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STEEL TRAFFIC AT INDIAN PORTS (Qty in Million Tonnes)

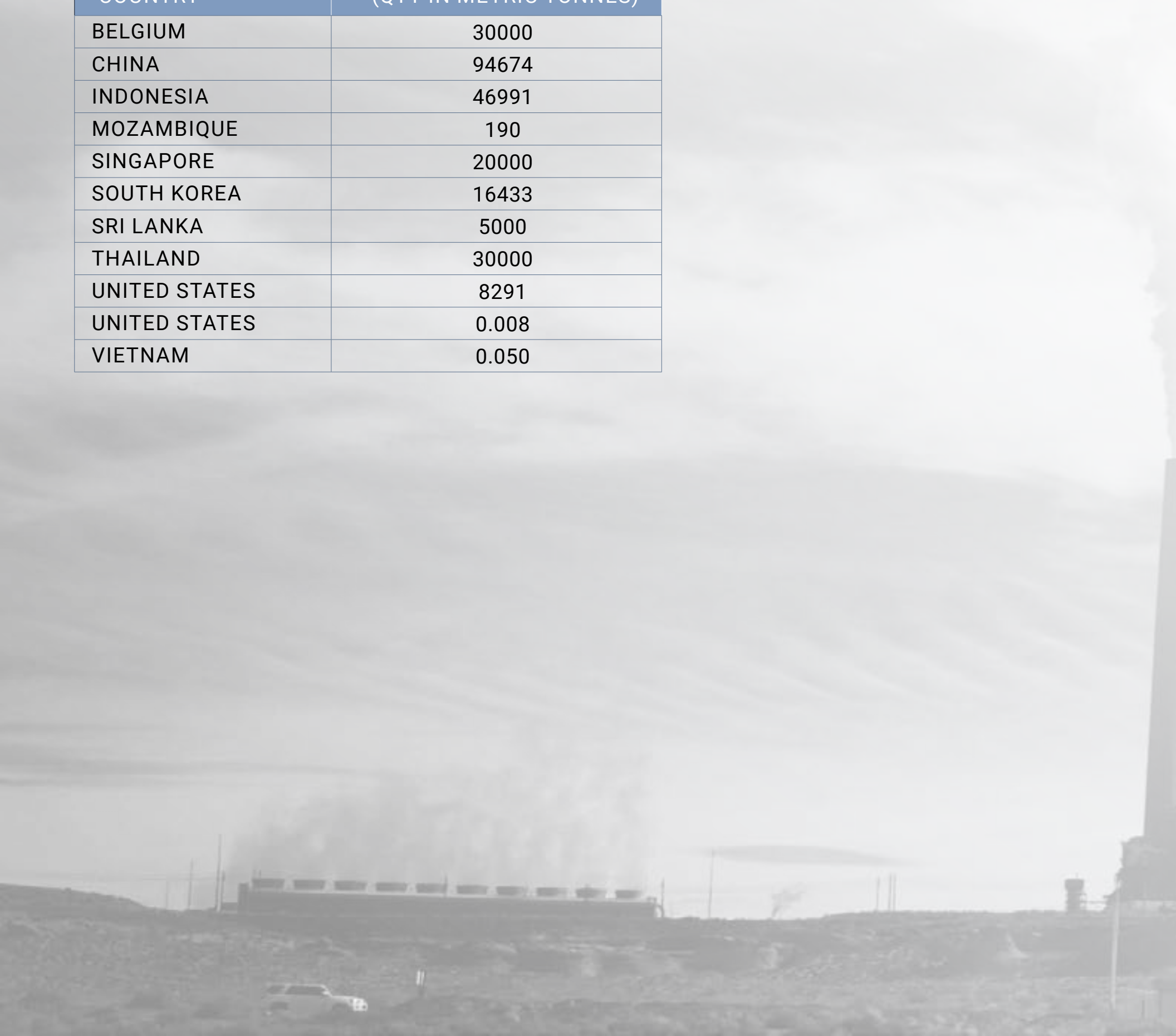
PORT	APR- FEB 2020-21	APR- FEB 2019-20	VARIANCE
CHENNAI	1.854	1.731	0.123
COCHIN	0.008	0.018	-0.010
DAHEJ	0.141	0.162	-0.022
DHAMRA	1.194	0.965	0.230
ENNORE	0.241	0.122	0.119
GANGAVARAM	1.519	0.491	1.028
HALDIA	1.416	0.762	0.654
HAZIRA	0.680	0.184	0.496
KANDLA	1.193	0.972	0.222
KARAIKAL	0.111	0.000	0.111
KATTUPALLI	0.044	0.032	0.012
KOLKATA	0.066	0.021	0.045
KRISHNAPATNAM	0.362	0.018	0.345
MAGDALLA	0.137	0.463	-0.326
MANGALORE	0.310	0.136	0.175
MAYABUNDER	0.000	0.000	0.000
MORMUGAO	1.664	1.160	0.505
MUMBAI	1.741	2.708	-0.967
MUNDRA	0.978	1.356	-0.378
PARADIP	2.941	1.727	1.214
PORT BLAIR	0.001	0.000	0.001
REVDANDA	0.026	0.000	0.026
TUTICORIN	0.002	0.007	-0.004
VISAKHAPATNAM	1.296	0.130	1.166
GRAND TOTAL	17.928	13.225	4.703

