

20/06/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index fell by \$13/t last Friday (17.6.22) to US\$691/t, MTD US\$723.23/t.

An eastern China mill sold small tonnages of SS400 HRC at \$690/t fob last Thursday to some traders, after being absent from the market for several weeks. Major Chinese mills were silent last Friday given the wide spread between offers and bids, but traders actively cut Chinese SS400 HRC sales prices to \$700/t cfr Vietnam last Friday. Bids stood at \$690/t cfr Vietnam.

Vietnamese mill Formosa Ha Tinh cut its offer last Friday for both SS400 and SAE1006 grades coils to \$741/t from \$750-765/t cif Vietnam. The offer failed to induce any buying interest as traders were willing to receive orders at \$710-725/t cfr for coils from India and China. Formosa further cut its coils offers to \$724/t cif Vietnam by end of the day on muted buying. (Argus)

EU HRC

Prices slip further European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices fell further Friday, with sluggish holiday trading in the north. Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index dropped by €11.25/t (\$11.78/t) to €886.25/t ex-Ruhr, while the daily Italian index dropped by €2.75/t to €827.50/t. There was still talk of German mills dropping as low as €850/t, although this could not be confirmed.

A large European producer said it was clear that prices would be in the low €900s, given weak demand. But offers are already below this level from some mills. Eastern European producers have been targeting €870/t or thereabouts, with large buyers bidding anywhere from €800- 850/t.

One large service centre is hoping to buy around €850/t delivered in the coming week, but negotiations have not properly begun because of the holidays in Germany. The market was spooked by continued softening in Asia, with Argus' benchmark fob China index sliding below \$700/t fob. Prices into the key import market of Asean were also approaching \$700/t, which worried participants. Raw material prices are also sliding on the back of weak producer margins. (Argus)

US HRC

The Platts TSI US hot-rolled coil index was assessed at \$1,070/st on an ex-works Indiana basis June 16, down \$20 from June 15, according to S&P Global Commodity Insights data.

The assessment moved below the latest competitive offer at \$1,080/st for a general inquiry with no specified tonnage for July delivery, reported by a Midwest buyer. The assessment was within a mini-mill's range of indicative tradable values at \$1,020-\$1,080/st in the market based on competitive feedback. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	367.50	-10.50	401.35
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	695.00	-5.00	720.50
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	886.25	-11.25	911.50
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	691.00	-13.00	723.23

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	715	745	730
Jul-22	655	685	670
Aug-22	645	675	660
Q3-22	655	665	660
Q4-22	625	635	630
Q1-23	597	607	602

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	405	415	410
Jul-22	350	360	355
Aug-22	345	355	350
Q3-22	345	355	335
Q4-22	330	340	335
Q1-23	315	325	320

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	715	725	720
Jul-22	635	645	640
Aug-22	630	640	635
Q3-22	630	640	635
Q4-22	615	625	620
Q1-23	600	610	605

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Jul-22	530	540	535
Aug-22	500	510	505
Sep-22	495	505	500
Q3-22	508	518	513
Q4-22	483	493	488
Q1-23	460	470	465

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	1115	1135	1125
Jul-22	940	960	950
Aug-22	920	940	930
Q3-22	920	940	930
Q4-22	873	893	883
Q1-23	840	860	850

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Jun-22	850	870	860
Jul-22	810	830	820
Aug-22	800	820	810
Q3-22	810	820	815
Q4-22	800	810	805
Q1-23	777	787	782

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