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Fremgang i stålbranchen

Kreditforsikringsselskabet Euler Hermes' nyeste analyse viser, at verdens stålproduktion er tilbage på før-krise niveau – men ikke alle markeder har mærket fremgangen.

Tilbage i april 2008 var den globale stålproduktion på det hidtidig højeste niveau, og næsten 122 millioner tons blev produceret på verdensplan. Allerede et par måneder senere (december 2008) var produktionen dog faldet til 2003-niveau på knap 82 mio. tons. Fra januar 2009 steg produktionen gradvist, og i maj 2010 lå produktionen over før-krise niveauet med en produktion på 124 mio. tons.

Fremgang i Kina – USA, Europa og Japan stadig kraftig påvirket af krisen

Væksten er dog primært drevet af den kinesiske efterspørgsel. Når produktionen for maj 2010 sammenholdes med produktionen for maj 2008, ses det, at produktionen steg med 22% i Kina, men faldt med 18% i USA, 14% i Europa og 8% i Japan.

I kølvandet af væksten i den globale stålproduktion er salgspriserne steget med mellem 10 og 25 % - alt afhængigt af ståltype – men priserne er stadig lavere end de gennemsnitlige priser i 2008. Euler Hermes forudser et fald i priserne i løbet af andet halvår som følge af et fald i efterspørgslen - især i Europa.

Derudover har stålproducenterne i løbet af året sat spørgsmålstejn ved de traditionelle årlige og flerårige kontrakter med deres største kunder – primært bilproducenter. Stålproducenterne ønsker nu at indføre en kvartalsvis prisgennemgang med de større kunder, og dette vil tydeligvis påvirke bilproducenterne, da de i langt højere grad end tidligere skal kunne håndtere prisudsving.

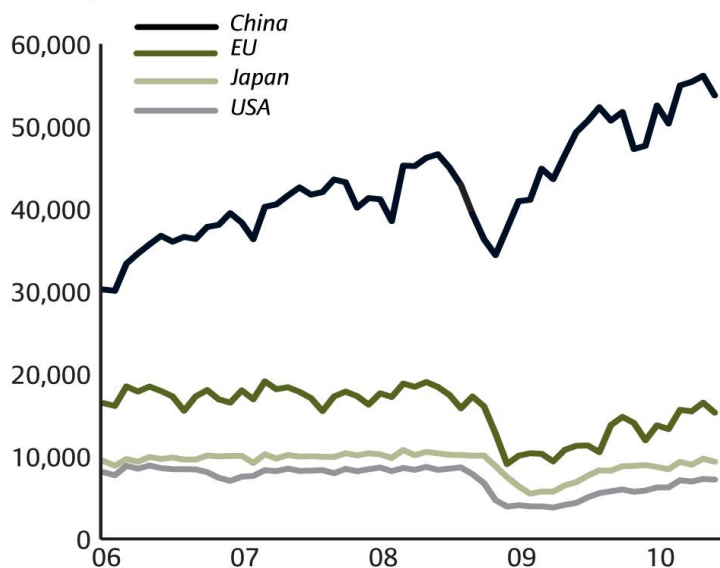
”Udviklingen på stålmarkedet bekræfter billedet af afdæmpet økonomisk vækst i de etablerede økonomier som USA og Europa, samt at der fortsat er relativt kraftig vækst i BRIC økonomierne, hvor især Kina trækker. Det er vores forventning, at denne situation vil gælde for resten af 2010 og så langt ind i 2011, som vi kan se”, udtaler Peter Hecht-Hansen, adm. direktør i Euler Hermes Kreditforsikring.

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Monthly steel production

Thousands of tonnes



Source: worldsteel.org

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