



UK PRICE INCREASE NOTIFICATION

The general global economic activity in the first quarter of 2010 has remained subdued. However, the price and demand for steel has increased substantially over recent weeks.

The upward price pressure is being driven by both increased Iron Ore prices and higher costs for coking coal. These Inflationary pressures coupled with reduced capacity have meant that, without exception, steel producers are increasing the price of the grades used in the manufacture of welding consumables.

As a result, the ESAB Group is left with no alternative but to adjust the prices of our Non Alloyed and low Alloyed Steel based consumables to reflect this higher input cost.

The enclosed schedule details these increases by product group with our full revised pricing being available on our E Commerce site "Partners" for download on Monday 10th May 2010. These prices are applicable to all deliveries made after this date.

ESAB reserves the right to restrict / limit volumes to help ensure that all current customers receive uninterrupted supply, in a period, which may be volatile in terms of demand.

Finally on behalf of ESAB I would like to thank you for your ongoing business and your continued support

Yours faithfully

Richard Craig
UK Sales Manager

MAY 2010 PRICE INCREASE SCHEDULE

200	General Purpose Electrodes	5%
201	Iron Powder Electrodes	5%
202	Low Hydrogen Electrodes	5%
203	Low Hydrogen High Recovery	5%
204	Other Electrodes	5%
205	Cellulosic Electrodes	5%
216	Stainless Steel Electrodes	0%
217	Low Alloy Electrodes	3%
218	Repair and Maintenance	3%
219	Special Electrodes	0%

Solid Wires

206	Mig Marathon Pac	5%
207	Mig Spooled Wire	5%
221	Low Alloy Mig and Tig Wire	3%
222	Stainless Mig and Tig Wire	0%
224	Aluminium Mig and Tig Wire	0%
225	Other Mig and Tig Wire	0%
230	Gas Welding Wire	5%

Flux Cored Wires

208	Mild Steel Flux Cored Wire	2%
226	Stainless Flux Cored Wire	0%
223	Other Flux Cored Wires	2%

Submerged Arc Consumables

209	Mild Steel Submerged Arc Wire	5%
210	Low Alloy Submerged Arc Wire	3%
211	Stainless Steel Submerged Arc Wire	0%
212	Fused Flux	0%
213	Agglomerated Flux	0%
227	Agglomerated Flux High Alloy Steels	0%

Arc Equipment

Machines and Machines Packages 0%

Machine spare parts 0%

Automation including spare and wear parts 0%

Gas Equipment 0%

Accessories 0%

Note: Alloy surcharges will continue to be applied to relevant High Alloy and Aluminium products.