to \$70.13 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate gained 1.1% to \$65.72, with weekly increases of 5.2% and 5.3%, respectively.

The rally was driven by an unexpected drop in U.S. inventories and Ukrainian attacks on Russian energy infrastructure, which pushed Moscow to tighten fuel export restrictions and cut production, amid escalating geopolitical tensions and NATO warnings.

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