Country-wise Steel Imports to India March 2021 (Qty In Million tonnes)

COUNTRY	(QTY IN METRIC TONNES)
CHINA	19212
JAPAN	72603
MAURITIUS	545
OMAN	10167
SOUTH KOREA	112390
TAIWAN	19733
U.A.E.	2945

Country-wise Steel exports from India March -2021 (Qty In Million tonnes)

COUNTRY	(QTY IN METRIC TONNES)
BELGIUM	30000
CHINA	94674
INDONESIA	46991
MOZAMBIQUE	190
SINGAPORE	20000
SOUTH KOREA	16433
SRI LANKA	5000
THAILAND	30000
UNITED STATES	8291
UNITED STATES	0.008
VIETNAM	0.050



MAJOR STEEL IMPORTERS March -2021 (Qty in Million Tonnes)

IMPORTER	(QTY IN METRIC TONNES)
WELSPUN CORPN. LTD.	35052
ESSAR STEEL INDIA LTD.	33258
LARSEN AND TOUBRO LTD.	29698
ARCELOR MITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA LTD.	26308
CHINA STEEL CORPN. INDIA PVT. LTD.	19733
RATNAMANI METALS AND TUBES LTD.	14579
MAHARASHTRA SEAMLESS LTD.	10167
WELSPUN STEEL PVT. LTD.	8500
JINDAL STEEL AND POWER LTD.	7805
SANMAN TRADE IMPEX INDUS.	2945
METAL ONE CORPN. INDIA PVT. LTD.	2569
GE INDIA INDUSTRIAL PVT. LTD.	2316
MAHINDRA STEEL SERVICE CENTRE LTD.	2053
ABDUL KHAIR GROUP	1979
NOVOTECH STEEL AND ALLOYS PVT. LTD.	1634

MAJOR STEEL EXPORTERS March -2021 (Qty In Million tonnes)

EXPORTER	(QTY IN METRIC TONNES)
ARCELORMITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA LTD.	53000
BENGAL INDUS. PVT. LTD.	8
GODAVARI POWER & ISPAT LTD.	5000
JINDAL ITF LTD.	190
JINDAL SAW LTD.	16433
JINDAL STEEL AND POWER LTD.	62674
JINDAL STEEL PVT. LTD.	44300
JINDAL STEEL WORKS LTD.	70895
JSW INTL. TRADE CORPN. PTE LTD.	30000
STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LTD.	66491
TATA STEEL LTD.	6500
WELSPUN CORPN. LTD.	8283

STEEL PRODUCTION DOWN 10% TO 86 MT IN 11 MONTHS OF FY21



Domestic prices likely to rise further



Domestic production of finished steel fell by 10.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis to 85.6 million tonnes during the first 11 months of the just-concluded financial year, according to data provided by the Ministry of Steel's Joint Plant Committee. Consumption during the same period too fell by 9.9 per cent to 84.7 million tonnes. Steel producers have made rapid gains after producing half their usual volume during the initial months of the pandemic. Production during February rose 7.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis to 9.2 million tonnes. The scale-up comes amid a sharp rise in domestic and global steel prices. Domestic prices expected to rise further on the back of higher international prices. "Domestic steel prices remained firm in March, trades at an ₹6,000 discount to prices from Korea, indicative of a further upside in prices," Motilal Oswal Financial Services said in a note. "Spreads on steel prices remain firm despite a rise in iron ore prices." Exports for the 11-month period have also risen 22 per cent on a year-on-year basis to 9.5 million tonnes. On the other hand, imports are down 9 per cent to 4.3 million tonnes.

Source: The Hindu Business Line

JSW STEEL COMMENCES PRODUCTION OF HOT-ROLLED PLATES FROM DOLVI WORKS



“JSW Steel has commenced production of Hot-rolled plates from the new 5 million tonne per annum hot strip mill facility at its Dolvi Works,” the company said.



Steel maker JSW Steel announced it has started producing hot-rolled plates at Dolvi Works plant in Maharashtra. The production at the said plant began, JSW Steel said. “On March 31, 2021, JSW Steel has commenced production of hot-rolled plates from the new 5 MTPA hot strip mill facility at its Dolvi Works,” it said. Located on the west coast of India at Dolvi in Maharashtra, Dolvi Works is JSW Steel’s integrated steel plant having current capacity of 5 million tonner per annum (MTPA). The company is in process to double its capacity to 10 MTPA with an investment of about Rs 15,000 crore.

Source: Money Control



JSPL EAGER TO BUILD CONTAINER MANUFACTURING UNIT IN PARADIP



It will be a port-based container manufacturing unit to be built on over 100 acres of land, JSPL Chairman Naveen Jindal said during a visit to Paradip Port.

Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (JSPL) has expressed interest to set up a container manufacturing unit at Paradip, as part of its commitment to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in Odisha' initiatives. It will be a port-based container manufacturing unit to be built on over 100 acres of land, JSPL Chairman Naveen Jindal said during a visit to Paradip Port. The Paradip Port authorities have agreed to provide 100 acres of land required for the purpose, sources said. Jindal held a meeting with senior officials of Paradip Port Trust on Tuesday and also discussed JSPL's proposal for a dedicated railway freight corridor from Angul to Paradip.

Source: Economic Times



JSW STEEL'S CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION UP BY 6% TO 4.19 MT IN Q4 OF FY 21



During the quarter under review, the steel production went up by 4% year-on-year to 2.99 mt and long steel production went up by 11%.

On a quarter on quarter basis, steel production remained at whereas long steel registered a growth of 13% indicating a rise in infrastructure and construction demand. Steelmaker reported a 6% growth in the crude steel production of 4.19 million tonnes in the last quarter of the nancial year 2021, as against 3.97 million tonnes a year ago. "The company's average capacity utilisation improved from 91% for the third quarter to 93% in Q4 of FY 21. However, the capacity utilisation during the month of March 2021 was 96%", the company said in a statement. During the quarter under review, the steel production went up by 4% year-on-year to 2.99 mt and long steel production went up by 11%. On a quarter on quarter basis, steel production remained at whereas long steel registered a growth of 13% indicating a rise in infrastrucur and construction demand. For the nancial year FY 21, JSW Steel's production fell short by 6% to 15.08 million tonnes owing to the stringent pandemic-led lockdown during the rst half of the Fnancial year. In FY20, the company registered a crude steel production growth of 16.06 million tonnes. "Even though the average capacity utilisation improved from 66% in Q1 2020-21 to 93% in Q4 2020-21, the crude steel production for FY 2020-21 was lower by 6% mainly due to disruption in production caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 in Q1 2020-21," the company said in its media statement.

Source: Economic Times



COVID-19 PUSHED STEEL EXPORTS TO RECORD HIGH IN FY21



Finished steel exports in FY21 stood at 11.65 mn tonnes and semi-finished at 7.25 mn tonnes, up 31% and 153%, respectively, over previous year

Steel exports touched a record high in FY21, saving the day for companies, as domestic consumption dragged due to Covid-related disruptions in the first half of the year. Data compiled by Joint Plant Committee (JPC) shows that finished steel exports between April-March 2020-2021 (provisional) stood at 10.785 million tonnes, an increase of 29.1 per cent; exports of semi-finished steel during the period were at 6.6 million tonnes, an increase of 133 per cent. JPC officials said that the data showed that this was an all-time high. The previous high was in 2017-18 at 11.614 million tonnes. SteelMint data pegged finished steel exports in FY21 at 11.65 million tonnes and semi-finished at 7.25 million tonnes, an increase of 31 per cent and 153 per cent over the previous year. SteelMint said that exports in FY21 was an all-time high. Industry sources said that the previous high was in 2017-18 at 11.614 million tonnes. Jayant Acharya, director – commercial & marketing, JSW Steel, said, exports of 17-plus million tonne in FY21 is the highest. “Of this, about 11 million tonne was in the first half. China was importing large quantities during this period,” he explained. Sushim Banerjee, former director general, Institute for Steel Development & Growth (INSDAG), too, said that this was a record for exports. In the first half of the year, when India imposed a nationwide lockdown to contain Covid-19, companies resorted to exports. Jindal Steel & Power (JSPL) managing director, V R Sharma, said that the company had recorded its highest exports. Exports accounted for 35 per cent of sales in FY21 for the company compared to 13 per cent in the prior year. However, it now stands at 25 per cent of sales, pointed out Sharma.

Explaining the backdrop, Acharya, said, “In H1, domestic consumption was down by 28 per cent due to strict Covid related restrictions and lockdown. Exports was the main outlet in H1. With gradual opening up,

domestic business started picking up from July/August '20 and consumption improved in Q3 '21 and Q4 '21. In H2, consumption was up by 15-16 per cent," he added. Overall, the year ended with a drop in consumption of 6.7 per cent and production to the tune of 7.8 per cent. However, it was still better than the projections made in April last year for FY21 as demand picked up over Q3 and Q4. "The intensity with which the recovery happened surprised everyone. Demand was led by automotive, appliances, and followed by renewable energy. Infrastructure and construction, Roads and highways, yellow goods, followed next," said Acharya. However, even as domestic demand has picked up, exports are expected to be robust on the back of higher realisations. "Export realisations are now higher than domestic as prices in China, Europe and US have surged," said Acharya. A Crisil report said that while exports of finished steel in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 were driven by lackluster domestic demand, the surge in the last quarter was led by higher export realisation. Crisil expects the momentum to continue and push finished steel exports another 12-16 per cent higher this fiscal. However, the dampener for the industry could be rising Covid cases. Acharya said, "As of now, production was not impacted, but we are watching the situation." He added, stricter implementation of Covid appropriate norms and localised restrictions to contain the spread of the infection was required rather than a lockdown.

Source: Economic Times



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