

**19/05/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$9/t yesterday (18.5.22) to US\$734/t, MTD US\$765/t.

Mills and traders cut offers to \$730-760/t fob China for SS400 HRC and received bids at an equivalent of \$720/t fob. Major sea-borne buyers were spooked by the sharp decline in Chinese domestic and export prices and were unwilling to place orders amid the uncertainties. Some buyers from South Korea accepted \$735/t fob China for SS400 HRC the day before yesterday, but they were all muted yesterday.

Vietnamese mill Formosa Ha Tinh announced to cut its July shipment monthly offers by around \$95-100/t to \$850-860/t cif Vietnam for SS400 and SAE1006 grades coils yesterday. Those levels were too high to attract any buying, especially compared with Chinese coils, participants said. Deals for positional SAE1006 grade coils produced by a large Chinese mill were heard concluded at \$780-800/t cfr Vietnam the day before yesterday, but no details could be confirmed. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

Sluggish orders weigh The European market was heavy on new data this week, mostly painting a similar picture of slowing demand and validating previous forecasts of sluggish economic and industrial activity in Europe.

The Argus daily Italian hot-rolled coil (HRC) index nudged down by €3/t to €1,003.50/t ex-works, while the northwest EU index fell by €10.75/t to €1,066.25/t. Some deals were heard in Italy at €880-885/t cfr for imported Asian material, rumoured to be from Japan, South Korea or Taiwan, for arrival in September-October and to one or more of the big buyers.

Yet a seller heard buyer expectations in Italy as low as €800/t cif, which trading firms echoed, but no producer is offering as low as this. Mills are generally at about the €900/t cfr mark. A north EU seller was heard to be looking to sell into Italy, at €1,030-1,050/t delivered levels, but no interest was found, particularly as Italian producers are now at €1,000-1,030/t delivered levels, according to market participants. (Argus)

**US HRC**

The Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,350/st on an ex-works Indiana basis May 18, unchanged from May 17, according to S&P Global Commodity Insights data.

There were no new bids, offers or transactions reported on the day, and no indications of price movement since the last session. The most recent offer reported was at \$1,360/st. (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	469.00	-6.00	503.58
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	770.00	-20.00	835.63
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1066.25	-10.75	1144.75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	734.00	-9.00	768.45

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	760	790	775
Jun-22	720	750	735
Jul-22	710	740	725
Q3-22	710	720	715
Q4-22	695	705	700
Q1-23	680	690	685

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	500	510	505
Jun-22	450	460	455
Jul-22	440	450	445
Q3-22	432	442	420
Q4-22	415	425	420
Q1-23	397	407	402

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	830	840	835
Jun-22	745	755	750
Jul-22	740	750	745
Q3-22	730	740	735
Q4-22	700	710	705
Q1-23	670	680	675

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	645	655	650
Jul-22	635	645	640
Aug-22	625	635	630
Q3-22	625	635	630
Q4-22	595	605	600
Q1-23	565	575	570

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	1370	1390	1380
Jun-22	1165	1185	1175
Jul-22	1015	1035	1025
Q3-22	992	1012	1002
Q4-22	927	947	937
Q1-23	907	927	917

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
May-22	1085	1105	1095
Jun-22	940	960	950
Jul-22	915	935	925
Q3-22	903	913	908
Q4-22	865	875	870
Q1-23	835	845	840

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