



Recently Published Data and Indices Affecting the Stainless Steel Industry

View Points

The demand for stainless steel — particularly Outokumpu stainless steel — continues to be strong. For deliveries to service centers, the Outokumpu mills producing specialty products are at full capacity. Service center orders for our standard grades are still being accepted. Direct deliveries to end users and project customers for Outokumpu products are scheduled as far out as October.

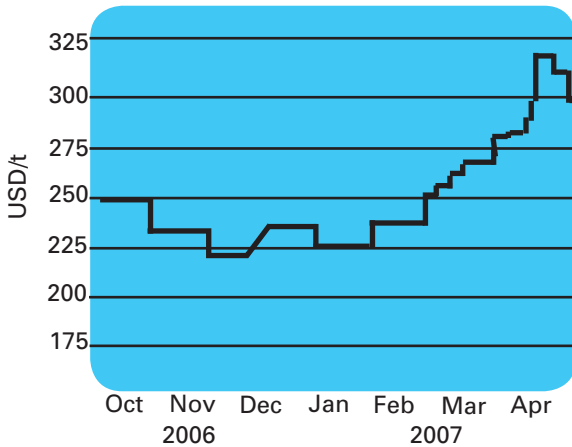


Outokumpu CEO Juha Rantanen commented: “Outokumpu’s competitive position has improved due to the completed cost cutting actions and will further improve as the excellence programs are gaining momentum. We are confident of the long-term attractiveness of the stainless steel market.”

Metal Matters

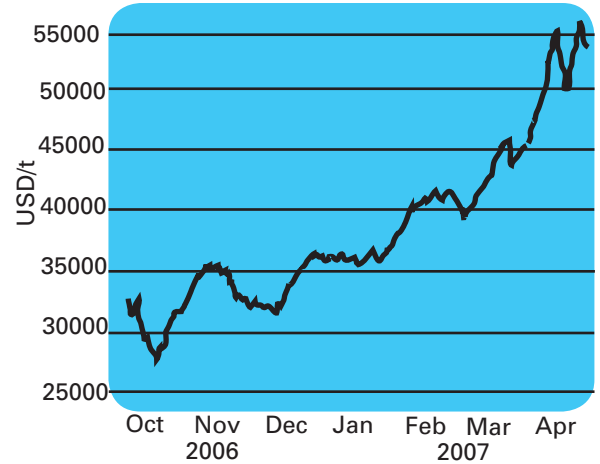
Scrap Prices

Source: Metal Bulletin 4/13/07



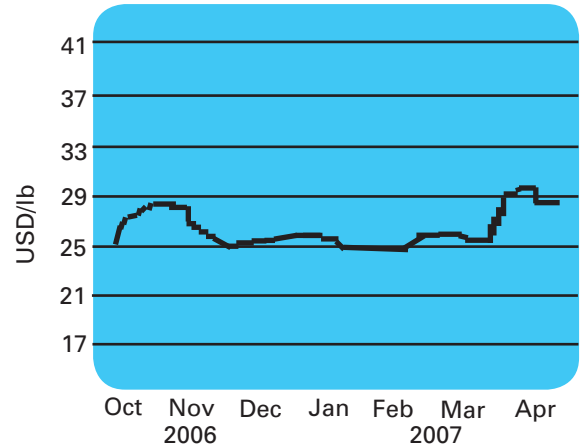
Nickel Prices- Cash Buyer

Source: LME 4/13/07



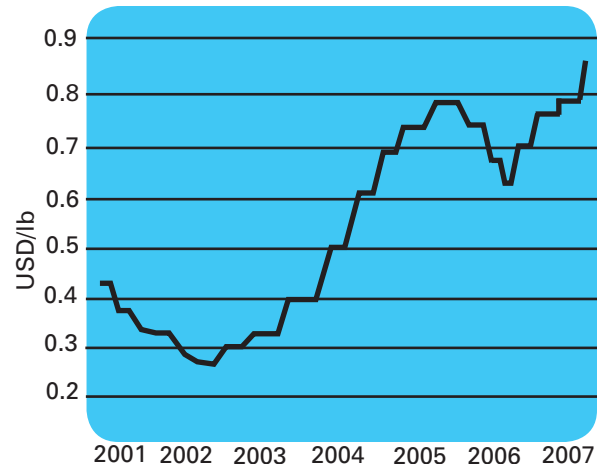
Molybdenum Prices

Source: Metal Bulletin 4/13/07



Ferrochrome Prices

Source: Metal Bulletin 4/13/07



U.S. Exports of Steel Mill Products

Source: The U.S. Commerce Department 3/14/07

Country	Month		
	Nov	Dec	Jan
World	731,601	637,352	692,911
Canada	423,480	374,284	419,768
Mexico	194,698	142,843	156,243
India	7,605	8,385	9,041
China	7,567	7,746	8,428
Federal Republic of Germany	3,594	4,702	10,129
Italy	3,015	5,189	4,219
Venezuela	6,570	7,690	7,692
United Kingdom	5,441	4,937	4,002

