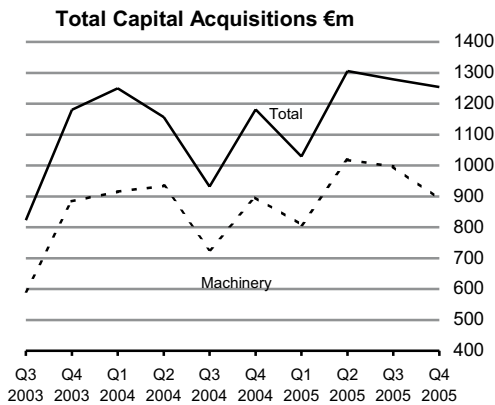




## Capital Assets in Industry

Quarter 3 2005 Final Figures

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### Capital Acquisitions

	Q4 2004	Q4 2005
	€m	€m
<b>Machinery &amp; Equipment</b>	896.5	891.2
<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>	175.5	212.1
<b>Computer Hardware &amp; Software</b>	53.2	47.0
<b>Vehicles and Other Equipment</b>	56.5	103.5
<b>Total Capital Acquisitions</b>	1,181.6	1,254.1

### Capital Assets Acquisitions of €1,254.1m in Fourth Quarter

Capital acquisitions in industry in the fourth quarter of 2005 were €1,254.1m, compared with €1,181.6m in the fourth quarter of 2004. *See Table 1 & graph.*

The major contributor to the total figure was acquisitions of machinery and equipment, which amounted to €891.2m in the fourth quarter of 2005, following on a fourth quarter 2004 level of €896.5m. *See Table 2.*

Land and buildings acquisitions were €212.1m, up from €175.5m in the fourth quarter of 2004. Total capital sales were €109.1m, compared with €132.5m in the fourth quarter of 2004. *See Tables 3 and 6.*

The breakdown of the components of acquisitions into the different industrial sectors shows:

The highest level of acquisitions of machinery and equipment was recorded in NACE 32, the manufacture of communication equipment, with a level of €237.2m in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with €110.5m for the same quarter in the previous year. *See Table 2.*

The highest level of acquisitions of land and buildings was in NACE 24, the chemical products sector, which was €69.5m in the fourth quarter of 2005. This was up slightly from the fourth quarter 2004 level of €64.5m. *See Table 3.*

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**Table 1 Total Capital Acquisitions in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*
10-14	Mining and quarrying	33.3	16.2	23.1	47.7	120.3	26.1	41.1	55.0	36.0
	Manufacturing:									
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	120.5	122.7	108.5	150.2	501.9	91.2	123.2	106.9	151.0
17	Textiles	1.2	0.9	1.0	2.1	5.2	1.7	1.5	17.1	3.9
18	Wearing apparel	1.5	0.3	2.9	1.3	6.0	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.6
19	Leather products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
20	Wood and wood products	5.7	4.8	3.7	8.3	22.5	4.1	6.3	4.8	7.1
21	Paper and paper products	3.2	8.5	7.7	5.1	24.5	3.8	9.4	7.1	4.6
22	Publishing and printing	19.4	17.3	14.9	20.3	71.9	12.5	31.1	16.5	25.4
24	Chemical products	156.4	216.1	180.0	211.4	763.9	150.2	205.3	191.5	215.8
25	Rubber and plastic products	9.2	10.4	14.7	15.9	50.2	14.4	13.9	9.9	26.4
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	26.9	46.1	21.7	32.9	127.6	33.1	31.9	34.5	38.4
27	Basic metals	5.0	2.0	2.1	3.3	12.4	2.6	15.6	32.8	11.9
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	9.7	7.3	7.9	8.6	33.5	7.7	7.1	18.3	8.6
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	10.1	17.2	12.5	19.1	58.9	16.2	13.1	11.4	15.7
30	Office machinery and computers	36.0	27.4	28.5	31.9	123.8	10.1	20.2	50.6	39.0
31	Other electrical equipment	15.8	22.9	20.0	14.1	72.8	26.1	13.6	10.8	12.4
32	Communication equipment	491.6	257.5	44.0	112.0	905.1	387.1	380.4	333.9	247.7
33	Medical and optical instruments	63.7	45.7	58.1	67.7	235.2	53.3	61.4	67.9	106.8
34	Motor Vehicles	10.2	5.2	6.0	10.3	31.7	5.9	5.0	6.3	6.0
35	Other transport equipment	3.3	4.2	21.5	12.3	41.3	3.2	8.6	27.5	17.7
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	42.2	32.5	37.0	15.1	126.8	15.5	9.8	15.4	18.9
40	Electricity and gas supply	184.7	291.4	316.1	391.7	1183.9	162.8	306.1	259.1	260.1
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>1249.7</b>	<b>1156.7</b>	<b>932.0</b>	<b>1181.6</b>	<b>4520.0</b>	<b>1029.1</b>	<b>1305.8</b>	<b>1278.9</b>	<b>1254.1</b>
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1065.0</b>	<b>865.3</b>	<b>615.9</b>	<b>789.9</b>	<b>3336.1</b>	<b>866.3</b>	<b>999.7</b>	<b>1019.8</b>	<b>994.0</b>
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>1031.7</b>	<b>849.1</b>	<b>592.8</b>	<b>742.2</b>	<b>3215.8</b>	<b>840.2</b>	<b>958.6</b>	<b>964.8</b>	<b>958.0</b>

