



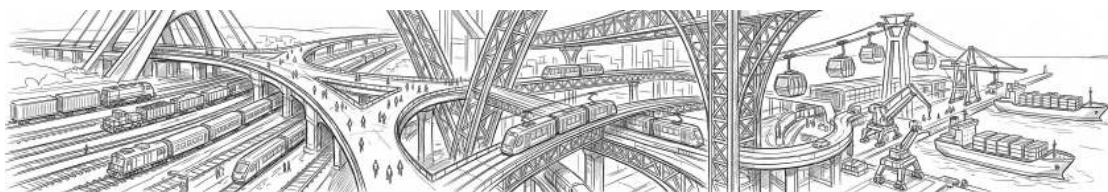
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Steel Coverage (India)

- **Tata Steel India Production Rises 10% in Q2:** Tata Steel's India operations delivered crude steel production of **6.21 million mt** in **Q2 FY 2026-27**, up **10%** year on year, with total sales of **5.97 million mt**, up **7%**. The automotive and special products vertical posted best-ever Q2 volumes of **~1.1 million mt (19% up)**, while retail and branded products hit **~2.2 million mt**. Overseas, the **Netherlands** produced **1.52 million mt** liquid steel with **1.30 million mt** sales, the **UK** delivered **0.38 million mt**, and **Thailand** produced **0.32 million mt** with sales of **0.31 million mt**.
- **India Coking Coal Imports Rise 10% at Ports:** India's coking coal imports through major ports...





... reached an estimated **33.525 million mt** in **April-September FY 2026-27**, up **10.07%** year over year, per Indian Ports Association data released **October 8**. September 2026 alone recorded **5.123 million mt** of inward coking coal traffic. Separately, total iron ore freight traffic, including pellets, rose **7.25%** year over year to an estimated **25.238 million mt** during the same six-month period.

- **BMWIL Commissions Color Coating Line in Jharkhand:** BMW Industries Limited (BMWIL) has commissioned a new color coating line at Bokaro, Jharkhand, marking the first step of its greenfield downstream steel complex, built with an estimated investment of **\$83 million**. The complex will include color coating, cold rolled full hard (CRFH), GA (zinc-iron alloy), ZAM (zinc-aluminum-magnesium), and GI (galvanized iron) lines. Chairman Ram Gopal Varma said the move transitions BMWIL from a conversion-led business to an integrated, value-added downstream steel player controlling the chain from hot rolled to coated products.

Steel Coverage (Global)

- **World Bank Cuts Europe and Central Asia Outlook:** The World Bank projects Europe and Central Asia growth slowing from **2.6%** in 2025 to **2.2%** in 2026, citing higher energy prices, weak EU demand, and tighter financing. Excluding Russia, growth falls from **3.7%** to **3.0%**. Central Asia leads at **5.8%**, while Romania contracts **0.5%**. Regional inflation stands at **5.4%**; Turkey's slows to **31.5%** with growth easing to **2.8%**. Recovery to **2.6%** is forecast by 2028.

