

London Iron Ore Market Report

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Iron ore futures weakened for a third day on Thursday on falling steel prices. Steel prices have come under pressure due to weaker-than-expected steel consumption rate. Meanwhile, shipments from Brazil appeared to have picked up the pace, with the South American nation exporting 2 million tonnes of iron ore in the first four business days of this month, compared with 1.49 million tonnes for August. In addition, the easing of congestion at Chinese ports could see inventory level building up in the coming weeks, putting further pressure on forward prices. Oct was seen trading down from 120.9 to as low as 119.5 before bouncing back to 120.45. Meanwhile, Q1 was seen trading between 107.85 and 107.9. Spreads have narrowed a bit, with Q4/Q1 and Q1/Q2 at 9.05 and 6.9, respectively. Nov /Dec traded at 3.2 while Dec/Jan traded at 3.0. Oct then traded at 120.8 and 120.7 pre-open. Upon the open, sellers returned to the market searching for bids. Oct traded 120.5 and was seen hovering around for much of the session, popping up briefly to near-121.0 as Q4 traded at 117.1. Q4 also traded at 117.0 spreads-wise, nothing happened apart from Sep/Oct, trading at 4.85 in decent size.

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Platts IO 62%	\$126.30	-\$0.90	\$128.18

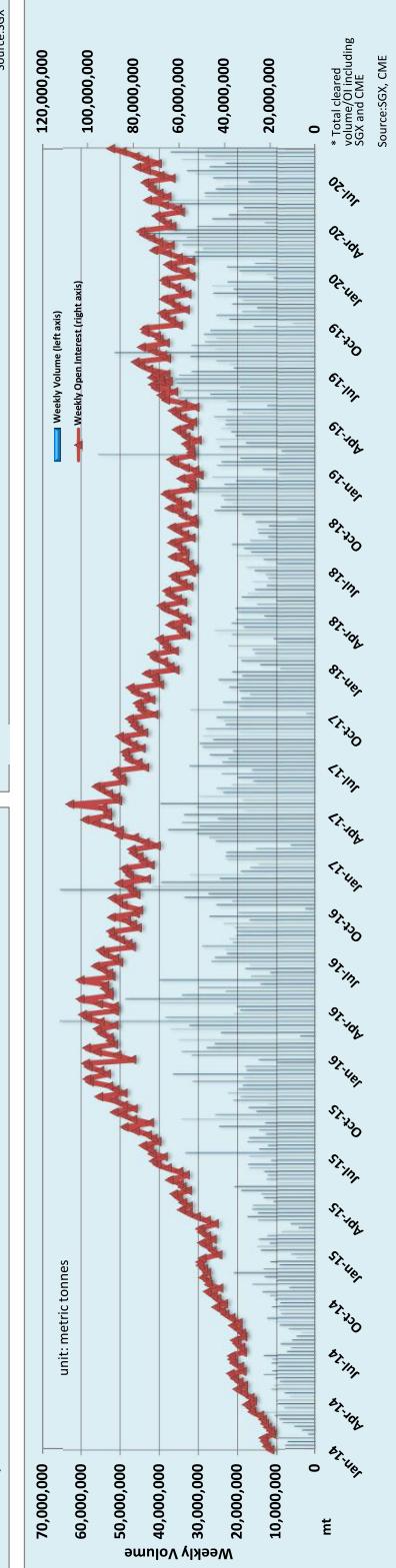
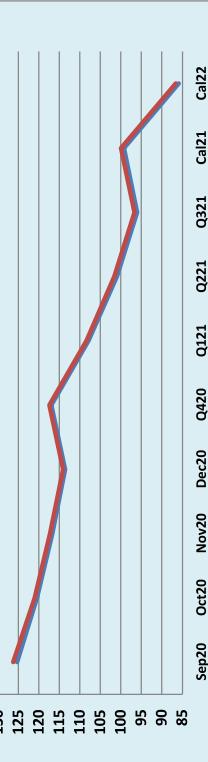
TSI Iron Ore 62	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Q1 20	Q2 21	Q3 21	Cal 21	Cal 22
London Close \$/t	125.35	120.50	116.75	113.60	116.95	107.90	100.95	96.00	85.90
Singapore Close \$/t	126.25	121.00	117.25	114.10	117.45	108.40	101.55	96.65	86.55

Change **-0.43%** **-0.41%**

Platts IO 65% **-0.71%** **-0.41%**



SGX daily swaps/futures volume
(Pre 8pm Singapore time)



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