

14/12/2021**FOB China HRC**

The index was flat yesterday (13.12.21) at US\$769/t, MTD US\$771/t.

"Ensuring stability" was highlighted by policy makers as a top priority for China in 2022 along with proactive fiscal policies, prudent monetary policies, fresh new tax cuts and fee reductions to support economic growth. China is confident that it will meet its 2021 economic growth target of over 6pc, said Ning Jizhe, deputy head of the National Development and Reform Commission at the conference held in Beijing on 8-10 December.

A deal for around 2,000t of SS400 HRC produced by a north China mill was heard sold at \$780/t cfr Vietnam last week. But those levels were not workable after Chinese domestic prices rose. Sellers cut offers to \$790-800/t cfr Vietnam for Indian SAE1006 grade coils, but failed to induce interest **from Vietnamese buyers as they were still waiting for local mills Formosa and Hoa Phat's new offers. (Argus)**

Turkish Scrap

Mills hold back while sellers hold offers firm
Turkish lira volatility continues

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices remained largely stable Dec. 13, as buyers held back amid currency volatility and fear of a further interest rate cut, sources said.

S&P Global Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Dec. 13 at \$470/mt CFR, down 25 cents/mt on day.

"Everybody is waiting for Thursday's Central Bank announcement [on the key interest rate]," one Turkish mill source said, expecting most buyers would hold back until then.

A second Turkish mill source said below \$470/mt CFR was workable for US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20), with \$455-\$460/mt CFR likely to be possible in the near-term for Baltic-origin material. Offers from the US remained at an equivalent of \$470-\$475/mt CFR for HMS 1/2 (80:20). "We might see some action this week, but the market is likely to be clearer next week," the second mill source said.

The Turkish lira weakened sharply against the US dollar Dec. 13 amid fears of a further interest rate cut despite soaring inflation. Under pressure from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Turkish central bank has lowered interest rates by 400 basis points since September, to 15% on Nov. 18. (Platts)

CFR Taiwan Containerised Ferrous Scrap

The index was flat on Monday at \$450/t cfr Taiwan and MTD was down to \$453/t.

No offer from US suppliers were known as they were not back from their weekend while traders hold off offer as they awaits price direction from suppliers.

Many US suppliers were expected to resist accepting prices lower than last week because of high container freight cost and low generation of scrap from their domestic market due to winter. However, some may willing to consider buyers workable price as they see no upturn in steel demand in the Asia region. Prices might face more downward pressure if sluggish demand continue into the near future. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	470.00	-0.25	473.61
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	702.50	-2.50	712.11
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	916.50	0.00	920.19
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	769.00	0.00	771.00

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	455	465	460
Feb-22	445	455	450
Q1-22	445	455	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	1420	1440	1345
Feb-22	1335	1355	1250
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	1145	1165	1155
Q3-22	1017	1037	1027

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-21	920	930	925
Jan-22	860	870	865
Feb-22	850	860	855
Q1-22	853	863	858
Q2-22	835	845	840
Q3-22	815	825	820

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