

13/12/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$5/t last Friday (13.12.21) to US\$769/t, MTD US\$771.25/t.

China's excavator sales in November fell by 36.6pc on year, with domestic sales down by 51.4pc, the seventh month of consecutive decline, data by the China Construction Machinery Association shows. China's vehicle sales fell by 9.1pc and production decreased by 9.3pc on year, despite a slight recovery from October, said the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

A deal for a small quantity of Chinese SS400 HRC sold at \$800/t cfr Vietnam last week. Traders cut offers to \$790-820/t cfr Vietnam after the fall in Chinese domestic prices. Vietnamese buyers also lowered bids to \$775/t cfr Vietnam and expect local mill Hoa Phat to cut HRC offers to \$760-780/t cif Vietnam this week. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Dock prices in key exporting regions remain firm
Turkish lira continues to weaken

Turkish mills deepsea import ferrous scrap prices recovered Dec. 10, as mills booked US-origin cargoes at slightly firmer levels, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 80:20 Dec. 10 at \$470.25/mt CFR, up \$2.75/mt day on day. The assessment had previously fallen \$32.50/mt over the past month from \$500/mt CFR Nov. 12.

A US-origin deal was booked Dec. 9 by a Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$470/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the buy side.

A second US-origin deal totaling 30,000 mt was booked Dec. 9 by another Marmara mill, with 22,000 mt HMS 1/2 80:20, and 8,000 mt shredded scrap at \$476/mt CFR cargo average, confirmed by sell side. Premium HMS 1/2 80:20 was calculated around \$470.75/mt CFR relative to the cargo.

An EU-origin deal was heard to have been booked by a third Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 80:20 at \$463/mt CFR but could not be officially confirmed.

"The price came off [in the last month] as mills held back to see what they could get away with, and some Baltic guys needed to sell due to the incoming [scrap export] tax situation," a UK recycler said. "There is definitely resistance from the US at \$470/mt CFR. Some sellers will sit out as Turks need to buy, and Baltic sellers are also reticent to sell for January. (Platts)

EHR CME

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices declined again Friday amid low liquidity. There was some purchasing interest in Italy at low levels, while the German market was quiet, although some distributors will finalise purchases next week.

The Argus daily Italian HRC index today fell by €7/t to €850/t ex-works, while the northwest Europe HRC index slipped by €5/t to €916.50/t.

A large Italian buyer was in the market for 20,000-25,000t of imported HRC, which it was trying to purchase at around €790/t cfr, probably from Turkey, for 1 April clearance.

But many other buyers were in wait-and-see mode, especially with purchases from domestic producers. In Italy, €840-850/t was reportedly achievable for January-February delivery after negotiations. One seller was quoting €860-900/t delivered, depending on buyer. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	470.25	2.75	474.06
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	705.00	-2.50	713.31
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	916.50	-5.00	920.66
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	769.00	-5.00	771.25

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	760	770	765
Jan-22	755	765	760
Feb-22	745	755	750
Q1-22	745	755	750
Q2-22	715	725	720
Q3-22	685	695	690

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	460	470	465
Jan-22	460	470	465
Feb-22	445	455	450
Q1-22	447	457	423
Q2-22	418	428	423
Q3-22	410	420	415

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	695	705	700
Jan-22	695	705	700
Feb-22	675	685	680
Q1-22	678	688	683
Q2-22	645	655	650
Q3-22	615	625	620

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	590	600	595
Feb-22	580	590	585
Mar-22	570	580	575
Q1-22	580	590	585
Q2-22	550	560	555
Q3-22	520	530	525

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	1595	1615	1605
Jan-22	1430	1450	1350
Feb-22	1340	1360	1250
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	1147	1167	1157
Q3-22	1028	1048	1038

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	920	930	925
Jan-22	865	875	870
Feb-22	855	865	860
Q1-22	855	865	860
Q2-22	825	835	830
Q3-22	795	805	800

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