

01/11/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$8/t last Friday (29.10.21) to US\$880/t, MTD US\$905.48/t.

Domestic buyers are hesitant to book spot purchases on worries that regulators' continued scrutiny of thermal coal may lead to further price declines that will weigh on other commodity markets. The top economic planning agency the NDRC said last Friday that coal selling prices remain much higher than mines' cost levels.

Some traders are willing to receive orders as low as \$850-860/t fob China for SS400 HRC, but seaborne buyers' bids, especially from Vietnam, are lower at an equivalent of \$840/t fob China. Chinese Mills were not in a hurry to attract orders for January shipment, so they are mainly waiting during this round of price drops. An eastern China mill said that they used up most of their 2021 export volume in the first half year, so they only exported around 100,000t of steel products since July. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Sell-side sources expect near-term softening
Bulk freight rates for scrap into Turkey soften

Turkish Deepsea import ferrous scrap prices softened Oct. 29, as sell-side sources indicated lower workable levels in a slow holiday market, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 80:20 Oct. 29 at \$497/mt CFR, down \$2.50/mt on day. One Turkish mill source said around \$495/mt CFR maximum was workable for premium HMS 1/2 80:20, while a second mill source cited an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$495-\$500/mt CFR.

The Turkish import scrap market was largely quiet over Oct. 28-29, during the national Republic Day holiday, while Turkish lira volatility has subdued domestic rebar and billet demand over the past week.

Platts assessed the Turkish lira against the US dollar at Lira 9.6155 at 4.30 pm London time Oct. 29, down on day from Lira 9.5139 Oct. 28. The Turkish lira had briefly reached an all-time low of Lira 9.8367 late Oct. 24. (Platts)

EHR CME

Northwest European hot-rolled coil prices (HRC) nudged up Friday, as some participants were more upbeat after mills tabled higher contract offers.

Argus' daily domestic NW EU HRC index rose by €3.75/t to €934.25/t ex-works, while the daily NW cold-rolled coil (CRC) assessment edged up by €2.25/t to €1,117.50/t.

Some smaller central and eastern European mills sold December production at €900/t delivered in the past few days, but most producers are trying to move away from such levels.

Surplus automotive tonnages remained an issue for producers, but they were trying to play these down amid contract talks with industrial customers.

A Russian producer offering about €910/t fca Antwerp was expected to increase its offer next week.
The daily Italian HRC index fell by €1.00/t to €881.50/t ex-works.

Offers were heard at €880-900/t ex-works, with mills willing to negotiate further down, depending on the specifications of orders. Producers are pushing for higher prices, but it is difficult to convince buyers when prices in the rest of Europe remain under pressure and the automotive industry is underperforming. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	497.00	-2.50	475.90
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	732.50	0.00	703.09
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	934.25	3.75	973.63
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	880.00	-8.00	909.15

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	875	885	880
Dec-21	875	885	880
Jan-22	875	885	880
Q1-22	870	880	875
Q2-22	855	865	860
Q3-22	845	855	850

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	480	490	485
Dec-21	475	485	480
Jan-22	470	480	475
Q1-22	465	475	455
Q2-22	450	460	455
Q3-22	435	445	440

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	720	730	725
Dec-21	715	725	720
Jan-22	710	720	715
Q1-22	705	715	710
Q2-22	690	700	695
Q3-22	675	685	680

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	610	620	615
Dec-21	625	635	630
Jan-22	620	630	625
Q1-22	620	630	625
Q2-22	620	630	625
Q3-22	600	610	605

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1795	1815	1805
Dec-21	1655	1675	1665
Jan-22	1555	1575	1565
Q1-22	1455	1475	1465
Q2-22	1218	1238	1228
Q3-22	1075	1095	1085

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	965	975	970
Dec-21	950	960	955
Jan-22	935	945	940
Q1-22	920	930	925
Q2-22	853	863	858
Q3-22	800	810	805

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