

## London Iron Ore Market Report

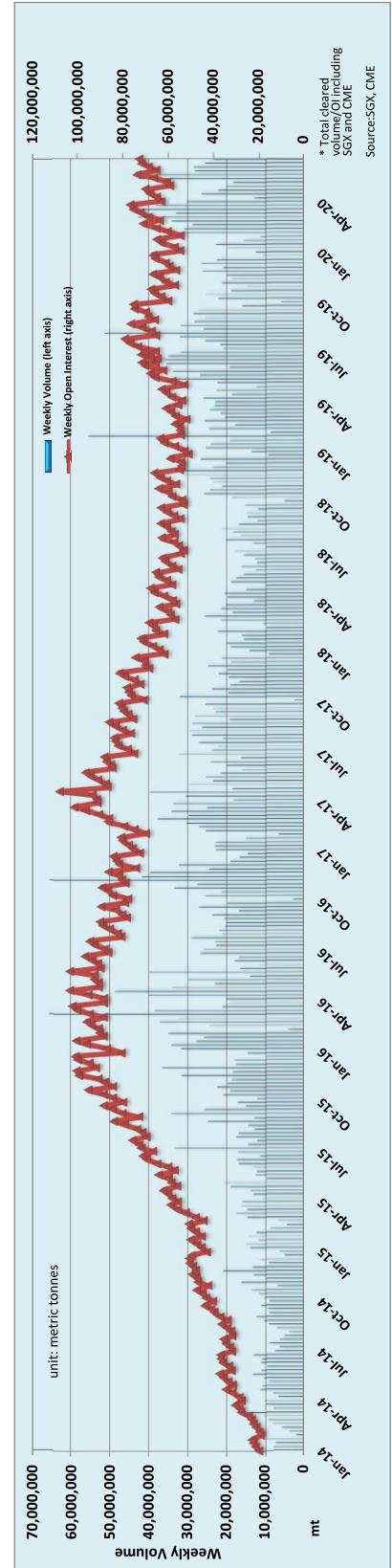
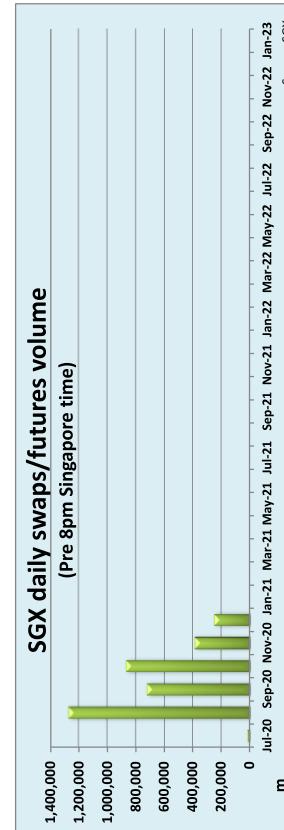
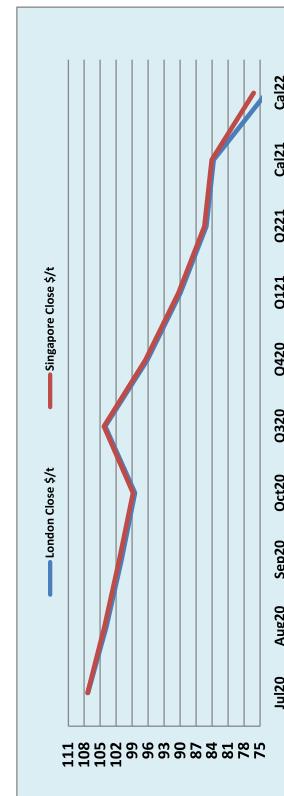
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A slow start to the week with Iron ore futures dropping to a two-week low, closing the best part of 2 dollars lower than London's closing curve on Friday as signs of a softening Chinese steel market weighed on sentiment. Inventories of the steelmaking ingredient at China's ports rose 2.7% last week, a sixth straight increase, according to Shanghai SteelHome. Stockpiles of steel are also higher than normal for this time of year after rising over the past month --an indication that demand is easing after a second-quarter surge. Iron ore prices climbed to the highest in about a year earlier this month amid strong demand from China and supply disruptions from Brazil. Officials from China's steel industry warned last week that prices had become detached from fundamentals. "We suspect Chinese steelmakers will look to protect steel margins by lowering crude steel production," Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. writes in emailed note. "This will ultimately hurt iron ore prices, particularly against a backdrop of rising supply."

INDEX	Price	Change	MTD
Platts IO 62%	\$107.80	-\$1.75	\$107.71

TSI Iron Ore 62	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Q3 '20	Q4 '20	Q1 '21	Q2 '21	Cal 21	Cal 22
London Close \$/t	107.30	103.80	101.00	98.45	104.05	96.15	89.95	85.10	83.70	73.80
Singapore Close \$/t	107.35	104.20	101.40	98.85	104.30	96.50	90.30	85.45	84.05	76.20
Change	-0.05%	-0.38%	-0.39%	-0.40%	-0.24%	-0.36%	-0.39%	-0.41%	-0.42%	-3.15%



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