* Numbers in metric tons

Global Economic Matters

Exchange Rates

Source: Yahoo Finance 4/4/07

Crossrates							
	USD	EUR	JPY	GBP	CAD	SEK	CNY
USD	1	0.7481	118.8200	0.5062	1.1590	6.9616	7.7365
EUR	1.3367	1	158.8267	0.6766	1.5493	9.3131	10.351
JPY	0.008416	0.006296	1	0.004260	0.008755	0.05860	0.06518
GBP	1.9755	1.4779	234.7289	1	2.2897	13.751	15.298
CAD	0.8628	0.6455	102.5150	0.4367	1	6.0056	6.6835
SEK	0.1437	0.1075	17.080	0.07275	0.1666	1	1.1126
CNY	0.1293	0.09677	15.367	0.06547	0.1499	0.9001	1

USD= US Dollar
 EUR= Euro
 JPY= Japanese Yen
 GPB= British Pound

CAD= Canadian Dollar
 SEK= Swedish Krona
 CNY= Chinese Yuan

U.S. Economic Matters

Latest Statistics

Source: The Department of Labor 4/2/07

Consumer Price Index	+0.4%	Feb. 2007
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	Feb. 2007
Producer Price Index	+1.3 (p)%	Feb. 2007
Productivity	+1.6%	4th Qtr 2006

Gross Domestic Product

Source: The Bureau of Economic Analysis 3/29/07

Real gross domestic product — the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States — increased at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2006, according to final estimates released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the third quarter, real GDP increased 2.0 percent. The increase in real GDP in the fourth quarter primarily reflected positive contributions from personal consumption expenditures (PCE), exports, state and local government spending, and federal government spending that were partly offset by negative contributions from residential fixed investment and private inventory investment. Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, decreased.

Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization

Source: The Federal Reserve 3/16/07

Industrial Production	January	February
Total Index	111.1	113.1
Major Market Groups		
Final Products	113.0	114.5
Consumer Goods	107.5	109.6
Business Equipment	130.1	130.1
Nonindustrial Supplies	110.7	110.5
Construction	108.2	108.0
Materials	111.3	112.8
Manufacturing	113.5	114.3

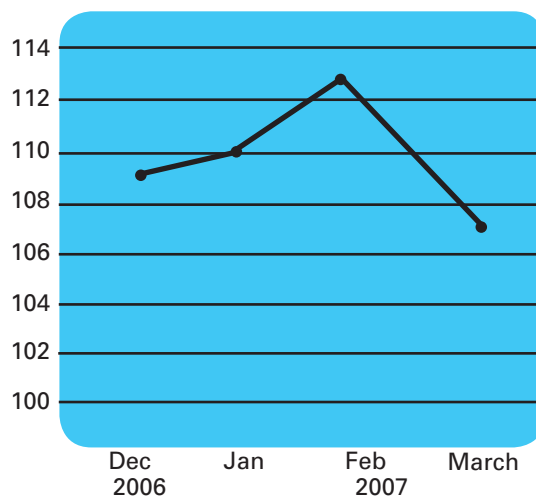
Manufacturing

Source: The Institute for Supply Management 4/2/07

Index	Series Index March	Series Index Feb	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend (mos)
PMI	50.9	52.3	Growing	Slower	2
New Orders	51.6	54.9	Growing	Slower	4
Production	53.0	54.1	Growing	Slower	2
Employment	48.7	51.1	Contracting	From Growing	1
Supplier Deliveries	51.3	50.8	Slowing	Faster	45
Inventories	47.5	44.6	Contracting	Slower	8
Customers' Inventories	48.0	53.0	Too Low	From Too High	1
Prices	65.5	59.0	Increasing	Faster	3
Backlog of Orders	47.0	51.5	Contracting	From Growing	1
Exports	55.5	54.0	Growing	Faster	52
Imports	57.5	61.5	Growing	Slower	63
Overall Economy			Growing	Slower	65
Manufacturing Sector			Growing	Slower	2

