Steel & Scrap Morning Report

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Good Morning,

FOB China HRC

The index kept flat last Friday (1.22.21) at US\$641/t, MTD US\$652.73/t.

HRC demand from downstream manufacturers is weakening with the approach of the Lunar New Year. Sellers and buyers were reluctant to compromise on price because of market uncertainty. The wide spread between offers and bid leaves little possibility for any deals. The shrinking steel profit under steep raw material prices meant Chinese mills were unwilling to cut prices sharply to induce buying interest.

A Chinese mill lowered offers to \$670/t cfr Vietnam last Friday for SAE1006 grade coil, in light of softening Chinese domestic prices and scant seaborne buying. But only a few Vietnamese buyers were bidding at \$650/t cfr Vietnam at most. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Limited Deepsea cargo sales expected at lower levels

Mills signal intent to wait till early February to buy

Turkish steel mills continued to hold back from Deepsea import scrap purchases, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Jan. 22 at \$432.50/mt CFR, down \$2.50/mt on day.

One Turkish agent source cited an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$430-\$435/mt CFR. A UK recycler cited an indicative tradable value for ex-UK/EU material around \$430/mt relative to premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) but said US sellers wouldn't sell at \$430/mt CFR.

"The mills are running out of rebar sales, but they have some scrap in hand, so they want to drop scrap prices down a little," the UK recycler said. "I think next week they'll come in and fish for the [price] bottom and buy one-to-three cargoes - then we'll see some price stability before an increase." A second Turkish agent source said below \$440/mt CFR was workable, while a third agent source said below \$430/mt CFR could be possible in the near-term. (Platts)

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Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	432.50	-2.50	465.88
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	619.50	-0.50	636.97
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	709.50	0.00	694.37
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	641.00	0.00	652.73

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-21	645	655	650
Feb-21	620	630	625
Mar-21	610	620	615
Apr-21	600	615	608
Q1-21	625	635	630
Q2-21	590	600	595

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-21	630	640	635
Feb-21	610	620	615
Mar-21	612	622	617
Apr-21	605	615	610
Q1-21	617	627	622
Q2-21	590	600	595

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-21	1055	1065	1060
Feb-21	1110	1120	1115
Mar-21	1063	1073	1068
Apr-21	985	995	990
Q1-21	1076	1086	1081
Q2-21	931	941	936

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-21	450	460	455
Feb-21	435	445	440
Mar-21	440	450	445
Apr-21	435	445	440
Q1-21	410	452	431
Q2-21	410	420	415

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-21	481	510	496
Mar-21	471	500	486
Apr-21	461	490	476
May-21	450	478	464
Q1-21	471	500	486
Q2-21	457	480	469

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-21	675	685	680
Feb-21	670	690	680
Mar-21	650	660	655
Apr-21	635	655	645
Q1-21	662	682	672
Q2-21	625	645	635

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