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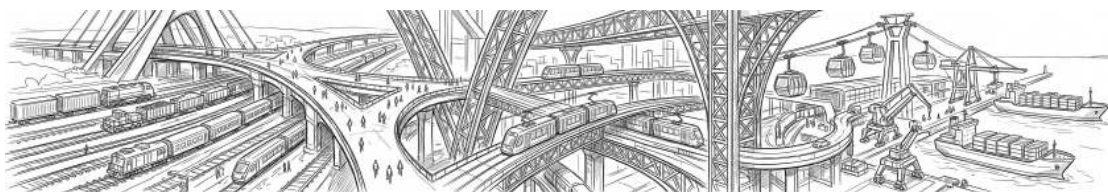
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- **South Korea Unveils KRW 1 Quadrillion Green Strategy:** South Korea's **K-GX Strategy** will mobilize **KRW 1 quadrillion (\$746.14 billion)** over **2026-2035**, including **KRW 220 trillion (\$164.11 billion)** in private investment across ten signature projects. The plan targets a **300,000 mt** hydrogen-based ironmaking facility by **2030**, **100 GW** of renewables by **2030**, and **KRW 790 trillion (\$589.29 billion)** in climate finance. **POSCO Holdings** will help build a decarbonized steel ecosystem, alongside production tax credits for solar, wind, and batteries.
- **Nucor Commits \$105 Million to Indiana Utility Structures Expansion:** Nucor Corporation will invest **\$105 million** to expand its Nucor Towers and Structures facility in Crawfordsville, Indiana, pending approvals. The expansion adds over **120,000 square feet** of manufacturing space for utility poles supporting power transmission and distribution infrastructure, creating **100 new jobs** with average annual wages of **\$87,500**. The facility currently employs **328** people. CEO Leon Topalian cited strong utility demand as U.S. grid modernization accelerates. Nucor is also building another facility in Utah, having formed the unit in **2022** via the Summit Utility Structures acquisition.
- **Nippon Steel's 2.0 GPa Sheet Powers Nissan ELGRAND:** Japan-based Nippon Steel announced that its hydrogen-embrittlement-resistant **2.0 GPa**-class aluminized hot-stamping steel sheet has been adopted for Nissan Motor's all-new ELGRAND vehicle. The product combines a high strength level of approximately **2,000 MPa** with resistance to hydrogen embrittlement, a delayed cracking form affecting ultra-high-strength steels. Hot stamping involves heating

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steel sheets and forming and quenching them in dies to produce high-strength automotive components. This adoption further strengthens Nippon Steel's portfolio of advanced automotive steel applications.

- **Voestalpine Commissions Power Unit for EAF Shift:** Austrian steelmaker Voestalpine has commissioned a new power plant unit at its Linz plant under its greentec steel decarbonization program. Completed in the **summer of 2026**, the unit generates electricity from steam produced while cooling the new electric arc furnace (EAF), compensating for reduced blast furnace gas once the EAF replaces blast furnace No. 5 in **2027**. The facility is undergoing hot commissioning and will support hybrid EAF and blast furnace production.
- **Severstal's Yakovlevsky Plant Targets Ore Drying Surge:** Severstal's Yakovlevsky Mining and Processing Plant has begun its **2026/27** ore drying season, targeting **1.8 million mt** of processed ore by **spring 2027**, a **29%** increase from **1.4 million mt** last season. Running **October through March**, the process cuts ore moisture from **8%** to **3%** to prevent freezing during rail transport to the Cherepovets Iron and Steel Works. Over **70** repairs and **1,500** bag filter replacements were completed, with technical improvements expected to yield **RUB 1.1 million** in maintenance savings.
- **EUROFER Sees EU Auto Steel Demand Weakness Deepening:** EU automotive production is forecast to fall **0.9%** in **2026** (revised from a **0.2%** decline) before recovering **3.5%** in **2027**, per EUROFER's Q3 outlook. This follows drops of **9.6%** in **2024** and **4.1%** in **2025**, driven by trade tensions, energy costs, and weak EV uptake. Car registrations

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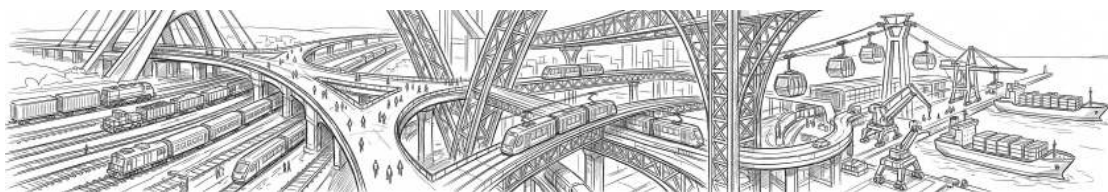
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rose **5.7%** in **H1 2026**, with hybrids at **37%** and battery-electric at **20.7%**. Steel-consuming industries are expected to grow **1.5%** in **2026** and **2.5%** in **2027**.

