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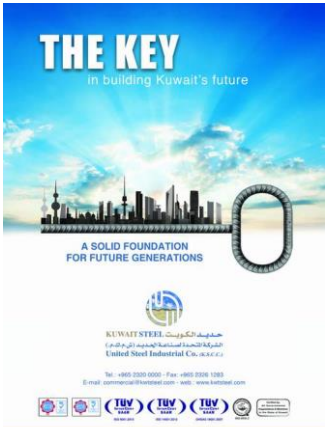
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## North Africa

### Algerian Qatari Steel obtains a certificate of conformity for the reinforcing steel products of the State of Poland

The Algerian Qatari Steel Company was able to obtain a certificate of conformity of quality for reinforcing steel from the State of Poland after completing all audit procedures on the company's production operations, and confirming the quality tests that our products were subjected to, which were in conformity with the marketing specifications in force in Poland, and thus the Algerian Qatari Steel Company proves its position International and the quality of its products at all levels.

The Algerian Qatari Steel Company obtaining this certificate, which was presented by the Polish National Center for Testing and Accreditation "ZETOM", will enable it to market reinforcing steel of various sizes through the Polish markets, which is the first market for "AQS" in Eastern Europe and the first important step for the Algerian-Qatari company. Steel has access to these markets, which is what the company team is keen on, by working on the various quality certificates required in this region to market our products.

The "ZETOM" center certificate represents an important step towards strengthening the position of the company's products, by entering new global markets with a competitive ability that makes it a source of trust for the company's partners in various markets, whether regional or international, in line with the strategic plan of the Algerian state by promoting exports in various sectors. Outside hydrocarbons, mainly the iron and steel sector.

The certificate of quality conformity for marketing our products in Poland is a new achievement that reflects the superiority and technical competence of the Algerian-Qatari steel company in the production of reinforcing steel. This certificate also reflects on a large scale the company's commitment to providing the best products and services according to the highest international standards.



## Algerian Qatari Steel Company is a model of successful Arab partnerships

In recent years, Algeria has transformed from an importer of iron and steel – especially reinforcing steel – into an exporter thanks to two factories, one of which is the result of a partnership between the Algerian government Cedar Group with a share of 46% and the “Qatar Steel International” company affiliated with Qatar Mining with a share of 49%, while 5% belongs to the National Fund. Algerian investment. The Bellara iron and steel complex – whose investment cost exceeded two billion dollars – is considered one of the largest reduction units in the world, and it is classified as one of the largest industrial complexes in Algeria and Africa, and it is expected to compete globally when the production rate reaches 5 million tons annually, and the reduction unit is one of nine. It includes the factory, with a production capacity of 2.5 tons per year of reduced iron. Youssef bin Ahmed Al-Muhannadi, General Manager and CEO of the Algerian-Qatari Steel Company, confirmed to Al-Jazeera Net that the company is the largest Arab-Arab investment in the field of steel. For his part, economist Mahfouz Kaoubi believes that the Algerian-Qatari steel company is among the “leading experiences in the Arab world, especially since the project is part of Algeria’s strategy to diversify the income of the economy by relying on the iron and steel industry, which is one of the strategic sectors in the country.”

### Production

The factory, located in the coastal region of Milia, in the state of Jijel, in eastern Algeria, entered production in December 2017, and was able to export \$110 million worth of products, in addition to covering part of the local demand.

The Algerian Qatari Steel Company is considered one of the most important poles of the iron and steel industry at the local and regional levels, with a production capacity of two million tons annually of final steel products. During the next phase, the company plans to double the production capacity to reach 4 million tons annually of iron products, according to the agreement concluded between Algeria and Qatar in 2022 to complete the second phase of the expansion of the “Bellara” steel complex.

### Miscellaneous products

The industrial complex of the Algerian-Qatari Steel Company (AQS) includes 9 production units based on advanced technology based on the principle of preserving the surrounding environment, while ensuring high production rates that comply with international quality standards.

The Algerian-Qatari Steel Company obtained a quality certificate of conformity for reinforcing steel products and coils of iron wire from the British Authority for the Accreditation of Steel Products Worldwide, which opens the global markets in front of it.

In addition to iron bars and coils of iron wire, the plant produces oxygen, nitrogen and argon through the gas separation plant. It also produces limestone and magnesium-rich lime.

Al-Mohannadi expects that with the launch of the second phase of the project, the factory will produce “new types of iron products to meet the needs of the local and international markets.”



### Latest rebar prices update in Egypt is August 22, 2023

According to the daily follow-up of iron prices in Egypt, rebar prices ranged between EGP 31,500 – 33,000, EXW.

The companies that did not change the prices are Ezz Steel EGP 32,135, Suez Steel EGP 32,050, Beshay Steel EGP 33,000, El Marakby Steel EGP 31,500, Egyptian Steel EGP 32,050, Ashry Steel EGP 32,000 and Garhy Steel EGP 31,500.

The companies that raised prices are Misr Steel from EGP 31,000 to EGP 32,000, El Komy Steel from EGP 30,500 to EGP 32,000, El Ola Steel from EGP 30,500 to EGP 31,700, and Al Gioshy Steel from EGP 30,500 to EGP 31,800.

