

PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 50 : ELECTRODES FOR MANUAL WELDING AUSTRALIA : FEBRUARY 1976

All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

As from February 1976 production statistics are no longer being collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on in a minor way some manufacturing.

However, except for a few commodities, the effect on production levels and movements is marginal. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis. Monthly data from July 1975 to January 1976 have also been adjusted on the new basis.

('000 kilograms)				
Period	For mild and alloy steels (523.76)	For "specials" (incl. stainless steel) (523.77)	For hardfacing applications (523.78)	Total
1972-73	19,967	363	584	20,914
1973-74	23,811	315	560	24,686
1974-75	25,437	452	1,068	26,958
1974-75 (a)	25,338	452	1,068	26,859
1975 -				
January	1,161	5.3	25.5	1,192
February	2,179	23.5	81.5	2,285
March	2,046	23.0	78.3	2,148
April	2,158	21.6	37.4	2,217
May	2,517	48.7	61.2	2,626
June	2,147	31.7	105.7	2,284
July (b)	2,120	36.9	67.9	2,225
August	2,069	27.1	78.6	2,174
September	2,117	35.0	64.8	2,217
October	1,843	18.2	94.6	1,956
November	1,658	31.8	46.9	1,737
December	1,512	10.3	47.2	1,570
1976 -				
January	622	..	13.0	635
February	1,922	392	64.7	2,026
1974-75 : July to Feb.	16,570	327	785	17,682
1975-76 : July to Feb.	13,863	198	478	14,539

(a) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (b) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

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