

13/12/2022**FOB China HRC**

The index rose by \$6/t yesterday (12.12.22) to US\$575/t, MTD US\$553.50/t.

Baosteel raised its HRC ex-works prices by Yn200/t for 2023 January deliveries, compared with prices for December, and two other major steel mills in north China lifted ex-works prices by similar levels for January and February deliveries.

Two Chinese mills lifted SS400 HRC offers by \$15-20/t to \$595-600/t fob China on firm domestic sales prices. Other major Chinese mills were expected to push up weekly offers from 13 December. Vietnamese buyers increased bids to \$585/t cfr Vietnam. Buyers in South Korea were unlikely to accept prices above \$585/t cfr South Korea. But sellers, including mills and traders, were reluctant to take orders below \$585-590/t fob China.

Offers rose to \$590-610/t cfr Vietnam for SAE1006-grade coil from India and China, but there was no buying interest. Vietnamese buyers awaited local mill Formosa Ha Tinh's monthly offers. (Argus)

Turkish Scrap

Turkish deepsea imported scrap prices were rangebound, with further rallies looking uncertain amid weak rebar, sources said. Slow sales of rebar were dampening the outlook for further increase in the heavy melting scrap practices into Turkey, sources said. So new scrap deals were reported as buyers were holding back with making January-shipment purchases. One market observer hoped that the upswing recently seen in the Asian rebar pricing would continue, allowing for Turkish rebar producers to get orders in the Far East. The Asian rebar prices, however, remained considerably below Turkish mills' target level, and the upcoming holiday season is likely to slow down buying interest in general in the second half of December.

The domestic rebar market in Turkey, bullish in the week to Dec. 9, was showing signs of weakness with one supplier cutting prices by \$10-\$15/mt and closing sales at \$670/mt ex-works in the domestic market, two sources said. This meant that the "scrap prices peaked for now because of the finished steel side," a trader said. He added that selling HMS 1/2 (80:20) above \$385/mt CFR for US/Baltic-origin and \$380/mt CFR for EU-origin would be difficult for January shipment. He was also uncertain whether the booking activity for January shipment would pick up later in the week. A Turkish agent said that deepsea scrap suppliers stayed firm for the time being and US-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20) was unlikely to be available below \$395/mt CFR Turkey. Another agent argued, however, that some US suppliers, but not all, may be ready to sell below \$390/mt CFR.

A trader in Turkey said that "scrap prices peaked for now, because of the finished steel side." An EU scrap merchant said that the prices were stagnant, between \$380-\$385/mt CFR Turkey for EU-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20), in the quiet market. Another EU scrap seller said he saw some inquiries on the day but from Egypt, not Turkey. He said that the prices for the Turkish market were "pretty much the same level", which was maximum \$380/mt CFR Turkey for EU-origin HMS 1/2 (80:20). The next availability was January shipment, he added. Shortsea scrap prices kept unchanged at \$370/mt CFR Turkey in the quiet market, an agent said. Platts assessed Turkish imports of premium heavy melting scrap 1/2 (80:20) at \$387.50/mt CFR Dec. 12, stable from Dec. 9. (Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	387.5	0.00	382.44
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	670	0.00	668.88
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	635.5	0.00	621.88
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	575.00	6.00	553.50

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	570	600	585
Jan-23	588	618	603
Feb-23	595	605	600
Q1-23	595	605	600
Q2-23	582	592	587
Q3-23	590	600	595

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	382	392	387
Jan-23	382	392	387
Feb-23	380	390	385
Q1-23	380	390	385
Q2-23	369	379	374
Q3-23	359	369	364

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	670	680	675
Jan-23	664	674	669
Feb-23	661	671	666
Q1-23	662	672	667
Q2-23	642	652	647
Q3-23	605	615	610

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Jan-23	405	415	410
Feb-23	415	425	420
Mar-23	420	430	425
Q1-23	413	423	418
Q2-23	428	438	433
Q3-23	435	445	440

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	655	675	665
Jan-23	725	745	735
Feb-23	745	765	755
Q1-23	742	762	752
Q2-23	754	774	764
Q3-23	767	787	777

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-22	625	645	635
Jan-23	695	715	705
Feb-23	710	720	715
Q1-23	710	720	715
Q2-23	735	745	740
Q3-23	753	763	758

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