Rebar prices today are as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer
Ezz Steel	32,135	⬇️
Suez Steel	32,050	⬇️
Beshay Steel	33,000	⬇️
El Marakby Steel	31,500	⬇️
Egyptian Steel	32,050	⬇️
Ashry Steel	32,000	⬇️
Garhy Steel	31,500	⬇️
Misr Steel	32,000	⬆️
El komy Steel	32,000	⬆️
El Ola steel	31,700	⬆️
Al Gioshy steel	31,800	⬆️

Prices include 14% VAT

### Morocco leads the Arab countries importing steel tubes from Türkiye in H1 2023

In June this year, Turkey's total welded tube exports increased by 38.0% month-on-month to reach 201,678 tonnes and decreased by 11.0% year-on-year, according to data provided by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

The value of these exports amounted to \$205.06 million, an increase of 33.4% on a monthly basis, and a decrease of 25.9% compared to June 2022.

From January to June of this year, Turkey's exports of welded tubes amounted to 924,204 tonnes, a decrease of 12.0%, while the value of these exports decreased by 23.2% to reach \$940.49 billion, both compared to the same period in 2022.

In the specified period, Turkey's largest welded tube export destination was Romania which imported 143,656 tonnes. In second place was Morocco, which topped the Arab countries importing welded tubes from Turkey with 124,614 tonnes, and the United Kingdom came in third place with 75,204 tonnes.





### Gulf Area

#### **Bahrain Steel signs a letter of intent to supply iron ore to the Essar Green Steel project in Saudi Arabia**

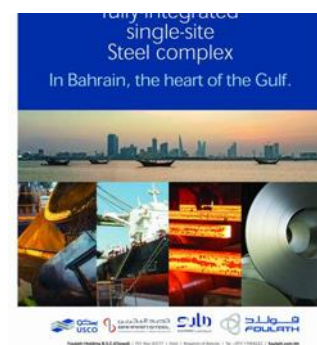
Bahrain Steel Company, a subsidiary of Foulath Holding Company, one of the global leaders in the production and supply of high-quality iron ore pellets, has signed a letter of intent with Essar International Group to supply iron ore pellets to the Arab Green Steel project. The signing ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in Jubail, Saudi Arabia, in the presence of a number of senior officials from both sides.

Through this partnership, Bahrain Steel will supply 4 million tons of DR pellets annually to Essar Group. It is worth noting that Bahrain Steel is the only company owned by investors from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and is the leader in the production and supply of high quality direct reduction iron ore pellets to steel producers in the region.

Commenting on this partnership, Mr. Dilip George, CEO of Foulath Holding Group, said: “Bahrain Steel’s letter of intent with Essar Group to supply 4 million tons of iron ore pellets annually reflects our commitment to meet the growing demand for these products by the steel industry in the GCC countries. Gulf. We are proud to collaborate with Essar Group to support their pioneering project to establish the first green steel project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which will see the concept focus on sustainable development.”

For his part, Mr. Naushad Ansari, Regional President of Essar Group in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said: “Essar is looking forward to investing around \$4.5 billion in the construction of an integrated steel plant in Ras Al-Khair, Saudi Arabia. This letter of intent, after approval and signing of the final contracts, will secure 50% of the raw material supply of iron ore pellets for the Saudi Steel Mill. If all goes as planned, we expect commercial production trial runs to begin in 2027.”

The Essar project is set to be the first green steel project in the region that aims to set a new global milestone in carbon dioxide reduction. The project will have a direct ductile iron production capacity of 5mtpa, consisting of two units of 2.5mtpa each, 4mt hot rolled coils, plus 1mt cold rolled coils along with galvanizing lines and sheets. zinc. In line with the Kingdom’s continuous demand for steel products and the goals set by Vision 2030, the facility will cater to all major value-added steel consuming industries including: structural steel, oil and gas, automotive, packaging and engineering.



On the sidelines of the signing of the memorandum of understanding, the economic advisor, Muhammad bin Saleh Al-Jabr, the former head of the Iron Company, said that the iron and steel industry in the Kingdom is witnessing an extensive movement, and that one of the results of the national iron plan that the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, in cooperation with other parties in the transformation plan program, was to prepare and be approved by the High Commissioner. Focusing on the development of the private sector and the manufacturing industry, and this requires achieving balance in the current and future outputs of iron and steel factories. Therefore, these results indicated a focus on the steel flat industry to create balance as is practiced globally, as well as bridging the gap between supply and demand, neutralizing the import of these products, and encouraging local factories to contribute In improving the local content and shifting to the production of value-added flat steel products such as steel rolls of all kinds for the uses of the heavy plate and automotive industries and flat chips for the production of Tin Plate steel sheets for the purposes of covers for the food sector, dyes, refrigerators, ovens and other specialized products in addition to The pipeline sector, gas, oil and water with high specifications, which are mostly imported from abroad.

