# **Korean Steel Market Development**

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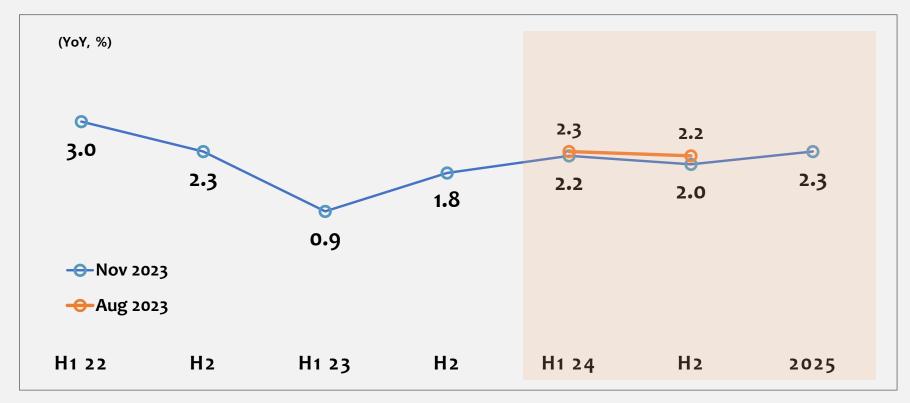
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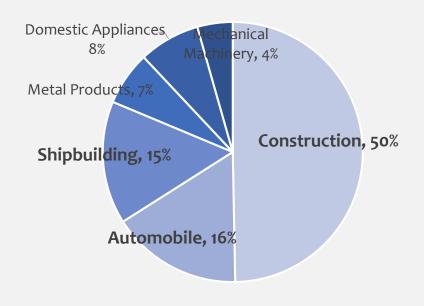
## 1. Economic Overview

- Korea's economy is projected to continue its gradual recovery
  - Driven by a pickup in exports, particularly in the IT sector, despite the slowed momentum in the recovery of private consumption

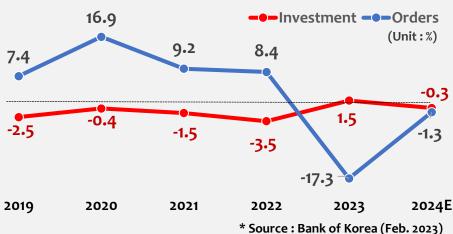


\* Source: Bank of Korea (Feb. 2024)

# 2. Steel Consuming Industries



## **Construction Indicator(YoY)**

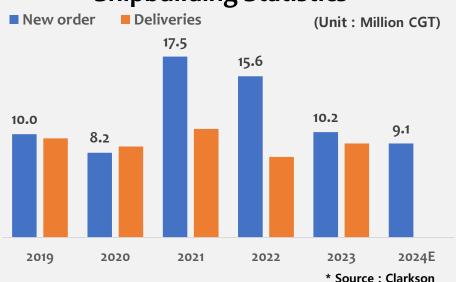


## **Automobile Statistics**



\* Source: Korea Automobile Association

## **Shipbuilding Statistics**



# 3. Domestic Supply and Demand

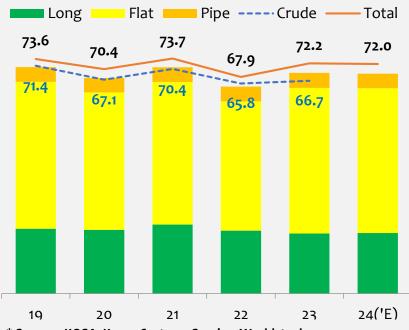
- Consumption and Production is projected to remain at the level of last year
  - Due to the weakening construction market, steel demand is expected to decrease slightly compared to the previous year
  - Production is anticipated to be maintained at a similar level to last year

## **Demand(Apparent Consumption)**

# Long Flat Pipe --- Total (Unit : Mt) 53.2 51.3 54.7 54.2 19 20 21 22 23 24('E)

## \* Source : KOSA, Korea Customs Service

## Production(Crude, Finished)



\* Source : KOSA, Korea Customs Service, Worldsteel

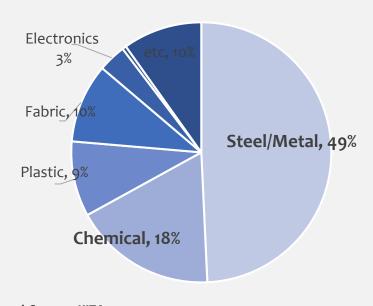
# 4. Trade - Exports

- Exports are expected to increase slightly(~1%) as global demand is growing (+1.9%)
- Not only traditional strengthening of AD and CVD measures, it is anticipated that carbon regulations, non-tariff barriers, and regional blocs will also impact steel exports



## \* Source : KOSA, Korea Customs Service

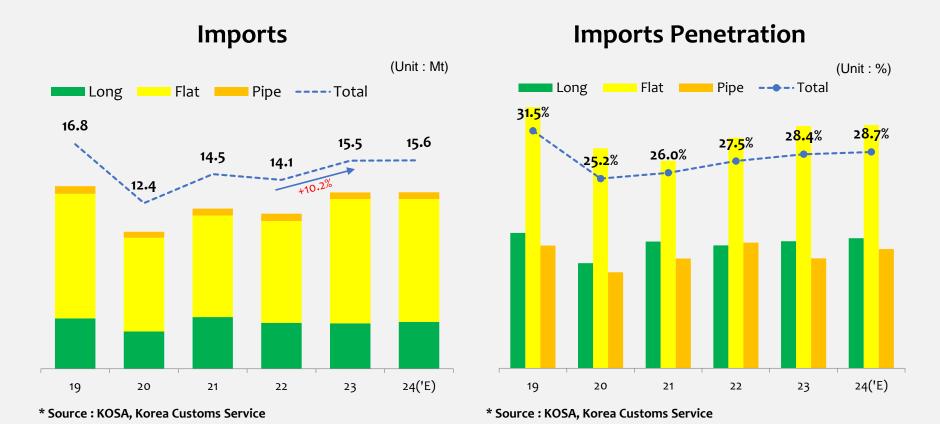
## **Trade Remedies Status**



\* Source : KITA

# 4. Trade - Imports

- Despite weak domestic demand, imports have increased by 10%
  - The excess capacity exacerbates the global steel market, as well as the Korean steel industry



# 5. Efforts to achieve Net Zero

- Strengthening Response to the CBAM
  - Hosting Seminars, consultation on Reporting Methods
  - Upgrading ERP system, emission measurement method and management
- Investment on cleaner Technologies
  - Expanding the share of EAF in production, increasing energy efficiency
  - Development of Innovative Technologies (Hyrex, CCUS, etc)
- Utilization of Scrap
  - Institutional Amendment for Perception Shift and Enhanced Utilization
  - Enhancement of Quality Management and Development of Related Standards

Getting Greener Together: the Collective Effort to Reaching Net Zero

# Thank you

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