

Polish Foundrymen's Association presents:

- **information about economic and foundry industry in Poland,**
- **information about Association activity in 2008**

MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS IN POLAND

(source: the Ministry of Economy)

Specification	Unit	2008	I-III 2009
GDP	%	104,9	-
Prices			
Year-on – year price index of consumer goods and services (CPI)	%	104,2	103,3
Year-on –year price index of sold production of industry (PPI)	%	102,2	105,0
Production			
Sold production of industry	%	102,5	90,0
Construction and assembly production	%	110,9	98,7
Wages and salaries			
Average wages and salaries in the national economy	PLN	2944	3249*
Labour market			
Average employment in enterprise sector	thous. per	5392	5365
Unemployment rate	%	9,5	11,2
Budget execution	bn PLN	-24,6	-10,6
Rate of inflation	%	4,2	3,6

* for section of companies

Currency	Average rate of exchange (PLN)	
	12.05.2008	11.05.2009
Euro (EUR)	3,3945	4,3724
Dollar (USD)	2,1995	3,2145
Swiss Franc (CHF)	2,0979	2,9020

EXAMINED PRODUCTION OF CASTINGS MADE IN S.G. IRON AND NON-FERROUS METALS IN THE YEAR 2007 AND CHANGES IN COMPARISON WITH THE YEAR 2006

(on the basis of questionnaire sending from polish foundries to the Foundry Institute in Cracow)

Material	Production in tons		Changes (%)
	2006	2007	2007/2006
Casting in grey cast iron and alloy cast iron	434000	518000	19,4
Castings in S.G. iron	132000	147300	11,6
Castings in malleable cast iron	24400	18200	-25,4
Steel castings	60800	65500	7,7
Together castings in ferrous alloys	651200	749000	15,0
Castings in aluminium alloys	205600	210000	2,1
Castings in Cu alloys	7400	7400	0,0
Castings in Zn alloys	11400	11200	-1,8
Castings in other non-ferrous metals	1200	1400	16,7
Together castings in other non-ferrous metals	225600	230000	2,0
Together castings in ferrous and non-ferrous metals	876800	979000	11,7

Production of castings for three quarters 2008 – 563000 tons,

Forecast of production at the end of 2008 - about 1000000 tons

Information about Polish foundries in 2006:

- *Employment*

Employed persons	Amount of foundries	Together employed persons
under 50	284	2700
51-100	41	3000
101-250	38	6300
250-1000	25	11170
over 1000	2	2530
Total	390	25700

- *Average prices (April 2009)*

Pig Iron	1400 PLN/ton
Scrap metal	795 PLN/ton

- *Productivity*

- 38,1 ton/employee in 2007,

- *Export of castings*
 - Casting in gray cast iron and alloy cast iron - 200 thous. ton (38,6% of production),
 - Casting in S.G. iron – 89 thous. ton (60,4% of production),
 - Casting in malleable cast iron – 5 thous. ton (27,5% of production),
 - Steel castings – 16 thous. ton (24,4% of production)
 - Castings in other non-ferrous metals – 185 thous. ton (80,4% of production)
 - Total export – 495 thous. ton

- *Form of ownership (structure of property) date from 267 foundries*
 - 100% national capital - 83,6%
 - mixed capital – 6,7%
 - 100% foreign capital 9,7%

- *Form of organization – date from 355 foundries*
 - independent foundries – 62%
 - foundry departments – 38%

- *Status of company – date from 367 foundries*
 - limited liability companies (Ltd) – 38,8%
 - join stock companies – 20,2%
 - civil companies – 11,7%
 - private enterprises 17,4%
 - state-owned enterprises – 5,4%
 - foreign enterprises – 0,8%
 - general partnership – 3,0%
 - cooperatives – 2,7%

Information about Association activity.

Activities of Polish Foundrymen's Association in 2008:

- 1st International Science Conference „Innovation of pressure foundry” in Wisła (8-9 May 2008);
- Forum of Presidents and Managers in Wisła (13-15 October 2008)
- 45th Great Poland Foundrymen's Conference in Drawski Młyn (12 September 2008)
- Competition – Cast 2007
- Competition of President of Polish Foundrymen's Association pt. „Modernity foundry technology – basis of industry development”
- Polish Foundrymen;s Day 2008 in Cracow (12 December 2008)
- Thematic Park „Foundry” organised during Poznan International Fair -ITM Poland (group exposition of Polish casts)
- Information stand on International Fair of Technologies for Foundry METAL
- Continuation Project: „ Technology Foresight of Polish”,
- Innovation Centre NOT –, support for small land medium companies through promotion of innovation activities, organization trainings,
- Activities in KIGNET – competitiveness support system of Polish companies

Vocational training of adults working in foundries

Polish Foundrymen's Association organises vocational training for employees in Polish foundries. The training are led by qualified lecturers, specialists, scientists and experienced people. The Association added a new die casting training in 2007.

We offer many vocational training which concern foundry's problems for example:

- Exploitation and service of electric arc and inductive furnace
- Problems of technology of production moulds and sandy cores
- Preparation liquid steel for castings
- Process of spheroidal iron
- Cleaning and finishing castings
- Waste economy
- Defects of castings - identification, causes and methods of prevention
- System of Environmental Management in Foundry
- Chemical analysis
- Mechanical Research
- Non-destructive research
- >Evaluation of effects of environmental activity
- Statistical process control
- Management system of industrial safety
- Analysis FMEA
- Introduction to ISO/TS 16949
- APQP - advanced planning of quality of process
- PPAP- process of authorising part of production/p>
- Methods of solving problems and reporting disagreement 68D
- Selected problems of die casting technology
- Basic types of molding and classification casting materials
- Service of inductive crucible furnace
- Industrial safety
- Evaluation of occupational risk for casting workstand

Every participant get a Certification of Polish's Foundry's Association.

In 2008 The Association engaged three trainings for Teksid Iron Poland and trained 42 people.

Calendar of events

Information about interesting events in our branch in Poland are collected and published in Przegląd Odlewnictwa and on our web site (www.przeglad-odlewnictwa.pl).

National foundry events in 2009:

1-3.06.2009	International Scientific Conference pt.: Optimisation of production system in foundries	Łódź (Poland)
4-6.06.2009	12th International Conference Nonferrous Metals Foundry, Science - Technology	Iwonicz-Zdrój (Poland)
16-19.06.2009	Poznan International Fair -ITM Poland- 2009	Poznań (Poland)
1-4.09.2009	Silesia Mining Expo SILMEX 20	Katowice (Poland)
29.09-1.10.2009	15th International Fair of Technologies for Foundry METAL	Kielce (Poland)
11.12.2009	Polish Foundrymen's Day'2009	Kraków (Poland)

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