

**17/01/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index kept flat last Friday (14.1.22) at US\$744/t, MTD US\$745.50/t.

Major mills and traders hold offers unchanged at equivalent of \$750-790/t fob China for SS400 HRC, given the relatively firm Chinese domestic prices. Some traders were offering much lower at \$765/t cfr Vietnam. They failed to induce any buying, as Vietnamese mill Hoa Phat's offers were competitive at \$731-735/t cif Vietnam for same grade coils.

Vietnamese buyers focused on coil sales from local mills Formosa Ha Tinh and Hoa Phat as their prices were much lower compared with coils from other countries. Mills from India may be pushed to cut prices this week, while a trader was heard inviting bids at \$715/t cfr Vietnam for Indian coils. Most participants in Vietnam had not heard that level yet. (Argus)

**EHR CME**

North European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices ticked up a touch Friday, as some mills managed to sell at slightly higher prices.

Argus' benchmark NW EU HRC index rose to €920.50/t ex-Ruhr Friday, up by €11.75/t.

Small amounts from central and eastern Europe were sold to German spot buyers at €930/t delivered for February-March delivery. Two mills in the Visegrad have raised their HRC offers, but no deals have been concluded at higher levels yet.

On the whole, liquidity remained low, as buyers and sellers seemed unsure about market direction. Import prices remained attractive, and with the second quarter approaching, there was less concern about booking Indian material, as residual quotas will become available. Some Indian offers were heard as low as €750/t cfr, although there was talk that mills in the country had increased prices by \$20/t after making export sales, including to Turkey. One Indian producer said it had not sold to Europe despite making some offers.

Most buyers were reticent about purchasing given sufficient stocks and low demand — one service centre said demand would need to double for a number of weeks before it felt comfortable making new purchases.

In the brokered futures market, March and April traded down slightly from yesterday's settlement on CME, introducing slight backwardation after the nearby curve had previously flattened. March traded at €890/t for 500t, and April traded slightly lower at €885/t. (Argus)

**US HRC**

The S&P Global Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,400/st EXW Indiana Jan. 14, down \$40 from Jan. 13.

A Midwest service center source said a Midwest mini-mill was maintaining sales prices at a minimum of \$1,400 but the price was not generating buying interest. The price level was also the floor for new deals from a second Midwest mini-mill, according to the source. The assessment moved to the lowest competitive, repeatable tradable value as buying interest remained sparse. There was also a reported offer at a significantly lower level by another service center source from an established domestic mill signifying a willingness to sell below the current offers to generate orders. Another Midwest mill said they had been selling minimal HRC tons above \$1,500 during the week. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	470.25	0.25	468.00
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	701.00	1.00	699.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	920.50	11.75	905.64
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	744.00	0.00	745.50

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	750	760	755
Feb-22	745	755	750
Mar-22	740	750	745
Q1-22	745	755	750
Q2-22	727	737	732
Q3-22	712	722	717

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	460	470	465
Feb-22	458	468	463
Mar-22	453	463	458
Q1-22	457	467	428
Q2-22	423	433	428
Q3-22	410	420	415

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	705	715	710
Feb-22	695	705	700
Mar-22	675	685	680
Q1-22	692	702	697
Q2-22	645	655	650
Q3-22	615	625	620

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-22	540	550	545
Mar-22	555	565	560
Apr-22	565	575	570
Q2-22	570	580	575
Q3-22	575	585	580
Q4-22	568	578	573

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	1430	1450	1440
Feb-22	1250	1270	1095
Mar-22	1085	1105	1055
Q1-22	1255	1275	1265
Q2-22	1020	1040	1030
Q3-22	953	973	963

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	905	915	910
Feb-22	895	905	900
Mar-22	880	890	885
Q1-22	893	903	898
Q2-22	850	860	855
Q3-22	832	842	837

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