

16/11/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$1/t yesterday (15.11.21) to US\$779/t, MTD US\$803/t.

China's October real estate sector investment fell by 5.4pc on year and infrastructure investment fell by 2.9pc on year. Hebei's provincial government published an updated winter production restriction plan that asks its mills to complete 2021 steel production cuts by 31 December and cut at least 30pc output over 1 January-15 March from year-ago levels to reduce pollution.

There are limited offers in Vietnam at \$845-850/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006 grade coils. Most Vietnamese buyers were cautious on placing orders before making clearer about the market trend. Local mill Hoa Phat announced to cut its January shipment HRC offers to around \$834-838/t cif Vietnam early this morning. (Argus)

EU HRC

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices continued to come under pressure from excess supply today.

Even pickled and oiled sheets, which have been comparatively tight, were sold cheap in Italy by distributors, with competitive import material offered.

Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index dropped by €16.75/t to €956.50/t, as large tier-one producers admitted to selling spot tonnes for January deliveries in the €980-990/t range and service centres reported chunky purchases at €950/t. German producer Salzgitter last week said it would delay the restart of a blast furnace until the first quarter of next year, as it had sufficient slab stock. The furnace was scheduled to resume during the second week of November. The daily Italian HRC index fell by €4.75/t to €873.25/t ex-works, while the daily NW cold-rolled coil assessment shed another €5/t to reach €1,070/t.

In Italy, pickled and oiled sheets were offered at €1,100-1,140/t delivered by service centres, indicative of the pressure that buyers have exerted, having witnessed the drop in HRC prices. Imported pickled and oiled coils were reported to be available for the first quarter of 2022 at €930/t fot. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea scrap prices were firm, due to the ongoing buying interest for December shipment cargoes, sources said Nov. 15.

Market sources reported a few new deals Nov. 15 that most likely closed late in the week ended Nov. 12. A US-origin cargo traded at \$500/mt CFR Marmara for HMS 1/2 (80:20) and at \$520/mt CFR Marmara for shred/bonus material, various sources reported. A couple of bookings, ex-Baltic and ex-UK, were also reported at \$494.50/mt and \$490/mt, both CFR Marmara.

Premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) suppliers eyed prices above \$500/mt CFR Turkey, but buyers resisted further upside in pricing. One scrap dealer said that the finished steel pricing in Turkey was dampening the sentiment. Turkish rebar export prices failed to move up despite mills trying hikes earlier. Workable prices for rebar in Asia were still significantly lower than the quotations from Turkey.

A scrap merchant said he was targeting \$500/mt or higher, and he expected the market to strengthen soon. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	500.00	0.00	498.18
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	730.00	0.00	733.86
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	956.50	-16.75	979.48
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	779.00	-1.00	803.00

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	795	805	800
Dec-21	770	780	775
Jan-22	765	775	770
Q1-22	763	773	768
Q2-22	757	767	762
Q3-22	748	758	753

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	490	500	495
Dec-21	470	480	475
Jan-22	455	465	460
Q1-22	455	465	452
Q2-22	447	457	452
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

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	625	635	630
Jan-22	625	635	630
Feb-22	605	615	610
Q1-22	610	620	615
Q2-22	598	608	603
Q3-22	585	595	590

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1790	1810	1800
Dec-21	1665	1685	1675
Jan-22	1550	1570	1560
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	1268	1288	1278
Q3-22	1092	1112	1102

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-21	1015	1025	1020
Dec-21	980	990	985
Jan-22	980	990	985
Q1-22	967	977	972
Q2-22	932	942	937
Q3-22	855	865	860

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