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BMI View: 2014 will see further contraction in Belgian steel production as steelmakers look to stem oversupply through reducing capacity at key facilities. Nevertheless, there are signs the contraction in output levels are tailing off as the market reaches a more balances supply-demand equilibrium while there is also potential for growth in demand for certain, niche products.

The Q3 2014 Belgium Metals Report assesses the health the country's metals sector, with a focus on the production of crude steel and related finished steel products. Our analysis assesses the outlook for the steel sector against the backdrop of weak Eurozone growth and sluggish demand and evaluates the strategies being employed by the country's steelmakers as they look to weather the storm.

While the overriding trend among local producers over the past few years has been to downsize production capacity, Q214 saw Belgium's largest steelmaker ArcelorMittal makes upgrades worth EUR18mn to its Industeel steel production facility in Charleroi.



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