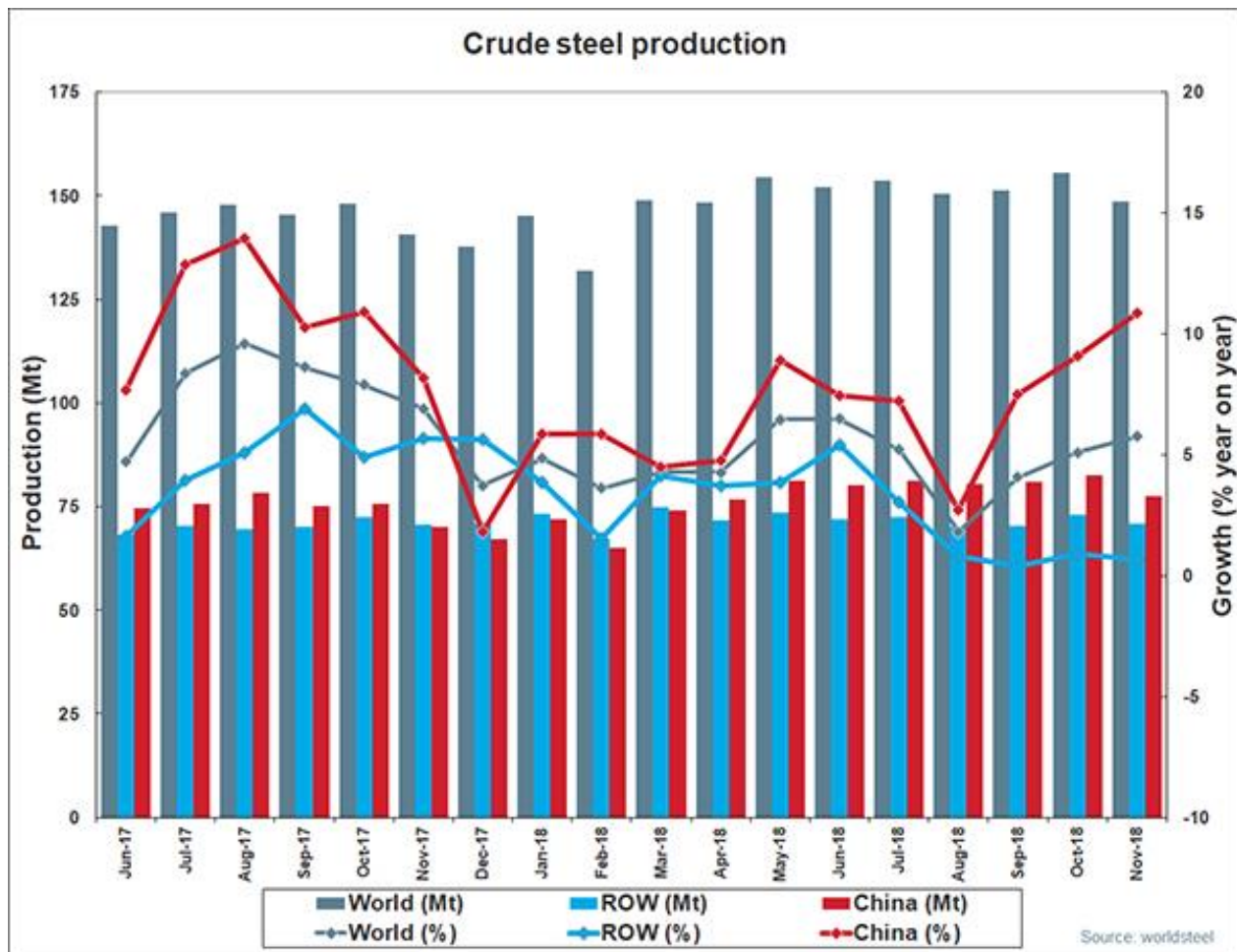


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November 2018 crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to worldsteel

Brussels, 20 December 2018 - World crude steel production for the 64 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 148.6 million tonnes (Mt) in November 2018, a 5.8% increase compared to November 2017.

China's crude steel production for November 2018 was 77.6 Mt, an increase of 10.8% compared to November 2017. Japan produced 8.7 Mt of crude steel in November 2018, a decrease of 0.5% compared to November 2017. South Korea produced 5.9 Mt of crude steel this month, up 1.1% on November 2017.



In the EU, France produced 1.4 Mt of crude steel in November 2018, an increase of 12.8% compared to November 2017. Italy's crude steel production for November 2018 was 2.2 Mt, down by 1.0% on November 2017. Spain produced 1.3 Mt in November 2018, a decrease of 0.7% on 2017.

Brazil produced 2.8 Mt of crude steel in November 2018, down 6.1% on November 2017.

Turkey's crude steel production for November 2018 was 3.1 Mt, a decrease of 2.1% compared to November 2017.

Crude steel production in Ukraine was 1.7 Mt this month, down 11.2% on November 2017.

The US produced 7.4 Mt of crude steel in November 2018, an increase of 11.8% compared to November 2017.

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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 160 steel producers with 9 of the 10 largest steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, and steel research institutes.
- For antitrust reasons worldsteel no longer produces a monthly global capacity utilisation ratio. Information on capacity can be found on the [OECD website](#).