\* Preliminary estimates

**Table 2 Capital Acquisitions of Machinery and Equipment in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*	
10-14	Mining and quarrying	12.4	9.3	12.5	21.9	56.1	17.8	16.4	23.0	14.8	
	Manufacturing:										
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	71.9	88.8	74.2	109.8	344.7	63.4	94.4	75.9	95.5	
17	Textiles	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.7	3.3	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.7	
18	Wearing apparel	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.2	
19	Leather products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
20	Wood and wood products	3.8	2.5	2.3	2.9	11.5	1.9	2.9	3.1	5.8	
21	Paper and paper products	1.8	5.3	4.8	4.1	16.0	2.9	7.1	5.5	1.9	
22	Publishing and printing	11.7	9.7	9.0	8.4	38.8	6.5	11.9	8.6	14.4	
24	Chemical products	58.9	129.7	125.1	136.8	450.5	94.3	140.9	119.5	134.4	
25	Rubber and plastic products	7.5	8.3	7.4	8.8	32.0	6.6	7.6	7.6	8.4	
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	16.0	14.0	14.2	24.5	68.7	23.0	19.8	23.1	23.2	
27	Basic metals	4.2	1.7	1.6	3.1	10.6	2.3	15.4	32.6	11.9	
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	4.8	5.5	3.9	6.5	20.7	5.0	4.6	5.8	5.6	
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	5.2	12.0	5.8	5.7	28.7	7.5	4.5	5.8	8.6	
30	Office machinery and computers	27.5	23.3	24.2	17.2	92.2	7.9	11.2	37.3	33.1	
31	Other electrical equipment	11.8	21.4	17.1	11.3	61.6	13.0	9.2	6.4	9.6	
32	Communication equipment	422.2	252.9	40.9	110.5	826.5	351.4	350.1	303.1	237.2	
33	Medical and optical instruments	42.2	32.4	41.0	44.4	160.0	36.0	25.9	43.1	43.3	
34	Motor Vehicles	8.2	4.7	4.4	9.8	27.1	5.1	4.6	5.0	5.2	
35	Other transport equipment	2.3	3.1	20.6	10.4	36.4	1.7	1.0	26.9	2.4	
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	26.8	30.1	29.7	9.9	96.5	11.9	6.9	10.5	12.4	
40	Electricity and gas supply	174.9	278.4	287.8	348.1	1089.2	149.4	281.6	252.0	221.6	
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>914.7</b>	<b>933.8</b>	<b>727.7</b>	<b>896.5</b>	<b>3472.7</b>	<b>808.8</b>	<b>1017.4</b>	<b>996.9</b>	<b>891.2</b>	
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>739.8</b>	<b>655.4</b>	<b>439.9</b>	<b>548.4</b>	<b>2383.5</b>	<b>659.4</b>	<b>735.8</b>	<b>744.9</b>	<b>669.6</b>	
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>727.4</b>	<b>646.1</b>	<b>427.4</b>	<b>526.5</b>	<b>2327.4</b>	<b>641.6</b>	<b>719.4</b>	<b>721.9</b>	<b>654.8</b>	

