

05/11/2021**FOB China HRC**

There was no index yesterday given Singapore public holiday.

Chinese steel prices fell as stockpiles for five major steel products rose by 120,000t this week against a decrease of 270,000t last week, participants said. Panic is growing among traders incurring significant losses at current prices, but there are concerns over holding stocks if prices fall further. The profit margin for HRC stands at around Yn 200/t for mills.

A deal for around 30,000t of SAE1006 grade coils from an east China mill was heard to have concluded at \$850/t cfr Vietnam this week. The level is considered workable for Vietnamese buyers with traders still inviting bids at \$845-855/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese coils. Coils from India and Russia lost their price competitiveness as mills are securing higher prices in their respective domestic markets. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea import scrap prices back to \$500 CFR on fresh deals -

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices rose Nov. 4, as mills accepted higher prices for new bookings, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Nov. 4 at \$500/mt CFR, up \$5/mt on the day.

A Baltic-origin cargo was booked Nov. 4 by an Izmir mill, with 11,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$500/mt CFR, 15,000 mt shredded scrap and 3,000 mt bonus scrap at \$520/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sellside for December shipment.

A US-origin cargo was booked the week started Nov. 1 by a Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$500/mt CFR and shredded/ bonus scrap at \$520/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sellside, who also sold a UK-origin cargo on Nov. 3 to a Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$491/mt CFR. (Platts)

EU HRC

The European hot-rolled coil (HRC) market continued to gather momentum yesterday.

Large northwest European mills offered HRC to stockists at base prices of €1,080-1,130/t ex-works, depending on quality and volume. Market participants are confident that prices are set to increase, but continue to await clarity on when buying will pick up.

Some smaller mills were offering HRC below €1,000/t ex-works in northwest Europe with short lead times, seeking to fill gaps in order books. One producer quoted a base price of €970/t ex-works for a 500t parcel with December availability.

Still, uncertainty remains over when purchasing will resume. Large buyers are mulling when to place their first-quarter orders and could opt for smaller volumes, expecting more availability later in the year.

The conclusion of ongoing automotive contract negotiations is expected to set the tone for January and February orders. Some mills were heard negotiating with original equipment manufacturers at €1,000-1,050/t ex-works today and are expected to finalise deals within the next two weeks. Once settled, mills are likely to seek to sell at around €1,100/t ex-works to the general industrial market, one buyer said. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	500.00	5.00	475.90
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	742.50	7.50	703.09
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	998.75	-0.75	973.63
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	HOL	0.00	909.15

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	795	805	800
Dec-21	785	795	790
Jan-22	785	795	790
Q1-22	780	790	785
Q2-22	772	782	777
Q3-22	758	768	763

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	490	500	495
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	725	735	730
Dec-21	705	715	710
Jan-22	700	710	705
Q1-22	695	705	700
Q2-22	680	690	685
Q3-22	665	675	670

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	605	615	610
Dec-21	645	655	650
Jan-22	645	655	650
Q1-22	630	640	635
Q2-22	620	630	625
Q3-22	600	610	605

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1780	1800	1790
Dec-21	1635	1655	1645
Jan-22	1530	1550	1540
Q1-22	1440	1460	1450
Q2-22	1200	1220	1210
Q3-22	1068	1088	1078

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1015	1025	1020
Dec-21	1025	1035	1030
Jan-22	1005	1015	1010
Q1-22	988	998	993
Q2-22	918	928	923
Q3-22	855	865	860

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