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FIS Steel & Scrap Morning Report

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Good Morning,

FOB China HRC

The index rose by \$1/t yesterday (30.3.21) to US\$763/t, MTD US\$723.64/t.

Chinese coil prices extended gains supported by active trade and tighter supply from north China's production curbs. Seaborne trade remains limited by uncertainty about China's steel export tax rebates. Initial predictions were for rebates to be cut to cover 9pc of the VAT effective from 1 April, but now the market expects a deeper cut and possibly a delay of the changes into late April.

A large Chinese mill cut offer to \$750/t fob for SS400 HRC from \$765/t fob a week of absence from the market. But the mill requires buyers to bear the full costs of any rebate changes. It previously would take half of the additional costs, so in reality the mill disguised a price increase. Most Indian mills stopped quoting in Vietnam, with limited offers at \$845/t cfr Vietnam for SAE grade coils. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish lira weakens further against US dollar

Mills estimated to require close to 30 further May shipment cargoes

Turkish Deepsea import ferrous scrap prices were stable March 30, as Turkish mills held back from buying amid sharp volatility in the Turkish lira, sources said. S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) March 30 at \$421.50/mt CFR, unchanged on day.

"When you see so many cargoes booked last week, it means the feeling among exporters is not as enthusiastic now - we don't think prices are going to jump," an EU recycler said, adding that some Baltic recyclers could even accept \$420/mt CFR and below. "Some US guys are also likely to accept \$420/mt CFR," the EU recycler added.

However, Benelux collection prices for HMS material were heard around Eur315/mt delivered to the dock, with some exporters willing to pay up to Eur320/mt delivered. EU recyclers also cited early expectations for European domestic settlements for April, with shredded and HMS grades likely to see a slight downward correction, and bushelling and other primes likely to remain unchanged from March contract pricing. (Platts)

US HRC

The S&P Global Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was calculated at \$1,342.50/st EXW Indiana March 30, unchanged from March 29.

A service center source indicated offers at \$1,360/st EXW from two separate Canadian mills with lead times in August. That indication, however, was not included in the index as those lead times did not meet Platts' methodology requirements. No other bids, offers or transactions were heard. (Platts)

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Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	421.50	0.00	436.61
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	617.50	0.00	628.48
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	845.50	15.50	785.72
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	763.00	1.00	723.64

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	775	785	780
May-21	765	775	770
Jun-21	745	755	750
Jul-21	735	745	740
Q2-21	762	772	767
Q3-21	708	718	713

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	455	465	460
May-21	453	463	458
Jun-21	453	463	458
Jul-21	453	463	458
Q2-21	454	464	451
Q3-21	446	456	451

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	635	645	640
May-21	635	645	640
Jun-21	635	645	640
Jul-21	635	645	640
Q2-21	635	645	640
Q3-21	622	632	627

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

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	1345	1355	1350
May-21	1312	1322	1317
Jun-21	1284	1294	1289
Jul-21	1215	1225	1220
Q2-21	1314	1324	1319
Q3-21	1171	1181	1176

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-21	890	900	895
May-21	860	870	865
Jun-21	835	845	840
Jul-21	815	825	820
Q2-21	862	872	867
Q3-21	798	808	803