Steel and Scrap Report

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FOB China HRC

The index fell by \$8/t yesterday (9.11.21) to US\$790/t, MTD US\$818.83/t.

There were signs of distressed sales in China's domestic market from traders seeking to shed positions as steel demand is not expected to improve in the winter and feedstocks cost support keeps eroding. Mills in north China's Shanxi province have asked suppliers for metallurgical coke price cuts of Yn200/t to alleviate their squeezed steel margins.

A small quantity of Chinese SS400 HRC sold at \$790/t fob China this week, for January shipment. Other deals for Chinese SS400 HRC were heard sold below \$810/t cfr Vietnam. But all those deals were sold by traders for February shipment. Traders cut offers to \$810/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE grade coils from \$820/t cfr Vietnam. Offers were unchanged at \$890/t cfr Vietnam for Japanese SAE grade coils and a Kazakhstan mill was inviting bids at \$840/t cfr Vietnam. (Argus)

EU HRC

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices remained under pressure yesterday, as the seemingly firm stance of mills for first-quarter volumes was offset by cheaper sales for December and January.

Argus' daily Italian HRC index dropped by €4.25/t to €893/t, while the daily northwest EU index slipped by €1.25/t to €986.25/t ex-works.

Producers are still trying to find homes for December volumes and are offering them at significant discounts compared to firstquarter offers. One large northern European mill offered into Turkey last week at €760/t cfr to try to remove some surplus tonnes.

Participants are waiting for automotive contract negotiation settlements, which they hope will provide more clarity and direction going forward. But for now, the tone of the market is predominantly being set by surplus automotive material.

In Italy, tubemakers have access to prices as low as €850/t ex-works, while declining sheet prices are not giving much reason for service centres to buy coils. In Germany, automotive-focused service centres are competing in the general industry segment as they look to shift surplus processed material. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Russia-origin deal heard after price deadline at \$497/mt CFR for HMS 1/2 (80:20) Tight scrap supply vies with slow mill finished steel demand

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices moved sideways Nov. 9, as buyers held back in search of lower workable levels, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Nov. 9 at \$499/mt CFR, unchanged day on day.

A Russia-origin cargo was heard to be booked Nov. 9 by a Marmara mill after the Platts 4.30 pm London time pricing deadline. The cargo was made up of 20,000 mt HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$497/mt CFR, and 10,000 mt bonus scrap at \$517/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sell side for first half December shipment.

"There is a standoff between sellers and buyers, but availability is super tight, and so I guess an equilibrium will be found in between," an EU seller said, adding that sellers considered premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) to be workable at \$500-\$510/mt CFR, while buyers were targeting \$495-\$500/mt CFR for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) and \$490-\$495/mt CFR for EU-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20). (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	499.00	0.00	497.57
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	732.50	0.00	735.71
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	986.25	-1.25	982.89
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	790.00	-8.00	818.83

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	795	805	800
Dec-21	775	785	780
Jan-22	770	780	775
Q1-22	765	775	770
Q2-22	757	767	762
Q3-22	748	758	753

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

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1795	1815	1805
Dec-21	1665	1685	1675
Jan-22	1565	1585	1575
Q1-22	1467	1487	1477
Q2-22	1268	1288	1278
Q3-22	1095	1115	1105

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

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	595	605	600
Dec-21	620	630	625
Jan-22	620	630	625
Q1-22	620	630	625
Q2-22	613	623	618
Q3-22	600	610	605

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1015	1025	1020
Dec-21	1005	1015	1010
Jan-22	995	1005	1000
Q1-22	985	995	990
Q2-22	945	955	950
Q3-22	855	865	860

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