

17/03/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$1/t yesterday (16.3.22) to \$844/t, MTD US\$856.17/t.

In a meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Committee under that state council yesterday, premier Liu He called for actively implementing policies favourable to the market. All policies that have a significant impact on the capital market should be coordinated with the financial regulatory authorities in advance to maintain the stability and consistency of policy expectations.

An east China mill sold 20,000t SS400 HRC at \$840-845/t fob China yesterday. Many deals for Chinese SS400 HRC were heard done at \$840-850/t cfr Vietnam the day before, but those levels were not workable yesterday after Chinese domestic steel prices rose. Many sellers withdrew SAE grade coils offers after witnessing Chinese domestic price rises. Vietnamese mill Formosa Ha Tinh was heard mulling to hike its HRC offers to \$920-930/t cfr Vietnam. (Argus)

EU HRC

Northwest European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices nudged lower today as the market coalesced around €1,350/t (\$1,481/t) in fresh transactions.

German producers were selling at this level, while a large European producer was offering around €1,380-1,390/t parity point Ruhr. ArcelorMittal returned with a €1,400/t offer today, which was lower than some expected.

Slab's exemption from European sanctions appeared to have taken some of the heat out of the market, and buyers were less panicked.

One large German producer was telling customers it may have to renegotiate contracts if commodity prices continue to rise; the huge jumps of recent weeks appear to be normalising now.

To improve their cashflow situation, mills were pushing buyers to take and pay for steel quickly.

Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index slipped by €5.75/t to €1,357.25/t.

There was continued talk that one German producer had a slab supply shortfall caused by a lack of raw materials, but the company continued to deny this.

The Argus daily Italian HRC index rose by €26/t to €1,307/t ex-works today.

New offers have been revised to €1,300-1,400/t delivered Italy by a north EU mill and an Italian supplier. Other producers were off market, or quoting separately to individual buyers, but in any case not below €1,300/t ex-works levels. The expectation is that offers in Italy will move up further. (Argus)

US HRC

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index at \$1,300/st EXW Indiana March 16, unchanged from March 15.

Buying activity continued at \$1,300/st. One Midwest service center source placed an order at \$1,300/st for 750 st, while a second service center source said they had purchased approximately 1,500 st at \$1,300/st. There were offers heard as high as \$1,400/st but no buying activity confirmed at the higher levels. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	655.00	0.50	627.71
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	945.00	0.00	896.04
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1357.25	-5.75	1180.81
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	844.00	-1.00	856.17

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	875	905	890
Apr-22	855	885	870
May-22	835	865	850
Q2-22	848	858	853
Q3-22	815	825	820
Q4-22	795	805	800

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	595	605	600
Apr-22	630	640	635
May-22	625	635	630
Q2-22	625	635	592
Q3-22	587	597	592
Q4-22	560	570	565

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	855	865	860
Apr-22	935	945	940
May-22	915	925	920
Q2-22	915	925	920
Q3-22	875	885	880
Q4-22	848	858	853

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	755	765	760
May-22	795	805	800
Jun-22	795	805	800
Q2-22	782	792	787
Q3-22	795	805	800
Q4-22	782	792	787

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1090	1110	1100
Apr-22	1450	1470	1460
May-22	1565	1585	1575
Q2-22	1522	1542	1532
Q3-22	1535	1555	1545
Q4-22	1465	1485	1475

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1305	1325	1315
Apr-22	1400	1420	1410
May-22	1390	1410	1400
Q2-22	1398	1408	1403
Q3-22	1367	1377	1372
Q4-22	1245	1255	1250

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