

**25/11/2022****FOB China HRC**

The index was stable yesterday (24.11.22) at US\$532/t, MTD US\$523.67/t. Top private property companies in China, including Vanke and Longfor Group, received credit from commercial banks following the roll out 16 measures to support the property sector, participants said, adding that this support the property. Coil inventory held by traders and mills decreased by 140,000t this week, slower than last week's decline of 160,000t, they said. Major Chinese mills held offers unchanged at \$540-550/t fob China for SS400 HRC. A small quantity of Chinese SS400 HRC was sold at \$560/t cfr South Korea yesterday. Mills were willing to sell at around \$540/t fob China to South Korea for large quantity deals. The strike by South Korean truckers had a limited impact on the market because of weak local demand, arrivals in January and due to severe competition, participants said. Japanese HRC offers were at an equivalent of around \$535/t cfr South Korea, far below Chinese offers, a South Korean trading firm added. Most buyers from Thailand could not accept prices above \$525-530/t fob China, although some deals were heard concluded at \$540-545/t fob China there without details. Offers decreased to \$540-565/t cfr Vietnam for SAE1006-grade coil from China and Taiwan, inducing bids at \$520/t cfr Vietnam at most. Some Vietnamese buyers may consider orders at \$530/t cfr Vietnam, but that was too low to be accepted by sellers. Vietnamese mill Hoa Phat was reluctant to take orders below \$540/t cif Vietnam, participants said. (Argus)

**EU HRC**

North slips, Italy edges up Northwest European hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices edged lower yesterday as mills chased spot business. The Argus daily northwest Europe HRC index slipped by €3.25/t to €618.75/t. The market was grappling with the need for more production cuts, given an estimated demand drop of around 30pc. Automakers have been taking 20pc more steel over the last month or two, but high inventories through the service centre and tier supply chain nullified the impact on the market, a source at a German mill said. Automotive procurement executives remain bearish in their view for 2023, a source at a large mill said, brushing off talk of higher production. Some in the supply chain suggested that automakers have been carefully managing their backlogs as they are concerned about low order intake because of the inflationary pressures hitting consumers. An end-user making skips for refuse collection has gone into administration in the UK, and there is concern that there could be a wider raft of failures from certain sectors. In contrast, the Italian market strengthened slightly. The Argus daily index edged up by €0.75/t to €587.25/t ex-works. After large volumes were sold by a local mill over the past 10 days or so, the seller is talking about raising prices for January-February deliveries, although the reception has been underwhelming as it is too early to purchase, especially for February. Other Italian mills and EU producers were also talking about first-quarter price increases. At least two mills are indicating €650/t ex-works/delivered as their target. Announcements could be made just ahead of the holiday period, some participants said. Large lots have been sold at as low as €580/t delivered, with smaller ones at up to €600/t delivered, but mills are aiming higher now. (Platts)

**Turkish Scrap**

Turkish import deepsea scrap prices continued to rise Nov. 24, following fresh deepsea sales amid continued limited availability for December shipment. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$350/mt CFR Nov. 24, up \$4/mt day on day. A UK-origin deal was booked Nov. 23 by an Iskenderun mill with HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$344/mt CFR. The deal was confirmed by the sell-side for H2 December shipment. Market talk of a Baltic-origin cargo was also heard with HMS 1/2 (80:20) around \$350/mt CFR Marmara, but was not confirmed. "The mills push the finished product buyers by holding their prices high, but without much success. They need to buy some scrap but for December shipment, but they cannot collect their needs at a low price," a Turkish agent source said, adding that \$349-\$3550/mt CFR was likely workable for premium HMS 1/2 (80:20). "If they can sell something [on the finished steel side], scrap prices may increase, but if they don't, scrap prices may be stable," the agent source added. Multiple sell-side sources also said \$350/mt CFR was reflective of premium HMS 1/2 (80:20) while two Turkish mill sources cited indicative tradable values for US/Baltic-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) at \$350/mt CFR. "I believe this may be one of the last [deepsea] cargoes for December shipment," one of the mill sources said of the heard Baltic-origin deal, and expected mills to put greater focus on shortsea scrap cargo procurement in coming weeks. Platts assessed A3 shortsea scrap at \$325/mt CFR Turkey on Nov. 24, up \$2.50/mt day on day. Marmara mills were heard to consider \$325/mt CFR as workable, following news of a Romania-origin shortsea deal booked Nov. 23 and previously reported by S&P Global Commodity Insights at \$325/mt CFR Izmir for HMS 1/2 (80:20). (Platts)

## Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	350.00	4.00	345.33
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	630.00	0.00	635.64
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	618.75	-3.25	637.19
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	532.00	0.00	523.67

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	515	545	530
Dec-22	545	575	560
Jan-23	551	581	566
Q1-23	568	578	573
Q2-23	577	587	582
Q3-23	590	600	595

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	347	357	352
Dec-22	351	361	356
Jan-23	352	362	357
Q1-23	356	366	361
Q2-23	365	375	370
Q3-23	368	378	373

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	623	633	628
Dec-22	630	640	635
Jan-23	630	640	635
Q1-23	630	640	635
Q2-23	621	631	626
Q3-23	605	615	610

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	375	385	380
Jan-23	375	385	380
Feb-23	395	405	400
Q1-23	393	403	398
Q2-23	425	435	430
Q3-23	472	482	477

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	655	675	665
Dec-22	665	685	675
Jan-23	690	710	700
Q1-23	703	723	713
Q2-23	722	742	732
Q3-23	735	755	745

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-22	625	645	635
Dec-22	625	645	635
Jan-23	635	655	645
Q1-23	655	665	660
Q2-23	688	698	693
Q3-23	730	740	735

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