

**20/01/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$3/t yesterday (19.1.22) to US\$747/t, MTD US\$745.38/t.

China's central bank said it will give ample policy support to the economy and make efforts as quickly as possible, signaling more stimulus measures, including interest rate reductions and reserve requirement ratio (RRR) cuts this year.

Shanghai mainstream HRC ex-warehouse prices rose by Yn40/t to Yn4,960/t. A north China mill lifted offers by an equivalent price of \$20/t to \$770-775/t fob today seeing sharp rise of futures prices and strengthening domestic levels, but buyers stayed muted. And traders tend to hold offers to wait and see amid slim buying interest and sharp rise of China's domestic prices.

Indian mills withdrew their prices offered to Vietnam after selling large tonnages of HRC at \$710-720/t fob last week to Middle east and Europe, and deals were also heard at \$810/t cfr Egypt for Indian HRC. Indian mills were mulling over to raise prices for next batch of supply after good sales, some market participants said. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

Price direction remained unclear in the northwest European hot-rolled coil (HRC) market yesterday, amid spotty liquidity.

Some larger mills are firm in their offers of €930-950/t (\$1,058-1,080/t), but others are lowering expectations to make sales.

A Visegrad-based producer that informed customers it would increase prices by €50/t after ArcelorMittal's recent price rise has reversed course: it rolled over December prices around €910-920/t base delivered to buyers in Germany and the Benelux.

Another northern producer has offered below €900/t to some buyers, although they are more concerned with receiving orders booked earlier in 2021. One central and eastern European producer said it was selling around €930/t delivered Ruhr for February production and would seek higher for March. Another was offering pickled and oiled around €950-960/t delivered but has not made sales. An Austrian service centre reported booking 5,000t of dry HRC at €860/t delivered.

Lead times from certain mills are as low as two to four weeks on commodity grade HRC, although others are booked into the second quarter for downstream products, where supply is seemingly tighter. (Argus)

**US HRC**

The S&P Global Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,400/st EXW Indiana Jan. 19, unchanged from Jan. 18.

One service center source indicated a tradable value at \$1,400/st but was cautious about transacting. A Midwest service center source received an offer from an integrated mill at \$1,360/st, but it was for excess slab rollings and did not reflect Platts specifications. There was no indication of price change since the last assessment with no other firm bids, offers or transactions reported on the day. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	469.75	0.00	468.48
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	699.00	0.00	699.08
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	919.75	2.75	909.23
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	747.00	3.00	745.38

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	750	760	755
Feb-22	760	770	765
Mar-22	760	770	765
Q1-22	757	767	762
Q2-22	750	760	755
Q3-22	720	730	725

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	460	470	465
Feb-22	463	473	468
Mar-22	453	463	458
Q1-22	459	469	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	540	550	545
Apr-22	550	560	555
Q2-22	552	562	557
Q3-22	563	573	568
Q4-22	565	575	570

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	1430	1450	1440
Feb-22	1225	1245	1035
Mar-22	1025	1045	990
Q1-22	1460	1480	1470
Q2-22	962	982	972
Q3-22	917	937	927

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-22	905	915	910
Feb-22	915	925	920
Mar-22	895	905	900
Q1-22	905	915	910
Q2-22	868	878	873
Q3-22	832	842	837

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