

**19/04/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index was flat yesterday (18.4.22) at US\$850/t, MTD US\$857.36/t.

China's March crude steel output fell by 6.4pc on year, the national statistics bureau said. January-March new project starts by area fell by 17.5pc on year. Domestic steel demand was weak because many cities including Shanghai, Jiangsu, Hebei, Shanxi, and Anhui province have imposed lockdowns to curb Covid-19. The outlook turned positive after China reported first quarter growth of 4.8pc on year. The data came after the reserve requirement ratio for financial institutions by 25 basis points effective 25 April. This is the first RRR cut this year and is estimated to release 530bn yuan of capital.

Limited traders with position Chinese coils on hand were willing to sell SS400 HRC at \$850-860/t cfr Vietnam. Vietnamese mill Hoa Phat lifted its June and early July shipments' monthly offers by \$8-16/t to \$920-930/t cif Vietnam for SS400 and SAE1006 grade coils early yesterday. A Chinese mill said they were unwilling to receive orders below \$920-925/t cfr Vietnam. Those prices were unattractive as traders cut offers by around \$5/t to \$910-915/t cfr Vietnam for Chinese SAE1006 grade coils. (Argus)

Mills continue to wait to buy  
Shortsea scrap prices fall sharply

Turkish deepsea import ferrous scrap prices inched down April 14 as mills continued to hold back from buying further May shipment cargoes, sources said. Platts Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) were assessed at \$640/mt CFR April 14, down \$2.50 on the day and down from a record high of \$665/mt CFR settled one month earlier on March 16.

A Baltic-origin cargo was reported sold to Turkey with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$640/mt CFR, but it was not confirmed. "Mills are aiming for less than \$600/mt CFR [for HMS 1/2 (80:20)] - I think for \$630/mt CFR, all EU recyclers will sell," a Turkish agent source said. A second Turkish agent source cited an indicative tradable value for Baltic-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) below \$640/mt CFR, while a third agent source said only limited trading was possible at \$640/mt-\$645/mt CFR. "We cannot really say it is a correction because there have only been limited transactions over \$640/mt CFR, and EU sellers still have cargoes booked around \$625/mt-630/mt CFR to load," the third agent source said.

A trading source cited an indicative tradable value for European-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) below \$640/mt CFR, with offers for European-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) heard around \$645/mt CFR. "I don't any [scrap buying] activity before end of April- mill [finished steel] sales are very low," a Turkish mill source said, citing an indicative tradable value for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$600/mt CFR. The daily outright spread between Turkish export rebar and import scrap was assessed at \$310/mt April 14, up \$7.50 on the day. Platts Turkish export rebar was assessed at \$950/mt FOB Turkey April 14, up \$5 on the day as prices continued to diverge sharply for EU and non-EU destinations. (Platts)

**US HRC**

S&P Global Commodity Insights assessed the Platts TSI US hot-rolled index at \$1,480/st EXW Indiana April 18, down \$20/st from April 14.

The assessment moved just below repeatable offer levels with sell-side indications of lower prices and buy-side resistance at offers of \$1,500/st. One mill source reported pricing in the \$1,460-\$1,500/st range while another mill source reported sales prices at an average slightly above \$1,480/st during the week ended April 15. Two Midwest service center sources received offers at \$1,500/st but did not report any buying interest at that level. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	649.83
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	955.00
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	PUB HOL	N/A	1350.23
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	850.00	0.00	857.36

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	875	905	890
May-22	840	870	855
Jun-22	830	860	845
Q2-22	858	868	863
Q3-22	817	827	822
Q4-22	795	805	800

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	640	650	645
May-22	605	615	610
Jun-22	595	605	600
Q2-22	613	623	613
Q3-22	608	618	613
Q4-22	545	555	550

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	955	965	960
May-22	905	915	910
Jun-22	895	905	900
Q2-22	918	928	923
Q3-22	875	885	880
Q4-22	848	858	853

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	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	765	775	770
Jun-22	735	745	740
Jul-22	695	705	700
Q3-22	685	695	690
Q4-22	645	655	650
Q1-23	605	615	610

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1470	1490	1480
May-22	1480	1500	1490
Jun-22	1420	1440	1430
Q2-22	1457	1477	1467
Q3-22	1328	1348	1338
Q4-22	1243	1263	1253

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	1280	1300	1290
May-22	1260	1280	1270
Jun-22	1240	1260	1250
Q2-22	1265	1275	1270
Q3-22	1198	1208	1203
Q4-22	1165	1175	1170

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