\* Preliminary estimates

**Table 3 Capital Acquisitions of Land & Buildings in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*	
10-14	Mining and quarrying	1.3	1.4	2.4	10.4	15.5	1.1	5.9	4.0	1.6	
	Manufacturing:										
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	27.7	21.0	22.3	30.0	101.0	17.7	14.6	19.5	45.8	
17	Textiles	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	15.6	1.9	
18	Wearing apparel	1.1	0.0	2.0	0.4	3.5	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	
19	Leather products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
20	Wood and wood products	0.8	0.5	0.3	4.0	5.6	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	
21	Paper and paper products	0.7	2.7	2.3	0.1	5.8	0.2	1.5	0.4	1.8	
22	Publishing and printing	2.9	2.7	2.1	6.7	14.4	0.8	7.2	2.3	6.3	
24	Chemical products	90.2	76.6	48.2	64.5	279.5	48.6	55.5	64.4	69.5	
25	Rubber and plastic products	0.6	1.3	5.8	6.0	13.7	6.6	4.8	1.4	17.1	
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	4.4	25.1	1.2	2.1	32.8	3.0	6.0	4.7	9.9	
27	Basic metals	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	1.8	0.3	2.1	0.4	4.6	0.4	0.7	10.7	1.5	
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	1.4	2.5	0.5	1.0	5.4	0.5	1.7	2.1	5.5	
30	Office machinery and computers	4.9	1.7	0.7	10.6	17.9	0.8	6.6	5.6	3.4	
31	Other electrical equipment	3.1	0.6	2.2	1.8	7.7	3.0	3.7	3.7	1.9	
32	Communication equipment	68.0	3.0	1.2	0.4	72.6	35.1	29.6	29.9	9.2	
33	Medical and optical instruments	18.1	10.8	14.3	20.7	63.9	15.1	32.0	14.7	16.9	
34	Motor Vehicles	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	
35	Other transport equipment	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	11.8	0.4	5.1	3.0	20.3	0.6	0.6	2.5	3.9	
40	Electricity and gas supply	3.9	5.8	6.7	12.2	28.6	2.4	20.9	1.8	14.8	
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>244.4</b>	<b>157.0</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>175.5</b>	<b>697.0</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>194.7</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>212.1</b>	
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>240.5</b>	<b>151.2</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>163.3</b>	<b>668.4</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>173.8</b>	<b>182.9</b>	<b>197.3</b>	
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>239.2</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>152.9</b>	<b>652.9</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>167.9</b>	<b>178.9</b>	<b>195.7</b>	

\* Preliminary Estimates

**Table 4 Capital Acquisitions of Computer Hardware & Software in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*	
10-14	Mining and quarrying	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.3	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	
	Manufacturing:										
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	9.4	3.4	3.7	4.4	20.9	3.4	6.3	4.5	4.2	
17	Textiles	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
18	Wearing apparel	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	
19	Leather products	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
20	Wood and wood products	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	
21	Paper and paper products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	
22	Publishing and printing	3.7	3.2	3.3	4.6	14.8	4.1	10.4	4.7	4.1	
24	Chemical products	4.8	6.9	4.4	7.7	23.8	4.8	5.6	5.3	9.3	
25	Rubber and plastic products	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	
27	Basic metals	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	
30	Office machinery and computers	3.4	2.2	2.8	4.0	12.4	1.3	2.4	7.3	2.1	
31	Other electrical equipment	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4	
32	Communication equipment	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.0	5.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	
33	Medical and optical instruments	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	7.7	1.7	2.7	3.0	3.0	
34	Motor Vehicles	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	
35	Other transport equipment	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.9	2.7	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.4	
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.2	4.4	1.7	0.4	1.1	1.3	
40	Electricity and gas supply	3.5	6.3	19.2	24.2	53.2	10.4	2.1	2.6	17.6	
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>161.6</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>47.0</b>	
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>29.4</b>	
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>29.3</b>	

\* Preliminary Estimates

**Table 5 Capital Acquisitions of Vehicles and Other Equipment in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*	
10-14	Mining and quarrying	19.6	5.3	6.9	15.2	47.0	6.9	18.5	27.8	19.5	
	Manufacturing:										
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	11.5	9.5	8.3	6.1	35.4	6.7	7.9	6.9	5.5	
17	Textiles	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	
18	Wearing apparel	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	
19	Leather products	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	
20	Wood and wood products	0.9	1.5	0.9	1.0	4.3	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5	
21	Paper and paper products	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	2.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	
22	Publishing and printing	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.7	4.1	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	
24	Chemical products	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.4	10.2	2.6	3.2	2.4	2.6	
25	Rubber and plastic products	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.5	2.8	0.9	1.3	0.6	0.4	
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	5.9	6.4	5.4	5.9	23.6	6.6	5.5	6.1	4.7	
27	Basic metals	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.4	6.1	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.1	
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	2.8	2.1	5.7	11.8	22.4	7.8	6.3	2.7	0.8	
30	Office machinery and computers	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	
31	Other electrical equipment	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.8	2.0	9.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	
32	Communication equipment	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	
33	Medical and optical instruments	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	3.5	0.5	0.8	7.2	43.6	
34	Motor Vehicles	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.0	
35	Other transport equipment	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	6.0	0.0	14.7	
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	2.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	5.6	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.3	
40	Electricity and gas supply	2.5	0.9	2.4	7.2	13.0	0.6	1.6	2.7	6.1	
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>188.7</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>103.5</b>	
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>97.4</b>	
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>77.9</b>	