This was within a strategic plan drawn up by the Iron Company about two decades ago, but due to various circumstances that are not mentioned now, the Ministry of Investment and the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources have attracted major international companies to achieve these aspirations and in line with the transformation plan and with investments exceeding 30 billion Saudi riyals.

Accordingly, it is expected to increase the production capacity of the flats sector from about 2 million to about 8 million tons annually in 2027 and 2028, God willing, which will contribute to increasing the national product and resettlement of employment. This will increase the production capacity of crude steel in the Kingdom to about 18 to 20 million tons annually, which will make the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contribute to maintaining the forefront of producing countries, not only in the Arabian Gulf, but also in the Arab world and the Middle East, which is in line with the vision of the Crown Prince to be The Middle East is at the forefront of the world industrially and economically during the coming years, God willing.



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#### Steel prices in the fourth week of August 2023

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$374/ tonne, \$1 down compared to last week's prices, and iron ore prices \$116/ tonne, \$7 up compared to last week's prices, while the prices of billets ranged between 460 – 500 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 55 – 490 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 565 – 590 dollars/tonne, while it was between 560 – 585 dollars per tonne last week.

The following iron and steel prices in the global markets on 26/08/2023

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-o-w
Scrap HMS 1 & 2 (800)	CFR Turkey	374	374	26/08/2023	↓
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- China	116	116	26/08/2023	↑
	FOB Russia	460	470	26/08/2023	↑
Billet	Ex- CIS, CFR Turkey	480	500	26/08/2023	↑
Rebar	FOB Turkey	580	590	26/08/2023	↑
	FOB Ukraine	565	570	26/08/2023	↑
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	590	610	26/08/2023	↑
HR coil	FOB Russia	570	580	26/08/2023	↔
CR coil	FOB China	635	645	26/08/2023	↑

#### US issues final AD duty on rectangular pipes from China's Ailong

The US Department of Commerce (DOC) has announced the final results of its administrative review of the antidumping (AD) duty order on light-walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from China for the period between August 1, 2021 and July 31, 2022.

Accordingly, the US DOC has determined that Chinese Hangzhou Ailong Metal Product Company's (Ailong) sales of the subject goods were made below normal value during the period of review.

The DOC has determined weighted-average dumping margin at 255.07% for the company, in line with the preliminary results.

The final antidumping duty for the country is applicable from August 25.



## World crude steel production rises by 6.6% in July 2023

According to preliminary data announced by the World Steel Organization on world production (63 countries) in July 2023, crude steel production amounted to 158.5 Mt, a 6.6% increase compared to production in July 2022. Africa produced 1.4 Mt in July 2023, up 26.1% on July 2022. Asia and Oceania produced 119.9 Mt, up 9.1%.

The EU (27) produced 10.3 Mt, down 7.1%. Europe, Other produced 3.6 Mt, up 5.1%. The Middle East produced 3.1 Mt, down 3.9%.

North America produced 9.4 Mt, down 1.2%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 7.4 Mt, up 9.3%. South America produced 3.4 Mt, down 8.4%.

### Crude steel production by region

Region	July2023	% change July22/23	Jan-July23(Mt)	% change 22/23
Africa	1.4	26.1	9.0	7.0
Asia and Oceania	119.9	9.1	828.4	1.7
EU (27)	10.3	-7.1	76.7	-10.3
Europe, Other	3.6	5.1	23.8	-11.7
Middle East	3.1	-3.9	26.2	2.3
North America	9.4	-1.2	64.1	-3.5
CIS	7.4	9.3	51.2	-0.8
South America	3.4	-8.4	23.7	-7.4
Total	158.5	6.6	1,103.2	-0.1

As for the Arab countries, Egypt topped the production of Arab countries in July 2023, producing 855,000 tonnes, a up 4.0%, followed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, producing 810,00 tonnes, a decline of 5.2%. The UAE came in third place, producing 240,000 tonnes, a decline of 19.2%.

### Arab countries' production of crude steel

Countries	July2023 (000t)	July change 22/23(000t)	Jan-July(000t)	% change 22/23
Egypt	855	20.8	5622	2.0
K.S.A	810	-5.2	5459	0.1
UAE	240	-19.2	1689	-10.0
Qatar	102	4.1	669	4.2
Libya	64	267.5	468	18.8
Tunisia	8	14.3	55	14.6
Total	2079	4.9	13962	0.2





#### Tata Steel Contracts Danieli Corus for New Hot-Blast Stoves

Tata Steel awarded a contract to Danieli Corus for the addition of a fourth stove to the existing hot-blast systems in Jamshedpur (H and I furnaces), as well as blast furnace #2 in Meramandali. The objective is to achieve greater operational and maintenance flexibility, while allowing for increased blast furnace production rates.

With 3230 m<sup>3</sup> working volume, and nominal daily production design of 8700 t of hot metal each, these blast furnaces were commissioned in 2008, 2012 and 2014.

At the time of construction of the existing systems, provisions were made for such an expansion and the new stoves will be built in the available space directly adjacent to the third stoves.

With hot-blast stoves built around 40-50 years ago and still in operation in Europe, India, Brazil, and the USA, the technology selected for this project is truly “best in class”.





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