



# London Iron Ore Market Report

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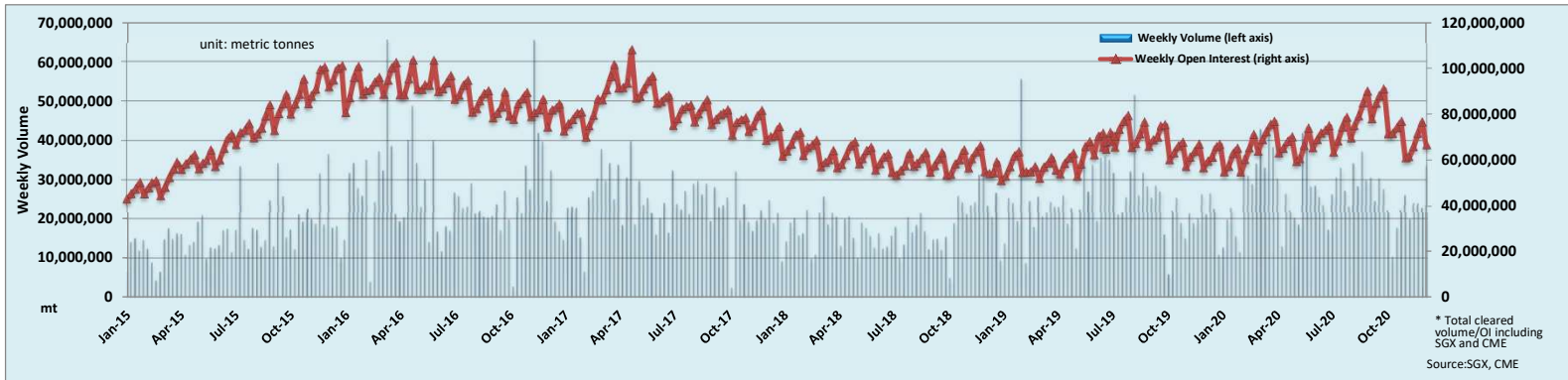
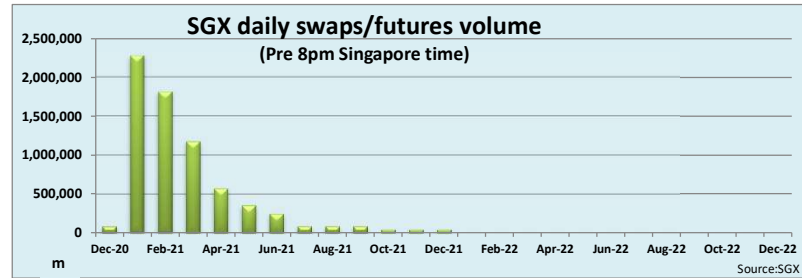
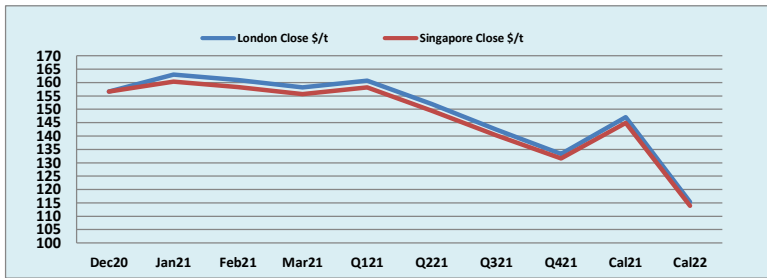
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Iron ore futures tumbled for a second consecutive day on Wednesday as risk-off sentiment swept the market following the Trump administration's surprise demand for bigger stimulus checks. This added to the pains for the steelmaking ingredient which was already under pressure after China imposed stricter trading rules in an effort to curb the bullish momentum which saw iron ore rallied above \$170 early this week. "[Iron ore] has been affected by the collective decline in global risk assets," Huatai Futures wrote in a note. On top of that, the supply-side concerns appeared to have eased. According to the latest MySteel data, iron ore deliveries from Australia and Brazil were up 2.45 million tonnes this week to 25.17 million tonnes. In particular, deliveries from Australia to China were up by 2.62 million tonnes. Futures in Singapore slumped to \$160 in London morning, with rebar once again leading the drop. Jan traded down as low as 160.0 and rebounded to trade 161.2 before easing off a touch to sub-161. Spreads-wise, Jan/Feb traded 1.85 and Q2/Q3 at 9.25. Iron ore futures rebounded in the afternoon following a slow start. The onshore iron ore opened higher, but it took a while before market got going. Buyers were particularly lacking in the early stages of the session. Jan and Feb were seen trading at lowly 161.5 and 159.5 before pushing higher. Jan edged above 163 as DCE reached 1051 but bids were lacking. Q3 also traded 142.2 and Q2 at 151.9. Spreads were widened again this afternoon. Feb/Mar traded at 2.7, Feb/Apr at 5.8 and Mar/Apr at 3.1. Cal 21/22 and 22/23 were marked at 31.85 and 19.85 respectively at the close.

INDEX	Price	Change	MTD
Platts IO 62%	\$163.05	-\$3.95	\$153.95

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MB IO 65%	\$175.70	-\$2.50	\$165.86

TSI Iron Ore 62	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Q1 21	Q2 21	Q3 21	Q4 21	Cal 21	Cal 22
London Close \$/t	156.60	163.00	160.90	158.20	160.70	151.90	142.35	133.30	147.05	115.35
Singapore Close \$/t	156.70	160.40	158.35	155.65	158.15	149.45	140.20	131.70	144.85	113.90
Change	-0.06%	1.62%	1.61%	1.64%	1.61%	1.64%	1.53%	1.21%	1.52%	1.27%



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