Steel & Scrap Morning Report

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Good Morning,

FOB China HRC

The index rose by \$14/t last Friday (26.3.21) to US\$754/t, MTD US\$719.75/t.

China domestic steel trade volumes held at the spring seasonal peak levels, with rebar sales volumes the strongest of last week. The Suez Canal closure is only marginally affecting the region's steel trade. The main concern is freight costs could rise if the canal is not reopened soon. Shipping agencies said the stricken container ship Ever Given has been refloated and is now being secured.

An east China mill sold SS400 HRC at around \$760/t fob late week to South America and Africa that have premiums to Southeast Asia prices. The mill stopped offering after the sales and reserved the right to cancel the orders if revised tax rebates are not favourable. Vietnamese buyers also increased bids o \$790/t cfr for SAE1006 grade coils, with an unconfirmed deal for Indian coil sold at \$805/t cfr Vietnam. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

UK HMS dock prices heard lower, Benelux prices firm

Turkish mills return in search of fresh bookings

Turkish Deepsea import ferrous scrap prices were firm March 26, as Turkish mills were heard to be restarting inquiries for May shipment cargoes, sources said. S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) March 26 at \$417.50/mt CFR, unchanged on day.

Two Deepsea deals were heard after the Platts 4:30 pm London deadline, which reflected the daily assessment.

A Benelux-origin cargo totaling 40,000 mt was booked March 26 by a Marmara mill, with 15,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20) and 25,000 mt shredded scrap at a \$414/mt CFR cargo average. The deal was confirmed by the sell side and was heard to be for end-April or beginning May shipment.

A UK-origin cargo, also totalling 40,000 mt, was booked March 26 by a Samsun mill, with 20,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20), 10,000 mt shredded scrap, and 10,000 mt bonus scrap. The deal was confirmed by the sell side. "Sellers are receiving more inquiries from mills and so they have started to hold back," a Turkish trading source said, citing an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$415-\$420/mt CFR, with a near-term tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) cited at \$420-\$430/mt CFR. (Platts)

US HRC

The S&P Global Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was calculated at \$1,342.50/st EXW Indiana March 26, unchanged from March 25.

A Midwest service center source indicated \$1,350/st as a tradable value but noted very limited availability. A fabricator was able place a small-tonnage order from a Midwest converter with a June lead time at a base price of \$1,360/st, after normalizing grades and extras. That indication, however, was not factored into the volume-weighted average calculation based on Platts methodology. (Platts)

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Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	417.50	0.00	438.13
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	612.50	2.50	629.58
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	830.00	13.25	780.51
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	754.00	14.00	719.75

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-21	720	730	725
Apr-21	765	775	770
May-21	745	755	750
Jun-21	725	735	730
Q2-21	745	755	750
Q3-21	685	695	690

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-21	625	635	630
Apr-21	625	635	630
May-21	625	635	630
Jun-21	625	635	630
Q2-21	625	635	630
Q3-21	619	629	624

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-21	1266	1276	1271
Apr-21	1340	1350	1345
May-21	1313	1323	1318
Jun-21	1310	1320	1315
Q2-21	1321	1331	1326
Q3-21	1187	1197	1192

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-21	430	440	435
Apr-21	440	450	445
May-21	445	455	450
Jun-21	445	455	450
Q2-21	443	453	448
Q3-21	443	453	448

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	575	585	580
May-21	585	595	590
Jun-21	600	610	605
Jul-21	600	610	605
Q2-21	587	597	592
Q3-21	593	603	598

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-21	771	781	776
Apr-21	890	900	895
May-21	843	853	848
Jun-21	827	837	832
Q2-21	853	863	858
Q3-21	798	808	803

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