

**08/03/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$26/t yesterday (7.3.22) to \$880/t, MTD US\$846.40/t.

Beijing targeted a 5.5pc GDP growth rate and 3.65 trln yuan in special bonds for 2022, reassuring the market of its support for economic growth. Major Chinese mills hiked offers by \$15-60/t to \$885-900/t fob for SS400 HRC on rising domestic and international prices. There is no cargoes available below \$880/t fob. Freight rates have also pushed higher, in line with rising oil prices. The freight from China to Vietnam rose to \$35-40/t from \$30/t. While that from Vietnam to Europe was even uncertain given the effect from the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Chinese SAE1006 grade coils offers rose to \$940-950/t cfr Vietnam from \$900-945/t cfr Vietnam last Friday. A Taiwanese mill was heard to have stopped quoting after it sold coils at \$950/t cfr to the EU last week. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices continued to increase yesterday in almost silent trade, as participants mulled the increasingly rapid cost escalation caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Argus' daily Italian HRC index increased by €25/t today to €1,022.25/t, while the daily northwest EU HRC index rose by €7/t to €1,052.25/t.

In Italy sheet prices continue to climb, with service centres selling at around €1,250-1,300/t, while slab costs are also escalating. One buyer paid around \$950/t cfr for Indonesian material, while another also purchased from Asia. Some said this cargo could be Chinese but this was unconfirmed at the time of writing.

European and Turkish buyers have also been enquiring after US slab because of the fall in Black Sea supply.

A Russian seller that suspended coil sales into Europe said it had redirected all tonnes into the domestic market, after earlier saying it was in talks with buyers in other geographies. Talk that Russian oil and energy exports could be subject to sanctions stoked expectations that steel and raw materials could also be sanctioned. European mills rely heavily on Black Sea pulverised coal injection, as well as taking coking coal, iron ore and ferroalloys. Australian PCI was sold into the Visegrad group of countries as high as \$645/t fob today. (Argus)

**US HRC**

S&P Global Commodity Intelligence assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$990/st EXW Indiana March 7, down \$10 from March 4.

A service center source said his pricing had risen to \$960/st for additional tons from a Midwest mini-mill following a larger tonnage transaction at \$860/st. He said another mini-mill had moved its minimum offer price to \$1,000/st this week. The price was assessed below the latest offer reported by a service center at a minimum of \$1,000/st and reflective of a 600 st offer at \$990/st from March 4, reported by a broker. The price remained above the \$960/st offer as it was predicated by a larger-tonnage deal not repeatable by most buyers. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	635.00	10.00	589.00
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	900.00	20.00	841.50
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1052.25	7.00	1022.80
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	880.00	26.00	846.40

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	875	905	890
Apr-22	955	985	970
May-22	955	985	970
Q2-22	962	972	967
Q3-22	925	935	930
Q4-22	848	858	853

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	595	605	600
Apr-22	675	685	680
May-22	655	665	660
Q2-22	655	665	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	945	955	950
May-22	935	945	940
Q2-22	938	948	943
Q3-22	915	925	920
Q4-22	892	902	897

BUSHELING			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	695	705	700
Apr-22	755	765	760
May-22	755	765	760
Q2-22	755	765	760
Q3-22	755	765	760
Q4-22	745	755	750

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1070	1090	1080
Apr-22	1380	1400	1440
May-22	1430	1450	1420
Q2-22	1407	1427	1417
Q3-22	1373	1393	1383
Q4-22	1337	1357	1347

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1240	1260	1250
Apr-22	1300	1320	1310
May-22	1290	1310	1300
Q2-22	1295	1305	1300
Q3-22	1265	1275	1270
Q4-22	1235	1245	1240

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