

04/03/2022**FOB China HRC**

An east China mill sold large amounts of SS400 HRC at \$840-860/t fob China this week and then pushed up offers to \$870/t fob China. A large mill in northeast China stopped quoting, after selling out its allocation for this week at a base level of \$840/t fob China. Another north China mill stopped quoting too after sold 10,000t SS400 HRC at \$830/t fob China earlier this week. Several other mills and traders chose to negotiate prices in response to firm bids only given tight supply and expectation of further price rises.

Offers rose above \$900/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006 grade coils as there were limited allocations left, after deals done these two days. A Taiwanese mill lifted its offer to \$915-940/t cfr Vietnam, as bids stood at \$875-880/t cfr Vietnam. Chinese SAE1006 grade coils were heard sold at \$990/t cfr Turkey this week, leaving supply to Vietnam tighter and offers would be higher. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices rose to an all-time assessment high for a fourth consecutive day March 3, as several recyclers continued to hold back in anticipation of higher deal levels, sources said.

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) March 3 at \$595/mt CFR, up \$45/mt on day to reach its highest ever level since the assessment began in early 2010. The assessment has jumped \$87/mt on week from \$508/mt CFR on Feb. 24.

A Baltic-origin deal was heard by multiple sources to have been booked March 2 by an Iskenderun mill, with 23,000 mt at \$585/mt CFR, and 6,000 mt shredded scrap and 6,000 mt bonus scrap, both at \$610/mt CFR.

However, workable levels were cited sharply higher on March 3, following news of the Baltic-origin deal (Platts)

EU HRC

An Italian mill was quoting €1,050/t ex-works Thursday, while some indicatively quoted above €1,000/t but remained off market. Central and eastern European producers remained out of the market too. One that had been planning to return at €1,000/t cpt Ruhr has instead stayed away, and will stop rolling in the coming days to amass slab stocks — it supplements its own production with Russian slab, which is currently unavailable. Plate producers will also be competing for slab supply, and may get priority given the huge jump in prices that seems likely.

While buyers are unlikely to purchase today given the heightened uncertainty, more mills will likely table higher quotations after the market leader hiked its offer €180/t. Nevertheless, some expect it will take a few more weeks for buyers to digest an increase as sharp as that being proposed by the mills.

Some import offers were heard today. Japanese HRC was on offer until yesterday at \$1,040/t cif Italy. An Egyptian mill is understood to have also been on the market. Turkish producers were dipping in and out, but so far south EU buyers were not accepting prices, although eastern buyers were. Some Turkish offers were coming in at around €970/t cfr south Europe, although certain mills were asking upwards of \$1,050/t fob Turkey. Bids from Italy were heard at \$950-960/t fob Turkey, which were not accepted. (Argus)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	595.00	45.00	561.67
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	845.00	45.00	809.17
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1028.25	10.50	1005.50
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	853.00	21.00	832.67

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1055	1075	1075
Apr-22	1255	1275	1300
May-22	1290	1310	1275
Q2-22	1270	1290	1280
Q3-22	1232	1252	1242
Q4-22	1185	1205	1195

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1145	1165	1155
Apr-22	1240	1260	1250
May-22	1220	1240	1230
Q2-22	1222	1232	1227
Q3-22	1155	1165	1160
Q4-22	1083	1093	1088

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	875	905	890
Apr-22	920	950	935
May-22	915	945	930
Q2-22	923	933	928
Q3-22	893	903	898
Q4-22	848	858	853

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	595	605	600
Apr-22	640	650	645
May-22	630	640	635
Q2-22	630	640	600
Q3-22	595	605	600
Q4-22	560	570	565

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	855	865	860
Apr-22	885	895	890
May-22	880	890	885
Q2-22	878	888	883
Q3-22	820	830	825
Q4-22	745	755	750

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	610	620	615
Apr-22	720	730	725
May-22	715	725	720
Q2-22	710	720	715
Q3-22	675	685	680
Q4-22	660	670	665

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