- **EEC Prolongs China OCTG Antidumping Duties Five Years:** The Eurasian Economic Commission extended antidumping duties on seamless oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from China until **October 5, 2031**, following a repeated investigation launched on **December 22, 2025**. Duties range from **12.23%** to **31.0%** of customs value, depending on manufacturer. The move responded to complaints from producers including Chelyabinsk Pipe Rolling Plant, Pervouralsk New Pipe Plant, and Vyksa Steel Works. Previously, in February, the EEC had extended duties until **December 21, 2026**.
- **China Steel Inventories Fall 1.9% in Late September:** Inventories of the five main finished steel products across **21** major Chinese cities dropped **1.9%** to **9.14 million mt** by **September 30**, per CISA, following a **2.8%** decline in mid-September. Wire rod fell **4.7%** and rebar **7.0%**, while medium steel plate rose **2.8%**; HRC and CRC held stable. The destocking was driven by pre-holiday restocking ahead of the **October 1–7** National Day holiday and mill production cuts amid sustained losses.
- **Turkey Billet Imports Rise on Russia, China Supply:** Turkey's billet and bloom imports reached **3.34 million mt** in **January-August 2026**, up **15.2%** year-over-year, valued at **\$1.68 billion (+15.9%)**. Russia led supplies at **935,338 mt (+45.2%)**, followed by China at **800,355 mt (+53.5%)** and Malaysia at **426,416 mt (-39%)**. August imports fell to **284,733 mt (-24.7% YoY)**, worth **\$150.20 million**, as Russian

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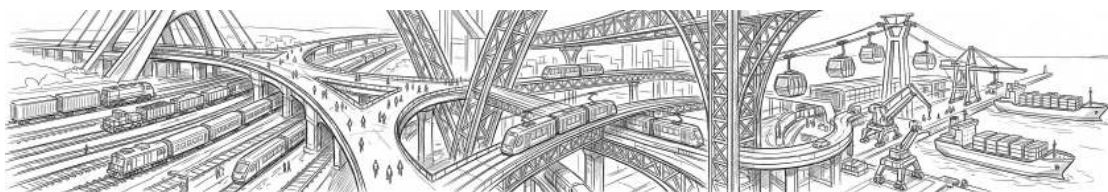
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shipments dropped **76.3%** and suppliers shifted toward Oman and Pakistan.

- Brazil September Auto Production Dips 1% Monthly:** Brazil produced **268,300** vehicles in September, down from **271,200** units in August, which was the highest output since **October 2019**. Domestic sales rose **2.3%** month-on-month to **281,400** units, while exports held at **39,800** units. Year-over-year, production grew **15.7%** and sales rose **22.1%**, but exports fell **24.2%**, hurt by weak demand from **Argentina and Mexico** and Chinese competition. For full-year **2026**, Anfavea forecasts production of **2.822 million units**, up **6.7%**, sales of **3.099 million units**, up **15.2%**, and exports down **17.7%** to **435,000** units.
- Al Ashry Steel Plans IPO to Fund Billet Expansion:** Egypt's Al Ashry Steel Group plans to offer **20-30%** of its shares on the Egyptian Exchange in **H1 2027** to diversify financing and fund capacity expansion. Adviser appointments are expected before **end-2026**. The company has applied for two billet production licenses of **500,000 mt** each—**1 million mt** combined annual capacity—with investment estimated at **EGP 12 billion** to boost domestic feedstock supply and cut import reliance.
- 7 Steel UK Inks 11-Year Rail Transport Deal:** UK-based 7 Steel UK signed an **11-year** rail transport agreement with GB Railfreight (GBRf) to move scrap steel and finished products to and from its Cardiff facilities, starting **October 2026**. GBRf will deliver finished steel, including rebar and coiled steel, across the **UK**. The deal expands a **15-year** partnership, adds two new purpose-built scrap

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wagon sets in **2027**, extends on-site shunting operations, and supports reduced road congestion and carbon emissions.

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