

09/09/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$9/t yesterday (8.9.22) to US\$573/t, MTD US\$568.17/t.

A north China mill sold around 4,000t SS400 HRC at equivalents of \$568-570/t fob China to South Korea on 7 September. A north China mill sold around 2,000t of the same grade at \$583/t fob China to South Korea on the same day. Some other large Chinese mills may have sold large quantities of HRC to South Korea at \$570/t fob China as South Korean buyers were in a rush to import coils given the suspension at Posco. Some other deals for Chinese SS400 HRC were heard at \$590/t cfr Vietnam this week, but no further details could be confirmed. A total of 20,000t Taiwanese SS400 HRC were sold at \$590/t cfr Vietnam from last week to this week.

Offers rose to \$610/t cfr Vietnam for SAE1006-grade coils from China and Taiwan. An Indian mill was heard looking at bids at \$580/t cfr Vietnam. Participants were skeptical about the feasibility of deals at that level, saying that mills may offer at above \$600/t cfr Vietnam. Vietnamese mills Hoa Sen Group and Hoa Phat were pushing up domestic sales prices within limited ranges, expecting an increase in international steel prices, specifically in Europe and South Korea. (Argus)

EU HRC

North nudges lower North European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices slipped a touch lower yesterday, as at least two producers were still content to sell at lower levels to fill their rolling programmes given low demand. Argus' daily northwest EU HRC index slipped by €1.50/t today to €767.50/t. One north European mill still had October availability for cold-rolled coil (CRC), and seemed less concerned by rising energy costs than its counterparts.

A German producer was also still keen to make sales given short lead times. A large buyer claimed it was still able to buy at €730/t, but this could not be confirmed. A large Iberian buyer said it was offered €770/t delivered from European mills, and would enter negotiations in the coming days. CRC and hot-dip galvanised (HDG) were offered at €870 and €890/t, respectively. At the same time, there was still some panic from buyers that had to find replacement material for tonnages booked from Posco's Pohang site, after the company declared force majeure.

Import offers have moved up on the back of this, with Japanese HRC quoted into Antwerp around €710/t cfr. The futures market has reacted to the seemingly more tighter physical market, with the fourth quarter trading at €840/t today, substantially above current spot prices. The daily Italian HRC index increased today by €2.50/t to €772/t ex-works. The Argus weekly cif Italy assessment increased by €5/t to €665/t. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea import scrap prices fall further on latest deals
Benelux exporters cut HMS dock prices to Eur300-310/mt
\$350-\$355/mt CFR Turkey expected in near-term

Turkish import deepsea scrap prices continued to fall Sept. 8, as Turkish mills booked further October shipments at lower levels. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) Sept. 8 at \$368.50/mt CFR, down \$6.50/mt on the day.

A US-origin deal was booked Sept. 7 by a Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$374/mt CFR and shredded and bonus scrap at \$389/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sell-side for second half October shipment and is expected to be shipped in a single 45,000 mt cargo with a Sept. 6 deal agreed between the same parties at \$375/mt CFR for HMS 1/2 (80:20).

A Baltic-origin cargo was also heard to be booked Sept. 7 by a second Marmara mill, with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$363/mt CFR. "I view the Baltic-origin deal as a clear indicator that as usual the market correction has a tendency to overshoot to extremes," an EU recycler said, expecting that Turkish still have to cover at least 32 cargoes for October shipment. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	368.50	-7.50	383.29
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	675.00	0.00	668.33
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	767.50	-1.50	764.54
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	573.00	9.00	568.17

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	565	595	580
Oct-22	590	620	605
Nov-22	605	635	620
Q4-22	613	623	618
Q1-23	640	650	645
Q2-23	657	667	662

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	360	370	365
Oct-22	357	367	362
Nov-22	355	365	360
Q4-22	356	366	354
Q1-23	349	359	354
Q2-23	337	347	342

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	675	685	680
Oct-22	675	685	680
Nov-22	665	675	670
Q4-22	667	677	672
Q1-23	640	650	645
Q2-23	612	622	617

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	425	435	430
Oct-22	435	445	440
Nov-22	445	455	450
Q4-22	445	455	450
Q1-23	470	480	475
Q2-23	498	508	503

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	800	820	810
Oct-22	805	825	815
Nov-22	810	830	820
Q4-22	812	832	822
Q1-23	838	858	848
Q2-23	878	898	888

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-22	790	810	800
Oct-22	820	840	830
Nov-22	825	845	835
Q4-22	830	840	835
Q1-23	848	858	853
Q2-23	862	872	867

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