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**BMI View:** The Czech steel sector looks well placed to enjoy a continued recovery in 2014 following a surprise growth in production volumes in 2013. Nevertheless, producers face a number of ongoing headwinds including sluggish eurozone growth and increased competition from Chinese exports.

BMI's Czech Metals Report for Q3 2014 assesses the growth prospects for the country's steel sector during 2014 and presents medium-term growth forecasts for steel production to 2018. In Q3 we believe the country's metals sectors will begin to witness a gradual recovery in production levels, following two years of contraction in steel output. The report analyses the reasons for the recovery as well as the ongoing challenges faced by Czech Republic steelmakers over the medium term.

The Czech steel sector has traditionally been one of the strongest in Europe and has been supported, in particular, to the country's close proximity to economic juggernaut, Germany, while strong ties to Russia have provided a steady flow of raw materials to local steelmakers.

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