Consumer Confidence Index

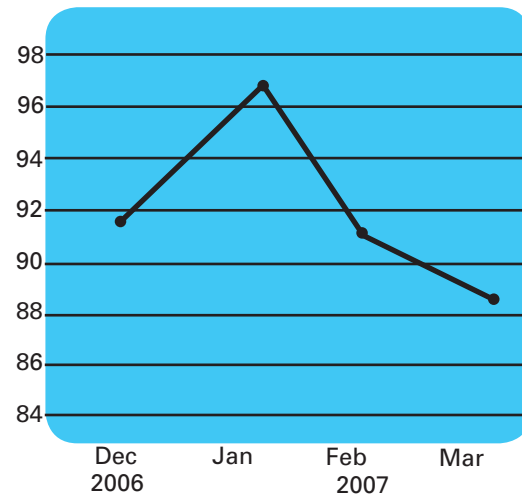
Source: The Conference Board 3/27/07



↓ The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index, which had increased in February, retreated in March. The Index now stands at 107.2 (1985=100), down from 111.2 in February. The Expectations Index declined to 86.9 from 93.8. The Present Situation Index increased slightly to 137.6 from 137.1 in February.

Index of Consumer Sentiment

Source: The University of Michigan 4/07



↓ Rising prices, slowing income gains, and growing concerns about the health of the economy contributed to a small decline in the confidence. The Index of Consumer Sentiment was 88.4 in the March 2007 survey, down from 91.3 in February, and nearly identical to the 88.9 recorded in March of 2006. The Index of Consumer Expectations, a closely watched component of the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, was 78.7 in the March 2007 survey, down from 81.5 in February, and just ahead of the 76.0 recorded in March of 2006. The Current Economic Conditions Index was 103.5 in the March 2007 survey, down from 106.7 in February and the 109.1 recorded in March of 2006.

Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders

Source: The US Census Bureau 3/28/07

- ↑** **New orders** for manufactured durable goods in February increased \$5.0 billion or 2.5 percent to \$206.9 billion, the U.S. Census Bureau announced today. This was the third increase in the last four months and followed a 9.3 percent January decrease. Excluding transportation, new orders decreased 0.1 percent. Excluding defense, new orders increased 2.5 percent.
- ↓** **Shipments** of manufactured durable goods in February, down two consecutive months, decreased \$1.7 billion or 0.8 percent to \$207.3 billion. This followed a 1.5 percent January decrease.
- ↑** **Unfilled orders** for manufactured durable goods in February, up twenty-one of the last twenty-two months, increased \$6.1 billion or 0.9 percent to \$702.0 billion. This was at the highest level since the series was first stated on a NAICS basis in 1992 and followed a 0.2 percent January increase.
- ↑** **Inventories** of manufactured durable goods in February, up twelve consecutive months, increased \$0.5 billion or 0.2 percent to \$298.0 billion. This followed a 0.4 percent January increase.

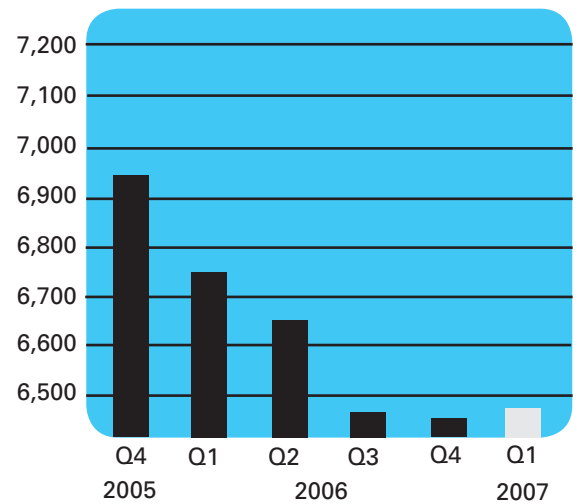
Help Wanted Index

Source: The Conference Board 3/29/07

- ↓** **The Conference Board Help-Wanted Advertising Index** — a key measure of job offerings in major newspapers across America — dipped one point in February. The Index now stands at 31. It was 39 one year ago. In the last three months, help-wanted advertising increased in seven of the nine U.S. regions. The largest increases occurred in the East South Central (36.2%), Mountain (18.1%) and New England (16.9%) regions. Declines occurred in the Pacific (-4.7%) and Middle Atlantic (-2.3%) regions.

Housing Sales

Source: The National Association of Realtors 4/07



■ = Actual
 □ = Projected

*Numbers in thousands



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