\* Preliminary Estimates

**Table 6 Total Capital Sales in Industry (€ million)**

NACE Code	Description	2004					2005				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4*	
10-14	Mining and quarrying	1.3	0.8	0.2	1.4	3.7	0.8	0.9	1.7	5.2	
	Manufacturing:										
15-16	Food products, beverages and tobacco	5.6	8.0	32.2	7.1	52.9	7.4	5.9	10.4	10.6	
17	Textiles	0.1	6.7	0.1	0.0	6.9	0.7	0.1	0.2	4.5	
18	Wearing apparel	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	1.3	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	
19	Leather products	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	
20	Wood and wood products	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	
21	Paper and paper products	1.0	0.9	1.8	0.8	4.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	
22	Publishing and printing	1.7	4.5	22.4	49.8	78.4	4.3	3.5	4.8	22.8	
24	Chemical products	2.1	8.4	7.3	13.9	31.7	3.3	18.4	12.7	11.9	
25	Rubber and plastic products	0.5	0.4	2.9	2.1	5.9	0.8	0.6	4.3	1.0	
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	4.1	2.2	3.4	2.3	12.0	5.4	3.6	12.5	13.8	
27	Basic metals	0.3	0.1	0.0	3.6	4.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	
28	Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)	4.1	0.3	2.7	2.5	9.6	1.2	0.5	0.1	2.7	
29	Machinery not elsewhere classified	6.3	1.5	0.2	4.0	12.0	4.3	13.9	10.6	5.5	
30	Office machinery and computers	3.4	1.0	0.1	7.2	11.7	10.2	0.7	8.7	4.5	
31	Other electrical equipment	8.1	3.7	3.4	7.3	22.5	0.5	4.9	12.2	7.9	
32	Communication equipment	4.2	9.6	7.4	0.5	21.7	7.7	0.2	0.0	1.1	
33	Medical and optical instruments	8.8	1.6	1.4	2.1	13.9	0.8	1.0	2.5	3.3	
34	Motor Vehicles	0.4	0.1	0.6	2.0	3.1	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.7	
35	Other transport equipment	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.9	3.9	3.3	0.9	2.0	7.0	
36-37,23	Other manufacturing	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3	2.7	0.9	0.1	
40	Electricity and gas supply	8.1	2.7	2.0	21.2	34.0	6.2	9.0	21.1	6.3	
<b>10-40</b>	<b>All Industries</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>132.5</b>	<b>338.4</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>109.1</b>	
<b>10-37</b>	<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>102.8</b>	
<b>15-37</b>	<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>300.7</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>97.6</b>	

\* Preliminary Estimates

## Background Notes

- Introduction** This Release details quarterly acquisitions and sales of capital assets in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Energy sectors. The series are derived from a quarterly accounts inquiry to industrial enterprises with 20 or more persons engaged. This inquiry was initiated to meet national and EU requirements for quarterly economic variables, and is conducted under the Statistics (Business Accounts) Order, 2001, made under the Statistics Act 1993.
- The survey results, which cover all companies with 20+ employees, are grossed using the latest available CIP to represent acquisitions and sales of capital assets by all industrial enterprises with 3+ persons engaged, and are shown at current values (seasonally unadjusted).
- The capital acquisitions series are short-term indicators of trends, and are subject to revision when the annual Census of Industrial Production (CIP) results become available. Note, however, that the CIP variable “additions to capital assets” includes capitalised Research & Development (R&D), whereas the capital acquisitions series in this Release do not.
- Scope** The inquiry covers all enterprises with 20 or more persons engaged in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Energy sectors. The survey, of approximately 2,000 enterprises, accounts for over 95% of capital acquisitions by enterprises with 3 or more persons engaged (as measured by the CIP).
- The activity classification used in this Statistical Release is the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification.
- Methodology** Estimates are made for non-response. For each non-responding enterprise, capital acquisitions data are imputed from returns for that enterprise in previous quarters or in the CIP. Where no historical data are available, estimates are made as follows: the sample is classified into relatively homogeneous cells defined by NACE division and employment size, and the cell ratio acquisitions per person (calculated from the aggregated respondent values in the non-respondent’s cell) is applied to the employment for the non-respondent. The estimation procedure for capital sales is similar.
- To derive estimates inclusive of those enterprises having 3 to 19 persons engaged, the sample results are grossed, by NACE division, using grossing ratios from the latest available CIP.
- Definitions** Capital assets refers to physical assets, or computer software, with a useful life of more than one year intended to be used by the enterprise itself. The figures in this Release are therefore exclusive of capitalised R&D.
- An enterprise is defined as the smallest combination of legal units that is an organisational unit producing goods or services, which benefits from a certain degree of autonomy in decision making, especially for the allocation of its current resources (e.g. company, partnership, individual proprietorship, etc.) An enterprise may be a sole legal unit.
- Other** The figures provided in this Release are short-term indicators only. They are based on quarterly information supplied by enterprises, many of whom do not maintain sub-annual accounting systems. The annual Census of Industrial Production, which utilises financial accounts data, should be considered as the definitive reference for annual capital assets information.
- Related series, on quarterly estimates of Industrial Stocks, are published in a separate Statistical Release.
- NACE divisions 15 and 16 have now been combined for confidentiality reasons.